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MASONIC REPORTING.

THE M.W.G.M. having, at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in March, directed the attention of the Brethren to that law in the Book of Constitutions which forbids the publication of proceedings at Masonic Lodges, without permission from the G.M., we have great pleasure in placing before the Craft the subjoined correspondence, by which it will be seen that the publication of Masonic proceedings, under certain regulations, is now sanctioned by the G.M. In asking for this privilege, we have only been actuated by a desire to give the Brethren the utmost information, whilst keeping as closely as possible within the laws of the Institution; and we are bound to state that we have been met in the most candid and liberal spirit by the G.M. and his advisers. In thus, therefore, for the first time, presenting to the Brethren reports of the proceedings in Freemasonry with the consent of the G.M., we feel bound to state that, in our comments on passing events, we shall continue as independent and fearless as hitherto; and whatever may be the sentiments we express, neither the G.M. nor any of the Grand Officers can be considered in the slightest degree accountable for, or bound by them. The G.M. only sanctions the publication of reports of proceedings in Masonry in the full assurance that they contain nothing at all touching on the secrets of our Order, or those principles which as Masons we are bound to maintain in our intercourse with one another,—leaving to the proprietors and con-

ductors of the *Magazine* the full responsibility of being enabled to prove to the Craft their fairness and accuracy, should they be impugned—a result of which we have no fear. The correspondence begins with the following letter :—

Freemasons' Magazine Office, 2, Red Lion-court,
Fleet-street, May 25, 1857.

TO THE VERY WORSHIPFUL WILLIAM GREY CLARKE, ESQ., GRAND SECRETARY
OF FREEMASONS.

VERY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER,—The M.W. Grand Master having at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, in March, called attention to the law which forbids the publication of Masonic intelligence without the permission of the Grand Master, I herewith forward you the proofs of the proceedings at last Grand Lodge, and of other Lodges, together with those of Grand Chapter and several private Chapters, and shall feel obliged by your laying before his lordship my respectful application for his lordship's consent to the publication of such proceedings in the forthcoming number of the *Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror*.

Should the Grand Master be pleased to grant my request, I have further to ask that reporters (of course being members of Grand Lodge) may be allowed to take notes of the proceedings at future Quarterly Communications, with a view to their publication, if approved by the Grand Master.

In making this application, however, I must be allowed to say that I have never wilfully violated the law, as I believed it was, by consent, in abeyance, the *Freemasons' Magazine* having been more than twenty years in existence before I became connected with it.

I have the honour to sign myself,

Very Worshipful Brother,

Yours most respectfully and fraternally,

THE EDITOR.

To this communication we have received the following gracious reply :—

Freemasons' Hall (W.C.), May 28, 1857.

SIR AND BROTHER,—I laid before the M.W.G. Master your application for his consent, according to Law 3, page 74, of the Book of Constitutions, to the publication in the *Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror* of certain proceedings of Lodges and Chapters, as stated in the transcript which accompanied your application.

The M.W.G. Master having been pleased to consent to such publication, provided the Grand Registrar on examination of the transcript saw no objection, I am requested by the Grand Registrar to inform you, that on examination he finds nothing in the transcript unfit, in his opinion, for publication ; and that he sees no objection to such publication, assuming that the statements are substantially correct, and that no Lodge or Chapter, whose proceedings are noticed, objects to the publication thereof. On those points the responsibility rests on you. Subject to that responsibility, you are at liberty to publish the matters contained in the transcript.

I remain, Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

WM. G. CLARKE, G.S.

The Editor of the

Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror.

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS—WHO'S WHO?

IN obedience to the responsibility which as public Journalists we feel rests upon us to give the Brethren the utmost information relating to the movements of the leaders of the Craft, we have been at some pains to answer the momentous question which heads this article; and if we have not been wholly successful, we trust that we have brought sufficient materials together to guide other Brethren in the search. Taken as a whole (though doubtless there are some who will take exceptions to one or more of them), the appointments appear to be good, and likely to give satisfaction to the great majority of the Craft.

The R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Fox Maule, Baron Panmure, of Brechin and Navar, in the county of Forfar, is the eldest son of the first Lord Panmure, whom he succeeded in the title on the 13th of April, 1852, being then in the 41st year of his age. Lord Panmure, as the Hon. Fox Maule, was for twelve years in the 79th Highlanders; and it was whilst serving with his regiment in British North America that he was initiated into Freemasonry. The ceremony took place on the 9th of April, 1828, in the Quebec Lodge, No. 68 (then No. 77), the W.M., Bro. Le Messurier, presiding. On his return to England, Lord Panmure joined the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6, in 1837, and in the same year was appointed S.G.W. by the late respected G.M., his Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex. For several years his lordship ceased to take any active part in Freemasonry, though always continuing his connection with it as a member of the Lodge of Friendship (of which he is a P.M.), and the Alpha Lodge. His lordship, who is Lord Lieutenant of Forfar, a Privy Councillor, a Governor of the Charter-house, and a Commissioner of the Military College, has held many distinguished offices under the Government, being at present Minister of War. He bears the highest character for honour, integrity, and business habits; and his return to Freemasonry may be looked upon as a good omen for its prosperity, and the proper management of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge; though with many of the views lately laid down by his lordship in that august assembly we take leave to differ. The name of his lordship's father was originally Ramsey, but he exchanged it for that of Maule, having inherited through his grandmother, Jean, daughter of the Hon. Harry Maule, of Kellie, the estates of the Earl of Panmure, which title is under attainder for the adherence of the fourth Earl Maule to the fortunes of the Stuarts. With the exchange of name, the father of the present peer obtained his title by creation. The name of Maule is of French extraction, Gaurin de Maule, a younger son of that noble family,

having tried his fortunes in England with the Normans. The present peer is lineally descended from Gaurin de Maule. The first appearance of the noble lord as D.G.M. could not have been more appreciable than as the advocate of the claims for support of one of our noble charities—the Girls' School. The geniality of his manner on that occasion, and the success with which he advocated the claims of the society, at once secured to his lordship the goodwill and approbation of the company, and we trust it will not be impaired by future proceedings. The noble lord is a Royal Arch Mason of Scotland, and therefore a member of the Mark Master's Degree. His lordship further holds the distinguished position of Prov. G.M. for Forfarshire, and representative of the G. Lodge of England in the G. Lodge of Scotland.

The G.S.W., George Frederick D'Arcy Lambton, Earl of Durham, Viscount Lambton, Baron Durham, of the city of Durham, and of Lambton Castle, a palatine of Durham, is the only surviving son of John George, the first earl, a noble Brother, who was highly esteemed in the Craft, and who held the distinguished position of Pro-G.M. (under H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex), until his death at the early age of forty-nine. The present earl, who is a deputy lieutenant of the county of Durham, was born in 1828, and was initiated in 1848, in Cambridge. From that time to the present, we do not find that his lordship has taken any active part in Freemasonry, though it has long been his ambition to be honoured with Grand Office. His lordship being yet only twenty-nine years of age, he may be destined to hold a very influential position in the Craft, should he take that interest in its prosperity which was upon every possible occasion evinced by his noble father. On the 17th inst. his lordship will appropriately inaugurate his appointment by taking the chair at the festival of that most excellent institution, the Royal Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and their Widows; and we trust the Brethren will cheer him on in his course by giving him a hearty welcome, and liberally supporting the charity whose claims he has undertaken to advocate.

We cannot conclude without referring to the testimony which was borne to the Masonic excellence of the noble father of the present G.S.W., at the time of his decease—now seventeen years since, though it appears but as yesterday,—by a contemporary writer, the editor of the *Freemasons' Review*, in 1840. Speaking of the noble Earl (who, in addition to being Pro-G.M., was Pro-G.Z. of England, and Prov. G.M. of Durham and Northumberland), the writer says:—

“Freemasonry has to deplore the death of her worthiest Son—the Craft, the loss of a most honourable and devoted Brother.

“But the remembrance of his Masonic virtues will live recorded in the hearts of the thousands who were inspired by his example, and who acknowledged the quickening impulse of an honourable pride—of their association with him as Brother Masons.

“For the great good he did while living, the lasting gratitude of the Craft will be as deep as their consciousness of his worth is sincere. Admirably adapted for

the high station to which he was called by the Present Grand Master, who partook in a great measure of the honour resulting therefrom, Lord Durham won every heart in Grand Lodge and out of it, by his impartiality when on the Masonic throne; whereby peace and good order were invariably protected; as well as by the effect produced without the walls of Grand Lodge, by the publicity of transactions that reflected honour and credit on the Order.

“His loss is a Masonic calamity, and one, indeed, deeply deplored; but there remains in the memory of his bright and noble example a precious legacy, which will, even in after ages, shed an influence over Freemasonry, and teach the Brethren of all time how priceless is honour, how majestic is justice, how beautiful is charity!”

The G.J. Warden, Bro. Henry Fenwick, *M.P.*, was initiated in the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, in the year 1842. He served the office of Grand Steward in 1846; was Master of No. 1 in 1846, and of the Britannia Lodge in 1847. He was also Master of the Lambton Lodge in the years 1853 and 1854. He has been Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Durham since 1850. Bro. Fenwick also served the office of Steward at the Girls' School Festival in 1845.

Bro. John Henderson, G. Registrar, though no new man, appears likely to prove one of the most popular of G. Officers. Bro. Henderson, a barrister of high standing, was initiated in the Lodge of Antiquity, on the 25th May, 1827. At that time the Duke of Sussex was, as he had long been, and continued until his death, W.M. of the Lodge—that portion of our Constitution prohibiting any Brother from continuing the Master of a Lodge for more than two years in succession (unless by dispensation) not extending to Princes of the Blood Royal, appointing a deputy, though it does apply to the deputy. The result was that Bro. Henderson, by his Royal Highness's appointment, successively filled the offices of I.G., S.D., J.W., and S.W. of the Lodge, concluding by filling the chair as D. Master for two years. At a subsequent period his Royal Highness appointed Bro. Henderson to the office of Chancellor of the Lodge, vacant by the death of Bro. Meyrick, the first Grand Registrar under the Union, an office which he continued to hold for several years, it being now filled by Bro. Willett, the respected Prov. G.M. for Dorsetshire. Bro. Henderson was exalted as an Arch Mason in the St. James's Chapter (attached to the Lodge of Antiquity), and passed through its various offices up to and including that of First Principal. Bro. Henderson has shown his attachment to the Chapter (as well as the Lodge) by still continuing a member of it; the worthy Brother being also a member of the Alpha Lodge (a Lodge consisting of not more than twenty-five Grand Officers or Past Grand Officers) and the German or Pilgrim Lodge. Whilst Bro. Henderson held the office of D. Master of the Lodge of Antiquity, his Royal Highness was pleased to appoint him Grand S. Deacon, and in 1837 G. Registrar, each of which offices he held for a year, discharging the duties in such a manner as to win the esteem of all the Brethren who had the honour to come in connection with him. For two years, we believe, Bro. Henderson was also president of the

Board of General Purposes by the appointment of the G.M., and one year vice-president by the election of the members; and whilst holding office in Grand Lodge, the worthy Brother held corresponding appointments in the Arch. In addition to the connection with Masonry, which, as we have already mentioned, Bro. Henderson holds, we may add that he is a member of the Chapter of Observance of Knights Templar (meeting at the Thatched House Tavern), of which he is a Past Commander, as well as having the honour to be Past G. First Captain of the Grand Conclave. Bro. Henderson is a man of the most kindly disposition; and no Brother can have occasion to transact business with him without being deeply impressed with his courtesy, and the desire which he manifests, whilst firmly supporting the law, to do his utmost to promote harmony amongst the members of the Craft.

The V.W. Bro. Wm. Gray Clarke, G. Sec., next claims our attention. Of this Brother we know but little for certain, not even being able to ascertain where he was initiated. One account states that he served the earlier years of his life in the Civil Service of India, from which he retired owing to ill health, or coming into a fortune in England; and another, that he held a commission in the Bengal Light Cavalry, which he was compelled to resign in consequence of the want of sufficient strength to wield the regulation-sword. Whilst in India, it would appear that Bro. Clarke was initiated into Freemasonry; and on his return to England he brought letters of introduction to Bro. Crucefix, who introduced him to the Bank of England Lodge, where he was passed and raised. Bro. Clarke subsequently became a member of the St. George's and Corner-stone Lodge and the Lodge of Harmony at Richmond; and as a member of the former served the office of Steward to both the Boys' and the Girls' Schools Festivals. He also, we believe, became a member of the Board of General Purposes, and was exalted in the St. George's Chapter, in which, however, he did not take office. Some ten, or it may be more, years since, circumstances induced Bro. Clarke to fix his residence in Guernsey, where he has remained in comparative retirement until appointed to the office of G. Sec. We now come to a time when we can speak positively of Bro. Clarke's position in Masonry. On Saturday, the 23rd of May, he was, under dispensation from the M.E.G.Z., passed through the several chairs of the St. George's Chapter, No. 5, and thereby qualified to fill the office of G.E., which is always attendant on that of G. Sec. Those who know him more intimately than we can profess to do, give Bro. Clarke the highest character as a gentleman and a man of business. We trust he may prove so; for he may rest assured that a watchful eye will be kept over his proceedings, and that the Brethren will never again consent to let the duties of so important an office be neglected out of consideration to the feelings of any Brother.

Bro. Francis Roxburgh, G.S.D., is a rising young barrister, and one who promises to be an ornament to the Craft. He was initiated in the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4., on the

27th of January, 1851; passed through the Wardens' chairs, and was elected W.M. in 1856. The duties of the office were most satisfactorily filled, and Bro. Roxburgh was re-elected W.M. for the present year. The Brother is also a P.G. Steward and a Life Governor (having passed through the Stewardship of the Festivals), both of the Boys' and Girls' Schools. In Arch Masonry, Bro. Roxburgh holds the position of P.S. of the St. George's Chapter, No. 5. Bro. Roxburgh has of late been a frequent speaker in Grand Lodge; and, though we have more than once considered him to be on the wrong side of the question, we have never doubted the ability which he possessed to command attention from his audience.

Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, G.J.D.—This is decidedly one of the most popular appointments it was possible to make throughout the Craft. Bro. Wilson was initiated in the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, in June, 1830, and has presided over it as Master, as he has also done upon more than occasion over the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 255, into which he was introduced by the late respected Bro. Peter Gilkes. Bro. Wilson also joined the Blackfriars Lodge, No. 188, which he revived and remodelled. Having done this, he petitioned the M.W.G.M. for permission to change the name to the Cadogan, which it now bears. Over the Lodge he has several times presided as W.M.; having also held the same proud position in Prince Edward's Lodge, No. 147. Our Brother is further a member of the London Lodge, No. 125, and of the Temple Lodge, No. 816; being likewise an honorary member of the Ionic Lodge, No. 275, and of the Tyrian Lodge, No. 315. In addition to these, Bro. Wilson has also been a member, at different times, of several other Lodges, more particularly the Royal York, No. 7; the Lodge of Union, No. 318; and the East Medina, No. 204. Bro. Wilson, being by profession an architect, is a P. Prov. Grand Supt. of Works, both in the Isle of Wight and Kent. He has long been the President and Director of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, held under the warrant of the Lodge of Union, and a Vice-President of the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and their Widows. The worthy Brother is not unfavourably known to the elder of our readers, he having contributed several articles to the *Freemasons' Quarterly Magazine and Review*, one of which, "The Rise of the Five Orders of Architecture," has become a standard in the Craft. He is also the author of a beautiful description of the P.M.'s Jewel, and various other matters. The volume of the *Freemasons' Review* of 1849 was partly dedicated to him; and thus wrote our predecessor in the editorial chair, in the *Freemasons' Review*, so long since as the year we have just named:—

"The mantle of Peter Gilkes fell direct upon the shoulders of the subject of our present sketch; he felt the responsibility; studied carefully the difficulty of his position, with a determination, if possible, to advance the value of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, in giving proofs for many traditionary observations by evidences of their truth. In this respect the disciple soon exceeded the master; for Peter Gilkes, although a most zealous and enthusiastic Mason, and letter-

perfect in the accepted ritual, was still only letter-perfect compared with his pupil. With a magnificent memory, the ritual seemed stereotyped in his mind. But Brother Wilson, with a less-gifted memory, is well versed in Biblical Masonic knowledge, and he brings, in powerful addition, the advantages of an education in geometrical and architectural literature. And where he can introduce some observations thereon he does so, but with a timidity that does him great credit. He, as yet, has only dared to commune with himself, and now and then with a few friends in these mysterious pleasures, abiding his time for their development."

Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson remains the same man now as when the above was written, excepting perhaps that, with time, his convictions have been strengthened in the beauty of our rituals and the necessity of preserving them as far as possible intact, though he never checks a Brother for mere verbal alterations which do not affect the beauty of the ceremonial, or trench upon the landmarks of the Order. As a Masonic authority he has few equals and no superiors, and the Lodges of Instruction which he honours with his company necessarily become the best attended in the Order. For a considerable period Bro. Wilson devoted his time as a teacher almost exclusively to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, but of late we have been glad to have the opportunity of greeting him at other Lodges of Instruction—and profiting by his teaching. The more especially has this been the case at the Phoenix Lodge of Instruction, a Lodge which may be supposed to be peculiarly attractive to Bro. Wilson, as it contains several members of his own, as well as of the literary and other learned professions. We cannot close without one other extract from the portrait of our worthy Brother, as drawn in 1849:—

"His manner of address, when not engaged in the ceremonial or the lecture, is curt and brusque; he evidently does not study the *suaviter in modo*, but no one possesses the *fortiter in re* with a better title.

"By friends who know him, and their name is legion, he is admired and appreciated."

With the appointment of G.J.D. of England, Bro. Wilson also enjoys that of G. Standard-bearer, in the Royal Arch. He has recently become the Deputy Master of the Thistle Lodge of Mark Masons, No. 3.

Bro. John Hutchings, G.S.B.—This Brother was initiated in the Pythagorean Lodge, No. 93, about eight years since. In this Lodge he passed through the various offices up to S.W., when he joined the St. Alban's Lodge, No. 32, in which he passed through the chair. He is likewise a member of the Polish Lodge, No. 778, and occupies the second chair in the Chapter of Hope, No. 248. Bro. Hutchings is a P.G. Steward, and has been a liberal supporter of the charities, having served the office of Steward to the Boys' School Festival twice, to the Girls' once, and being now a Steward for the approaching Festival of the Royal Benevolent Institution, which takes place on the 17th instant.

Bro. C. J. Horsley, G. Org., is a new importation into Masonry, having only just taken his third Degree. He is, however, an excellent musician, and will, we hope, prove of service to the Craft.

THE VISIBLE SYMBOLISM OF FREEMASONRY.

BY R.W. A. G. MACKEY.

(Continued from page 354.)

LET us now examine, by a few examples, how the Speculative Masons have appropriated this design of King Solomon to their own use. To construct his earthly temple, the Operative Mason followed the architectural designs laid down on the trestle-board, or tracing-board, or book of plans of the architect. By these he hewed and squared his materials; by these he raised his walls; by these he constructed his centres; and by these strength and durability, combined with grace and beauty, were bestowed upon the edifice which he was constructing. The trestle-board becomes, therefore, one of our elementary symbols. For in the Masonic ritual, the Speculative Mason is reminded, that as the operative artist erects his temporal building in accordance with the design laid down on the trestle-board of the master-workman, so should he erect that spiritual building, of which the material is a type, in obedience to the rules and designs, the precepts and commands, laid down by the Grand Architect of the Universe in those great books of nature and revelation which constitute the spiritual tracing-board of every Freemason. The tracing-board is, then, with us the symbol of the natural and moral law. Like every other symbol of the Order, it is universal and tolerant in its application; and while, as Christian Masons, we cling with unfaltering integrity to that explanation which makes the Scripture of both dispensations our tracing-board, we permit our Jewish and Mohammedan Brethren to content themselves with the books of the Old Testament or the Koran. Masonry does not interfere with the peculiar form or development of any one's religious faith. All that it asks, is that the interpretation of the symbol shall be according to what each one supposes to be the revealed will of his Creator. But so rigidly exacting is it that the symbol *shall* be preserved, and in some rational mode *interpreted*, that it peremptorily excludes the atheist from its communion, because, believing in no Supreme Being, no Divine Architect, he must necessarily be without a spiritual tracing-board, on which the designs of that Being are inscribed.

But the Operative Mason required materials wherewith to construct his temple. There was the rough ashlar. The stone in its rude and natural state, unformed and unpolished as it had lain in the quarries of Tyre from the foundations of the earth. This stone was to be hewed and squared, to be fitted and adjusted, by simple but appropriate implements, until it became a perfect ashlar, or well-finished stone, ready to take its destined place in the building.

Here then, again, in these materials do we find other elementary

symbols. The rough and unpolished stone is a symbol of man's natural state, ignorant, uncultivated, and, as the Roman historian expresses it, grovelling, like the beasts of the field, to the earth, and obedient to every sordid appetite.* But when education has exerted its salutary influences in extending his intellect, in restraining his hitherto unruly passions, and in purifying his life, he is then represented by the perfect ashlar, or finished stone, which, under the skilful hands of the workmen, has been smoothed, and squared, and fitted for its appropriate place in the building.

Here an interesting circumstance in the history of the preparation of these materials has been seized upon and beautifully appropriated by our symbolic science. We learn from the account of the Temple, contained in the Book of Kings, that "the House when it was in building was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither; so that there was neither hammer, nor axe, nor any tool of iron heard in the House while it was in building."† This mode of construction,—undoubtedly adopted to avoid confusion and discord among so many thousand workmen, and in which, by means of marks placed upon the materials thus prepared, the individual production of every craftsman was easily ascertained, and the means provided of rewarding merit, and punishing indolence,—has been selected as an elementary symbol of concord and harmony—virtues not more essential to the preservation and perpetuity of our own society, than they are to that of every human association.

The perfect ashlar, therefore—the stone thus fitted for its appropriate position in the Temple,—becomes not only a symbol of human perfection (in itself, of course, only a comparative term), but also of that species of perfection which results from the concord and union of men in society. It is a symbol of the social character of the institution. There are other elementary symbols, to which I may hereafter have occasion to revert. The three, however, already described, and which, from their importance, have received the name of *Jewels*, will be sufficient to give some idea of the alphabet of Masonry. Let us proceed briefly to a consideration of the mode in which this alphabet of the science is applied to the more elevated and abstruse portions of the system.

Both Scripture and tradition inform us that, at the building of the Temple, the masons were divided into different classes, each engaged in different tasks. We learn from the second chapter of Chronicles that these classes were called in the original, the *Ish Sabal*, the *Ish Kotzeb*, and the *Menatzchim*, or, as they would be appropriately translated, the bearers of burdens, the stone-cutters, and the overseers.

Now, without pretending to say that the modern institution has preserved precisely the same system of regulations as that which was observed at the Temple, we find a sufficient similarity in these

* *Veluti pecora, quæ natura prona, atque ventri obedientia, finxit.*

† 1 Kings, vi. 7.

divisions, to the Apprentices, Fellow-Crafts, and Master Masons of our own day; at all events, the three divisions made by King Solomon, in the workmen at Jerusalem, have been adopted as the types of the three degrees now practised in Speculative Masonry; and as such we are, therefore, to consider them.

The mode in which these three divisions laboured in constructing the Temple has been beautifully symbolized in Speculative Masonry.

Thus we learn from our own experience among modern workmen, who still pursue the same method, as well as from the traditions of the Order, that the implements used in the quarries were few and simple, consisting, indeed, necessarily but of two working tools, namely, the twentyfour-inch gauge and the common gavel, or stone-cutter's hammer. With the former implement the Operative Mason took the necessary dimensions of the stone he was about to prepare; and with the latter, by repeated blows, skilfully applied, he broke off every unnecessary protuberance, and rendered it smooth and square, and fit to take its place in the building. And thus, in the first degree of Speculative Masonry, the E.A.P. receives these simple implements with their appropriate symbolical instruction. To the Operative Mason, their mechanical and practical use alone is signified, and nothing more; to the Speculative Mason, the sight of them is suggestive of far nobler and sublimer thoughts. They teach him not to measure stones, but time; not to smoothe and polish the marble for one builder's use, but to purify and cleanse his heart from every vice and imperfection that would render it unfit for a place in the spiritual temple of his body.

In the alphabet of Freemasonry, therefore, the twentyfour-inch gauge is a symbol of time well employed; the common gavel, of the purification of the heart.

Here we may pause for a moment to refer to one of those curious coincidences between the system of Masonry and those mysteries which formed so important a part of the ancient religion, and which coincidences—many more of which I shall have to present—have led the writers on this subject to the formation of a well-supported theory, that there was a common connection between them. In all these mysteries, the incipient ceremony of initiation was a lustration, or purification. The aspirant was not permitted to enter the sacred vestibule until, by water or by fire, he was emblematically purified from the corruptions of the world which he was about to leave behind. I need not, after this, do more than suggest the similarity of this formula, in principle, to Masonry, where the first symbols presented and explained to the candidate are those which inculcate a purification of the heart, of which the purification of the body, of the mysteries, was symbolic. We no longer use the bath or the fountain, because, in a philosophical point of view, our system is more abstract; but we present the aspirant with the gauge and gavel as symbols of a spiritual purification. The design is the same: the mode only in which it is executed differs.

Let us now resume the connected series of this Temple symbolism.

At the building of the Temple, the stones having been thus prepared by the workmen of the lowest degree (the Apprentices, as we now call them, the novitiates of the ancient mysteries)—having been properly broken down to their appropriate size and shape, we are informed that they were transported to the site of the edifice on Mount Moriah, and were there placed in the hands of another class of workmen, who are now technically called Fellow-Crafts, and corresponding to the *Ish Kotzeb*, or stone-cutters, of the Temple, and to the *Mystes*, or those who had received the second degree of the ancient mysteries. At this stage of the operative art, more extended and important labours were to be performed, and accordingly a greater amount of skill and knowledge was required of those to whom these labours were intrusted. The stones, thus prepared by the Apprentices (for hereafter, in speaking of the workmen of the Temple, I shall use the correlative appellations of the more modern Masons), were now to be deposited in their destined places in the building, and the massive walls were to be erected. For these purposes implements of a higher and more complicated character than the gauge and gavel were necessary. The square was required to fit the joints with sufficient regularity; the level, to run the courses in a horizontal line; and the plumb, to erect the whole with due regard to perfect perpendicularity.

This portion of the labour finds its symbolism in the second degree of the speculative science. But in applying this symbolism we still continue to refer to the idea of erecting a spiritual Temple in the heart. This is, as I have already said, the alphabet of symbolism. There is a higher species, a further development of the grammar of symbolic language, at which we will hereafter arrive.

The necessary preparations, then, having been made in the first degree,—the lessons having been received by which the aspirant was taught to purify his heart,—as a Fellow-Craft he begins to cultivate those virtues which give form and substance to the character, as the stones give shape and stability to the building; and hence the working tools of the Fellow-Craft are referred, in their symbolic application, to those virtues. In the alphabet of symbolism we find the square, the level, and the plumb appropriated to this second degree. The square is a symbol denoting morality. It teaches us to apply the unerring principles of moral science to every action of our lives, to see that all the motives and results of our conduct shall coincide with the dictates of divine justice, and that all our thoughts, words, and deeds shall harmoniously conspire, like the well-adjusted and duly-squared joints of an edifice, to produce a smooth, unbroken life of virtue.

The plumb is a symbol of rectitude of conduct, inculcating that integrity of life, and undeviating course of moral uprightness, which can alone distinguish the good and just man. As the operative

workman erects his temporal buildings with strict observance of that plumb-line which will not permit him to deviate a hair's breadth to the right or left, so the Speculative Mason, guided by the unerring principles of right inculcated in the symbolic teachings of the same implement, is steadfast in the pursuit of truth, neither bending beneath the frowns of adversity, nor yielding to the seductions of prosperity.

The level, the last of the three working tools of the operative craftsman, is a symbol of equality of station, not that equality of civil or social condition which is to be found only in the vain dreams of the anarchist or the utopian, but that moral and physical equality which affects the whole human race, as the children of one common Father, who causes His sun to shine and His rain to pour on all alike, and who has so appointed the universal lot of humanity, that death, the leveller of all human greatness, is made to visit with equal pace the prince's palace and the peasant's hut.

Here, then, we have added three more signs to our alphabet of symbolism: others there are in this degree, but they belong to a higher grade of intelligence, and cannot be appropriately discoursed of at this time. We now reach the third degree, the Master Masons, of the modern science; the Menatzchim, or overseers, of the Temple; the Eopts, or beholders of all things, of the ancient mysteries.

In the third degree the symbolic allusion to the Temple of Solomon, and the implements of Operative Masonry, is extended and fully completed. At the construction of that edifice we have already seen that one class of workmen was employed in the preparation of the materials, while another was engaged in placing those materials in their proper position; but there was a third and higher class—the master-workmen, whose duty it was to superintend the two other classes, and to see that the stones were not only duly prepared, but that the exactest accuracy had been observed in giving to them their true juxtaposition in the building. It was then only that the last finishing labour was performed, and the cement was applied, by these skilful workmen, to secure the materials in their appropriate places, and to unite the building in one enduring and connected mass. Hence the trowel, we are informed, was the most common, though of course not the only implement, in use among the master builders. They did not suffer this important, indelible operation to be performed by less skilful hands than their own. They required that the craftsmen should prove the correctness of their work by the square, level, and plumb, and test, by these unerring instruments, the accuracy of their joints; and when satisfied of the just arrangement of every part, the cement, which was to give an unchangeable union to the whole, was then applied by themselves.

Hence, in Speculative Masonry the trowel has been assigned to the third degree, as its proper implement; and the symbolic meaning which accompanies it, has a strict and beautiful reference to the purposes for which it was used in the ancient Temple; for as it was

there used to spread the cement which united the building in one common mass, so is it selected as the symbol of brotherly love,—that cement which is to unite our mystic association into one sacred and harmonious band of brothers. Here, then, we perceive the first, or, as I have already called it, the elementary form of our symbolism: the adaptation of the terms and implements and processes of an operative art to a speculative science. The Temple is now completed. The stones hewed, squared, and numbered, in the quarries, by the Apprentices, having been properly adjusted by the Craftsmen, and secured in their appropriate places by the strongest and purest cement, the Temple of King Solomon presented, in its finished condition, so noble an appearance of sublimity and grandeur as to well deserve to be selected, as it has been, as the type or symbol of that immortal temple of man, to which Christ significantly and symbolically alluded when He said, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will build it up again.”

This idea of representing the interior and spiritual man by a material temple, is so apposite in all its parts, as to have occurred, on more than one occasion, to the founders of Christianity. Christ himself repeatedly alludes to it in other passages; and the eloquent and figurative St. Paul beautifully extends the idea in one of his Epistles to the Corinthians, in the following language:—“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?” And again, in a subsequent passage of the same Epistle, he propounds the same idea in a more positive form:—“What, know you not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which you have of God, and ye are not your own?” While Dr. Clarke, in commenting on this latter passage, makes the very allusions which have been the topic of discussion in the present lecture. “As truly,” says he, “as the living God dwelt in the Mosaic Tabernacle, and in the Temple of Solomon, so truly does the Holy Ghost dwell in the souls of genuine Christians; and as the Temple and all its utensils were holy, separated from all common and profane uses, and dedicated alone to the service of God, so the bodies of genuine Christians are holy, and should be employed in the service of God alone.” The idea, therefore, of making the Temple the symbol of the body is not exclusively Masonic, but the mode of treating the symbolism, by a reference to the particular Temple of Solomon, and to the operative art engaged in its construction, is peculiar to Masonry; it is this which isolates it from all other similar institutions having many things in common with the secret societies of antiquity,—in this Temple-symbolism it differs from them all.

(To be continued.)

HISTORY OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

BY A SUBLIME PRINCE OF THE ROYAL SECRET.

(Continued from page 360.)

ON the 31st day of May, 1801, the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree, for the United States of America, was opened with the high honours of Masonry, by Bros. John Mitchell and Frederick Dalcho, Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General; and, in the course of the year, the whole number of Grand Inspectors-General was completed, agreeably to the Grand Constitutions. The other members of this Council, admitted in 1801, were Emanuel De la Motta, Dr. J. Auld, Dr. James Moultrie, Abraham Alexander, M. C. Livy, Thomas R. Bowen, and J. D. Lieban.

During the French Revolution every department of Freemasonry, as well as Christianity itself, fell into desuetude; or, as a Brother has well observed, "was ridiculed into obsolescence." It was not until after the establishment of the Supreme Council at Charleston, that the "Sublime System" was revived in France, by the establishment of a Supreme Council at Paris, for that country, in 1804, by Count Alexandre François Auguste de Grasse Tilly, Sovereign Grand Inspector-General and Grand Commander in the French West Indies, under authority from the Supreme Council at Charleston. The Prince Cambacérès, on the 1st of July, 1806, was elected to the dignity of Thrice Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of this Supreme Council, which has been in uninterrupted operation ever since; and during the Commandership of Bro. Moses Holbrook, for the Southern jurisdiction of the United States, and M. . . P. . . Bro. J. J. J. Gourgas, for the Northern Supreme Council, held active correspondence with the Councils last named, through General De Fernig and Duc de Casé.

I am compelled by the truth of history, in this place, to state the following facts in regard to the *Grand Orient* of France. It is well known that in 1725 it was chartered by the Grand Lodge of England as a Grand Lodge of Symbolic, or Master Masons, and furnished with Dr. Anderson's Book of Constitutions, published a year or two before, and other documents for its guidance. But few years, however, elapsed before this Grand Orient adopted Constitutions of its own, and adapted its ritual more to Continental than York Masonry. In 1786 it established the French rite, so called, which was made to consist of the following seven Degrees: 1. Entered Apprentice; 2. Fellow-Craft; 3. Master Mason; 4. Elect; 5. Scotch Master; 6. Knight of the East; and 7. Rose ✠. The Grand Orient refused to recognize any other rite than this until 1814, when she established, "within her own bosom," as she expressed it, "The Ancient and Accepted Rite," setting aside the regular Constitutions

and statutes regulating it, and adopting those of her own manufacture. She was thus, *ab initio*, spurious and irregular in all that concerns the Ancient and Accepted Rite; as much so as the Grand Lodge of England would be now were she to establish, "within her bosom," a Supreme Council, on territory already lawfully occupied. The Grand Orient rendered herself still more irregular, by changing the character of some of the Degrees, and innovating upon the governmental principles of the "Illustrious Order." She has since repeatedly added to her irregularities by interfering in places *out of her jurisdiction*, by granting warrants to new bodies in Symbolic,* as well as Sublime Degrees, and recognizing, as regular and constitutional, bodies spurious and unconstitutionally established.

On the 3rd of November, 1808, at the Grand East in the City of New York, a Sovereign Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, under the title of "CONCORDIA CRESCIMUS," was established by the following five Brethren:—

John James Joseph Gourgas.
John Gabriel Tardy.
John Baptist Desdoity.
Peter A. Du Peyrat.
M. L. M. Peixotto.

On the 8th day of the same month, these illustrious Brethren established, attached to said Grand Council, its Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection, under the denomination of AURORA GRATA.

The first Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem established in America, after the ratification of the new Constitution of the 33rd, in 1786, was that opened in the city of Charleston, South Carolina, in 1788, on which occasion were present: Bro. Joseph Myers, Deputy Inspector-General for South Carolina; Bro. B. M. Spitzer, Deputy Inspector-General for the state of Georgia; and Bro. A. Frost, holding the same rank for Virginia.

On the 4th of December, 1802, a warrant of Constitution passed the seal of the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, for the establishment of a Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection, in Savannah, Georgia.

The next event of importance connected with the Ancient and Accepted Rite, was the founding, on the 5th of August, 1813, of the Supreme Grand Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, for the Northern jurisdiction of the United States, in the city of New York. Its organization is alluded to in the following extract from a *ballustre*, issued on the 2nd of August, 1845, by the Supreme Council of Charleston:—

On the 5th day of August, 1813, as appears from authenticated documents in the possession of this Council, a similar Supreme Council was, in accordance with the Secret Constitutions, duly and lawfully established and constituted at the city of New York, by Emanuel De la Motta, as the representative and under the

* The last act of this kind that has come to my knowledge, was the chartering in the state of Virginia, in America, in 1849, a Lodge of Master Masons.

sanction and authority of the Council at Charleston. The Masonic jurisdiction of the New York Council is distributed over the northern, north-western, and north-eastern parts of the United States. And this, with the Council at Charleston, are the *only* recognized Councils which exist, or *can exist*, according to the Secret Constitutions, in the United States. Both bodies are now in active operation. Their labours have never been suspended, though withdrawn for a time from the public eye—their authority has never been, and cannot be, abrogated. They hold in their archives certified copies of the Secret Constitutions, derived from the Grand Consistory held at Paris, in 1761. Their succession of officers and members has been regularly and duly continued, and the Great Light of Sublime Masonry, which has been confided to their keeping, like the sacred fire of the Vestals has been preserved unextinguished on their altars.

The object of these Supreme Councils is not to interfere with the rights of any other Masonic bodies, but simply to preserve from decay or innovation those sublime truths and ineffable mysteries which, while they throw a brighter light upon the pure system of Ancient Craft Masonry, can be attained only by those who, with constancy unwavering, with fidelity unshaken, with courage unflinching, and perseverance unabated, have travelled rough and rugged roads, and sought for light in the deepest recesses of the Masonic temple. They ask, therefore, as the legal guardians of these invaluable treasures, the sympathy and fraternal kindness of their Brethren, to whom they take this occasion of offering the right hand of brotherly love and affection.

Lastly, this Supreme Council, in common with its thrice illustrious sister of New York, does most emphatically protest against the false and scandalous statements made by J. F. B. Clavel, in his "*Histoire Pittoresque de la Franc-Maçonnerie*"—statements which exhibit, on the part of their author, either a deplorable ignorance of the true history of our Order, or a wanton violation of the grand characteristic of Freemasons—TRUTH; and which must, in this latter case, be attributed to interested motives of the most unworthy description. Our respective Councils rest their claims to the powers they exercise on documents of undoubted authenticity in their possession—on their acknowledgment, at various times, by the Supreme Masonic bodies of Berlin, Paris, and other parts of the world—on the respectability of the names which have been enrolled among their members—and on the unbroken succession of their officers; and they appeal, in the words of their ancient motto, to "God and their right," against every attack of the envious, the malicious, or the ignorant.

At the same session it was resolved, that all authority heretofore granted to Deputy Inspectors be revoked, and all persons having in their possession documents or other property belonging to this Supreme Grand Council, were directed to return the same forthwith to the Secretary General, at Charleston, South Carolina.

(Signed)

ALEXANDER McDONALD,
Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander.

JAS. C. NORRIS,
Illustrious Treasurer-General of the Holy Empire.

C. M. FURMAN,
Illustrious Master of Ceremonies.

ALBERT G. MACKAY, M.D.,
Illustrious Secretary General of the Holy Empire.

JAMES S. BURGESS,
Illustrious Captain of the Life Guards.

JOHN H. HONOUR,
Most Illustrious Lieutenant Grand Commander.

Since the period of its establishment the Supreme Council of Charleston has continued to hold its sessions in that city, and to exercise the powers and prerogatives delegated to it by the Secret

Constitutions of the 33rd Degree. An interruption to its active operations occurred during the disastrous period when the dark spirit of anti-Masonry was moving like an incubus over the United States. But its constitutional powers were never surrendered, and its authority has been always acknowledged by the possessors of the Sublime and Ineffable Degrees. Vacancies having occurred by the deaths of members, these vacancies were duly and constitutionally supplied, by the appointment of competent brethren as Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General. It claims Masonic jurisdiction over all the Southern and South-western district of the United States, as the Supreme tribunal for the Sublime and Ineffable Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. In deference to the Constitutions of the York Rite, practised in that country, it waives its rights and privileges, so far as they relate to the Degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, which, long before the establishment of a Supreme Council in the Western hemisphere, were under the control of a Symbolic Grand Lodge. But it claims the exclusive right to confer the following Degrees, which now are, and always have been, communicated by Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, or by bodies deriving their authority from a Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree:—

4. Secret Master. 5. Perfect Master. 6. Intimate Secretary. 7. Provost and Judge. 8. Intendant of the Buildings. 9. Elected Knights of Nine. 10. Illustrious Elect of Fifteen. 11. Sublime Knights Elected. 12. Grand Master Architect. 13. Knight of the Ninth Arch. 14. Grand Elect, Perfect and Sublime Mason.

These Degrees are conferred in a body called a Lodge of Perfection, the presiding officer of which must be a Prince of Jerusalem, 16th Degree.

15. Knight of the East. 16. Prince of Jerusalem.

These two Degrees are conferred in a body called a Council of Princes of Jerusalem, whose authority is supreme over these Degrees, and all under them.

17. Knight of the East and West. 18. Sovereign Prince Rose Croix (usually written *R. ⚡*).

These two Degrees are conferred in a body called a Chapter of Rose Croix.

19. Grand Pontiff. 20. Grand Master of all Symbolic Lodges. 21. Noachite, or Prussian Knight. 22. Knight of the Royal Axe, or Prince of Libanus. 23. Chief of the Tabernacle. 24. Prince of the Tabernacle. 25. Knight of the Brazen Serpent. 26. Prince of Mercy. 27. Sovereign Commander of the Temple. 28. Knight of the Sun. 29. Knight of Saint Andrew. 30. Grand Elect Knight of K—H. 31. Grand Inquisitor Commander. 32. Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret.

From the 19th inclusive, these Degrees are conferred in a body designated as a "Consistory of Princes of the Royal Secret;" but they confer the 30th, 31st, and 32nd, only as the proxies of the Supreme Councils.

33. Sovereign Grand Inspector-General.

This Degree is given in a body called a Supreme Council, which is the administrative head of the rite.

The presidency over the Supreme Council of Charleston has been held successively by the following distinguished brethren: John Mitchell, Frederick Dalcho, Moses Holbrook, Alexander McDonald, and John H. Honour, who now deservedly holds that exalted dignity. The M.P. brethren of the Northern jurisdiction have been: Daniel D. Tompkins, Vice-President of the United States; J. J. Gourgass; Giles Fonda Yates; and the present incumbent, Bro. Edward Asa Raymond. This Council now holds its meetings at Boston, in the state of Massachusetts.

(To be continued.)

THE ROUGH AND PERFECT ASHLAR.

[*A Song.*]

BY BROTHER CHARLES SLOMAN.

FROM forth the quarry's inner deep
The rugged marble's brought;
A rude, unhewn, and shapeless heap,
As yet expressing nought.
Though valueless the Ashlar seems,
Who lives perchance may see
The sculptor realize his dreams,
And all true beauty be.

The stone is fashion'd by the square,
Each chisell'd surface bright
Shows forth in its proportions fair,
In truth a goodly sight;
It bides but for the builder's hand
To set it in its place,
Within the edifice to stand,
Imparting strength and grace.

The Ashlar typifies the mind;
For thus it is ordain'd,
Though first no order there we find,
Yet when correctly train'd,
The rough externals all removed
Of ignorance and sin,
Then we discover truly proved
The loveliness within.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[THE EDITOR *does not hold himself responsible for any opinions entertained by Correspondents.*]

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was pleased to see in the May number of your Magazine an article signed "Canadian," calling attention to the subject of Masonic Jurisprudence. I think, sir, that the discussion of so important a subject in your deservedly popular journal will greatly tend to facilitate the workings of Masonic bodies, and guide those intrusted with the reins of office in the discharge of their duties.

Two interesting questions are raised by your correspondent:—1st, whether a Master of a Lodge has the right to refuse admission to a Brother not a member of the Lodge? and, 2nd, whether a Warden has the power to confer degrees in the absence of the Master?

I agree with "Canadian" in his views on the first of these questions; and will, with your permission, give my reasons for so doing in a future number of your journal; but on the second question he and I disagree *in toto*. He asks:—"Where do you find authority for the answer given to 'H. O. B., Trinidad,' that a Senior Warden ruling the Lodge is authorized to confer degrees?" As you, sir, have seen fit only to refer to the authority of the Grand Secretary, for which I have individually the highest respect, but which some Brethren might feel disposed to question, I will, with your permission, quote "authority" that cannot fail, I think, to be satisfactory to your Canadian correspondent, and which will amply sustain the decision you have made, or the opinion you have given, on "H. O. B.'s" question.

If "Canadian" will turn to the Book of Constitutions, edition of 1723, the highest authority in existence, he will find, on page 53, this paragraph:—

"When a Fellow Craftsman is chosen Warden of the Work under the Master, he shall be true both to the Master and Fellows; shall carefully *oversee the work in the Master's absence* to the Lord's profit; and his Brethren shall obey him."

Now, lest any dispute may arise as to the intent and meaning of the word "oversee" in the foregoing sentence, I would direct the attention of the reader to the preceding page (52) of the same authority, where he will find it fully explained, *his verbis*:—

"The most expert of the Fellow Craftsmen shall be chosen or appointed the Master, or *Overseer*, of the Lord's work, who is to be called Master by those that work under him."*

Hence it will be seen, and I think admitted, that "oversee" in these instances means *to perform the duties of Master*. But upon this let us see what the authorities say. In Preston's *Illustrations of Masonry*, 8th (and best) edition, p. 105, in the ceremony of Installation the Master says to the Senior War-

* In the different editions of the Book of Constitutions, Pocket Companions, &c., this "V. Charge" has been reproduced, and is, I believe, everywhere held the *maxima lex* on this subject.—*Lector*.

den, "In my absence you are to govern this Lodge." In Smith's *Ahiman Rezon*, published by order of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 1783, p. 54, sect. vi., are these words:—"The Senior Warden succeeds to all the duties of the Master, and fills the chair when he is absent." Dr. Dalcho, who was looked upon as the best authority of his day, on this subject says:—"The Senior Warden succeeds to all the duties of the Master, and fills the chair when he is absent. If the Master leaves the stall, dies, or is deposed or expelled, the Senior Warden, or, in his absence, the Junior Warden, shall fill his place until the next stated time of election. It is usual for the Wardens to waive this privilege in honour of any Past Master that may be present, whom they call upon to take the chair, upon the presumption of his experience and skill in conducting the business of the Lodge; nevertheless this offer is perfectly optional with the Wardens, for such Past Master still derives his authority under the Wardens, and cannot act until they congregate the Lodge."*

In Cole's *Freemason's Library*, Baltimore, 1817, pp. 73 and 74, I find the foregoing from Smith and Dalcho, with the following addition:—"And although formerly it was held that in such cases the Master's authority ought to revert to the last Past Master who is present; yet it is now the settled rule that the authority of the Master devolves upon the Senior Warden, and in his absence upon the Junior Warden, even although a former Master be present."

In all the *Monitors*, *Ahiman Rezens*, and *Charges* that have been published since the dates above quoted, the foregoing duties and authorities of Wardens have been embodied; so that its being "a settled rule" is now scarcely doubted.

But "Canadian" refers to the practice in the United States in regard to the membership of entered apprentices. And as the United States writers on Masonic Jurisprudence are the best authority on that important but, in this country, too much neglected department of Freemasonry, let us see what they say on it.

Dr. Mackey, who is beyond dispute the highest authority on such matters, in his *Principles of Masonic Law*, p. 126, says:—"During the temporary absence of the Master the Senior Warden has the right of presiding, though he may, and often does by courtesy, invite a Past Master to assume the chair." The same author, in his *Lexicon of Freemasonry*, 3rd edition, p. 515, says:—"In case of the death of the Master the Senior Warden presides over the Lodge for the remainder of his term of office."

But the following *clincher* from the next highest living authority on Masonic Law, Bro. Robert Morris, editor of the *American Freemason*, settles the matter beyond a doubt. I quote from the *American Freemason* for November 1st, 1854, p. 18:—

"Query 1.—Has the Worshipful Master a right to delegate a Brother Past Master to the chair on leaving the Lodge for a series of meetings? Or, in other words, is not the Senior Warden Master, in fact, in the Worshipful Master's absence?"

"2.—Are the acts of the delegated Master above mentioned valid, the Senior Warden being present in the West, and neither objecting nor consenting to his presiding?"

"3.—Is the delegated Master answerable for his acts, as Master *pro tempore*, to the Grand Lodge?"

"4.—Can a Senior Warden, in the absence of the Master, confer the Master's degree; or must he call a Past Master to his aid?"

"Answer 1.—The Master has no such right, neither the shadow of one. He rules only by virtue of his presence and the possession of his Charter (Warrant); and in his absence the Charter goes into the possession of the highest Warden present, who, taking his place in the East, and having the Charter within reach, is as much the Master of the Lodge for the time being as though he had been elected such.

"2.—As the Senior Warden was present and made no objection, it is to be presumed he gave his consent. What kind of an idea he had of the dignity of his position, or the duties of his office, is quite another question.

* Dalcho's *Ahiman Rezon*, Charleston, 1807, p. 44.

" 3.—He is not. The Senior Warden is responsible for the doings of the Lodge in the Master's absence, provided he (the Senior Warden) is present. He cannot escape the responsibility, even though he have shirked his duty. Let him recollect the pledges he made at his installation, and the charge delivered to him at that time.

" 4.—He can. In the absence of the Master he can and ought, and *must* do everything the Master can, ought, and must do when present."

From the foregoing, the authority of the Warden, in the absence of the Master, will be seen to be, in every respect, equal to that of the Master. He can open his Lodge, transact the regular business, appoint committees, receive reports, confer degrees, and do all other things appertaining to the business of the Lodge as fully and unqualifiedly as the Master; indeed, *he is Master* for the time being, and his proper seat is, in my opinion, *the Master's chair*, and not to the right, or left, or front of it.—I am, Sir, yours respectfully,

LECTOR.

MASONRY IN THE WEST INDIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — During the latter part of last year a communication of much importance was transmitted by the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Kitts, in which others with myself are concerned, to Bro. White, for the purpose of being laid before the Supreme Grand Chapter. To date nothing has been heard; nay, not even a simple acknowledgment of its receipt from the Grand Scribe. Why communications from the West-India Lodges holding from England should be continually treated with contempt seems somewhat strange, and, to say the least of it, very uncourteous on the part of those who are paid for doing their work. The Lodges in these seas have all along been looked upon, it appears, as useless appendages to the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter; and certain it is that things cannot be permitted to continue, and the time is not far distant when the M.W. the Grand Master will find that the Brethren out here will throw off their allegiance, and, like Canada, have a Grand Lodge of their own. I should regret the necessity of such a step, but the Grand Master alone will be to blame, as he cannot be ignorant as to the continual complaints of the Lodges in the West Indies. A very able letter was some time ago published in the *Magazine* as to the necessity of dividing the West-India Islands into sections, and of a Provincial Grand Master being appointed for each section—a measure which would at once insure the safeguard of the Order and give general satisfaction. As to there being Masons good and true and fit for the appointment, there can be no difficulty; as you have here Bro. Sherrington, in Barbadoes Sir R. B. Clarke, and in Trinidad that model of Freemasons Bro. Hart. Surely with three such men the Earl of Zetland, M.W. Grand Master, can have no difficulty, but, to the contrary, give an impetus to our Order, and satisfy those 4,000 miles apart. I crave, dear Brother, your co-operation, and feel persuaded you will render your services, as you have hitherto done, for the benefit of those appertaining to our time-honoured Institution, but unfortunately neglected by those supreme in power.

Yours most fraternally,

ANTIGUA, April 13, 1857.

A FORTY YEARS' MASON.

[We have reason to believe such alterations have recently been made in the Grand Secretary's office, that all communications will in future be promptly acknowledged. Although Bro. White does not appear to have communicated with the Brethren in St. Kitts, we can assure them that the matter has not been altogether neglected, but is now before Grand Chapter, as will be seen by reference to our report of the proceedings at the last meeting of that body, and we have every confidence that it will be satisfactorily arranged at the next convocation.]

LODGE DECORATIONS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

SIR,—I am directed by the W.M. and members of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 44, Bolton-le-Moors, to request that you will favour them with inserting in your publication of the *Masonic Magazine* for the month of June next the following letter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the various Lodges in this town, pursuant to a resolution passed at a regular meeting of the above Lodge, held at the Swan Hotel, on the 7th May instant.—I am, Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

THOMAS DAWSON, Secretary.

“At a regular meeting of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 44, held at the Swan Hotel, Bolton, on Thursday, the 7th May instant, the attention of the Brethren present was called to a paragraph, inserted at page 311, in the *Freemasons' Magazine* for the month of April last, wherein, after referring to the business transactions of the above Lodge, the following words are recorded, namely :—

“ ‘The whole of the furniture of this first-class Lodge is now in course of being re-decorated and many improvements effected, and by the next meeting, without copying any of the tinsel decorations adopted by any recently disinterred Lodges, will present a really brilliant appearance.’

“After the above observations had been read, it was moved and seconded, and unanimously resolved, ‘That the W.M., Officers, and Members of this Lodge entirely repudiate and disclaim any connection with the said paragraph, and deeply regret its appearance, being calculated to cause discord between themselves and the Brethren of other Lodges. The members of this Lodge have therefore deemed it to be their imperative duty publicly to state to their Brethren in Bolton, that they are not in way responsible for the appearance of the said paragraph, and were unaware of its existence until it was pointed out to them in the said *Monthly Masonic Magazine*.’ And the Secretary of the Lodge was instructed to communicate the foregoing resolution to the respective Lodges within the borough of Bolton.—I beg to be believed, on behalf of the W.M. and Members of Lodge No. 44,

“Your sincere and faithful Brother,

“THOMAS DAWSON, Secretary.”

[We are sorry that the paragraph, which came from a Bolton correspondent, should have been construed as likely to give offence to any one ; and if there are any Lodges in the neighbourhood of Bolton or elsewhere who consider it was directly pointed at them, we must be allowed to express our sincere regret at its publication.]

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent “Frater James” is completely in error as to the period and circumstances of the establishment of the Supreme Council for England and Wales, &c. in this country. It is extremely probable, and was no doubt the case, that the Degrees he refers to were “successfully worked in the time of Sir Christopher Wren,” as at that time the Grand Master of Masons in England had full power and authority over those Degrees, and continued to possess that power until the Stuarts left England, and carried that authority with them.

The History of the Ancient and Accepted Rite has been so fully entered into in your pages that it is unnecessary for me to occupy your space by repeating any

portion of it—suffice it to say, the Supreme Council of Sov. G. Ins. Gen. of the 33rd Degree was duly established in this country in the year 1845, under authority derived from the Supreme Grand Council of America, then presided over by the M.P. Sov. G. Com., Bro. J. J. Gourgass, whom indeed you well and deservedly style *clarum et venerabilem*.

The “system imported into England by some French emigrants in the year 1800,” to which your correspondent alludes, has never been recognized in this country; it has not even travelled beyond the city into which it was introduced, nor are its members, who designate themselves Knights Templar, recognized by the Grand Conclave of Knights Templar, so ably presided over by the venerable and highly esteemed Bro. Col. Charles Kemys Tynte.

It is not the case that the Supreme Council claim to exercise any authority over the three first Degrees of the Order, frequently called the “Blue Degrees,” of which the Earl of Zetland is Grand Master, and which are under the control of the Grand Lodge of England; nor do they claim the Royal Arch Degree as practised here, that Degree having been introduced at a comparatively recent date. The Degree of Knight Templar in this country stands by itself, being perfectly independent of the Grand Lodge and Grand Master of England, and also of the Supreme Council, and not *necessarily* connected with Freemasonry. The Degree of Rose Croix, H.R.D.M., being the 18th of the established Degrees of the Order, is legitimately under the control of the Supreme Council.

A SOV. G. INS. GEN. 33rd.

THE TEMPLE OF JERUSALEM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On referring to the Bible, I find that the Temple of Jerusalem was begun by King Solomon in the year .. B.C. 1012
 That it was finished in the year „ 1005
 That in the following year it was dedicated, *i. e.* .. „ 1004
 And that Queen Sheba went to Jerusalem to see King
 Solomon in the year „ 992
i. e. twelve years after the dedication of the Temple.

I shall therefore be glad to be informed on what authority the statement was made at the installation of the Right Hon. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, at the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, on the 20th May—viz., that Queen Sheba was present at the consecration of the Temple of Jerusalem—is founded.

Yours fraternally,

7, Frederick Place, Gray's-Inn Road,
 25th May, 1857.

S. B. WILSON, G.J.D.

MASONIC JEWEL COLLAR.

Bro. F. Adlard, of Holborn, has invented a collar, which, from its simplicity and convenience, has only to be universally known to be universally adopted. It has long been a subject of complaint that the wearing of the honourable insignia of rank and merit which grace the breasts of so many of our Brethren, plays sad havoc with the fabric and material of the coat to which they are attached. Bro. Adlard's invention entirely obviates this, in addition to saving much time and difficulty in the proper arrangement of the jewels, and we have very great pleasure in recommending it, warranted as we are in doing so by our own personal experience. The price places it within the reach of all.

THE MASONIC MIRROR.

GRAND LODGE.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND MASTER.

THE Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge was, as we stated in our last, held in the Masonic Temple on Wednesday, the 29th of April, for the reinduction of the Grand Master into the chair, and the appointment of Grand Officers for the year. There was a very numerous attendance of the Brethren, including the Right Hon. Lord Panmure, P.G.S.W.; Bros. Dobie, Prov. G.M. for Suffolk, and G. Reg.; T. W. Fleming, Prov. G.M. for the Isle of Wight; H. R. Willett, Prov. G.M. for Dorset; B. B. Cabbell, Prov. G.M. for Norfolk; Col. C. K. K. Tynte, Prov. G.M. for Somersetshire; Col. C. J. K. Tynte, Prov. G.M. for Monmouthshire; Capt. Tynte, Prov. G.M. for South Wales; Capt. H. A. Bowyer, Prov. G.M. for Oxfordshire; T. H. Hall, Prov. G.M. for Cambridgeshire; Adm. Sir Lucius Curtis, Prov. G.M. for Hampshire; R. J. Bagshaw, Prov. G.M. for Essex; Dr. Kent, Prov. G.M. for South Australia; Pullen, D. Prov. G.M. for the Isle of Wight; Bisgood, D. Prov. G.M. for Kent; Chevalier Hebler, representative from Hanover; Rev. Sir E. Hayes, P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. E. Cox, G. Chap.; Rev. G. Moore, G. Chap.; S. Tomkins, G. Treas.; W. F. Beadon, P.G.W.; John Hervey, P.J.D.; Henderson, P.G. Reg.; J. N. Tomkins, P.G.D.; Goldsworthy, P.G.D.; A. A. Leveau, P.G.S.B.; G. Biggs, P.G.S.B.; Spiers, P.G.S.B.; W. H. White, G. Sec.; W. Farnfield, Assist. G. Sec.; Jennings, G.D.C.; Thory Chapman, Asst. G.D.C.; Smith, G. Pursuivant; Ransford, G. Org.; &c. &c.

The Lodge having been duly opened, and the Grand Master saluted as Grand Master for the ensuing year in ample form,

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master rose amidst loud applause, and thanked the Brethren for the renewed mark of confidence bestowed upon him. He could assure the Brethren, that he had ever been most anxious to perform the duties of his high office to the utmost of his ability, and so as to promote the general interests of the Craft; and whilst he continued to receive the generous support of the Craft, he should ever continue to do his utmost to support the Order and the noble charities connected with it. It now became his duty to appoint the new Grand Officers, and with regard to one of them he felt considerable pain, inasmuch as the Grand Secretary, from advancing years, had felt it his duty to retire from the office he had held for so many years. He felt that there was no Brother existing who so well understood the principles of Freemasonry and the laws by which they were governed as their Brother White, yet he could not resist the desire of their worthy Brother, at his advanced age, to retire. Though the Grand Secretary was about to resign, he was happy to say that they would not lose his valuable services, but he would continue to give his best attention to the interests of Freemasonry, and instruct his successor in the important duties of his office. At the next Grand Lodge he should feel it his duty to move that the Grand Secretary do receive his full salary for the remainder of his life (cheers), and he was sure it would meet with the general approbation of the Brethren, and that their liberality would not be lost, as he would continue to the utmost to promote the interests of the Craft, and fully earn anything he would receive from them. (Cheers.) He would now call upon the R. W. Brother Lord Panmure to take the office of D.G.M. in the room of their worthy Bro. the Earl of Yarborough, who retired from ill-health, and from whom he had received a letter that afternoon, expressing his regret that he was unable to attend that evening as he had desired.

The R. W. Bro. Lord Panmure having been invested in due form amidst con-

siderable applause, said,—he hardly knew how sufficiently to acknowledge the high honour conferred upon him by the M.W.G.M., in appointing him to so distinguished an office as that of D.G.M. Notwithstanding he could not but consider it a great honour to be called to that office, he deeply regretted the cause which had rendered it necessary upon the M.W.G.M. to call upon him to assume it. He knew they would all unite with him in expressions of deep regret at losing the services of Lord Yarborough, in consequence of ill-health. (Hear, hear.) He believed that no Brother had more the interests of Masonry, and of their characters at heart, than the Earl of Yarborough; and should he be ever sufficiently restored to health to relieve him (Lord Panmure) of the duties, he need not say how readily he should resign in his favour. He felt his own incompetency for the proper discharge of the duties of the office (No, no), but he would take that opportunity of assuring the Brethren, that he would do all in his power not only to put an end to any divisions which might have arisen amongst them, but to cement that brotherly love and unity without which Masonry would be a dead letter, and their Craft as nothing. It was not necessary for him to dwell on the principles on which their Order was founded. Time, notwithstanding the opposition to which it had been opposed, had put the stamp of truth to the principles on which it was founded, and proved to the world the blessings which its practice conferred upon all its members. (Cheers.) He need not now do more than assure the Brethren that it would be his earnest endeavour to maintain the authority of Grand Lodge both here and in the Colonies, and, whilst justice was done to all, secure the blessing of union to the Craft. If any additional obligation were required to induce him to do his utmost to promote the interests of Masonry, he felt that he had received it in the obligation which he had just taken as D.G.M. of England. (Cheers.)

The M.W.G.M. then proceeded to appoint the other Officers as follows :—

- Bro. The Earl of Durham, G.S.W.
- „ Henry Fenwick, *M.P.*, G.J.W.
- „ Samuel Tomkins, G. Treas.
- „ Rev. J. E. Cox, } G. Chaps.
- „ Rev. Ed. Moore, }
- „ John Henderson, G. Registrar.
- „ Wm. Gray Clarke, G. Sec.
- „ Henry L. Crohn, G. Sec. for German Correspondence.
- „ Francis Roxburgh, G.S.D.
- „ Stephen Barton Wilson, G.J.D.
- „ Samuel Daukes, G. Sup. of Works.
- „ Richard W. Jennings, G.D.C.
- „ Thory Chapman, Asst. G.D.C.
- „ Thomas Hutchings, G. Sword-bearer.
- „ William Farnfield, Asst. G. Sec.
- „ C. J. Horsley, G. Organist.
- „ Jos. Smith, G. Pursuivant.
- „ Charles B. Payne, G. Tyler.

The various officers as they approached the dais to be invested were loudly cheered, the more especially Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, whose appointment gave the greatest satisfaction to the Craft.

The G. Stewards of the year were then presented as follows :—

Lodge.

1. Joseph H. Dart.
2. Hon. Charles Lennox Butler.
4. Thomas Bremah Diplock.
5. Henry Golding.
6. Joseph Travers Smith.
8. Dr. Edward Hamilton.
14. Thomas D. Grissell.
21. David Samuel.
23. Arthur Rebbeck.

Lodge.

27. David Thomas Herd.
32. Samuel Ebor Nutt.
54. Alexander Evans.
66. Wilson Thomas Piper.
72. Charles Penny.
108. Moritz Alberts.
116. Richard Hill.
233. William Wadham Young.
324. James Meryweather.

The M.W.G.M. then announced his intention to revive the office of Prestonian Lecturer (hitherto generally given to the Lodge of Antiquity), and that he should appoint a competent Bro. from the Royal York Lodge, No. 7, to fill it.

The Lodge was then closed with solemn prayer.

THE GRAND FESTIVAL.

Shortly after six o'clock the Brethren adjourned to the Large Hall, where the dinner of the Grand Festival was provided. There were about 350 of the Brethren present; the gallery was crowded with ladies; and on the entry of the M.W.G.M. and his officers, the Hall presented an extremely animated appearance. The chair was taken by the M.W.G.M., supported by the R.W.D.G.M. and the various distinguished Brethren whose names we have given as present in Grand Lodge.

At the conclusion of the dinner, which was most elegantly and liberally served under the personal superintendence of Bros. Shrewsbury and Elkington,

The M.W.G.M. rose and said,—They were all aware of the toast he was about to give. There was no body of men who received that toast with greater satisfaction than the Freemasons; and he was sure upon this occasion that satisfaction would be increased by the knowledge that her Majesty had just recovered from her late confinement. He was sure they would join him with all their hearts in drinking the health of her Majesty the Queen.

The toast was drunk with loud applause, and succeeded by another to the health of Prince Albert, Albert Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family.

The R.W.D.G.M. said,—he had the permission of the G.M. to propose the next toast. They had just done honour as loyal subjects to the health of the illustrious lady who filled the throne of this country, and he was sure as loyal Masons they would now wish to do honour to the nobleman who filled the Masonic throne. (Applause.) He had great pleasure in proposing the “Health of the M.W.G.M.” (Cheers.) Those cheers proved how highly the G.M. was esteemed, if, indeed, proof were wanting after the unanimous manner in which he had been re-elected to the chair for another year. The Earl of Zetland had not only personal claims for the high honour on the whole Craft, but he had also great hereditary claims, as his father and grandfather had done Masonry great services. He had presided over Grand Lodge with great impartiality—he was honest and upright in all his decisions, and his patience was most praiseworthy. (Great cheering.) Whether they looked upon the G.M. as a country gentleman—as an upright supporter of true English sports—as a legislator—or as the head of the Masonic Craft, they must agree with him that he well deserved their support and confidence. (Cheers.) Whilst so amiable and respected a nobleman presided over the Craft it could not fail to flourish and prosper; and long might he continue in health to enjoy his proud position, with the confidence and love of every true Mason, which he believed the noble Lord universally enjoyed. The toast was responded to amidst loud applause, which continued for several minutes.

The M.W.G.M. rose amidst renewed applause, and assured the Brethren he had not words to express his deep obligations for the way in which his health had been proposed, or the kind reception they had given to the toast. He had frequently had occasion to acknowledge the manner in which they had received him—but if anything had been wanting to assure him that he continued to enjoy their confidence, it was the manner in which his health had been drunk that evening; and the reception and kindness he now experienced could never be forgotten. He thanked his noble Bro. Lord Panmure for his eulogistic remarks, and assured the whole Craft that while he continued to enjoy their confidence and regard, nothing should be wanting on his part to promote the interest of Masonry all over the world, as well as support the glorious principles upon which it was founded. He could not conceal from himself that during the past year some unhappy differences had arisen, which, without the kind assistance and advice of his friends, aided by the confidence of the Brethren, it would have been difficult to overcome. He flattered himself that those difficulties had been overcome, and it would be his anxious endeavour to prevent their recurrence, and promote the best interests of the

Craft. (Cheers.) He again thanked his noble friend for the way in which he had proposed his health, and the Brethren for the cordiality with which they had responded to it, as he had no higher aspirations than to merit the continuance of their approbation. (Cheers.)

The M.W.G.M. had now to propose a toast which, though not usually given on these occasions, would, he was sure, be most cordially responded to. A representative had been sent by him to be present at the Grand Lodge of Hanover, on the recent installation of the King as G.M., and he might state that he had lately received a communication from that country bearing the sign manual of the King as G.M., expressive of his desire to join with the Grand Lodge of England in the promotion of the interests of the Craft. He begged to give "The Sister Grand Lodges of Scotland, Ireland, and Hanover."

Bro. Col. Tynte, Prov. G.M. for Somersetshire, had been permitted to propose a toast, and he did so with the greatest of pleasure—he would therefore give "The Health of the R.W.D.G.M."—the Right Hon. Lord Panmure. He could assure them that he could scarcely give utterance to his sentiments on this occasion. He had long had the pleasure of the noble lord's acquaintance, and ever knew him to be a most honourable, upright, and talented nobleman, Mason, and statesman; and, though from his (Col. Tynte's) advanced years (nearly eighty-five, we believe) he had not been much in the habit of raising his voice amongst them of late years, he could not resist the pleasure of being present to congratulate the noble lord on his advancement to so high a distinction as that of D.G.M. of Freemasons. (Cheers.) They had many of them heard that day the truly Masonic sentiments uttered by Lord Panmure in the Temple, and he (Bro. Tynte) knew that those sentiments came from his heart. (Cheers.) He had known his Lordship as the boy Fox Maule, and watched his progress as the man Panmure, and in every relation of life he had ever found him actuated by the strictest integrity, and a sincere desire to aid and assist his fellow-man. He begged them to fill their glasses, and drink to "The Health of their D.G.M., Lord Panmure,—long might he live!"

The toast having been most cordially responded to,

The R.W.D.G.M. rose amidst loud cheers to acknowledge the compliment. He assured them he felt most deeply the manner in which they had drunk his health, and the terms in which it had been proposed by an old and most earnest Mason and esteemed friend. He felt that a deep responsibility now rested upon him, as holding the second highest position in the Craft, and he would say again as he had said in the Temple, that it should be his utmost endeavour to promote the interests of the Craft—to bind up wounds where any existed—and whilst conceding such measures as the interests of the Craft demanded, preserve the integrity and unity of the whole. In doing so, he should rely on the kind indulgence of the Craft, as it was only by their active and cordial co-operation that he could succeed in his endeavours. He would now do a little business on his own account. He was no sooner in office than he was seized upon by Bro. Crew, who urged upon him that it was his duty to take the chair at the Girls' School Festival, on the 13th of May, and, desiring to express his obligations to them for the manner in which he had been received, he had willingly consented to do so, when he hoped to again have the pleasure of meeting every Brother then present (cheers), and in the presence of the numerous ladies gracing the gallery, he should like to see the Brother who would dare decline his invitation. (Cheers and laughter.)

The M.W.G.M. had much pleasure in proposing the next toast: "The Health of the G.S.W. and the rest of the Grand Officers." With respect to the G.S.W., the Earl of Durham, he was proud to have had the opportunity of placing that nobleman in office, well recollecting, as no doubt many Brethren present did, the father of the noble earl presiding over them in Grand Lodge as D.G.M., and as chairman at the festivals of the Masonic charities, of which he was a most ardent and liberal supporter.

The Earl of Durham, R.W.S.G.W., in the name of himself and the rest of the Grand Officers, begged to thank them for the last toast. The M.W.G.M. might have found one more able to discharge the duties of G.W. than himself, but not one taking a greater interest in the prosperity of the Craft. As the M.W.G.M.

had been pleased to allude to his father, he could assure him it was a great pride to him to find how high his name was held in the estimation of the Brethren, and to assure them that it was his determination to do his utmost to follow in the footsteps of his father in support of the interests and charities of the Craft. (Cheers.)

The Earl of Zetland would now propose "The Health of the Prov. G.Ms.," of whom several were present, coupling with the toast the name of their venerable Brother, Colonel Tynte. He was most happy to see that Brother present, supported as he was by his son and grandson, both of whom were Prov. G.Ms.; a circumstance he believed unprecedented, that three generations in one family should at the same time hold so distinguished a position.

Colonel Tynte, who was loudly applauded, returned thanks on behalf of the Prov. G.Ms., and more especially for himself as Prov. G.M. for Somersetshire; his son, as Prov. G.M. for Monmouthshire; and his grandson, who, he was proud to say, held the like distinguished office for the eastern division of South Wales. He was much gratified at the position which his family held in Freemasonry, and though he could not hope to be often amongst them, begged to drink to "The prosperity of the Craft, and the good health of all the Brethren present." (Cheers.)

The M.W.G.M. had now to bring before them "The Health of the Sister Grand Lodges," coupled with the name of Bro. Hebeler.

Bro. Chevalier Hebeler having returned thanks,

The M.W.G.M. gave "Prosperity to the Masonic Charities." He was sure he need not say one word in recommendation of that toast, beyond reminding them to support the D.G.M. on the 13th of May.

The M.W.G.M. next gave "The Stewards." They were greatly indebted to them for their kindness in providing them so excellent an entertainment, and preserving such excellent order and regularity as had prevailed throughout the evening.

The W. Bro. Colonel Weston, G.S. for No. 2, returned thanks, and expressed the gratification of the Stewards at the results of the evening.

The toast of "The Ladies" having been drunk amidst loud cheers, the company separated, those having the *entrée* proceeding to the glee-room to meet the ladies. We entered it, but were soon glad to make our exit, not having practised, with Mons. Chabot (the fire-king, whom we recollect in our boyhood), the art of living in a baker's oven. When will Grand Lodge have gallantry enough to find a more suitable music-room for the accommodation of the ladies? Here is a noble work before them to add to the popularity of the new Grand Officers. The music, under the direction of Bro. Ransford, P.G. Org., was more than usually deserving of praise. The programme was varied and judiciously selected. Miss Ransford, Miss Messent, and Miss Eyles never sang better, and the latter received a deserved encore for the Irish ballad "Oh! Bay of Dublin." Messrs. W. Ransford, Fielding, Holmes, Wilbye Cooper, and Lawler, were all very pleasing, and the latter gave with telling effect the new song by Hobbs, "The Brave Old Téméraire." Bro. Van der Osten, a German tenor of considerable power, who was present as a guest, also volunteered a song, in which he was justly encored. Bro. Benjamin Banks, jun., officiated as toast-master.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Thirteen notices of motion for the next Grand Lodge have been given; only three of them however are new.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, "That the resolution confirmed in December last relative to the Charity Jewel, be rescinded; and that Brethren who have served the office of Steward to the Boys' and Girls' School, on serving the office of Steward at the festival of the Royal Benevolent Fund, be permitted to wear a clasp on the ribbon of the Charity Jewel, in a form to be determined by the Board of General Purposes."

The Grand Registrar, "That a Committee be appointed to consider the best means of rendering efficient the Masonic Library and Museum."

Bro. George Barrett, "That no Brother be allowed to sit at the Board of General Purposes, unless he has been installed as Master of a Lodge."

ROYAL FREEMASONS' GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The sixty-ninth anniversary of this school was celebrated by a very handsome dinner, at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 13th of May, under the presidency of the R.W. D.G.M. the Right Hon. Lord Panmure. The noble lord was supported by Alderman Sir Lucius Curtis, Prov. G.M. Hampshire; A. Dobie, Prov. G.M. Surrey; Captain Bowyer, Prov. G.M. Oxford; Kent, Prov. G.M. Australia; H. C. Vernon, Prov. G.M. Worcestershire; Bisgood, D. Prov. G.M. Kent; B. B. Cabbell, Prov. G.M. Norfolk; Dundas, P.G.W.; R. J. Spiers, D. Prov. G.M. Oxfordshire, and P.G.S.B.; Holland, P.G.W.; Patteson, P.G.W.; Beadon, P.G.W.; King, P.G.W.; Roxburgh, G.S.D.; Hervey, P.G.D.; Havers, P.G.D.; Potter, P.G.D.; Faudel, P.G.D.; Giraud, P. G.D.; W. Grey Clarke, G. Sec.; W. H. White, P.G. Sec.; W. Farnfield, Asst. G. Sec.; Jennings, G. Dir. of Cers.; Hutchins, G.S.B.; Le Veau, P.G.S.B.; Geo. Biggs, P.G.S.B.; Rev. J. E. Cox, G. Chap.; the Right Hon. Earl Carnarvon, No. 10; Bros. G. R. Portal, P.G.W. Oxfordshire; Beach, P.G.W. Oxfordshire; and about 250 other Brethren, friends of the institution. There were also between eighty and ninety ladies in the gallery.

Dinner being over and grace duly sung,

The R.W.D.G.M. rose amidst loud cheers, and said: Now that they had brought the refreshments to a close, he would invite them to join him in the further proceedings of this evening. He might state that these proceedings would be found to be of the deepest interest to every true Masonic heart. Therefore, he might entreat them, before he began the toast, to give every attention to these proceedings, and to encourage the children who would be brought before them by their warmest praise—which, they might believe him, they most thoroughly merited. He now proposed to drink a toast which no man, he was sure, drank more loyally than a Mason—he meant their gracious Sovereign the Queen. He was sure they might congratulate themselves, not only in living under a Sovereign who thoroughly understood the free constitution of these realms, but under one than whom no person set a higher example of domestic honour and character, and one not surpassed by any in her Majesty's dominions. "The Queen—God bless her; and long may she reign."

The toast having been followed by loud cheers and the National Anthem, the D.G.M. gave "H.R.H. Prince Albert, Albert Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," which was also cordially responded to.

The R.W. D.G.M. had now to propose to them to drink the health of the "M.W. G.M." He regretted that the noble earl was unable to be with them that day, the illness of Lady Zetland demanding his presence in Brighton. He was sure no one took a deeper interest in the charity whose festival they were met to celebrate than did Lord Zetland, whose numerous contributions, whose constant and vigilant care, and whose anxiety to see the Institution prosper, were well known to all the Craft. For these and many other favours conferred on the Craft at large he begged they would join him in dedicating a glass to his very good health.

The toast was responded to with three times three hearty cheers.

Bro. the R.W. Sir Lucius Curtis, Prov. G.M. Hants, had the permission of their noble chairman to propose the next toast. He regretted that the toast had not fallen into abler hands, being altogether unaccustomed to public speaking. He therefore claimed their indulgence in the few words which he should address to them. The toast was the health of the distinguished nobleman who filled the chair that evening, "The Right Hon. Lord Panmure." After the cheering with which this announcement was greeted had somewhat subsided, the R.W. Brother proceeded to say that he thought they ought to congratulate themselves that it had pleased the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to appoint the noble lord to the office of Deputy Grand Master of England. In him they had not only a most

excellent Mason, but a nobleman who understood and knew well the constitution of their Order ; and they felt confident he would ever abide by the land-marks of the Order. They were all well aware of the excellent private qualities of the noble lord, and he was sure they would join with him in drinking his health in that truly Masonic manner which all good Masons ought to do. He repeated that he was not used to public speaking, but, at any rate, what he did speak he spoke sincerely, and therefore he said, in conclusion, long might Lord Panmure preside over them as Deputy Grand Master.

The toast was most rapturously received, and drunk with three times three and one cheer more.

The R.W. D.G.M. rose amidst continued cheers, and said : “ Brethren, I thank you most cordially for the kind manner in which you have been pleased to drink my health. My honourable Brother on my right apologized to you for the mode in which he proposed that toast. Now, it has often occurred to me, in a pretty long life of public service, to have had my health given, and I must say I never heard it given more neatly than now. I place all the obligation under which I lie to the Craft, to the honour you have done me of electing me to the high position I have the honour to hold, and which I hold, not as an appointment to be conferred, as a matter of course, from year to year, but only, I trust, to be conferred by you—as it will be held by me—so long as it will be of benefit to the Craft—so long as I may evince a desire to preserve the ancient land-marks of that ancient Craft. (Loud cheers.) Brethren, I hold it to be my duty as a Mason to know nothing in the Lodge but the good of the Craft, to carry out its constitution and its laws, to interpret them impartially, and to execute them to the best of my ability. In the presence of the Grand Master, to contribute all I can to the governing the Lodge, and in the absence of the Grand Master to discharge those duties in my own person, so as to justify you in the choice of me, and to satisfy my own Masonic feelings. I can only say that it will be the greatest satisfaction to me if I can cultivate the acquaintance of the Masons of England, and advance the interests of the Craft in England, so long as I remain the servant of that Craft.” The noble lord, having again thanked the Brethren for the manner in which they had responded to the toast, resumed his seat amidst the most enthusiastic cheering.

The children in the school, to the number of sixty-five, were here introduced into the room (headed by the stewards), and by their neat and really genteel appearance elicited the general commendation of the company. The children having sung the Festival Hymn,

The R.W.D.G.M. rose and said : “ Brethren, after the deeply-interesting matter which it has been your fortune and mine just now to witness, it now devolves on me—though I scarcely feel myself adequate to the task—to propose what is termed technically ‘the toast of the day,’ and to appeal to you in support of the Institution whose origin we are called upon this day to celebrate. Brethren, if I wanted an excuse for making a long speech, I need only point to the sixty-five excuses standing on my right and on my left.” After the cessation of the cheering which this allusion to the sixty-five children had somewhat subsided, the noble lord proceeded : “ If I wanted an excuse for recommending to your notice the objects of that noble charity whose cause we are now met to support and encourage, I could do so by carrying your memories back to its original Institution. It is now seventy years since the Chevalier Ruspini—one whose memory the Craft has such good reason, in every way, to respect—set this noble Institution on foot. We may thank God that institutions are not like the men who bring them into existence. Seventy years is the allotted goal for man to run to ; but at the end of seventy years, instead of seeing this Institution decayed, like its originator, we find it growing from year to year, and flourishing far more at the end of the seventy allotted years of man than at the commencement of that period. During that period we have the happiness of knowing that some 700 daughters of poor and decayed Freemasons have received their education in this excellent Institution, and we have further the proud satisfaction of knowing that, of all those daughters, *no instance can be traced of one having failed in her career!* This is, indeed, a good tree, for it has been proved to be so by constantly producing good fruits. I

may mention now, in passing, that I may well congratulate you and the officers whom you have presiding over the management of this Institution, that before coming here to embrace the honour of presiding over you to-day, I took an opportunity this morning of paying a visit to the Institution, and I felt that I was selecting, perhaps somewhat unfairly, the least favourable time for so doing, because I was perfectly aware that the inmates of it were preparing for this evening's scene, and I knew also the anxiety of the officers, and how high the young hearts of the young girls would be beating with like anxiety in anticipation of the reception you would give them this evening. I anticipated, therefore, at any rate, to find some confusion in the place ; but I saw no such thing. I found the school not only orderly, but looking in a condition that I can honestly say I never saw a school in before. I found the rooms of the Institution in a condition of which any of us might well be proud ; and I left the school with the impression under which I entered it ; I found it as I expected to find it—a model Institution. I need scarcely appeal to you, therefore, in support of such an Institution as this peculiar charity—a charity not simply for those who demand at our hands our charitable assistance, but a charity extended to the children of our Brethren who, having known life in its better, brighter, and more prosperous days, have fallen from prosperity, and who have found in this Institution a refuge for them. There is no father who hears me—no Brother who listens to what I say—but must feel deeply the value of such an Institution as this ; wherein, if poverty unfortunately overtakes him, he is enabled to obtain for his child a good and virtuous education ; wherein he shall find a refuge for that child, as a reward, as it were, of his own charity to his own Brethren when fortune smiled on him ; and who, like the good Chevalier Ruspini, may have his children and his grandchildren reaping the benefits which must inevitably accrue from a well-devised system of instruction. Brethren, you know we do not admit ladies into the mysteries of our Craft (laughter), but still I must say, in justice to that Craft, that there are none in this wide world who value more the brightness which an alliance with the fair sex gives to the domestic fireside than do Masons ; and there are none who devote themselves more sincerely to the grateful task of training up Masons' daughters in the paths of virtue and in the ways of truth—teaching them in their youth to revere that Creator who will always care for them in their onward career through life. And let us ourselves remember that, inasmuch as we do good to one of these little ones, we so do our duty to the Great Master above. I will not, on this occasion, detain you longer. I thank you in the name of these children most heartily for the reception you have given them ; and I may say I will undertake to promise, in their name, that gratitude which they ought to feel towards the generous benefactors they now see around them. I trust that the funds of the ensuing year will keep pace with those of the past, and that we may be able to boast, at the end of another year, in saying that there has been no application for the admission of a Mason's daughter into this Institution that has not been readily and speedily responded to. With these observations I commit these children to your charge, and commend this excellent Institution to your generous bounty." In conclusion the noble lord proposed, as the next toast, "Prosperity to the Royal Freemasons' School for Female Children," which was received enthusiastically, the speech having been continually interrupted by the loud cheering of the Brethren, the ladies in the gallery testifying their satisfaction by the waving of handkerchiefs.

The children who had gained the prizes during the year were then severally presented to the R.W. Chairman by the Secretary, Bro. Francis Crew. The first child so presented, a very intelligent and ladylike-looking girl, was Louisa Dudley, to receive the good-conduct medal. In placing it round her neck, the noble lord said :—

"I have the greatest satisfaction in presenting to you this medal, which is stated to me by the Secretary of your school to be the reward earned by your general good conduct ; and it gives me the greatest pleasure to hear from that Secretary, also, that that conduct has been such as not merely to warrant me in presenting it to you in the name of the Craft, but also to justify the expectation that you will be an example through life of what the Freemasons' Female School

can do for its inmates, and of the way in which, by their good conduct, they can honour those who take such an interest in their welfare."

The other prizes were distributed as follows:—

Louisa Dudley, in addition to the silver medal and first prize-book for general good conduct, also 2nd prize for writing. Mary Ann Goodrich, second prize-book. Catharine Ann Pennyfeather, third prize-book. Anna Wheaton, fourth prize-book and first prize for writing. Catharine Dorothy Sharratt, fifth prize-book. Emma Susanna Cox, sixth prize-book.

The R.W. D.G.M. then said: "Having presented the prizes to those reported as worthy of them, I think our next duty will be to mark our gratitude for the exertions of one to whom the Institution is deeply indebted for much of its present brilliant prosperity. I beg that we do that in drinking the health of our esteemed Brother, Benjamin Bond Cabbell, the Treasurer of the Institution, and I am sure he will forgive me, or, rather, feel grateful, for my coupling with his name the many efficient Secretaries of the Institution. In the presence of such a company as this, it will be unnecessary for me to dwell on the numerous instances of the display of that most benevolent spirit of the esteemed Brother I have named—one who has been ever forward in the many great works of charity, and of this Institution in particular—for they are already well known to all of us. I need scarcely add that we value his services most highly, and that our earnest prayer is that he may be long spared to be able to be present among them. It is a pleasant sight, indeed, to witness a scene wherein venerable age comes forward hand in hand, as it were, with the youth on either side of him, to grace with his presence such a meeting as this." (Cheers.)

Bro. Benjamin Bond Cabbell, Prov. G.M., Norfolk, said: "I rise to acknowledge the compliment which the noble lord has done me the honour to pay me, and the honour he has also done me in associating my humble name with this Institution. Brethren, believe me it is a proud satisfaction to me that I feel more at ease in responding to the toast, in that it is rather a compliment paid to the office than the officers. I cannot but attribute it to the office that I am at all held in estimation by you, and to know that the services imposed upon me by that office are appreciated by those who feel an interest in common with all in the prosperity of this Institution. I may add that we cannot say one word more eloquent in behalf of that Institution than our simple appeal to the proud display now before us of these children. What might have been the state of all of them had it not been for your bounty and generosity?—what might certainly have been the lot of many it is not for me to say. No language in which I can express my feelings, or those which, I am sure, reign in your breasts, can at all do justice to the proud picture before us, to see those dear children, all of them with the bloom of health and happiness beaming in every countenance, and, I believe, with virtue reigning in every heart. I will not detain you longer; but I may add, in conclusion, that should any of you feel any lack of anxiety, or wish to add to the honourable celebrity you have already gained, you have only to follow the example laid down by the Great Author of our religion—that the surest and most certain mode of ministering to your own happiness is to consider the wants and necessities of others. Finally, I hope that as the Institution has increased from year to year, so it may continue to increase in the number and value of its friends and supporters." The worthy Brother resumed his seat amidst loud applause.

The children, having sung "Good Night," and made their curtesies to the Brethren, then retired from the room, loaded with oranges and other fruits, the whole of the dessert being showered into their aprons.

The R.W. D.G.M. next asked the Brethren to drink to the prosperity of the other Masonic charities. The Boys' School had had a most successful festival a few days since—and that of the aged Masons' Benevolent Institution and Widows' Fund was fixed for the 17th June, when the Right Hon. the Earl of Durham, G.S.W., would preside, and he hoped the noble earl would be well supported.

The R.W. Chairman next gave the health of the House Committee, to whom he said the Brethren were deeply indebted for superintending the school. The toast was acknowledged by Bro. John Symonds in neat and appropriate terms.

The R.W. D.G.M. said he had now only to call their attention to two more

toasts, the first, the health of a body of gentlemen to whom they were deeply indebted for the success of the festival, the Stewards of that day. The Chairman of the Board of Stewards was but a young Mason and a young man, but he promised to be distinguished both as a Mason and a man. He himself was glad, and he was sure they would all be glad to see introduced into the Craft those who were hereafter likely to become pillars of that Craft when they themselves were mouldering under earth. He knew no better prospect for the advance of Masonry than the continual introduction of young men of high standing, who would devote themselves to the study of the laws and constitution of the Craft, and to the carrying those laws into execution. He had, therefore, much pleasure in proposing the "Earl of Carnarvon and the Board of Stewards." The toast having been drunk amidst loud applause,

The Earl of Carnarvon said he could not do otherwise than congratulate his noble friend and Brother at having so ably presided over the Brethren that evening. If the noble lord should rule the Craft as D.G.M. as genially and kindly as he had presided over the meeting of that evening, no one would render a more ready acquiescence to his rule than he (the Earl of Carnarvon) would. He could not claim to himself any praise for the arrangements and success of that evening, but he could say of his colleagues that they had held a great number of meetings, that they had worked hard, and no persons could take a greater interest in the prosperity of the Institution than the Stewards. (Applause.)

The R.W.D.G.M. again arose, and said that, in proposing the last toast, he begged to thank the Brethren present for having given him so good an attendance that evening, feeling it, as he did, not alone a kindness to himself, but also still more highly as a kindness to the great Institution they had met to support. He had the satisfaction of informing them that, through their united exertions, they had that evening realized the munificent subscription of nearly £1,900. (Tremendous cheering.) "Brethren (the noble lord concluded by saying), I take the liberty of saying to those who may succeed us at the festival of next year, 'Go ye and do likewise.' And now be it always remembered that the generosity contributed to-day is to be expended on the daughters of Masons. I do not know, therefore, any sentiment with which to conclude the business of the meeting more appositely, or one which flows more sincerely from my heart, or from yours, than the toast of the "Wives and Daughters of Masons."

A tremendous burst of cheering followed the toast, which was drunk amidst a *furor* of applause. The ladies and their friends then retired to the glee-room, where something more than the usual amount of confusion and discomfort prevailed. Bro. Horsley, the new G. Organist, presided at the piano, and Bro. Young had the conducting of the vocal arrangements, being assisted by Mrs. Thomas (late Miss Heyworth), Miss Leffler, Miss Cole, Bro. Lawler, Bro. Winn, Bro. Smythson, Mr. Montem Smith, and Mr. Buckland. The engagement of professionals, not members of the Craft, we consider very objectionable—and the excuse that they are so engaged for want of talent in the Craft, is both puerile and false; pay for real gold instead of tinkling brass, and it may always be had. As a proof of what talent there is to be found in the Craft, we need only observe that three distinguished Brethren, Signor Bottesini, Signor Lorenzo, and Herr Von Osten, gave their valuable services gratuitously. When we left the glee-room at twelve o'clock (at least an hour after all the company should have retired to their homes), Mr. Buckland was trying to be funny on a dismal ditty relative to Richard II. and Wat Tyler, which he calls comic. Mr. Buckland is not a John Parry, and never will be, and we would advise him to eschew altogether such arrant nonsense as the song we have alluded to.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A Special General Court was held at the Freemasons' Tavern on Tuesday, 19th May, Bro. B. Bond Cabbell, Treas. and V.P., in the chair (succeeded by Bro. John Hervey, V.P.), when the sub-committee, appointed at a previous court to revise the rules and regulations with a view to rendering them applicable to the altered

circumstances of the Institution, submitted their report, which, after some amendments, was unanimously adopted. The only important alteration, and one which we are disposed to regard as an improvement, is the change of the yearly period from "Lady Day to Lady Day," to "January 1st to December 31st." The laws as amended having been adopted by the meeting, Bros. Rowse, Binckes, and Hopwood bore willing testimony to the zeal and energy displayed in arranging and digesting the various rules, &c., for the consideration of the sub-committee, by Bro. John Symonds, to whom a cordial vote of thanks was awarded by acclamation. Bro. Bisgood gave notice of a motion for the next quarterly court, having for its object the election of Bro. Hervé Giraud as Vice-President, in consideration of the eminent services rendered to the Institution by him in the capacity of Hon. Solicitor. The ballot for the election of a collector, in the room of Bro. Paradise, resulted as follows: For Bro. Harris, 21; Bro. Davies, 16; Bro. Johnson, *nil*. The former having been declared duly elected, the meeting broke up, after voting the usual thanks to Bros. Cabbell and Hervey for their conduct in the chair.

ROYAL BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual meeting of the governors and subscribers to this Institution was held in the Temple on the 15th May, Bro. Patten, V.P., presiding.

The report stated, that the committee had to regret the continued decline in the donations and annual subscriptions. Those for the Male Fund had amounted, in 1855, to £717. 9s.; 1856, £594. 19s.; and 1857, only £405. 2s. For the Widows' Fund the receipts from the same sources were, for 1855, £213. 10s.; 1856, £176. 9s.; 1857, £152. 4s. This was the more to be regretted as there were many candidates on the list who had applied for election from five to thirteen times. Since the last election in 1855, ten male and three female annuitants had died; but the committee could only recommend the election of four male, and four female annuitants, and they would not have been enabled to do so much but for the liberality of Grand Lodge, which had granted them the handsome sum of £1,500, and the increased grant of £15 per annum from Grand Chapter. Of the existing male annuitants, thirty-one were members of country Lodges, receiving amongst them £640 per annum, and eight from London Lodges, receiving £165 per annum. On the Widows' Fund there were seven from the country receiving £120 per annum, and seven from London receiving £145 per annum. The Asylum was now free from debt, and in good repair. A revision of the by-laws had recently taken place, and only awaited the approval of Grand Lodge. The principal alterations consisted in allowing male annuitants to hold a larger income irrespective of their pensions; of giving to the widows of annuitants one-half of the pension from the Widows' Fund, with permission to continue to reside in the Asylum until the third election next after the death of the annuitant, to give time for her election on the fund. The whole of the annual subscriptions were also to be held for the payment of annuities. The total receipts on the Male Fund during the year had been £2,173. 10s. 9d.; and the expenditure, £2,074. 19s. 11d., including £1,000 expended in the purchase of £1,092. 17s. 11d. stock. On the Widows' Fund the receipts had been £968. 12s. 10d.; and the expenditure (which included the purchase of £546. 9s. in the Three per Cent. Reduced Annuities), £806. 14s. 7d.

The report having been adopted, and the officers for the ensuing year appointed, the election of annuitants was proceeded with, the election falling upon—

James Pitman	6,491	Sarah Baxter	1,508
Thomas Lund	5,793	Elizabeth Bird	1,322
John Hamilton	5,196	Elizabeth Nicholls	973
George Offen	3,535	Martha Loftus	839

The decline in the receipts may, in some measure, be attributed to the circumstance that the festival is only held triennially, instead of annually, as in the case of the other charities; and the depressing influence of there having been no election last year. The next festival takes place on the 17th inst., under the presidency of the Earl of Durham, G.S.W., and the influence of a large Board of Stewards.

METROPOLITAN.

WESTMINSTER AND KEYSTONE LODGE (No. 10).—There was a very numerous attendance at this Lodge on Wednesday, May 20, the Temple attached to Freemasons' Hall being most densely crowded, owing to the interest taken in the installation of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon as W.M. for the ensuing year. The Lodge was opened at four o'clock, under the presidency of Bro. Wyndham Portal, W.M., who at once proceeded to the despatch of Masonic business; the dais being densely crowded with G. and Prov. G. Officers. Shortly after five o'clock the arrival of M.W.G.M. was announced, and he was conducted to the dais amidst loud applause. The W.M. tendered his gavel of office to the M.W.G.M., who courteously declined to receive it, but, shaking Bro. Wyndham Portal warmly by the hand, took a seat on the left of the Master's chair. The ceremony of installing the Earl of Carnarvon was then proceeded with; Bro. Wm. Beach, *M.P.*, P. Prov. G.W. for Oxfordshire, performing it with his accustomed ability and steadiness. The ceremony being over, the noble Earl invested the following Brethren with the Collars of their respective offices, viz.: Bros. Wyndham Spencer Portal, P.M.; W. W. Beach, *M.P.*, Treas.; Ralph Augustus Benson, S.W.; Frederick Cox, J.W.; Rev. William Henry Davies, Chap.; Viscount Valletort, Sec.; Viscount Holmesdale, S.D.; Lord Skelmersdale, J.D.; Richard James Spiers, P.G.S.B., and Samuel L. Lucas, Dirs. of Cers.; Henry Charles Finch, I.G.; J. Hammerton, Sen. Steward; Nelson Rycroft, Jun. Steward; W. Rice, Tyler. At this time the R.W.D.G.M., Lord Panmure, arrived, and was conducted to a seat at the right of the chair, amidst the loudest plaudits. The W.M. having briefly thanked the Brethren for the honour conferred upon him in electing him to the chair, three Brethren were duly proposed as candidates to join the Lodge, which was then closed in ancient form.

The Brethren, to the number of upwards of two hundred, then adjourned to the great hall to dinner. The hall was most elegantly decorated for the occasion, with the choicest of flowers, and the most elegant vases and épergnes; the chief attraction, however, being the beautiful piece of plate presented by the Masons of Oxford, last year, to Bro. Beach, *M.P.*, as a token of their regard, and in acknowledgment for his services to the Craft. It represents Queen Philippa on horseback, attended by her warriors, and was very generally admired. The chair at the banquet was of course occupied by the new W.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, who was supported by the M.W.G.M., the Earl of Zetland; the R.W.D.G.M., Lord Panmure; and a large number of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers; amongst whom we noticed Bros. Hall, Prov. G.M. Cambridge; Capt. Bowyer, Prov. G.M. Oxon; R. J. Spiers, D. Prov. G.M. Oxon; Alex. Dobie, Prov. G.M. Surrey; Col. Burlton, P. Prov. G.M. Bengal; T. W. Fleming, Prov. G.M. Isle of Wight; C. P. Cooper, Prov. G.M. Kent; Bisgood, D. Prov. G.M. Kent; Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis, Prov. G.M. Hants; R. J. Bagshaw, Prov. G.M. Essex; Rev. Dr. Bowles, Prov. G.M. Herefordshire; J. J. Hammond, Prov. G.M. Jersey; H. R. Willett, Prov. G.M. Dorset; Dr. Kent, Prov. G.M. South Australia; B. B. Cabbell, Prov. G.M. Norfolk; J. Fawcett, Prov. G.M. Durham; Nelson, Prov. G. Sec. Yorkshire; Beadon, P.G.W.; Tooke, P.G.W.; Rev. Sir John Hayes, P.G. Chap.; Rev. Ed. Moore, G. Chap.; W. H. White, P.G. Sec.; Wm. Gray Clarke, G. Sec.; Wm. Farnfield, Asst. G. Sec.; F. Roxburgh, G.S.D.; S. B. Wilson, G.J.D.; J. Hervey, P.G.D.; R. W. Jennings, G.D.C.; Thory Chapman, Asst. G.D.C.; Beach, P. Prov. G.W.; Pickard, Prov. G.W.; A. Le Veau, P.G.S.B.; G. Biggs, P.G.S.B.; Patten, P.G.S.B.; Horsley, G. Org.; Smith, G. Purs.; and a vast number of Masters and Past Masters of various Lodges, including the following P.Ms. of the Westminster and Keystone Bros. Wyndham Portal, Beach, John Udall, and J. A. D. Cox.

At the conclusion of the dinner, which was most elegantly served,

The W.M. said: "Brethren, I need hardly think it necessary to announce to you the first toast which is drunk on all occasions such as this. It is one which I will venture to say, that there is not one person in this large room will not drink with enthusiasm. It is 'The Queen and the Craft.' (Cheers.) It is, Brethren, a double toast, but it is not the worse for being that. Being double, it symbolizes, first of all, a proper deference and submission to the laws and constituted authority of the country in which we live; and, secondly, obedience to the constitutions of the Craft of which we are all members. Of the Queen I can only say that she possesses all the graces that adorn a woman, and all the virtues which befit the Sovereign of an empire like that of Great Britain. Of the Craft, I will say that it is, to our eyes, the embodiment of all that is ancient, sacred, and venerable. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) There is no good Mason who is not also at the same time a true and loyal subject; and I am quite sure that her Majesty, having the support of the Brethren of the 600 Lodges which are in England, may rest in greater security than if surrounded by the bayonets of ten thousand legions. I give you 'The Queen and the Craft.'"

The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm,

The W.M. next said: "Brethren, I know but of one toast that can legitimately follow the one which we have just now pledged, and that is the Grand Master of England, the Earl of Zetland, who now sits at my right hand. (Great applause.) When I think of the intimacy which has existed between his lordship's family and mine, and of which he and I have been talking during dinner, I can only say that I most cordially join in the applause and enthusiasm with which his lordship's name has been received; and I venture to think that there is not one Mason present who will not feel proud to do honour to the Grand Master of England. (Hear, hear.) Out of the sphere of public life there is, in my opinion, no position in society which carries with it so high an honour, and at the same time so high a responsibility. When I find, superadded to all this, personal courtesy, kindness, and consideration for the opinions of others, I may venture to say that his lordship is to the Order the ornamental and graceful capital that adorns the substantial column. Let me then give you 'The Grand Master of England.'" (Cheers.)

The toast having been duly honoured,

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master rose to reply to the compliment, and said: "Worshipful Master, Bro. S.W., Bro. J.W., and Brethren, I return you my grateful thanks for the kind manner in which you have drunk my health; I assure you, Brethren, that I thank the W.M. most sincerely for the kind and flattering manner in which he has introduced my name to you. It is to me a source of the greatest gratification to be present on this occasion, and I feel grateful for the honour you have done me in making me the guest of so distinguished a Lodge as the Westminster and Keystone. I attended at the working of the Lodge, and I cannot find words to express the gratification I felt at seeing the business of the evening gone through in so able and impressive a manner by Bro. Beach. (Hear, hear.) It is also, Brethren, most gratifying to me to be present when I can congratulate the Lodge on selecting such a Master as my noble friend in the chair. The W.M. has kindly alluded to the intimacy which has existed between his family and mine. It is not only because his lordship is one for whose family and connections I feel a great interest and affection that I hold the dignity which he has this night attained to be but an instalment of the honours to be hereafter conferred upon him, but because of his high character and the able and talented manner in which he has hitherto performed the duties which have devolved upon him. His installation this night is not only an ornament to the Lodge, but a happy omen of its prosperity. It is with much gratification and pleasure that I see him in the position he now occupies, and I feel it a high honour to be received among you in so flattering a manner on such an auspicious occasion as this evening." (Cheers.)

The W.M. then said:—"I beg now to give you the next toast in point of dignity, 'The Grand Officers of England.' It is, Brethren, with peculiar pleasure I hail amongst us the presence of so many of those officers in the blaze of purple and

the glare of jewels which dim into insignificance those symbolical stars overhead, but which recall to us that there are dignitaries and rulers in the Craft whose services entitle them to our eulogy. But there is at the head of those Grand Officers one whose name I will join with this toast, my noble friend and Brother who sits on my left. (Cheers.) My noble friend has been lately appointed to the second office in the Craft, and therefore let us, the members of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, assure him that it gives us the sincerest gratification that one so distinguished for his administrative talents elsewhere should consent to take part in the Government of our Order. I hope, however, that as War Minister he will not drill us too severely. (Laughter.) At all events, when he is speaking, I will be always at attention. (Great laughter.) As my noble friend comes from the Land of Cakes, we hail his presence here this evening, not only as D.G.M. of England, but because he symbolizes to us that union, concord, and friendly relations which should always exist between the Grand Lodges of the two countries. In former times it was customary in Scotland that the G.M. should succeed to that honour by hereditary right, but the nobleman who had that right—and I know of no higher honour which a subject of this realm can enjoy—of his own accord resigned it, as he thought that those only were fit to hold high places who were able to discharge the duties which belonged to them. I must make one allusion more to Scotland. A Scotch king, once, when entertaining foreigners from more sunny climes in his drear and cold dominions (I say this without the least disrespect to Scotland), was for want of hot-water plates in some embarrassment, but got out of it in this manner. When the guests arrived, they each one found a handful of Scotch gold coins beneath his plate. Now, when my noble friend comes to dine with us, he must be content with a less ambitious entertainment than that, but he shall have the best cheer we can afford him, and better than that, he shall have the heartiest possible welcome. Brethren, I call on you to drink ‘The health of Lord Panmure, D.G.M. of England, and that of the other Grand Officers.’”

Lord Panmure (the applause which accompanied the mention of his name having subsided) said: “W.M. and Brethren, for myself and in the name of my colleagues in office, I return you my sincere thanks for the manner in which you have received and honoured the last toast. The Grand Officers of England have, I think, done honour to themselves in accepting the invitation of this Lodge to witness so gratifying a scene as that presented to us this evening. (Hear, hear.) We have seen a Lodge not only numerous from its members, but most highly respectable from their talents and position in society, install as its master one of the young and rising statesmen of the day (hear, hear); and we have partaken of a hospitality, not the less royal because we have not, as at the banquet given by the king of Scotland to which the W.M. has alluded, found the gold coins beneath our napkins. We have, I say, enjoyed one of the most hospitable receptions. (Cheers.) I see at the Board many of the Grand Officers of England, and I am not saying more than the truth, when I say I see them filling places to which every Mason in the Craft may legitimately aspire, just as there is in this Lodge no office to which the Brethren, by diligence in the Craft and by those accomplishments of which they may feel justly proud, may not in proper time aspire. (Hear, hear.) I thought when my noble Brother the W.M. gave the toast of the ‘Grand Officers,’ he would have spared all allusion to any office I may hold elsewhere; but he has shown himself not only a great master in the Craft, but also a crafty Mason. (Cheers and laughter.) He said that he hoped I would not be too severe in my drill, but promised for himself that he should be always at attention. I can only say that no drill can be effective in which the troops do not sometimes stand at ease. (Laughter.) He shall find mine a very mild rule indeed. Except when the dignity of the Craft requires the contrary, my word of command shall be ‘March at ease.’ (Cheers.) I may now close these observations, and once more thank you for the honour you have done us; but as my noble friend has alluded to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the friendly relations which bind that institution to the Grand Lodge of England, I may be permitted, because by the favour of my noble friend the Grand Master I have the honour of holding the deputation of the Grand Lodge of England to that of Scotland, to say that I

have always found the greatest cordiality existing between the sister Grand Lodges."

Bro. Beach, M.P., said: "M.W. G.M., G. Officers, and Brethren, it is with much pleasure that I find myself privileged to have the opportunity of proposing to your notice the next toast; I am sure you will receive it with enthusiasm when I tell you what it is—'The Brethren whom the M.W. the G.M. has delegated to represent him as Prov. G.Ms. of the different Provinces.' (Hear, hear.) It must be evident to all that such appointments must be very difficult (hear); and their importance cannot be exaggerated, because upon the efficiency of our Prov. G.Ms. depends in a very high degree the welfare of the Craft. (Hear.) These appointments, moreover, are not confined to this our native land, but are extended over the entire surface of the globe. (Cheers.) The respect in which those Brethren are universally held is the best practical proof of their efficiency, and of the care with which these appointments have been made. The skill and ability with which those Brethren have discharged their important duties do credit to the selection which the G.M. has made. (Hear.) I need only add that it is with the greatest pleasure that we see so many of them among us upon this interesting occasion. (Hear, hear.) And I call upon you to rise with becoming enthusiasm and to drink to the Prov. G.Ms., coupling with the toast 'The health of Bro. Hall, the Prov. G.M. for Cambridgeshire.'"

The toast having been duly honoured, Bro. Hall returned thanks. He said he felt some difficulty in returning thanks for that distinguished body to which he had the honour of belonging, and who had so numerously testified by their presence upon that interesting occasion the respect which they entertained for the noble lord the W.M. of that Lodge. (Cheers.) He felt bound to refer to the splendid hospitality of that evening and to the cordial reception which they had given them, and he could only refer to it in the most complimentary manner. (Hear, hear.) He could hardly regard that as an ordinary Lodge Meeting (hear); he rather looked upon it as an important Masonic demonstration. (Hear.) They had around them Brethren of every rank in society. (Hear.) Ministers of the Crown, noblemen and gentlemen of education and talent, men of fortune, and others who, not participating in those advantages,—all met there with one Masonic feeling, and threw aside all distinctions of rank except those which belonged to Masonry. (Hear, hear.) The W.M. of the Lodge could not regard the assembly before him with other feelings than those of just pride; and he was sure he was expressing, not only his own sentiments, but those of all the Prov. G.Ms., when he cordially congratulated the W.M. on the position he then occupied (hear, hear), and assured him that while he adhered to the principles of Masonry, he would possess the affection and esteem of the Brethren, and enjoy a satisfaction which could not be exceeded by any which his rank and position in society afforded. (Cheers.)

The M.W.G.M.: "Bro. S.W., Bro. J.W., Grand Officers, and Brethren, I have the permission of the W.M. to propose the next toast, which it is most gratifying to me to do. You will all anticipate what the toast is which I am about to propose. (Cheers.) It would be much easier for me to propose the health of my Brother on my left, were he not present upon this occasion, because in his presence I cannot say all that I really, from my heart, feel with respect to him. Brethren, when we meet in Lodge, we are all upon an equality, but I am sure there is no Brother present who will not agree with me in thinking it a great advantage to the Craft when we have the aristocracy of the land taking so deep an interest in our proceedings. (Hear, hear.) I was never more struck with this than when I was invited the other day, by the Prov. G.M. for Oxfordshire, to attend the Prov. Grand Lodge of that Province. There I found a number of members of the Apollo Lodge, of whom the majority, I believe, were gentlemen educated at the University of Oxford (hear); and it then occurred to me what an advantage it was to Masonry that it should be so cultivated at Oxford, where it not only promoted harmony between 'Town' and 'Gown;' but that those highly educated gentlemen will carry their Masonry with them when they leave Oxford and take up their abodes in various parts of the country. (Hear.) My noble friend on my left is a member of the Apollo Lodge to which I have referred; and those who know how highly he has distinguished himself in the

senate; how greatly he is admired by those who have the pleasure of his acquaintance, will unite with me in congratulating the Westminster and Keystone Lodge on having this evening elected him W.M. (Cheers.) I augur well—not only for the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, for that has established its reputation—but I augur well for the Craft throughout the country, when I see so many well-known and highly educated noblemen and gentlemen joining this Lodge. (Cheers.) ‘The health of the Worshipful Master, the Earl of Carnarvon.’”

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

The W.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, on rising to return thanks, was received with the heartiest applause, which lasted several minutes. His Lordship said:—“M.W. Sir and Brethren, I am afraid, if flattery can spoil me, you will have a very bad chance indeed for the prosperity of the Lodge during the year that is to come (laughter); for I feel deeply the kindness which has characterized every word which has been uttered here this evening respecting me (hear), and I may say every sound which has been given. (Cheers.) I am aware, that at this stage of a Masonic dinner, the health of the chairman is given as a matter of course; it is formally given, and it is formally received. I am sure, however, of this, that you will not mistake me this evening, if I do venture to interpret the compliment you have paid me in a somewhat different manner. (Cheers.) Most fully indeed do I feel what the R.W. Brother said, and said with so much kind feeling, a few minutes since, that this is a meeting at which I may feel justly flattered, and which ought, if anything could, teach me the responsibilities of the year which this evening ushers in. (Cheers.) I look upon this meeting as indicative of the bond of union existing between me and those whom I see around me. (Cheers.) I look upon this meeting as pointing out alike the advent of new honours, and the assumption of new responsibilities. (Cheers.) Brethren of my own Lodge, it is to your countenance, to your support, that I must look for aid in the discharge of those duties. (Cheers.) Often have I been indebted to you collectively and individually, for many acts of kindness and consideration; and now I receive this election as the greatest token of your approval. (Cheers.) May I not prove myself unworthy of it! (Loud applause.) Some of the duties fall on me personally—some on you—and some we share between us. Those duties seem to me to be capable of a threefold division: they are external—the general duties incumbent upon every Lodge—and then there are special duties which are attached to particular Lodges. The external duties comprise courtesy and kindness, in hospitality, and in our friendly relations with our neighbouring Lodges, and in our deference to the orders of Grand Lodge (hear), and our obedience to the laws and constitution of the land in which we live. (Hear, hear.) One of our duties is the prudent management of our finances (hear), a point not to be overlooked in the administration of our affairs; another point is the maintenance of unity and fraternity and the studied exclusion of every element which can tend to disturb the peace of the Lodge. (Hear.) We are accused by those who know us not—by the ‘outer barbarians’ (laughter)—of thinking of nothing but eating and drinking. (Laughter.) That such, however, is not the case, many practical proofs can easily be given. I have always thought that admission into a Lodge should be made a test of a man’s character and integrity. Besides these general duties, there are others which are special, but I am afraid I am tiring you. (“No, no,” and cheers.) My duties in the present case I consider to be very difficult, and I will tell you why I consider them difficult. (Hear, hear.) At first sight they seemed so easy. (Cheers and laughter.) But I have received this chair with the Lodge in the highest state of prosperity, and I ought to hand it to my successor in as good position. (Hear, hear.) It was the boast of an emperor, that he found his capital brick and he left it marble; but I could not say that of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge; for in it there are no breaches to heal, no shattered fortunes to be repaired. (Cheers.) Though our revival dates from no distant day, we have not a few distinguished names in our list. (Cheers.) My duty will be to endeavour to preserve a continuity of that brightness which has hitherto looked down upon us. (Cheers.) To our country Brethren who have come up to see us, many of them from a distance, I

must say that we are grateful to them for the honour they have done us. In former days, when two friends parted for some distant country, they exchanged tokens of their friendship; and, as years rolled by, and generations passed away, the sons of those men met each other again, perhaps on some distant shore, and they exchanged the tokens of their parents. (Cheers.) They acknowledged the old alliance, and from the ashes of that ancient friendship there arose a newer but undying flame. (Cheers.) So it is with us. But while those tokens could be mislaid, or broken, or even lost, we carry ours about in our hearts. (Cheers.) Many of us in this room have not seen each other before; but we do not meet as strangers. (Cheers.) Each fresh step I take in the study of our great science—each fresh line I find in the pages of our history—convinces me still further of its incalculable ramifications, and makes me gaze with wonder and with awe on the boundless horizon of its influence. (Applause.) And now one word more, and that will be to our London Brethren. Many of us have met before within these walls, even in this room, when engaged in the discussion of duller, and, I hope, drier subjects (laughter and cheers), than we have any chance of being engaged upon this evening. (Hear, hear.) We have met sometimes to agree, and sometimes, perhaps, to differ; but let me assure you that whenever we do meet, nothing can be more pleasant or more congenial than the thought that, when we do differ, it is only from a sense of duty, from the conviction of principle. (Loud cheering.) That difference of principle, therefore, need not imply any diminution of the respect and regard which is due from Mason to Mason." (Protracted cheering.) His lordship concluded by proposing "The Health of the Visitors," with which he coupled the name of Bro. the Hon. F. D. Dundas.

Bro. Dundas acknowledged the toast, and in so doing paid a high compliment to the "working," and expressed his gratitude for the truly Masonic reception which the Westminster and Keystone had given to the visitors whom they honoured with an invitation on that occasion. He only hoped that meetings of this kind would become more frequent. (Laughter and cheers.) The Lodges ought to interchange visits more frequently than they did; the Westminster and Keystone had set an example, which, if widely followed, would be attended with the happiest results. (Hear, hear.) He concluded by saying, that he felt he had given but a feeble expression to the fraternal sentiments which inspired the breasts of every visitor present. (Loud cheers.)

The following Ode (of which the words were by Bro. J. M. Thearle, the music arranged by Bro. Donald King, P.M. No. 12) was then sung:—

Oh! may we often meet as we meet this night,
With prospects as cheering and with hearts as light,
Old Oxford's worthies round us, fraternal ever known—
A chain of Brothers' hearts surround Carnarvon on the Throne!*

'Tis Isis flows as well as wine, as in the olden time,
When an earlier Carnarvon claim'd the love and joyous rhyme;
His and his compeers' memory, their Love and Charity,
We offer in a flowing pledge, Carnarvon, unto thee.

May Wisdom and our Order go ever hand in hand,
And, strong in faith, work diligent to benefit the land;
Thus gladd'ning ev'ry sadden'd heart, and succ'ring the distress'd,
Our Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty, in their grandeur stand confess'd.

And ever may the Nobles of old England take their stand,
Whate'er their station, with the best and wisest in the land;
In each degree we find this truth, the best equality
Is based upon the practice true of pure Freemasonry.

* The Master's Chair.

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 With prospects as cheering and with hearts as light,
 Old Oxford's worthies round us, fraternal ever known—
 A chain of Brothers' hearts surround Carnarvon on the Throne !

The W.M. then gave "The Past Masters of the Westminster and Keystone," with which he coupled "The health of Bro. Wyndham Portal, the immediate Past Master."

The toast having been duly honoured,

Bro. Portal returned thanks. He said he only expressed the sentiments of all the Past Masters, when he asserted that though they were Past Masters in virtue of having served in the chair, the Master of the Lodge would always find them ready to assist him by every means in their power. (Cheers.) He then referred to the exertions of his noble friend on his right (Lord Panmure) in behalf of the charities, particularly in recently presiding at the Girls' School Festival, when the unprecedented amount of £1,900 was subscribed, while Bro. Crew, sanguine as he was, only expected £1,500. (Cheers and laughter.)

The W.M. then proposed "The newly-appointed Officers, and the S.W., Bro. Benson."

Bro. Benson returned thanks in a telling speech, and said he would do the best he could to justify the confidence which had been reposed in him.

"The Charities, and Bro. Bond Cabbell, M.P.," was the next and concluding toast.

The Brethren separated a little after eleven o'clock. The musical arrangements were conducted by Bro. Donald King, assisted by Bros. Lawler, Genge, and Kingsbury.

GRAND MASTERS' LODGE (No. 1).—The last monthly gathering for the season of this Lodge took place on Monday, May 18, at the Freemasons' Tavern, when Bro. P.M. J. J. Blake most ably initiated a gentleman into the mystic tie. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Lodge was closed in the ancient form, and the Brethren retired to an elegant dinner provided in the Glee-room, presided over by Bro. Blake, in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Rawson. Among the visiting Brethren, we observed Bros. Dangerfield, P.M. No. 107; Barrett, P.M. No. 188; F. Slight, S.W. No. 233; B. Isaacs, P.M. No. 539; and G. R. Rowe, P.M. No. 663. Bros. T. Young, G. Perren, W. Winn, and T. Jolley, Jun., contributed much to the evening's enjoyment by their excellent vocal powers.

LODGE OF FIDELITY (No. 3).—A numerous meeting of the members of this Lodge took place on Wednesday evening, May 13, at the Freemasons' Tavern; Bro. Gillespie, W.M., presiding with his usual ability. Four gentlemen, viz., Messrs. Jones, Glover, Robinson, and Bailey, were initiated into the Order; and Bros. Neville, Smith, Garling, and Fraser, had the Sublime Degree of M.M. conferred upon them. Bro. Alfred Lucas, of No. 112, was elected a joining member. The Brethren then adjourned to banquet, the W.M. performing the duties of the chair with his usual urbanity, supported by P.Ms. Goldsworthy, P.G.S.D.; Shackelton, Williams, Grant, Heath, Recknell, Squires, Dearsley, wine steward, and Low, M.C., the two last-named Brethren adding materially to the comfort of the Brethren in the discharge of their onerous duties. The visitors on this occasion were Bros. Edward Cox, No. 955; W. Clark, No. 665; Edward M'Namara, No. 11, &c. A pleasant evening was passed, much enhanced by the vocal exertions of Bros. Phillips (son of the celebrated basso of that name), Lucas, and G. F. Taylor (who presided at the pianoforte).

ST. GEORGE'S AND CORNER-STONE LODGE (No. 5).—The last monthly meeting of this highly-respectable Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, May 11, when the W.M., Bro. Algernon Perkins, raised a duly qualified Brother to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in his usual impressive manner. At the conclusion of some other business the Lodge was closed in

ancient form, and the Brethren retired to an excellent dinner. The W.M. presided, and among the visitors the Lodge was honoured with the presence of Bros. William Gray Clarke, the new G. Sec. ; Francis Roxburgh, W.M. No. 4, and S.G.D. ; Frederick Slight, S.W. No. 233. The Brethren separated at an early hour, highly delighted with the proceedings of the evening, and bade each other farewell for the season.

ALBION LODGE (No. 9).—The last meeting of this Lodge for the season took place on Tuesday, May 5, at the Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Friend, the W.M., presided. One initiation took place, that of Mr. Willie, who most felicitously acknowledged the honour done him by being received as a Brother of this excellent order. Among the visitors, we noticed Bros. Joseph Smith, No. 206., G.P. ; T. Mitchinson, No. 227, and Isaacs, No. 812 ; the last of whom returned thanks for the reception the visitors had met with. Several good speeches were given during the evening, upon the excellence of the various charities ; among which we must allude to Bro. Burton, P.M., who called the attention of the Brethren to "The Old Man's Asylum" and "The Annuity Fund," which, he regretted to say, were not so well supported as they deserved. The schools (he said) were well supported, as there very properly appeared a greater feeling for those institutions than the others. Still he (Bro. Burton) thought that those who had subscribed for many years to Freemasonry should, in their old age, be cared for if they required it. Bro. J. Smith begged he might be allowed, although a visitor, to say a few words in furtherance of Bro. Burton's excellent remarks upon this subject. He had, with pain, witnessed something like lukewarmness as regarded these particular charities ; but he was in hopes that it arose, not from want of inclination to serve them, as well as others, but from want of knowing more about them, and their not being brought so often to their notice. Bro. Smith, in conclusion, said that if every Lodge in London were to subscribe one guinea annually, and each member of the Order 5s., he felt assured that scarcely an application for an annuity would be made unsuccessfully. The singing was under the direction of Bro. G. F. Taylor, assisted by Bro. Mitchell, Stevens, and Miss Ada Taylor.

KENT LODGE (No. 15).—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 13, at Bro. Harris's, the Three Tuns Tavern, High-street, Borough, Bro. C. C. Gibbs, W.M., in the chair. The business of the evening consisted of a passing, and the initiation of four gentlemen into the Order, the ceremonies being worked in a very admirable and efficient manner by Bro. Gibbs. There was also a presentation, by the Lodge, of a handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. T. F. Trebeck, P.M., for his valuable services, urbanity of manners, and integrity of conduct, in his character of Master during his year of office. It was presented by Bro. Richard Barnes, P.M., and father of the Lodge, whose address was impressive and affecting, and was kindly received and acknowledged. Other matters being disposed of, the Brethren, about thirty in number, retired to an excellent banquet, prepared by Bro. Harris. The harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by the excellent singing of Bros. Winter, Buss, and Hart.

ROYAL ALPHA LODGE (No. 16).—The members of this Lodge dined together at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, May 11. The banquet, which consisted of every delicacy of the season, was of a most *recherché* character, and the Lodge was honoured by the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—The members of this Lodge closed a season of unexampled prosperity on the evening of Thursday, the 30th of April. Bro. Joseph Ashwell, W.M., presided, and, aided by his Wardens, discharged the duties most efficiently. Mr. Thomas Earle and Mr. John Howell Jones were initiated ; and Bros. Dew and Kelland were raised to the 3rd Degree. The W.M. then addressed Bro. Theophilus Goodwin, and tendered to him the thanks of the Lodge for his excellent conduct in the chair, during the past year ; his demeanour, whether in conducting the business of the Lodge, or presiding at the banquet, was deserving of the highest meed of gratitude, and, in order that Bro. Goodwin should bear some solid proof of the estimation in which his services were

held by the Brethren, he (the W.M.) placed on Bro. Goodwin's breast a jewel which was unanimously voted to him. Bro. Goodwin, with much feeling, acknowledged the present, and stated that its value was enhanced by the kind and fraternal sentiments in which the W.M. conveyed it. The Lodge was then closed; and, after the accustomed social banquet, the Brethren closed the evening and season by the joyous aspiration, "To our next happy meeting."

GLOBE LODGE (No. 23).—A meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, May 21, when a gentleman was initiated into the Order of Freemasonry, and two Brothers passed to the 2nd Degree by Bro. P.M. William Watson. At the conclusion of business, the Brethren repaired to a substantial supper.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—On Monday, May 4, the members met more numerously than on any night for the last three years. Bro. Clements (W.M.) initiated three gentlemen into the Order, and passed five Brethren. It was resolved that the Brethren, their friends, and the ladies, should have their summer banquet at the Crystal Palace, in July. The business of the Lodge being concluded, sixty-four Brethren sat down to banquet, the harmony of the evening being much enhanced by the singing of Bros. King, Lawler, Adams, Braham, &c., and the instrumental performance of Bros. Boyd and Bradley. The visitors were, as usual, very numerous; among them we noticed Bros. Emmens, J. W. Adams, Read, Boyd, D. King, Lawler, &c.

KING'S ARMS LODGE (No. 30).—At the closing meeting for the season of this Lodge, which took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the 25th May, the only business consisted of the passing of Bro. Robert F. North; a duty which was ably gone through by Bro. Croft, W.M.

ST. ALBAN'S LODGE (No. 32).—This Lodge met at the London Coffee House, Monday, May 11. The business consisted in raising Bro. Owen Bowen to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., which was most ably and efficiently performed by Bro. Nutt. This being the last Lodge for the season, there was a numerous meeting of its members and their friends; among the visitors we noticed Bros. England, C. G. Guthrie, J. T. Archer, Fox Belletti, H. Temple, Baker, &c. The W.M., in the course of the evening, departed out of the usual routine in proposing the customary toasts, by giving the health of Bro. T. Hutchings, G.S.B. (after that of the M.W.G.M. and the D.G.M.), coupled with the Grand Officers, stating to the Brethren the honour conferred upon them by the G.M. appointing him to office in Grand Lodge; the respect he was held in by them, his ever readiness to support the cause of charity, and his private worth deserved all the encomiums the Lodge could possibly give him. Bro. Hutchings, in returning thanks, took the opportunity of paying a mark of respect to our worthy and respected late D.G.M., the Earl of Yarborough. He spoke of his many rare and excellent virtues, the loss the Craft would experience in his retirement from the Order under the affliction he was suffering, but trusted that the G.A. would speedily restore him to the Masonic world. In conclusion he complimented the Brethren upon the choice of the G.M., in appointing so distinguished a nobleman as Lord Panmure to the office of D.G.M., and adverted to the brotherly and Masonic speech of his lordship in Grand Lodge, wherein he dilated upon the many excellencies of his predecessor, and regretted that his health did not permit him to continue in his high office. Upon the health of the visitors being given, Bro. England, W.M. Britannia Lodge, No. 38, returned thanks.

BRITANNIA LODGE (No. 38).—This Lodge met on Friday, May 8, at the Thatched House Tavern, Bro. Henry Brydges, W.M., presiding. The principal business of the day was the installation of Bro. England as W.M. for the ensuing year, which was performed in that felicitous and happy manner so peculiar to our Bro. Brydges, previous to which he initiated a candidate into the Mysteries of the Order, passed a Brother to the F.C. Degree, and raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. Lord Alfred Paget, Bro. Healey, C.E. and editor of the *Engineer's Journal*, and Bro. J. S. Farmer, of the Brighton Railway.

GIHON LODGE (No. 57).—There was a meeting of this Lodge at the Bridge House Hotel, on the 21st of May, when Bro. Sheriff, the W.M., raised Bro. Wake to the 3rd degree.

LODGE OF FELICITY (No. 66).—The members of this Lodge met for the last time this season, to install the W.M. elect, on Monday, the 18th of May, at the London Tavern, in Bishopsgate Street. Bro. William Kynaston, W.M., presided. The W.M. elect, Bro. Robert Kynaston, was duly installed, and appointed as his officers, Bros. W. B. Graham, S.W.; Piper, J.W.; John Watkins, P.M., Sec.; Cohen, S.D.; Holl, J.D.; Noyes, I.G. Bro. Staples, P.M., had been elected Treas., and Johnston, Tyler. Bro. Hubbuck was passed to the 2nd Degree, and Mr. Arthur Ryder Noyes initiated. As we have before had occasion to notice, this long-established Lodge has, by the excellent working of the present members, raised its reputation to the highest pitch of perfection, and it will be seen that its strength continues steadily to increase. Among the visitors on this occasion were Bros. H. L. Crohn, G. Sec. German Correspondence; Parkinson, P.G.D.; W. M. Westall, W.M. No. 194; D. Smith, No. 665; H. F. Newton, No. 830; R. Ritchie, No. 200. As it is always pleasing to record the good services of Brethren, and the gratitude of their fellows, we have much gratification in making known that the members of the Lodge of Felicity, in acknowledgment of twenty-five years' service as Treasurer, have presented to Bro. Staples a massive silver claret-jug of singularly elegant design, bearing on it an inscription alike honourable to the givers and receiver. The support of the charities is fully carried out by this Lodge; and it is indispensable that the W.M. shall have served the stewardship of the festivals of the schools before being elected to the chair.

PYTHAGOREAN LODGE (No. 73).—On Monday, May 11, the last monthly meeting of this Lodge for the season was held at the Globe Tavern, Greenwich. Present, Bros. S. S. Lucas, W.M.; John Green, S.W.; Holman, J.W.; T. Tassell, S.D., and numerous other Brethren. Four gentlemen—Messrs. G. Tyler, E. Bryant, J. G. Shephard, and J. Collier—were ably initiated into Masonry, by Bro. Penny, Secretary to this Lodge, and W.M. of the Peace and Harmony. The Brethren then retired to banquet, which was served in Bro. Moore's usual excellent style; and after the general toasts of the Order—that of "The Visitors" being responded to by Bro. Bolton, W.M., of the Lodge of Temperance, and that of the newly-initiated Brothers, very ably and impressively, by Bro. Collier—the Lodge adjourned till the winter season.

ST. MARY'S LODGE (No. 76).—The Brethren of this Lodge assembled together at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, May 21, when the W.M., Bro. Dr. Lawrence, in his usual impressive manner, passed three Brothers to the Degree of Fellow Craftsmen. Some other business was disposed of, and the Lodge having been closed, the Brethren were summoned from labour to refreshment, which consisted of an excellent dinner.

VITRUVIAN LODGE (No. 103).—This Lodge closed its season by a meeting at the White Hart Tavern, College Street, Lambeth, on the 13th May; Bro. Locke, the W.M., presided, and initiated Mr. Peters and Mr. Turnbull into the mysteries of Masonry; he also duly raised Bros. Last and Williams.

LODGE OF GOOD REPORT (No. 158).—The last regular meeting of the season was held on Thursday, the 7th of May, at Radley's Hotel. Present, Bros. Newman Ward, W.M.; Charles Smale, S.W.; Emanuel Aquilar, J.W.; Fish and Southgate, P.Ms., and others. Four gentlemen being proposed for initiation, the W.M. desired that a Lodge should be called for the 4th of June, in order that they might be admitted. There being no other business, after exercising his officers in the three Degrees, the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to banquet. Bros. Barber, Prov. G.S.D. Worcester; How, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers. Surrey; and Evans, P.M. No. 329, were visitors. Bro. Southgate, in proposing the health of the W.M., congratulated the Lodge upon its good fortune in being presided over by a Brother in whom talent and industry were so happily

combined, and whose excellent example his officers could not fail to profit by. The W.M., in acknowledgment, assured the Brethren that it was his intention to be diligent and attentive to discharge to the best of his ability the duties of the high station to which they had elevated him; and he hoped the Brethren would be as well satisfied at the close of his year of office as at the commencement. The visitors individually and collectively tendered their meed of praise for order and regularity of the W.M. and officers.

LODGE OF FAITH (No. 165).—A meeting of this Lodge was held at Bro. Conchinan's Windsor Castle, Pimlico, on the 28th of May, when Bro. Carter, the W.M., most ably raised Bros. Wale and Ranting.

LODGE OF PRUDENT BRETHREN (No. 169).—This Lodge held its usual monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at the Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Blackburn, W.M., initiated a gentleman into the Order, passed Bros. Muller and Graygoose, and raised Bros. Hammond, Jones, and Holt. The P.Ms. present were—W. Watson, Morbey, J. W. Adams, Temple, and Hewlett. The visitors present were—Bros. Newton, Nicholson, &c. Bros. Hart, Adams, and Jones, enlivened the evening with their singing. Bro. Ed. Hart presided at the piano. The Lodge again met on the 26th May, thereby bringing the season to a close, when Mr. Ezekiel Lowenstark was initiated into the Order, Bro. Green passed, and Bros. Muller and Graygoose duly raised.

THE CADOGAN LODGE (No. 188).—The concluding meeting of this Lodge for the present season was held on Tuesday, May 19, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Reed, W.M., presiding. He initiated a gentleman into the Order, and also raised a qualified Brother to the Degree of a Master Mason in a highly creditable manner. Some other business terminated the proceedings, when the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren repaired to a substantial dinner, and passed a most pleasant evening.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 196).—This distinguished and favourite suburban Lodge held its first meeting for the season, at the Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead, on Tuesday, May the 12th, when Bro. Aldrich, P.M. (in the absence of the W.M. through illness), presided; and in his impressive, distinct system of working, which proved highly gratifying to the visitors, consisting of Bros. Adlard, Arliss, J. T. Archer, Burton, Ditchman, Isaac, and Nutt, proceeded to raise Bros. Eagle and Clark to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons, and initiate Mr. Fry into the ancient Order. The business of the evening being over, the Brethren retired to a banquet supplied with every delicacy of the season, served up in a style reflecting great credit upon our Brother mine host of the Holly Bush Tavern. Bro. Nutt, as G.S., returned thanks for the Grand Officers and visitors; Bro. Adlard, in a feeling and eloquent speech, which would have delighted our worthy and esteemed Bro. Crew had he been present—for the Charities.

OLD CONCORD LODGE (No. 201).—This numerous lodge held a meeting on Tuesday, May 5, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Jefferies, W.M., presiding, who most admirably performed the duties of the chair, giving the second degree to Bros. Jackson, Pearson, and Green, and a further degree to Bros. Corhen and Davis. Five guineas were voted to the Annuity Fund, Bro. Water representing this Lodge as one of the Stewards at the forthcoming festival. The P.Ms. present were Bros. Nicholson, Booth, Kennedy, G. M. Gurton, and Emmens; the visitors including Bros. Blackburn, W.M. No. 169; Goodyear, P.M. No. 227; Ward, No. 7; Harcourt, No. 25.

PHENIX LODGE (No. 202).—On the 9th May this distinguished Lodge, which now holds a position second to none in the Craft, whether we consider the rate at which it has been growing in numbers since its resuscitation, now some four years ago, the talent, literary and professional attainments of its members, or the excellence and correctness of its working, held its last meeting for the season at the Freemasons' Tavern, under the able presidency of the W.M., Bro. James Burton, who most impressively went through the ceremonies of raising and passing—admitting Bros. Laws and Tagg to a participation in the mysterious secrets of a Master Mason,

and Bro. Marshall to a knowledge of the 2nd Degree. At the conclusion of this portion of the business Bro. Burton vacated the chair, and his Mastership of the Lodge, when Bro. P.M. Henry G. Warren installed Bro. Thomas Barton into the chair of King Solomon with the usual ceremonies. The newly installed Master having received the congratulations of the Brethren, proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. Burton, P.M.; Henry R. Sharman, S.W.; Edward J. Williams, J.W.; H. G. Warren, Treas.; the Hon. Robert Bourke, Sec.; Henry Dunphy, S.D.; Martin Maslin, J.D.; Robert W. Armstrong, I.G.; J. Bell McEntire, D.C.; and Rice, Tyler. The officers thus appointed having taken the places severally assigned to them in the Lodge, the W.M. in an appropriate address presented his predecessor with a valuable and chastely designed Past Master's Jewel, unanimously voted to him by the Lodge as a slight recognition of his merits as a man, and of his Masonic services to the Lodge. Bro. Lippman, of the Lodge of Israel, having been elected as a joining member, and the sum of £2. 2s. voted to the Girls' School, and a similar amount to the Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and their widows, for the festivals of which Bros. Armstrong and P.M. Burton are respectively Stewards, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The Brethren then retired to a sumptuous banquet, liberally provided for them by Bros. Shrewsbury and Elkington, and at which they partook not only of the good things of this world in the shape of creature comforts, but were delighted by a continued stream of harmony, such as even in this Lodge, celebrated for its musical enjoyments, was never excelled; Bros. Donald King and Sloman among the visitors, and among the members of the Lodge Bros. Lawler, Genge, and Perrin, vying with each other in contributing to the entertainment of the Brethren. The Queen and the Craft, and the Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M. of Masons in England, having been duly toasted, the W.M. proposed "The Health of Lord Panmure, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers;" and in doing so said, that however pleased the members of the Craft might be at the appointment of so distinguished a nobleman as Lord Panmure to the office of D.G.M., they yet could not but regret the painful circumstance which led to the retirement of the Earl of Yarborough, who had so long and so satisfactorily filled that office. He was sure that every Mason in England joined him in feelings of the warmest admiration for his Lordship as a man and as a Mason, and in the prayer that he might be soon restored to health, and once more take his place amongst them. Turning from a theme so melancholy as the illness and consequent retirement of one whom the Craft so loved and honoured, he was sure the Brethren would join with him in hailing at their festive board the presence of two such distinguished Masons as Bros. Stephen Barton Wilson and Farnfield, who, that night, represented the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Farnfield was known for being easy of address and courteous in manner to all who had business to transact at the Grand Secretary's office, while it would be difficult to form anything like an approximate estimate of the services of Bro. Wilson as a shining light in Masonry, and for so many years a promoter of sound Masonic knowledge as President of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and successor of Bro. Peter Gilkes. The appointment of Bro. Wilson to Grand Office was one which did honour to the discernment of the G.M., and was most popular in the Craft. He had, therefore, much pleasure in coupling with the toast the names of "Bros. Wilson and Farnfield." Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, G.J.D., in replying to the toast, expressed his sense of the high compliment which had been paid him, and the pleasure which it gave him to associate with so many zealous and good working Masons as the Brethren of the Phoenix Lodge. He felt highly honoured at having his name coupled with that of Bro. Farnfield, who had faithfully served and deserved well of the Craft. The toast of "The Sister Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland" was acknowledged by Bro. Liddell, of Perth, Prov. G.M., as was that of "The Visitors generally," by Bro. Binckes, P.M. of the Enoch Lodge, who, in a highly complimentary address, congratulated the Brethren on the high place they had attained for the Phoenix Lodge in the estimation of the Craft. Bro. P. M. Warren, in returning thanks for the toast of his health as "Treasurer and Resuscitator of the Lodge," took occasion to draw from its growth and prosperity, the moral of how much a man of resolute will, if only seconded by one or

two of the same stamp, can accomplish. He found the Lodge in a dying state, and determined to revive it; and it was somewhat flattering to him to see what, with the zealous and able assistance of Bros. Webber, Harrison, and Burton, sustained throughout the effort by the wisdom and advice of Bro. Wm. Watson, he had within the short space of four years been able to accomplish. His private friends too had rallied around him, and he had that night had the happiness of installing as W.M. one of the first of those whom he initiated into Masonry, while Bro. Webber, no doubt, saw with pleasure in the Junior Warden's chair Bro. Williams, whom he was in the habit of calling with pride at his progress in the science, and with affection for himself, "My Boy." He could not close these observations without looking with pleasure down the list of the Officers, as he saw upon it a succession for some years to come, of able and skilful Masters, who would add to the prosperity and character of the Lodge. Their worthy Sec., Bro. Bourke, had, he saw, left the room, and he could therefore with less restraint mention how gratifying it was to him and to the Lodge generally to find a Brother of his distinguished position in society, the son of an earl and the brother of Lord Naas, the representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland at that of England, willing to take upon himself the onerous duties of the Secretaryship, a purely honorary office. He had nothing further to offer, but most sincerely to thank the Brethren for the kind manner in which they had responded to the toast of his health. Other toasts and speeches followed, and the festivities closed with the Brethren drinking the Tyler's toast. Among the visitors were, in addition to those enumerated, Bros. Thos. A. Adams, P.M. 206; Aldrich, P.M. 196; Lea, S.W. 169; Messent; Law, P.M. 109, and Prov. G.W. Hertfordshire; and several others.

ST. JAMES'S UNION (No. 211).—A Lodge of Emergency was called at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, May 11; the W.M., Bro. John Gurton, presiding. Four candidates were present for the honour of initiation; viz., Messrs. Walker, Otto Klopp, Henry Seymour, and John Weeks, who all appeared highly impressed with the beauty of the ceremony. Bros. Cooper, Willey, Stuart, Rhodes, and Colston were passed to the 2nd Degree, and Bros. Webb, Abraham Peacock, and Frank Henry Marshall were raised to the Degree of M.M. The last-named Brother has passed the early Degrees at the Lodge of Courage and Humanity, No. 551, Calcutta, and expressed his delight at this further addition to his Masonic knowledge. Business concluded, the Brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts following, &c. The W.M., in proposing the health of the D.G.M. (Lord Panmure), congratulated the Craft upon having so distinguished a nobleman at their head. Although the resignation of the Earl of Yarborough was sincerely regretted, his secession was more to be deplored on account of ill-health; still it was a source of congratulation that so excellent a successor had been appointed by the M.W.G.M., the Earl of Zetland. Several other toasts followed; among the most important was that of "Bro. Gurton, W.M.," proposed by Bro. Kelly, P.M., who paid a well-merited compliment to the W.M. for his admirable working, as also for his kindness and urbanity towards every Brother of the Lodge. Bro. Gurton returned thanks in his usual happy manner, and proposed the P.Ms., Bros. Kelly, East, Leyser, and Garner, the father of the Lodge, who had been a member of the St. James's for more than forty years. The toast was acknowledged by the P.Ms., and the Brethren soon after separated.

LODGE OF INDUSTRY (No. 219).—This Lodge held its regular meeting at Bro. Quelch's, Dick's Coffee-House, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, April 28, Bro. Orelli, W.M., presiding, who passed Bro. Thom to the 2nd Degree, and initiated Mr. Nolan into the mysteries of the Order, both ceremonies being performed in a highly creditable manner. The Brethren retired to a well-spread banquet, which was in perfect keeping with Bro. Quelch's well-known taste and liberality. The usual Masonic toasts followed, Bro. Sheen, P.M. No. 237, replying to that of the Visitors. In returning thanks, the newly-initiated, Bro. Nolan, who has distinguished himself by his review of the events of the late war, as well as by voluminous works on other subjects, made a most felicitous and appropriate speech, evidencing that he fully appreciated and heartily entered into those principles of

Masonic rule which had just been explained to him. The visitors present were Bros. Beard, No. 118; Bollinger, No. 183; Harper, No. 255; and Sheen, P.M. No. 237. We may add that the new and spacious Lodge-room was opened on this occasion, and we would suggest to our Brethren who contemplate a change, or are seeking other quarters, to give it their inspection. The newly-established Mark Lodge, "The Thistle," has adopted this as their head quarters; the Jerusalem Chapter has likewise removed here; and we understand that a numerous city Lodge will most probably follow. Whether as regards the arrangements of the *cuisine*, the excellence of the wines, or the unremitting attention of Bro. Quelch and his amiable partner to the requirements and comfort of the Brethren, this ancient hostelrie will bear comparison with any similar establishment.

JOPPA LODGE (No. 223).—The members of this Lodge met on Monday, May 4, at the Albion Tavern; the only business of importance being the conferring of the 2nd Degree upon Bro. Isaac Lyons, which was admirably given by Bro. Alexander, W.M., and well received by the new member.

PERCY LODGE (No. 234).—It is not often that the proceedings of this admirable Lodge are detailed in our Masonic intelligence, although, as far as the working is concerned, it is equal to any in the Craft; and no wonder, when it boasts of such a P.M. and Instructor as the veteran Bro. Key, so celebrated for his Masonic lore that the late Bro. Peter Gilkes left him by will the £100 diamond jewel presented him by the Craft; and for the zeal that Bro. Key has shown in Masonry, witness the Gravesend Lodges, the Suffolk Lodges, the Royal York Lodge, No. 7, and the Chapter which he attached to that Lodge. We most fervently say, long may he wear the jewel as a worthy representative of that departed Brother. The Brethren met on the second Tuesday in the past month at Bro. Painter's, the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, for the purpose of presenting a gold jewel to their worthy P.M. and Treasurer, Bro. John Thorn, who has been a member of the Lodge over twenty-five years, has filled every office in the Lodge, and for ten years acted as Treasurer. The W.M., Bro. George Lambert, P.M., raised Bro. Marshall (of Messrs. Green's, the ship-owners' service), to the Sublime Degree of M.M., when the Brethren adjourned to a splendid banquet. After dinner, the W.M. presented the jewel to Bro. Thorn, paying a well-merited tribute to that excellent Brother, and expressing the deep sense of obligation entertained by every member of the Lodge toward him for his unwearied services. Bro. P.M. Thorn acknowledged the jewel and speech in suitable terms, thanking the Brethren for their kindness, and assuring them that he was always delighted to meet the Percy men, and as a proof, that he had enjoyed their society over a quarter of a century. Perfect harmony pervaded the meeting, and the Brethren broke up, hoping to meet at Bro. Quartermaine's, Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on the second Tuesday in July. The visitors were Bros. Baxter, G. Steward, No. 8; Marrillier, P.M. No. 23; Kent, Prov. G.M. South Australia; G. Houghton, No. 118; Robinson, P.M.; and G. Hannan; "*cum multis aliis, quæ nunc præscribere longum est.*"

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE (No. 255).—An Emergency Meeting of this Lodge was held at the George and Blue Boar, Holborn, on Tuesday, 12th May, for the purpose of initiating Mr. Charles Kemp and Mr. W. H. Walker into the mysteries of our ancient Order. The ceremonies were performed by the W.M., Bro. Charles Capper, for the first time, in a manner that augurs well for the future. The business of the evening having concluded, the Brethren, to the number of twenty-five, retired to refreshment, and after a few hours' pleasurable converse and Masonic harmony, separated, much delighted with the evening's entertainment. The visitors were Bros. Thomas Bohn, W.M. No. 955; William Beacham, S.W. No. 593; Henry Baker, J.W. No. 219; and J. T. Matthews, J.W. No. 259.

LODGE OF NINE MUSES (No. 286).—There was an Emergency Meeting of this Lodge on the 22nd May, Bro. Tulloch, W.M., in the chair. Bro. Tweeddale was raised to the degree of a Master Mason, and the proceedings of the evening were closed by a very elegant dinner.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE (No. 281).—At the last meeting of this Lodge, on the 7th May, Bro. Bews was raised by the W.M. Bro. Pierce Egan ; and the Lodge adjourned for the season.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE (No. 778).—The members of this Lodge met on Thursday, May 14th, the occasion being the election of W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. The election unanimously fell upon the S.W. Bro. Horatio Samuels, a well-deserved compliment to this excellent Brother for his constant attendance to the duties of the Lodge, &c. Bro. Lemanski was re-elected Treasurer, which was also unanimous, he having held that office most satisfactorily for several consecutive years. Bros. Poncho, Arnold, and Montefiore were elected auditors. The W.M. then announced that Grand Lodge had kindly awarded the sum of twenty pounds to the widow of their late much-lamented Bro. Detkins ; after which, the newly-elected Master invited the Brethren to a collation (this not being one of the regular banqueting nights), which was presided over by the W.M., Brother Johnstone, supported by Bros. Horatio Samuels and W. Watson, as S.Ws. ; the P.Ms. present being Bros. Ritterbandt, Warren, Shuljewski, Michalski, Lemanski, &c. Bro. Samuels, in returning thanks for the honour done him, made some feeling and eloquent allusions to their late deceased Brethren, Lord Dudley Stuart and Bro. Detkins, to whom he was indebted for his introduction into Masonry ; and, although a very humble follower of those great men, he hoped, by perseverance and attention, to merit the approbation of the Brethren ; and if he failed, it would be a lack of ability, and not for the want of exertion. During the evening Miss Ada Taylor sang several songs, which were much appreciated by the Brethren.

BEADON LODGE (No. 902).—This Lodge held an Emergency Meeting last Monday, May 18, at the Star and Garter, Kew-bridge, when the W.M., Bro. John Scott, initiated Mr. John Collins into the mysteries of the Craft. The work was ably performed, and well deserved all the encomiums bestowed by those who witnessed it. After business the Brethren retired to an elegant banquet, served up in a style most creditable to the respected host of the tavern. Three candidates offer for initiation next meeting, so that the W.M. will have an opportunity of giving further proof of his capability to properly fulfil the duties of his proud position.

CANONBURY LODGE (No. 955).—The last meeting of the members of this Lodge, for the season, took place on Thursday, May the 14th, at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's Road, Islington. The business of the evening consisted of the raising of Bro. Alfred Folkes, the passing of Bros. Ball and Worman, and the initiation of Messrs. B. Gobey, F. Collingwood, and J. L. King, into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the whole of the ceremonies being performed by the W.M., Bro. Thos. Bohn. Seven propositions for initiation and one for joining having been made, and several resolutions carried—among them one for the increase of fees for initiation and joining, rendered necessary by the rapid growth of the Lodge in numbers during the present W.M.'s year of office,—the labours of the evening concluded. The Brethren then retired to refreshment, after which the W.M. proposed the usual toasts. Bro. Gobey in a neat speech acknowledged the health of the initiated. Bro. Richardson in responding on behalf of the visitors, said that he had been a Freemason nearly half a century, and during all that period he had never witnessed the working of a Lodge so excellently well performed, nor had he ever received greater hospitality and kindness than had been accorded to him and his brother visitors that evening. He concluded an excellent address by wishing "Prosperity to the Canonbury Lodge." Bro. Filer, P.M., proposed "The health of the W.M.," alluding in terms of great kindness to his desire to contribute to the prosperity of the Lodge, to promote the happiness and comfort of the members, and to advance the interests of Freemasonry in general. The toast was received with every demonstration of respect and fraternal attachment by every member and visitor present. The W.M., in returning thanks, assured the Brethren that they might always depend upon his best exertions being directed to the great object they all had in view—the advancement of the great principles upon which

the sacred order of Freemasonry rested ; and with respect to the Canonbury Lodge in particular, it was his own child and he hoped ever to watch over it with a parent's kindness and attachment. The evening's entertainment was greatly enlivened by the excellent singing of Bros. Donald King, T. W. Winter, Ensom, J. Willis, Worman, &c. The visitors were Bros. Henry Garrod, W.M. No. 206 ; W. B. Scott, No. 9 ; Wm. Underwood, S.D. No. 201 ; J. Webb, No. 201 ; Gustavus Hamilton, P.M. No. 2, Dublin ; G. Richardson, P.M. No. 87 ; T. Rogers, No. 87 ; T. W. Winter, No. 23 ; William Willis, No. 261 ; Donald W. King, P.M. No. 12 ; William Wade, No. 318 ; Hawkins, P.M. No. 19 ; R. Clout, No. 745 ; and several others. Bros. Winter, No. 23, and Rogers, No. 87, were during the evening unanimously elected joining members of the Lodge. An emergency meeting will be held on the 4th June instant.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

At the monthly meeting of this Board on the 28th of May, relief was afforded to applicants amounting to £153.

PROVINCIAL.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

AYLESBURY.—*Buckingham Lodge* (No. 861).—This, the sole Lodge in the county, has been in existence but five years, and it has been steadily progressing, its Warrant having been obtained by the Clergy of the parishes surrounding Aylesbury. The Lodge is held at the Royal White Horse Hotel, as in most of the purely agricultural districts, quarterly. The annual installation was on Monday, the 18th of May, and Bro. How, Prov. G.D.C. for Surrey, was invited to undertake the important duty of the day, the Rev. Bro. Williams Bousfield, the W.M., being unable to attend. Bro. Frederick Summers Irving, the W.M. elect, was presented by the Rev. Bro. J. B. Reade, the sen. P.M., was duly installed into the chair, and afterwards proclaimed and saluted in the several degrees ; and he then appointed and invested as his officers Bro. James Cooper Farnborough, S.W. ; Bro. Charles Hooper, J.W. ; Bro. Thomas Horwood, Sec. ; Bro. Rev. Oliver James Grace, S.D. ; Bro. Edward Thomas Boorman, J.D. ; Bro. James James was re-elected the Treasurer, and Bro. Walker the Tyler. Bro. John Barker, P.M. of Nos. 793 and 985, and P. Prov. G.S.D. Northumberland ; Bro. H. L. Pascal Gentile, No. 985 ; and Bro. Fowler, of the Cherwell Lodge, No. 873, were among the visitors. This is the only Lodge in Buckinghamshire, united with Berkshire into one province, over which the Marquis of Downshire presides : the noble Brother, we fear, takes but little interest in our Institution, for no Provincial Grand Lodge has been held for some years. The Book of Constitutions directs that a Provincial Grand Lodge shall be held *at least once in each year*, and it is the duty of the G.M. to see the law is obeyed. Who is the D. Prov. G.M. of the Province ?

CHESHIRE.

CHESTER.—*Cestrian Lodge* (No. 615).—On Wednesday, the 13th inst., a Lodge of Emergency was held at the Cestrian Lodge-rooms, Royal Hotel, in this city, for the purpose of admitting into Masonry St. George Caulfield, of the Life Guards (a near relative of the Earl of Aberdeen). Mr. Caulfield, being duly accepted, was initiated into the mysteries of the Order with the usual ceremonies. The Lodge of Emergency having been closed, the Monthly Lodge was opened in form, when the Hon. Member for Chester, E. G. Salisbury, Esq., was unanimously accepted by ballot, made an Entered Apprentice Mason, and admitted to all the

privileges of the Craft. Mr. Salisbury was accompanied by the Mayor (Bro. Eaton) and other Brethren. The ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner by the W.M., Bro. John D. Weaver, Bros. Dutton and Dickson acting as the Wardens. The Masonic labours of the day being concluded, the Brethren were called to refreshment, and sat down to a sumptuous repast, got up in Bro. Macgregor's usual style of excellence. The day was spent most harmoniously, and at an early hour the Lodge was finally closed. The last M.P. for Chester made in the Lodge was the late Bro. Sir J. Jervis. [We do not understand the holding of a Lodge of Emergency and a regular Lodge—that is to say, two Lodges in the same day. Any one reading the Book of Constitutions may easily see that it might open the door to a very heavy abuse.]

HYDE.—*Industry Lodge* (No. 465).—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge took place on the 9th of May, at the Norfolk Arms Hotel, when the Lodge was opened by Bro. Bell, W.M. of No. 675. Bro. John Rayner was passed to the 2nd Degree, and Bros. Peter Walker and Samuel Petty Leather raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The Brethren were then called to refreshment; after which Bro. Oscar Balydon, W.M. of No. 847, passed Bro. G. P. Cooke to the Degree of a F.C. The ceremonies were well and efficiently performed. The prospects of this Lodge are highly encouraging, and it bids fair to rival the best Lodges in the district.

DEVONSHIRE.

SOUTHMOLTON.—*Loyal Lodge Industry* (No. 610).—The Brethren of this Lodge held their usual meeting on the first Tuesday in May. Mr. William Manning, of Southmolton, was regularly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., Br. Oram; and at a Lodge of Emergency, only convened on Friday the 15th, Br. J. Cock was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, according to ancient form.

TAVISTOCK.—*Bedford Lodge* (No. 351).—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, May 4th, Bro. C. Bawden, W.M., presiding, when, after the usual routine business, Bro. Cross, P.M., raised Bro. Rosewarne to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Mr. Tucker, artist, was then balloted for, and, being in attendance, was introduced and initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. The Lodge was then closed, and several of the Brethren retired for an hour's social intercourse and harmony. We are glad to state that the Bedford Lodge has agreed to give an annual subscription to both the Masonic Schools.

ESSEX.

COLCHESTER.—*United Lodge* (No. 998).—Although this Lodge, which is held at the George Hotel, has only been established three months, it already musters forty members. At the last meeting two gentlemen were initiated, in a very able manner, by the W.M., Major Maydwell, after which four Brethren were passed to the Fellow Craft Degree. This Lodge will be consecrated on the 8th of June, when a Prov. Grand Lodge will be held.

KENT.

GRAVESEND.—*Lodge of Freedom* (No. 91).—This Lodge met on Monday, May the 18th, when Mr. Edward Bryant, Mr. Thomas Nettlingham, and Mr. Frederic Nettlingham, were balloted for and initiated into the Order by Bro. Watson, W.M. There was an excellent muster of the Brethren, and the noble ship the *Niagara*, belonging to the American Government, lying off the town, several of the officers, Members of the Craft, honoured the Lodge with a visit. Among the visitors were Bros. Henry Wade, Monte Video Lodge, South America; J. C. Rich, Lafayette Lodge, No. 72, Philadelphia; C. H. Wells, No. 266, York Lodge, Pennsylvania, U.S.; Wm. Webber, Norfolk Lodge, No. 1; Stephen Barton Wilson, No. 125, J.G.D. of England; and Thomas Barnard, of Old King's Arms Lodge. After the usual business of the evening, Bro. Dobson proposed, and Bro. Nicholls seconded, that the Prov. G.M. should be written to, representing their high sense of the great usefulness of Bro. Robert Spencer, P.M. of this Lodge, as a Brother and an instructor of the younger members in the Craft, hoping it would induce

the Prov. G.M. to give him some high mark of his approbation by provincial honours. Business being over, the Brethren proceeded to a splendid banquet, provided in Bro. Wates' best style. There were some excellent songs, and the usual Masonic toasts were given. Amongst other toasts, was that of "The President of the United States," which was drunk with great enthusiasm, and responded to by Bro. Capt. Rich, Lafayette Lodge, Philadelphia. In the course of a lengthened address, he said he knew the Americans were ready to a man to assist their mother—Old England—in any and every good work. The proceedings of the evening passed off in a most harmonious manner, every one feeling exceedingly happy at the opportunity of having such a social and pleasant meeting.

LANCASHIRE.

BLACKBURN.—*Lodge of Perseverance* (No. 432).—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 5th of May, the W.M., Bro. Backhouse, presiding. The usual business of the Lodge was transacted, and a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Paterson for his handsome present of a volume of the Sacred Law. Bro. E. S. Morley, surgeon, was admitted a joining member of the Lodge, and Bros. Bertwistle and Tiplady were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. in a most impressive manner by P.M. Bro. Clough, P. Prov. G. Reg. E. L. The Brethren afterwards adjourned and spent the evening most harmoniously.

LINCOLNSHIRE.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

On Thursday, the 7th of May, the annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Lincoln. The Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough, Prov. G.M., the Rev. C. Nairne, Dep. Prov. G.M., most of the Prov. Officers, and many of the Brethren from the other Lodges in the Province, were in attendance. The noble Prov. G.M. stated, that as he was necessarily absent at the last Prov. G. Lodge, he hoped his Officers would continue in office another year; and he appointed the following Brethren Prov. Stewards in lieu of the three retiring Officers; viz.—Bros. Penney, Witham Lodge, Lincoln; P.M. Bates, Hundred of Elloe Lodge, Spalding; Robinson, W.M., St. Botolph's Lodge, Sleaford. The Prov. G.M., on referring to the congratulatory addresses which had been presented to him from the various Lodges in the Province on his partial restoration to health, addressed the Brethren in feeling terms in reference to his recent resignation of the office of Deputy Grand Master of England. The health of the Countess of Zetland, he said, was in so precarious a state as to require the constant attention of the noble Earl; the onerous duties of the Grand Mastership of England, therefore, devolved upon the Deputy, and he, Lord Yarborough, did not feel himself competent, since his recent affliction, to do justice to them. He had therefore resigned that office into more efficient hands. He had not felt himself, however, called upon to resign also the office of Prov. G.M. of Lincolnshire, because the duties were not so heavy, because he was supported in it by most active Officers, and because he was led to believe that his continuance in it was looked on with favourable eyes by the Craft. (Loud Masonic cheers.)

In answer to the Memorial of the Witham Lodge presented at the last Lodge, the Prov. G.M. not only coincided with the Brethren of that Lodge in the desirability of walking to church in procession at the Provincial Meetings, but he thought it desirable that each Lodge should once in every year do so, to show to the world that we practise as well as preach the divine precepts inculcated in Freemasonry. Bro. P.M. Pocklington (W.M. No. 339) gave notice of a proposition for the establishment of a local fund for charitable and other Masonic purposes, in accordance with the recommendation to that effect contained in the Book of Constitutions.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

MONMOUTH.—*Loyal Monmouth Lodge* (No. 671).—At the Lodge held at the Freemasons' Hall on the 5th of May, Bro. John Maund, of Timaun, near Abertavenny, was unanimously elected as W.M. The Loyal Monmouth Lodge is in

a very flourishing state, both in number and respectability, and it augurs well under the working of the new Master. Bro. Thomas Howe was elected Treas. and Bro. Rees, Tyler.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.—*Northern Counties Lodge* (No. 586).—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on the 4th May, Bro. J. T. M. Harrison, the newly installed W.M. presiding. There was a good attendance of the Brethren. A Brother received his 2nd Degree, and a gentleman was initiated into Masonry. Among the Brethren present, were P.Ms. Punshon, Berkley, and Beldon.

NORTH WALES.

SWANSEA.—*Indefatigable Lodge* (No. 288).—The usual meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 12th May, when, amongst other general business, a gentleman was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. On Tuesday, May 19th, a Lodge of Emergency was held for the purpose of raising two Brethren to the Sublime Degree, the impressive ceremony being conducted with even more than the usual solemnity. The first of a series of Lodges of Instruction was held on Tuesday, May 5th, under the able presidency of Bro. F. D. Michael, P.M., who delivered an interesting lecture on the 1st Degree. The opening and closing ceremonies were afterwards respectively gone through, and the first section in the 1st Degree worked, &c., the proceedings fitly terminating with a unanimous vote of thanks to Bro. F. D. Michael. These Lodges of Instruction will be continued during the summer, on the fourth Tuesday in each month, and, from the evident desire for improvement manifested by the Brethren, a large attendance is anticipated. This Lodge now numbers nearly ninety subscribing members, and it stands prominent in the Principality, not only for the completeness and elegance of the furniture and appointments, but for the order, regularity, and the business-like manner in which its proceedings are uniformly conducted.

OXFORDSHIRE.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was held this year under the auspices of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 460, Oxford, on Saturday, May 16, and passed off with more than usual *éclat*.

One of the chief features which characterized this provincial gathering, was the presence of the M.W. the G.M. of England, the Earl of Zetland, who accepted the invitation to testify his appreciation of the zeal, ability, and loyalty of the Brethren in the province.

The Prov. G.M., Comp. Bowyer, arrived in Oxford on Friday, and in the evening audited the accounts of the various Lodges in the province at the Masonic Hall, and afterwards attended an evening party, which was given to a large number of Masonic friends by Bro. Spiers, the D. Prov. G.M., at his house in St. Giles's.

On Saturday morning the Prov. G.M. gave a public breakfast in the Council-chamber to a party consisting of about seventy, including many distinguished Brethren from various parts of the kingdom, and the principal Officers and Brethren of this province. The breakfast was distinguished alike for its elegance, its excellence and abundance; and the kind and courteous attention and the hearty welcome given by the distinguished host to his guests combined to make it one of the most agreeable Masonic *réunions* that has ever occurred.

The Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, and other guests invited to attend the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the members of the province, assembled at the Masonic Hall at eleven o'clock.

The G.M. arrived at twelve o'clock, and shortly after, having kindly consented to permit Brethren of the province and others who desired it to be introduced to him, the presentation took place in the banquet room, the Brethren being presented to the G.M. by the D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Spiers, P.G.S.B. The G.M. was surrounded by several of the Grand Officers, and several Brethren holding high rank in various provinces. After the presentation, the members of the province

took their places in the Lodge, under the direction of the Prov. Grand Stewards, Bros. Park, Hutton, Vincent, and Bryden.

The Prov. Grand Lodge being opened, and the arrival of the G.M. announced, he was escorted by the Prov. Grand Officers and others holding high rank in the Craft to the Lodge, where he was received with Masonic honours and acclamations.

The business of the Prov. Grand Lodge was then proceeded with, by the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Martyn, reading the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed.

The Prov. G.M. then rose, and, addressing the G.M., said he had peculiar pride and pleasure in presenting to him, in the name of the Brethren of the province, an address, expressive of their loyalty and attachment to him as the head of the Craft in this country, their appreciation of the many services which he had rendered to Freemasonry, the kind and conciliatory spirit which he had manifested on all occasions, and their sense of the high honour which he had conferred on the province by his presence on this occasion. The D. Prov. G.M. then read the address, which was as follows:—

“We, the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Brethren, of the Province of Oxfordshire, beg gratefully to express our deep sense of the honour conferred upon us by your Lordship’s presence at this meeting of our Provincial Grand Lodge; and we gladly take advantage of the opportunity to convey to your Lordship the assurance of our attachment, and the desire of the several Brethren constituting the various Lodges of this province to support your Lordship in your administration of the important and onerous duties devolving upon you as ruler of the Craft.

“The long connection of your Lordship’s family with Freemasonry, and the valuable services rendered by them, would of themselves have occasioned feelings of respectful regard towards your Lordship; but to the interest which your Lordship has manifested in the welfare of the Order, and the advantages which have resulted from the exercise of your sound and considerate judgment during the many years that you have presided over the Society, are attributable the strong feelings of affectionate attachment which are entertained towards your Lordship throughout the whole body of Freemasons.

“It would not become us, in presenting this address to your Lordship, to dilate upon the many benefits which have accrued to the Society under your beneficial sway, but we confidently refer to the continued accession of members to the ranks of the Order, together with the unexampled prosperity attained by the charities connected with and supported by Freemasons, as affording the most indubitable and gratifying proofs of the advantages resulting from your Lordship’s administration.

“Gratefully acknowledging our obligations to your Lordship, we earnestly supplicate the G.A.O.T.U. that your Lordship may long be spared to preside over the Craft, and thus consolidate that peace and union which should always distinguish the Society of Freemasons, and which, under your Lordship’s salutary government, has been so happily attained.

“Signed on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge, this 16th May, 1857,

“HENRY ATKINS BOWYER, Prov. G.M.”

The G.M. rose and said: “I beg to return you my most grateful thanks for the honour which you have paid me by the presentation of this address, and for the kindness with which you have received me in this Grand Lodge. I do consider it a very high honour to be received by so distinguished a body of my Brethren, and I feel truly grateful to you for this enthusiastic reception. It is particularly gratifying to me to find that during the many years I have ruled over the Craft I have met with the approbation and support of so distinguished a body of Masons, for I can assure you it has been my most anxious desire to promote, as far as lay in my power, peace, harmony, and union among all ranks of Masons. (Applause.) I will not withhold from you the assurance that I have been much gratified and struck with the manner in which Masonry is carried out in this province, for it has been productive of the happiest and best results, not only in this province, but

throughout the whole Masonic world. Nor could it be well otherwise, for you have an influx of Masons, highly educated men, who come to Oxford, the distinguished seat of learning, joining the Lodges of this province from every part of the kingdom; and when they leave this University they carry away with them the Masonic knowledge and experience which they have gained here, and apply them practically in those various spheres in which their after-life is cast. (Applause.) The diffusion of Masonry by enlightened men emanating from this province, and scattered throughout the length and breadth of the land, must necessarily exercise a very beneficial influence, and tend to raise the character of the Craft. (Applause.) It is to me most gratifying to be received with such a warmth of feeling in this distinguished province, and once more I beg you to accept my grateful thanks for the honour you have paid me, and for the great kindness you have evinced towards me."—The G.M. resumed his seat amid applause from all sides.

The Prov. G.M. congratulated the Brethren on the auspicious circumstances under which they met, and on the general state of Masonry throughout the province. It was gratifying to him to announce that the best principles of Freemasonry had been acted on throughout the province, and that there had not been the slightest dissension either in or out of any of the Lodges; it was a very gratifying circumstance, and he trusted that the great principles of Masonry would still be preserved and maintained in this province, and that they would exhibit that unity and fraternity, without which Masonry would be but a name, and "become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." He found that during the year the Alfred Lodge had held 17 meetings, that there had been 18 initiations, 20 passings, and 19 raisings; making a total of 57 ceremonies performed. There had also been two joining members; making the total 104. In the Apollo Lodge there had been 41 initiations, 38 passings, and 36 raisings, making the number of ceremonies 115. There had also been three joinings; making the number of subscribing members 134. The Churchill Lodge, No. 702, was not a working Lodge, but it had received an accession of four joining members to its ranks during the year; it now numbering 45. In the Cherwell Lodge there had been two joinings, and a like number of initiations, passings, and raisings; the total number of members being now 36. It would be thus seen that all were flourishing, and he could not help complimenting the Apollo Lodge, in particular, on the great accession to its ranks of Brethren who were probably destined to take a prominent part in Masonry in future years.

The Prov. G. Treasurer, Bro. Randall, then presented the accounts of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the past year.—On the motion of the D. Prov. G.M., seconded by the Prov. G.S.W., Bro. J. T. Hester, Bro. Randall was unanimously elected Treasurer for the year.

The Prov. G. Officers of the past year having surrendered their offices and insignia, the Prov. G.M. made the following appointments, and invested the Brethren with their badges:—D. Prov. G.M. R. J. Spiers, P.G.S.B., No. 425; Prov. G.S.W. H. A. Pickard, No. 460; Prov. G.J.W. H. Houghton, No. 425; Prov. G. Chaps. Revs. W. A. Bowyer and A. Faber, No. 460; Prov. G. Treas. T. Randall, No. 425; Prov. G. Reg. Chas. Cottrell Dormer, No. 873; Prov. G. Sec. C. J. Martyn, No. 460; Asst. Sec. W. H. Hobbs, No. 425; Prov. G.S.D. G. F. Druce, No. 425; Prov. G.J.D. — Bryden, No. 873; Prov. G.D.Cs. J. B. Strother, No. 460, and R. Cartwright, No. 425; Prov. G. Org. Dr. Elvey, No. 460; Prov. G.S.B. C. Duffell Faulkner, No. 873; Prov. G.S.W. H. W. Hutton, No. 460; Prov. G. Purs. J. Bosson, No. 425; Prov. G. Stewards, Lord Skelmersdale, Bros. Ives, Holmes, Thurland, Mitford, Gardener; Prov. G. Tyler, B. Bull.

The Prov. G.M. then addressed Bro. J. Hester, P.M. of the Alfred Lodge, and said that it had been committed to him that day, by the courtesy of the members of the Alfred Lodge, to be their organ in presenting to Bro. Hester a Past Master's Jewel, as an expression on their part of their admiration and esteem for the manner in which he had carried on the duties of the Lodge during the past year, and their deep sense of his abilities, which were not confined to the Alfred Lodge. In every relation of life they found in Bro. Hester much to excite and win their admiration,

and he (the Prov. G.M.) felt assured that every Brother in the province entertained the same opinion, and rejoiced to unite with him in doing honour to one who so well deserved it. He sincerely hoped that he might long be spared to wear that jewel, which could not but be gratifying to himself, his family, and friends, and that he might continue, for many years to come, to pursue his course of honour and usefulness. (Applause.)

Bro. Hester said he would endeavour, as far as he could, to express his gratitude towards the Brethren who had presented him with a token of their regard more grateful to his feelings than anything he had received in the course of his life. He valued it the more because it was the spontaneous act and private testimonial of his Masonic Brethren, and not from the funds of the Lodge. He assured them that he should highly prize it, and, as far as his feelings and his tongue would permit, he begged to tender them his warmest thanks and heartfelt gratitude. (Applause.)

The following sums were then voted to the Masonic charities :—Freemasons' Boys' School, two guineas ; Freemasons' Girls' School, two guineas ; Annuity Fund, £2 ; Widows' Fund, £2 ; Asylum Fund, £1. Also to the following local charities :—Radcliffe Infirmary, three guineas ; Medical Dispensary, two guineas ; Blue Coat School, one guinea ; Anti-Mendicity Society, one guinea ; Oxford Lying-in Charity, two guineas.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in due form with solemn prayer, after which the Brethren separated.

THE BANQUET.

In the evening there was a grand banquet in the Town Hall, which had been fitted up and decorated in exceedingly good taste by Bro. W. Thompson, of the High-street, to whom the general arrangements were confided. A splendid new cut-glass chandelier, to match with those in the hall, was hung in the corridor, and will remain there as the gift of the Apollo University Lodge ; the walls were decorated with the banners ; and at each end of the hall were collections of rare and beautiful plants from Mr. Thompson's green-house, and from Mr. Day, nurseryman, of this city. The hall presented a striking and beautiful effect, and the arrangements with respect to the tables and seats were admirably managed. The galleries at each end of the hall were fitted up for the accommodation of ladies. By six o'clock the chief part of the company had arrived, and those Brethren who were not in office proceeded at once to their seats in the hall. Shortly afterwards, the G.M., escorted by the Provincial Officers and Grand Officers, entered the hall, and was received with much cheering.

The Prov. G.M. presided, and was supported by the M.W.G.M., the Earl of Zetland ; Bro. Moore, G. Chap. ; H. H. White, P.G. Sec. ; A. E. Campbell, P.G.W. ; Fredk. Dundas, *M.P.*, P.G.W. ; Thos. Tooke, P.G.W. ; H. F. White, P.G.D. ; H. Lloyd, P.G.D. ; Secondary Potter, P.G.D. ; Dr. Rowe, P.G.D. ; Jennings, G.D.C. ; Philipe, P.G.S.B. ; Walmesley, P.G.S.B. ; Smith, G. Purs. ; Warren, P.G. Stew. ; T. P. Hall, Prov. G.M. Cambridge ; John Fawcett, Prov. G.M. Durham ; Rev. Dr. Bowles, Prov. G.M. Hereford ; Col. Vernon, Prov. G.M. Stafford ; H. C. Vernon, Prov. G.M. Worcester ; B. A. Kent, Prov. G.M. Australia ; R. J. Spiers, P.G.S.B., D. Prov. G.M. Oxfordshire ; De Barnardy, D. Prov. G.M. Monmouth ; Robt. Gibson, late High Sheriff of Berks, D. Prov. G.M. Berks ; Dr. G. Harcourt, D. Prov. G.M. Surrey ; A. H. Royds, D. Prov. G.M. East Lancashire ; Westmacott, D. Prov. G.M. Hereford ; C. J. Vigne, Prov. S.G.W. Somerset ; W. Wing, Prov. S.G.W. Essex ; Rev. H. A. Pickard, Prov. S.G.W. Oxon ; Empson, P. Prov. S.G.W. Warwick ; Alderman Sadler, P. Prov. S.G.W. Oxon ; Walker, P. Prov. S.G.W. Oxon ; Thompson, P. Prov. S.G.W. Oxon ; Dudley, P. Prov. S.G.W. Oxon ; Wyatt, P. Prov. S.G.W. Oxon ; J. T. Hester, P. Prov. S.G.W. Oxon ; Peter Matthews, Prov. J.G.W. Essex ; Windham S. Portal, Prov. J.G.W. Hants ; Houghton, Prov. J.G.W. Oxon ; Martin, P. Prov. J.G.W. Oxon ; Jay, P. Prov. J.G.W. Oxon ; Randall, P. Prov. J.G.W. and Prov. G. Treas. Oxon ; Rev. Octavius Owen, Prov. G. Chap. Surrey ; Rev. Vernon Blake, P. Prov. G. Chap. Oxon ; Rev. Wentworth Atkins Bowyer, Prov. G. Chap. Oxon ; Rev. Arthur Faber, Prov.

G. Chap. Oxon ; Newton, Prov. G. Supt. Works, Warwick ; Adlard, Prov. G.D. of Cers. Essex ; Snow, Prov. G.S.B. Sussex ; Binckes, W.M. No. 11 ; Smythies, W.M. No. 738 ; Wheeler, W.M. No. 324 ; Wood, P.M. No. 364 ; Spencer, P.M. No. 329, &c. &c. In addition to the above distinguished visitors and officers, there were present several others, and Brethren belonging to the different Oxford Lodges, amounting together to upwards of two hundred.

The banquet was superb ; the wines were of the choicest kind, and included champagne *ad libitum*, the gift of the Prov. G.M. During the banquet the Oxfordshire Militia Band, conducted by its accomplished band-master, Bro. Viesohn, played a variety of popular and appropriate airs, in their usual excellent style.

On the conclusion of the banquet, a grace, from the *Lauds Spirituali*, A.D. 1545, "For these and all Thy mercies given," was sung in exquisite style by the professional vocalists engaged for the occasion, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lockey, Mrs. Clara Hepworth, Mr. G. Buckland, and Mr. Winn.

At this stage of the proceedings the ladies who had been invited to the meeting, escorted by the Stewards, entered the room, amid much cheering.

The Prov. G.M. then gave the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft ;" after which two verses of the National Anthem were sung by the professionals, the Brethren joining in the chorus.

The Prov. G.M. said that the next toast which he had the honour to propose was one which was always received in this and in every Province in the kingdom with the utmost enthusiasm—it was "The health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Earl of Zetland." (Cheers.) It was a toast which came home so thoroughly to the heart of every Mason, that he had less reason to regret his inability to do justice to it ; indeed, it was not necessary that he should do more than reiterate their deep-rooted attachment and loyalty to him, the great respect which they entertained for him as a man and a Mason, and their sense of the high honour which his Lordship had conferred on the Province by his presence on this occasion. (Renewed cheering.) He could truly say that they owed to the M.W.G.M. a deep debt of gratitude for having, during his long and benignant sway, promoted the prosperity and extended the interests of Freemasonry far beyond any G.M. that ever sat upon the throne. (Cheers.) He might also say, and he felt assured that all would respond to the sentiment, that to the grace and dignity of that station the G.M. added all the virtues which could adorn the man in every relation of life. The G.M. was, moreover, a type of the true old English gentleman ; and, in his connection with British sports, had set a bright example to the world, and had earned a fame unsullied by the breath of slander, which had achieved for him the most brilliant and triumphant results. He would say no more, but call on them to rise and drink the health of the G.M. in a manner which became them and was deservedly due to him. (The toast was drunk with an amount of enthusiasm such as we have rarely witnessed.)

The G.M. said he felt very deeply the compliment they had paid him ; he had frequently been invited to visit the Province of Oxford, and regretted that until this period he had been unable to do so. They had done him great honour in inviting him, and meeting him in such numbers on this occasion, and he felt deeply grateful for it, while the cordial reception which he had received at Oxford would be deeply engraven on his heart, and fondly cherished in his remembrance to the latest period of his existence. (Cheers.) His worthy and esteemed Brother, the Prov. G.M., had been too flattering in what he had said of him, but in one respect he had done him but justice, when he stated that his desire had always been to forward the best interests of Masonry to the utmost of his power. (Cheers.) It was gratifying to him to be assured, by the reception given to him by so distinguished a body of Masons, that they considered that he had done his duty. He had to thank them for another assurance ; namely, that the Province of Oxford would give him their kind and cordial support in those objects which he had in view for the furtherance of the best interests of Masonry. (Cheers.) He could not but allude to another subject ; namely, that during the whole time he had held that station he never had the slightest complaint of any un-Masonic conduct, but that the utmost brotherly love and good-feeling pervaded all classes. (Cheers.)

That was a striking fact, and he hoped that he might long continue to witness the prevalence of that brotherly love, that union, and that kindly feeling, which ought to be the characteristic of every true Mason. (Cheers.) In conclusion, the G.M. begged to express the high sense which he entertained for the honour they had paid to him, comparatively a stranger, for he was known to many present only by report, and assured them that this demonstration was not only most gratifying, but at the same time most encouraging, to him. (The G.M. resumed his seat amid deafening cheers.)

The D. Prov. G.M. then proposed "The healths of the D.G.M., Lord Panmure, and the other Officers of Grand Lodge," expressing his regret that Lord Panmure's ministerial engagements prevented his being present. He congratulated the Craft on the appointment of Lord Panmure as D.G.M., for he felt assured that that energy and those talents which he had so ably exercised for the benefit of this country in the hour of danger would also be exercised for the best interests of Freemasonry. (Much cheering.) The Prov. G.M. coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Dundas, P.G.W.

Bro. Dundas responded to the toast, and observed that there was no better nor more sincere Mason than Lord Panmure, all of whose actions, both in public and private life, were guided by the best principles of Masonry. He regretted the absence of the Grand Wardens on their own account, for they had lost the opportunity of witnessing the gratifying and efficient manner in which the working in the Province of Oxford was conducted, and of congratulating the Province on being presided over by so able and so distinguished a Prov. G.M. as Bro. Bowyer. (Cheers.) He considered himself most fortunate in having the opportunity of being present on this auspicious occasion, for the visit of the G.M. was a most gratifying event not only to him, but to all associated with him. (Cheers.) He rejoiced to see the G.M. so cordially received by the brethren in this Province, for there was no Mason among them who entertained a higher sense or a deeper responsibility of the duties imposed upon him, or who felt a greater desire to promote the best interests of Freemasonry. (Loud cheers.)

The G.M. proposed "The health of the Prov. G.M., Bro. Bowyer," and said he did not take credit to himself for having made an appointment so satisfactory to the Province, because, on the death of the late respected Prov. G.M., Bro. Ridley, he made it his duty to inquire who was the most fitted to succeed him, and there was but one opinion, that Bro. Bowyer was the man. (Much cheering.) His own experience of the manner in which he fulfilled the duties, and of the way in which he reigned in the hearts of all the Masons in the Province, enabled him to congratulate himself on having appointed one so qualified in every respect to rule over this Province. (Cheers.) They knew more of the Prov. G.M. than he did in the various relations of life, for his estimate of him was formed from his Masonic qualifications and career, and therefore he should leave him in their hands, feeling assured that they would do him all the honour which he so richly deserved. (The toast was drunk amid rounds of cheers.)

The Prov. G.M. said it was impossible for him to find words to express his sense of the reception they had given him on this occasion, and of the honour which the G.M. had paid him in proposing his health. Although he felt it was far beyond his deserts, it would encourage and stimulate him in the fulfilment of his various duties; and of all the occurrences of his life there was none that he should treasure up so much as the generous and cordial reception of him on this auspicious occasion. If he had felt gratified on former occasions, how much more so must he feel on this, when the G.M. and the Brethren united in conveying to him an assurance that he had at least endeavoured to fulfil the duties intrusted to him with zeal, ability, and fidelity. (Much cheering.)

The Prov. G.M. then proposed "The healths of the Prov. G. Masters who had honoured them with their presence on this occasion," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Hall, Prov. G.M. of Cambridge. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Hall responded to the toast, and said he only wished there was closer connection between Oxford and Cambridge, and that their rivers, the Cam and the Isis, united before they merged into the ocean; for there existed between them the same generous rivalry in their Masonic career and their Masonic purposes. They

met with Masonry at every step, and the work of the chisel was seen in every church, college, and cloister, and he was fain to hope that the connection between practical and speculative Masonry was not broken, but still cultivated, for works of art were calculated, not only to improve the understanding, but to harmonize the feelings, which was one of the objects of speculative Masonry. (Cheers.) He hoped that the Prov. G.M. would long continue to preside over this Province, and retain what he now possessed in so eminent a degree, the cordial support and the deep-rooted affection of all his Brethren. (Loud cheers.)

The G.M. begged to propose the health of a Brother, who, he said, was well known to them, not only for his Masonic acquirements, but for the way in which he had signalized himself by the faithful discharge of public duties, and his enterprise in commercial pursuits. He alluded to the Dep. Prov. G. M., Bro. Spiers, whose taste and hospitality could not be surpassed, whose services as a good Mason and citizen could not be overrated, and whose mercantile enterprise was proverbial. (Cheers.) As a Mason, he (the G.M.) had known him for many years, and though Bro. Spiers lived in Oxford, he (the G.M.) never attended a charitable meeting or Grand Lodge without meeting Bro. Spiers. (Cheers.) Notwithstanding his numerous engagements, Bro. Spiers had done good service to his native city, and, according to general report, no one had more ably filled the civic chair (loud cheers); they all knew his kindness and hospitality, and he (the W.M.) had great pleasure in proposing his health, and testifying the high respect which he entertained for him. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Spiers returned thanks, and said he felt deeply the high honour which the G.M. had paid him by making him the subject of a distinct toast. Standing as he did among those who had known him for fifty years, although he was not unmindful of the fact that his fellow-citizens had conferred upon him the highest civic honours, and remembering, as he did, the many happy events which had during his mayoralty occurred in that hall in which they were assembled, still he could not venture to hope that he possessed a tithe of the qualities which had been attributed to him. He had endeavoured to do his duty, and he should not have taken so large a share of public duties had he not been connected with and encouraged to do so by Freemasonry. It was Masonry which taught them to feel that they were equal in the sight of God and man, and that he was a good citizen and a good member of society who did his duty in any position of life, whether as an humble mechanic, or as, in the words of the song, be he beggar or king, or as a nobleman, a country gentleman, or engaged in mercantile pursuits like himself. (Cheers.) It was no small pride to him to be recognized as a worthy Brother, a good citizen, and a useful member of society; and if he had established any title to such appellations, it was only by carrying out practically what Freemasonry inculcated and enjoined. (Cheers.) To say that he felt gratified to the G.M. was to use a very feeble term, but he hoped he had done no more than his duty, and never less than was expected of him, in supporting those noble charities of the Order, of which they had such great reason to be proud. (Cheers.) The Province of Oxford had received great benefit from these charities, and they had in this city several living instances of the assistance rendered to them by the Grand Lodge of England. In conclusion, he expressed the gratification it afforded him at being present at the last festival of the Girls' School, when the sum of £1,850 was subscribed, and that his earnest wish had been gratified that the G.M. of England should honour this province with his presence. (Loud cheers.)

The Prov. G.M. then proposed "The healths of the P.G. Officers," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Tooke, P.G. W.

Bro. Tooke returned thanks, and after stating the pleasure he had derived in visiting the magnificent buildings at Oxford, expressed a hope that the Brethren of this Province would afford him the opportunity of reciprocating their hospitality and kindness by visiting his Lodge, where he promised them a hearty welcome. (Cheers.)

The Prov. G.M. proposed "The healths of the Prov. G. Officers," and coupled with the toast the name of the S.W., Bro. Pickard, who, he said, was filling the office of W.M. of the Apollo Lodge for the second year. (Cheers.)

Bro. Pickard responded, and said he was sure that all would concur with him

that they were highly honoured by the G.M. having condescended to visit this Province. They had long wished for an opportunity of testifying the admiration and esteem they entertained for his Lordship, and ever since he visited Cambridge they indulged the hope that he would confer a similar honour on Oxford. (Cheers.) That auspicious day had arrived, and he hoped that the G.M. and other distinguished visitors would not feel disappointed with their reception, but be induced to repeat their visit. (Cheers.) They were delighted to welcome all, but more especially the noble lord, who, in his capacity as head of the Craft, had won the loyalty, the affection, and confidence of the Fraternity, and who had endeared himself to every country gentleman by the manly and spotless way in which he supported one of the noblest sports of England. (Cheering.) He (Bro. Pickard) had endeavoured to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors, Bros. Burstall and Beach, and he should revert with pride and satisfaction to the facts that in the first year of his Mastership of the Apollo Lodge there was a splendid testimonial presented to Bro. Beach, and that in his second year the Provincial Lodge, held under the auspices of the Apollo Lodge, was honoured by the presence of the G.M. of England. (Cheering.)

"The Stewards," responded to by Bro. Holmes, and "The Ladies," having been duly toasted, "The Masonic Charities" was proposed, and drunk with loud applause.

The G.M., escorted by the Prov. Grand Officers, and accompanied by the principal guests, then withdrew to the Council Chamber, where tea and coffee were served.

During the evening, Mrs. Hepworth, Mrs. Lockey, Bro. Winn, and Mr. Lockey added much to the general enjoyment by their excellent singing.

We cannot close our notice of these gratifying proceedings without bearing our testimony to the attention paid by the Prov. G.M., his Officers and Stewards, to the comforts of the guests. All that was wanted to make everything complete being three or four waiters used to large public dinners to keep each waiter in his place, thereby preventing over-attendance in one place and under-attendance in another.

OXFORD.—*Apollo University Lodge* (No. 460).—The Apollo Lodge held its first gathering for this term on the 30th April, and the W.M., Bro. H. A. Pickard, B.A., of Christ Church, had abundance of work in the way of initiations, passings, and raisings, all of which he fulfilled in a most successful manner, for it was scarcely possible for the ceremonies to be conducted in a more able or impressive way. A banquet followed, at which there were from fifty to sixty Brethren present, including a large number of the members of the Alfred Lodge.

SOUTH WALES.

INSTALLATION OF PROV. GRAND MASTER.

On Monday, May 11, there was a large gathering of the Brethren of the Mystic Craft, at the Lodge-room of the Ivy Bush Hotel, Carmarthen, to do due honour to the installation of Bro. John Johnes, of Dolaucothy, as Prov. G.M. for the Western District of South Wales.

Early in the morning Brethren began to arrive from the various neighbouring Lodges, and at the hour appointed for opening the Prov. Grand Lodge, there could not be far short of 100 Brethren present, including some of the most eminent of the Craft in South Wales.

The programme of the proceedings was arranged by Bro. Dr. Thomas, of the Loyal Welsh Lodge, Prov. G. D. of C. for this division, and reflected great credit upon his judgment.

The day being unusually fine, a large concourse of the inhabitants and others assembled to witness the procession pass from their Lodge-room to the church, and the windows of the various houses on the road were filled with curious faces, and an interesting assemblage of our fair sisters. The roof of the church was also occupied by our masculine friends, in great numbers, and the bells of St. Peter's rang out a merry peal. Altogether it was an interesting scene, and one that

must have been exceedingly gratifying to the worthy and respected Prov. G.M., Bro. Johnes.

More than usual interest attended the present occasion, both to Brethren and others, because it was not only to do honour to a gentleman whom all respect, but it was the first occasion of a Masonic procession having taken place in Carmarthen since the laying of the foundation-stone of General Picton's monument, some thirty-five years ago. It was also the only occasion on which a Prov. Grand Lodge had been held at Carmarthen for some considerable number of years. The Principality has always been highly favoured by the Masonic Order, and it may perhaps be interesting to our readers to know that the first occasion on which the M.W. the G.M. of England delegated his authority to a provincial Brother, was in the year 1727, when he appointed Bro. Sir Edward Mansel (an ancestor of the present Sir John Mansel) Prov. G.M. for South Wales, and Bro. Hugh Warburton Prov. G.M. for North Wales, who were thus the first Prov. G.Ms. ever appointed, and who served their high offices with honour to themselves and benefit to the Craft. Masonry is of very high antiquity in Wales, and flourished in the Principality for many years, under an independent Lodge, as it was not until the year 1726 that the Brethren of this country joined the Grand Lodge of England, and united under its banner.

The business of the day commenced at half-past ten A.M., with a Lodge of Emergency, for the purpose of raising a much-respected Brother to the Degree of M.M. The Lodge was opened in due form by P.M. Bro. Ben. Jones, and the ceremony was performed in a very creditable and efficient manner by Bro. W. H. Cole, who was very highly complimented on the occasion by Bro. F. D. Michael, of Swansea, Prov. G. Dir. of Cer. for the Eastern Division of South Wales, the best and oldest Mason in the Principality.

The Prov. G. Lodge then entered the room, being received at the doors by Bros. Thomas Parry, William Thomas Thomas, and David Davies (who had been appointed Stewards of the Lodge), and consisted of the late Provincial Officers. The Prov. G. Lodge was then opened in form, and the installation of the R.W. Prov. G.M. was proceeded with, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Ribbans, assisted in a most efficient manner by Bro. William Thomas, Prov. G. Dir. of Cer., who was the only officer of the Prov. Grand Lodge honoured by re-appointment. After the installation, the R.W. Prov. G.M. proceeded to appoint his Officers as follows:—Bros. T. Davies Lloyd, D. Prov. G.M.; F. B. Ribbans, Prov. G.S.W.; Walter Lloyd, Prov. G.J.W.; C. J. Bowen, Prov. G.C.; Samuel Tardrew, P.G. Treas.; James Bowen, Prov. G.R.; James Rowlands, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Thirlwall, Prov. G.S.D.; Richard Gardner, Prov. G.J.D.; William Thomas, Prov. G. Dir. of Cer.; John Kyle, Prov. G. Sword-bearer; Thomas Williams, Prov. G. Tyler.

The G.M. then addressed the Brethren in a very feeling manner, and, on the conclusion of his address, the Brethren were marshalled into procession by Bro. Wm. Thomas, the Prov. Dir. of Cer., and proceeded to church.

The procession walked to church in a very orderly and Masonic manner, and the appearance of the Brethren in their various jewels and clothing was most imposing and pleasing, there being almost every order of Masonry present, including a Brother from the Grand Orient of France, Bro. Germain Regis.

The service was read by the Prov. G.C., who preached a beautiful sermon, on the text, "A triple cord is not easily broken," from Ecclesiastes, iv. 12, in a very impressive and effective manner. The musical portion of the service was under the superintendence of Bro. Hauptmann, who attended with his choir. The Magnificat and Anthem were most efficiently performed and sung, and elicited expressions of admiration from the whole of the Brotherhood. We hope that Bro. Hauptmann will long remain among us as Organist of the Lodge.

The service being over, the Brethren re-formed into procession, and returned to the Lodge-room, where, after a few hours' adjournment, they sat down to a sumptuous and elegant dinner, provided by Bro. V. Rees in his best style.

The cloth having been removed, and grace said, the R.W. Prov. G.M. proposed the usual Masonic toasts, and the Brethren spent a most delightful evening, the Prov. G.M. vacating the chair shortly after ten o'clock.

Many excellent speeches were made on the occasion by Bro. D. Morris, M.P. (who proposed the health of the Prov. G.M., which was most ably responded to), Bros. C. J. Bowen, G.C.; T. D. Lloyd, D. Prov. G.M. (who related a very pleasing circumstance which happened in Hindostan, showing the universality of Freemasonry); F. B. Ribbans, Prov. G.S.W.; W. Lloyd, Prov. G.J.W.; F. D. Michael, Prov. G. Dir. of Cer.; McClean, P.M.; and others.

CARMARTHEN.—*St. Peter's Lodge* (No. 699).—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on the 1st May last, when Bro. J. Thomas was passed to the 2nd Degree, by Bro. W. H. Cole in his usual excellent manner. The M.W. Prov. G.M. having signified his intention of holding a Provincial Grand Lodge on Monday, the 4th May, for the purpose of his installation, three M.Ms. were appointed by this Lodge as Stewards, to receive the Provincial Grand Lodge on that occasion.

THE CARMARTHENSHIRE INFIRMARY.

The ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of this most excellent and charitable institution took place on Thursday, May 14, under peculiarly favourable auspices. Every preparation had been made to give due *éclat* to the occasion, and it was arranged that not only were the corporate authorities to take a part in the solemnities of the day, but the Grand Lodge of Freemasons for the Western District of South Wales and the Lord Bishop of the diocese kindly assisted by their presence to render the ceremony as imposing as possible.

The weather was all that could be desired, and the marshalling of a public procession of the various officials we have alluded to, together with a large majority of the inhabitants of the town and several county gentlemen, was intrusted to Mr. George Goode, who executed his task with more than his accustomed ability. The procession was formed principally in the Town Hall, and, headed by the Carmarthen brass band, started about half-past one o'clock for the site of the new Infirmary, in the following order:—The Corporate Officials, the Mayor (John Lewis Philipps, Esq.), the Aldermen and Town Councillors of Carmarthen, the Architect (Wm. Wesley Jenkins, Esq.), the Building Committee, Clergymen, Dissenting Ministers, and a large body of the subscribers and the inhabitants. After passing up Lower Market-street, through Nott-square, and Queen-street, the procession was joined opposite Ivy Bush Hotel by the Freemasons, comprising the Prov. G.M. (Bro. John Johnes), the various Officers of the Grand Lodge, the St. Peter's Lodge of Freemasons, and a number of visiting Brethren from Llanelly and Swansea. At this period the procession had a very imposing appearance, and having marched along Spilman-street, Church-street, and Priory-street, it halted opposite to the entrance of the new Infirmary, the site of the old Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, where a short delay took place in consequence of the non-arrival of the bishop. About five minutes after two o'clock the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of St. David's arrived in his carriage, and, having alighted, was escorted to the ground by the Prov. G.M. and the whole body of Freemasons, who were followed by the remainder of the gentlemen composing the procession.

The Infirmary Committee, with excellent forethought, had caused a spacious platform to be erected for the corporation and inhabitants, and a number of capacious seats constructed for the ladies, of whom there were about 250 present. This accommodation having been duly appreciated, a very pleasing *coup-d'œil* resulted, and the bishop having taken his seat, the foundation-stone, which was suspended over its intended position, was surrounded by the whole body of Freemasons, who, being appropriately attired in their official insignia, with their Prov. G.M. at their head, presented a most picturesque and even grand appearance.

The ceremony of laying the foundation-stone, which was throughout strictly in accordance with Masonic rules, was commenced by the Prov. G.M. calling upon Bro. Wm. Lewis, the Grand Superintendent of Works, for the plan of the building, which he presented to his lordship.

Mr. Johnes then called on the G. Sec., Bro. James Rowlands, to read the inscription, which was to be deposited with the coins in the receptacle prepared

for it. The inscription, beautifully engrossed on vellum by Mr. Alewyn C. Evans, was as follows :—

The Foundation-stone of this Infirmary,
For the use of the County and County of the Borough of Caermarthen, was
laid on Thursday, the fourteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and in the twenty-first
year of the Reign of her Majesty Queen Victoria,

BY

Connop, Lord Bishop of St. David's, in the 17th year of his Episcopate.

Lord Dynevor, President.

Henry Lawrence, Esq., Physician.

Edmund Hill Stacey, Esq., Consulting Surgeon.

John Hughes and James Rowlands, Esqrs., Surgeons.

George S. Symmons, Esq., House Surgeon.

Thomas Charles Morris and William Morris, Esqrs., Treasurers.

William Wesley Jenkins, Architect.

William Lewis, Builder.

John White, Secretary.

The Grand Supt. of Works then handed some cement to the G.M., which he presented to the Lord Bishop with the trowel, saying that he had the honour of presenting his lordship with that instrument in order to spread the cement which was to unite the various parts of the building together, which was symbolic of charity; and he trusted that in this instance it would cement their good deeds and make them all of one mind to carry every charitable institution to perfection.

The Grand Chaplain, the Rev. C. J. Bowen, B.A., of Laugharne, then delivered an appropriate prayer, which had been composed by one high in office amongst the Brethren.

Bro. Samuel Tardrew, the Grand Treasurer, then produced the coins of the realm intended to be placed in the foundation-stone, which having been duly deposited, the stone was carefully lowered into its place.

The 127th Psalm having been sung by the choir, and the foundation-stone properly adjusted, and the tools applied by the Bishop, the Prov. G.M., Bro. Johnes, held up the square, and addressing the Bishop, said, "Thus, my lord, ladies, and gentlemen, this emblem of ninety degrees, teaches that '*by square conduct*;' the Sen. G.W., Bro. F. R. Ribbans, immediately after holding up the Level, exclaimed, '*By level steps*;' and the Jun. G.W., Bro. Richard Gardner, elevating the Plumb-rule, repeated, '*And by upright intentions*;'—the G.M. concluded the catch by holding up both hands, and saying, '*WE HOPE TO FIND PEACE AT LAST.*'"

The Lord Bishop then gave three taps to the stone with the mallet, and declared it duly placed.

The G.M., according to ancient custom, poured wine and oil upon the stone, and the top stone was then lowered on the one which had just been laid, after being properly cemented.

His lordship, addressing the assemblage, after some preliminary observations, said :—

"This meeting is not merely held for the purpose of show, but for a practical end, and is intended to supply an urgent want in a proper and efficient manner, so as to prevent the intended building being a mockery, in lieu of a really useful and beneficial institution; and to insure its being thoroughly furnished after its completion it is, therefore, that we hold this meeting for the purpose of earnestly inviting the aid of all to provide—both in the present and in the future—for the thorough establishment and support of this institution; and in the name of our common Christian charity I adjure you, before you leave, to give us a liberal and permanent assistance."

At the conclusion of the address—

Sir John Mansel, in the name of the committee and the general body of subscribers, thanked his lordship, not only for his able address, but for the zealous aid

which the Bishop had from the beginning given to carrying out the object of the day's proceedings.

A collection was then made, and the liberal amount of £37. 10s. was received.

The procession accompanied the Masons to their Lodge, and thence to the Town Hall, where it broke up.

Before forming the procession in the morning, and before the Lodge was closed, the R. W. Prov. G.M. appointed Bro. Wastfield Prov. G. Organist, and Bro. G. L. Howells, W.M. of No. 969, Bro. C. Rees, of same Lodge, and Bro. B. Jones, P.M., Prov. G. Stewards.

After the return of the Brethren from their pleasing duties at the Infirmary, the St. Peter's Lodge gave a Grand Banquet (which was served up in Bro. Rees's usual good style), at which the R. W. Prov. G.M. presided. Several visitors were present, and were treated with all that hospitality for which the St. Peter's Lodge is so famous.—The whole of the arrangements were under the direction of Bro. William Morris, W. De G. Warren, W. H. Cole, B. Jones, C. E. Lewis, and C. Morgan, and the evening passed off with such *éclat* that the Prov. G.M., in rising, said he had never spent so pleasant an evening; and the whole of the Brethren present expressed their great obligation to the Stewards for the manner in which the entire arrangements had been conducted. That great desideratum, music, was not forgotten, and, Bro. Hauptmann having kindly lent his pianoforte for the occasion, he and Bro. Wastfield, as well as numerous other Brethren, delighted the large company present with some excellent singing and playing. Altogether, the evening passed off so well that it was with reluctance we heard the final toast—

“Happy to meet—
 Sorry to part—
 Happy to meet again.”

STAFFORDSHIRE.

BURSLEM.—*Sutherland Lodge* (No. 660).—A Lodge of Emergency was held at the George Hotel, Burslem, on the 16th May, the W.M. Bro. Sargeant presiding. The minutes of the last Lodge being read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to initiate Mr. Samuel Harper, a candidate, into the mysteries of the Order. The very able and impressive manner in which the duties of the Lodge are conducted on every occasion by the W.M. elicited from the Brethren high commendation. A notice of motion having been given at the last monthly meeting, to the effect that the Lodge should be removed to the new Town Hall, the W.M., in a few clear and concise remarks, pointed out how the advantages and interests of the Lodge would be forwarded, and the beneficial results that would accrue to Masonry generally; and, after paying a well-deserved compliment to Bro. Blake, of the George Hotel, for the kindness and attention constantly manifested, a motion was made and carried unanimously, that the Lodge be forthwith removed to the Town Hall. A letter having been received and read from the D. Prov. G.M., inclosing an extract from a letter from the Prov. G.M. to the effect that the meeting of the G. Prov. Lodge should be held in Burslem about the middle of July, a Committee of General Purposes was appointed to carry out the necessary arrangements in a manner worthy of the Lodge and the Brethren generally. In connection with the removal of the Lodge, Bro. Robinson, the talented architect of the new Town Hall, Burslem, just finished, as also of the new Town Hall, Tunstall, in course of erection, having, at the request of the Brethren, kindly promised on a former occasion to supply plans and sketches for furniture for the new Lodge-room, produced the same for the inspection of the W.M. and Brethren. The plans, sketches, &c., showed, from the artistic skill and Masonic knowledge combined, that Bro. Robinson had bestowed great attention on the task undertaken by him, as, although the designs were highly original, still they were also strictly Masonic. The final arrangement was left to the Committee of General Purposes, and a vote of thanks passed to Bro. Robinson. The Lodge was then closed in due form by the W.M., and the Brethren retired to refreshment, provided in his usual manner by Bro. Blake. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were severally given and responded to, and, at the conclusion, the

P.M., Bro. Daveyport, in proposing the health of Bro. Blake, ably expressed the sentiments of the Brethren for the attention to their comfort always manifested by him, coupling with them a regret that the advancement of Masonry necessitated their removal from his house. The Brethren, after a pleasant evening, separated early. This Lodge will have plenty of work for its W.M., as, in addition to removal of Lodge and the meeting of G. Prov. Lodge, several candidates are proposed for initiation.

TIPTON.—*Noah's Ark Lodge* (No. 435).—The Brethren of this Lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall attached to the Navigation Inn, on Friday, the 15th May, when Lodge was opened by Bro. W. Howells, P.M., in the absence, through illness, of Bro. E. S. Cresswell, the W.M. The candidate not being present, no business was transacted, but Bro. Davies, *M.R.C.S.*, the J.W., gave the lecture on the Tracing-board of the 1st Degree. Among the visitors present were Bros. M. Dennison, P.M. No. 313, S.W. No. 730, and Prov. G. Reg. of Worcestershire; W. Wigginton, J.W. No. 313, Sec. and Treas. No. 819, and S.D. No. 730; B. Bagley, J.D. Nos. 819 and 838; and F. Francis, No. 269, Glasgow. Bro. the Rev. E. A. Gwynne, P.M. and Prov. G. Chap., alluded in an affecting manner to the death of Bro. Charles Lester,* the oldest P.M. of the Lodge, and it was afterwards resolved that the Lodge should go into full mourning for the space of three months. At the banquet the Brethren drank to his immortal memory in mournful silence.

WORCESTERSHIRE.

DUDLEY.—*Harmonic Lodge* (No. 313).—Bro. the Rev. J. W. Herbert, the W.M., opened this Lodge on Tuesday, the 5th May, at the Freemasons' Tavern, but Bro. Evans being absent, the ceremony of raising to the Sublime Degree was not gone through. A committee was appointed to confer with the committees of the other Lodges respecting the distribution of the expenses of the Prov. Grand Lodge over the whole province.

Royal Standard Lodge (No. 730).—Lodge was opened by Bro. W. Masefield, the W.M. (P.M. No. 313 and Prov. G. Treas.), on Tuesday, the 12th May, when Bros. Smith and Westley were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. In reply to the questions of Bro. Wigginton, S.D., Bro. J. Renaud, P.M. and Prov. S.W., reported the result of the committee meeting respecting the distribution of the expenses of Prov. Grand Lodge visits, a notice of which will be found elsewhere. The visitors present included Bro. Hill, W.M. No. 772, the W.M. and P.M. of No. 349; Bro. Fitzgerald, W.M. No. 523; W. Bruton, P.M. No. 313; Rev. E. A. Gwynne, P.M. from No. 819, &c. &c. Bro. the Rev. Davidson, D.D., was elected a joining member, and Lodge was closed in due form.

Vernon Lodge (No. 819).—Owing to the occupation of the old Town Hall, the Lodge was opened on Wednesday, the 20th May, at the Freemasons' Tavern, by Bro. the Rev. E. A. Gwynne, P.M. No. 435 and Prov. G. Chap. of Staffordshire, the chaplain of the Lodge, in the absence from home of Bro. the Rev. A. G. Davies, P.M. No. 730 and Prov. G. Chap., the W.M. Bros. H. Peart and J. C. Westley were severally and separately raised to the 3rd Degree, the working being singularly correct and impressive. The Rev. Brother reported the result of the committee appointed respecting the distribution of Prov. Grand Lodge expenses, and a gentleman was proposed as a candidate for initiation. In accordance with a former arrangement, it was resolved that the Rev. W.M. Bro. Davies be requested to sit to Bro. Hughes, of the Strand, for a photographic portrait, to be hung in the Lodge-room, and purchased from the Lodge funds. It is the intention of this Lodge to form a gallery, as it were, of the portraits of the various M.Ms., so as to hand down to posterity something more than a mere superscription upon a tablet, and create thereby an interest which *must* have a good and beneficial effect. The visitors present were Bros. M. Dennison, P.M. No. 313, S.W. No. 730, and Prov. G. Reg.; E. Roberts, No. 313; and F. Francis, No. 269, Glasgow.

* See our Obituary.

Lodge of Perseverance (No. 838).—The Brethren of this Lodge held their usual meeting in April, at the Saracen's Head Inn, when they were honoured with a visit from the Prov.G.M. Bro. H.C. Vernon, who was attended by the D.Prov.G.M. Sir E. A. H. Lechemere, Bart.; Bros. the Rev. Portal Masefield, Clarke, and Sheppard. The Prov. G.M. expressed his admiration at the manner in which the business of the evening had been gone through by the W.M., Bro. Patterson, and also passed a very high compliment on the immediate P.M., Bro. Harrison, for the able manner he had given the charge.

THE PROPOSITION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

Our readers will recollect the remarks we made in our last number respecting the above proposition, which had for its object the distribution of the Prov. Grand Lodge expenses over the Lodges of the *whole province*, and so prevent the Lodge visited from being *crushed* with the costs incurred, and of the amendment proposed by a Prov. G. Officer. The former was that *the Lodges* pay £4. 4s. each to a common fund, and the latter that *each member* pay 2s. per annum to the same. Either would have been a great and a good end accomplished; but at the committee meeting held at the Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley, May 12th (consisting of the W.M. and one P.M. of every Lodge), to settle the matter, BOTH PROPOSITIONS were *rejected*, and a counter resolution passed to recommend Prov. Grand Lodge to vote annually the sum of £20 *from its funds*, to accomplish the object in view by the Prov. G.M., but this without providing *any additional source* of income. The Prov. Grand Lodge's funds would thus become *crippled*, and the means of carrying out objects of Masonic charity considerably weakened.

YORKSHIRE.

BINGLEY.—*Scientific Lodge* (No. 642).—The regular Lodge meeting was on Monday, 11th May. The Lodge was opened in the three Degrees by Bro. Sharp, P.M., in the absence, on business, of the W.M., Bro. Taylor acting as S.D. Bro. John Dean was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. A vote of thanks was carried unanimously to Bro. Elgey, Sec., for a handsome present to the Lodge. It is a matter greatly to be regretted that so few of the Brethren attend the regular Lodge meetings, especially on such interesting occasions as the above; so few indeed as almost to dishearten the few who do manage the working of the Lodge.

DONCASTER.—*St. George's Lodge* (No. 298).—The Brethren held a Lodge of Emergency on Monday, the 11th of May, when Bro. Geo. Brooke, who had been re-elected and installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, initiated two gentlemen into Masonry according to ancient usage. Some other business was transacted, after which the Brethren separated.

HUDDERSFIELD.—*Zetland Lodge* (No. 365).—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, May 6th. Bro. Hanson, the W.M., assisted by his Officers, raised Bros. James and Edward Battye to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Mr. John Wilson and Mr. B. Smith were then initiated into the Fraternity. The whole of the ceremonies were worked most skilfully, but we were particularly struck by the impressive manner in which the charge was delivered to the newly-admitted Brethren, by Bro. P.M. Aston, P.G.D.C. The Lodge voted £2 for benevolent purposes, making a sum of £30 which has been devoted to private charity during the present year, beside the usual contributions to the Royal Benevolent Annuity Fund, the Widows' Fund, the Boys' and Girls' School, &c. &c. —an example of putting into practice that virtue we profess to admire, worthy of being followed by Lodges possessing more ample means than this Lodge has. There were visiting Brethren present from five Lodges, several of whom were from distant provinces. The evening was spent with that love and harmony which distinguishes this Lodge.

ROYAL ARCH.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter was holden in the Temple, on Wednesday, May 6 ; present—Comps. A. Dobie, acting as Z. ; F. Dundas, as H. ; John Fawcett, as J. ; White, E. ; J. Pattison, N. ; H. Lloyd, P.S. ; H. L. Crohn and Tombleson, Assist. S. There were also present Comps. Henderson, P.G.R. ; J. Hervey, P.G. St. B. ; J. Parkinson, P.G.D.C. ; S. W. K. Potter, P.G.St.B. ; J. H. Goldsworthy, P.G.St.B. ; J. N. Tomkins, P.G.St.B. ; H. Giraud, P.G.St.B. ; Geo. Biggs, P.G. St. B. ; A. A. Leveau, P.G.D.C. ; P. Matthews, P.G.D.C. ; J. B. King, P.G.D.C. ; &c. &c.

The G.E. Comp. White explained that the M.E.G.Z. had called at the office between three and four in the afternoon, and was most anxious to have been present that evening ; but, owing to a communication from Brighton relative to the health of Lady Zetland, he had been compelled to leave town, and could not therefore attend Grand Chapter. He had, however, left the list of officers to be appointed in his (Comp. White's) hands. The 1st and 2nd Principals' chairs were always held by the G.M. and the D.G.M.—the third chair the G.Z. bestowed upon Comp. Alex. Dobie. The other officers would be as follows :—G.E. Comp. White until the new G. Sec. Comp. Clark was qualified to take the office (viz. until he had filled the office of Principal in a private Chapter) ; G. N. Comp. Fred. Pattison ; P.S. Comp. Henry Crohn ; Assist. S. Comp. Fenwick, G.J.W. (the Earl of Durham, G.S.W., not being an Arch Mason), and Comp. Roxburgh, G.S.D. ; G. Reg. Comp. Henderson ; G. Treas. Comp. Tomkins ; G.S.B. Comp. Hutchins ; G. St. B. Comp. S. B. Wilson ; G.D.C. Comp. Jos. Smith ; and G.J. Comp. Chas. Payne.

Comp. Savage suggested that, according to the Book of Constitutions, Comp. Roxburgh was not eligible for office, he not being a member of Grand Chapter, never having served the office of Principal in a private Chapter.

After a short conversation, Comp. Henderson ruled in favour of the objection of Comp. Savage, so that the nomination of Comp. Roxburgh fell to the ground, the office being left vacant.

The report from the Committee of General Purposes was then read. It stated that at the last account to the 31st January, there was a balance in hand of £355. 3s. 2d., there had been since received, up to the 15th April, £254. 5s., and expended £131. 1s. 6d. ; leaving a balance in hand of £478. 6s. 8d. The Committee had considered the memorials from Companions in St. Kitt's, referred back to them at the last Grand Chapter. They found that the Mount Horeb Charter was issued in 1792, and that returns were made to Grand Chapter up to 1802, when they ceased. At the time of the Union, in 1817, and again in 1821, application was made for returns, but none being obtained, the St. Kitt's Chapter was not retained on the list of Chapters holding under the Supreme Grand Chapter of England. Nothing further was heard of the Chapter until a recent occasion, when certain Companions claimed their certificates as having been exalted under the Charter. The committee, after due consideration, recommended that, if a regular Lodge could be found to which it could be attached (those formerly in the colony having ceased working), the Charter should be revived on the fees being paid for all the Companions exalted under it. Application had been received for a Charter—for a new Charter—to be attached to the Lodge of Faith and Unanimity, No. 605, at Dorchester, with Comp. Harper as the first Z. ; Comp. Lock, H., and Comp. Petch, J., which the committee recommended should be granted. Application had also been made that the Chapter hitherto attached to the Tudor Lodge, No. 688, formerly held at Saddleworth, might be for the future attached to the Lodge of Candour, No. 422, held at Dobcross, the Tudor Lodge

having been removed from the province of West Yorkshire to that of East Lancashire.

On the motion that the report be received and adopted,

Comp. Warren rose to express his opinion that the report of the committee relative to the memorial from St. Kitt's was not satisfactory. The report of the committee stated, that the St. Kitt's Chapter ceased to exist on the roll of Chapters from 1821, from which time nothing had been heard of it until a very recent period. Now he held in his hand a copy of the memorial, together with the correspondence attached to it; and he found that, in 1832, the Principals of the Mount Horeb Chapter addressed a letter to the Grand Chapter in London, in which they announced that they had recommenced working, and they proceeded to say, "We also forward a list of our present Companions, by which your Grand and Royal Chapter will perceive that eight Companions have since then (January, 1832) been exalted, with the usual fee of five shillings sterling each for the registration of their names in your Grand and Royal Chapter, and we respectfully and affectionately pray to be furnished with general instructions for our government, assuring your Grand and Royal Arch Chapter that we shall in all things conform to your orders and instructions." That document was signed John Hazell, Wm. H. Male, John W. Wattle, and Wm. M. Abbott. He (Comp. Warren) did not find that any reply was ever given to that communication, and therefore the Companions at St. Kitt's might suppose that at least their existence was tacitly acknowledged; and if this letter were received in 1832, how could it be said that nothing had been heard of the parties from 1821 to a very recent period? But furthermore, he held in his hands a copy of a letter, dated St. Kitt's, on the 2nd September last, to Comp. Farnfield, by Comp. D. Hart, of the Royal Arch Chapter, No. 585, in which he called attention to some personal communications on the same subject, in 1839, seven years after the letter from which he had already read an extract. That letter said, "The opportunity of being here at the time of this meeting being held affords me an opportunity of also bringing under your recollection, that, in the year 1839, myself and Comp. John Barr, then of this island, but now deceased, called at your office, to put matters right regarding the said Charter and of the past deeds. Some delay was caused, in the matter not being that day at once settled, in consequence of Bro. White being out of town; but Comp. Barr, however, gave his number and street (14, Cecil-street, Strand), at which he could be found and where a certificate might be sent him. On the following day, a Bro. Barton called on Bro. Barr with a document from Bro. White, as to matters of the Chapter having been duly settled, and, as far as I recollect, giving a new number to the said Charter. Bro. Barr further, and in my presence, tendered or declared himself ready to pay any amount that might be due or owing. I am positive that the names of the then Officers of the Chapter were given in, as also the names of three Brethren that had been in that year (1830) exalted, and that a note of all of which was duly taken down." He (Comp. Warren) did not wish to say more; but had merely called attention to these documents to prove that the committee in stopping at 1821, did not appear to have dealt with the whole matter which ought to have come under their consideration, and that the position in which the Chapter stood could not fairly be said to have been only known at a very recent period.

Comp. Henderson, G.R., felt that the extracts which Comp. Warren had been reading were of considerable importance, and put a different face upon the matter to that which it appeared to bear according to the report of the committee. He would therefore move that for the present the report be only received, and not adopted. It appeared that the charter was originally granted in 1793, and that in 1817 and 1821 Grand Chapter not being able to get any information relative to it, the charter was supposed to have been allowed to drop, and it had been since erased from their list of charters. What course should be taken with regard to subsequent events he was not yet prepared to say; but he considered that they could not revive the old charter, and probably the best course to pursue would be for the Grand Chapter to grant the Companions a new charter if it should be deemed desirable, and recognize the Companions exalted by the issue of certificates to them.

Comp. Hervey seconded the motion that the report be received.

Comp. Symonds called attention to the Book of Constitutions to prove that they could not revive the charter, as no Chapter could exist unless attached to a regular Lodge in work.

Comp. Farnfield stated that, having searched the books, he found that they had no record in the office of the letter of 1832 alluded to by Comp. Warren, nor had any money been received; at the same time he recollected that there was a conversation on the subject of the charter about 1839 with Comp. Barr, who afterwards went and resided in Trinidad.

Comp. Savage thought the matter should be again referred back to the committee.

After a short further conversation, the report was received, it being understood that Comp. Henderson would look into the question.

The charter for a Chapter in connection with the Lodge of Faith and Unanimity, Dorchester, was then granted, it being explained that a charter was already in existence in connection with the Lodge, but it having been allowed to remain in abeyance for a long time, it was thought better to return the old charter and apply for a new one.

On the question that the Chapter of Confidence be hereafter attached to the Lodge of Candour, No. 422, instead of the Tudor Lodge, No. 688,

Comp. Nelson (G. Sec. of West Yorkshire) asked whether the alteration was sanctioned by the Prov. G. Superintendent, as he (Comp. Nelson), as Secretary, had received no notice of any such sanction being given.

Comp. Farnfield replied it was unnecessary, the Prov. G.M. having sanctioned the removal of the Tudor Lodge from one province to another, and the decision being confirmed by the G.M. The alteration now proposed was merely to attach the charter to another Lodge in the same county. The resolution was agreed to.

The following Companions were elected members of the General Committee for the ensuing year:—John Hervey, John Savage, Tombleson, J. N. Tomkins, Parkinson, and Le Veau. The G.Z. nominated to the same committee Comps. Henderson, Crohn, and Pattison.

Comp. Warren then brought forward a resolution for granting a new charter to the Companions at St. Kitt's, on paying the fees for registering those exalted and surrendering their old charter; but, a doubt being started as to the strict legality of the resolution, agreed to withdraw it until the next Convocation, on the understanding that Comp. Henderson would be then prepared to give his opinion regarding it.

The Convocation was then duly closed.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTERS.

ST. JAMES'S CHAPTER (No. 2).—A convocation of this excellent Chapter, attached to the Lodge of Antiquity (holding from time immemorial), was holden at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the 7th of May. Comps. Henderson, G.Reg., presided as Z.; Wheeler, as H.; and Pulteney Scott, as J. Bro. Lambert was duly exalted, the ceremony being most ably performed. The Comps. afterwards dined together and passed a truly Masonic evening.

ST. GEORGE AND CORNER-STONE CHAPTER (No. 5).—A convocation of this Chapter was holden on the 23rd of May, at the Freemasons' Tavern. Two Brethren were exalted, and Comp. Wm. Gray Clarke, the new G.Sec., under dispensation from the M.E.Z., installed in the three several chairs, thereby qualifying him to take the position of G.E.

ROYAL YORK CHAPTER OF PERSEVERANCE (No. 7).—At the quarterly convocation of this flourishing Chapter, held at the Freemasons' Tavern, March 28, Bro. De la Chaumette was exalted to the Supreme Degree of R.A. The ceremony, at all times so impressive, was most ably and beautifully rendered by Comp. Absolon, Z., who received most efficient assistance from the other principals and officers.

On its conclusion, the installations were proceeded with, Comp. Hervey, P.Z., installing Comp. John Symonds, Z., who installed his successor, Comp. D. Jones, as H., who performed the same ceremony for the Comp. elected to succeed him as J., Comp. Tyler. Comp. Muggeridge was re-elected Treas., and the following appointments were made by the M.E.Z.:—Comps. Honey, E.; G. Haward, N.; Young, P.S.; Savage, D.C.; Harrison and Barnard, Stewards. Comp. Young then nominated Comps. Bernice and G. Lambert as Assist. Sojs., and Comp. Rice was re-appointed Jan. The Chapter was then closed in ancient form, and the Comps. adjourned to banquet, nearly fifty sitting down, the tables being abundantly provided with everything that could contribute to gratify the palate and appease the appetite. Comp. Symonds, the newly-installed Z., presided in excellent style, supported by Comps. Hervey, P.Z. as H., and S. D. Wilson, P.Z. as J., in the unavoidable absence of Comps. Dr. Jones and Tyler, whom pressing engagements had summoned away. This was unfortunately also the case with Comp. Absolon, to whom the members of the Chapter were thus prevented tendering their acknowledgments of the manner in which he had served its interests during his year of office. The melodies of Comp. Crew told fresh as ever upon the ear, and in no slight degree added to the general enjoyment. We found it impossible to gather the names and styles of the whole of the visitors, but amongst them we noticed: Comps. Jennings, P.G.D.C.; King, P.G.S.B.; W. P. Scott, P.Z. and F. Crew, P.Z. No. 2; E. Roberts, P.Z. No. 453; Pocock, H. No. 338; F. Adlard, P.H. No. 3; Dr. Kent, Prov. G. Sup.; Rev. W. H. Lyall, No. 425; Whitmore, Binckes, &c. &c.

MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER (No. 49).—A convocation of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, May the 19th, at Comp. Couchman's, Windsor Castle Tavern, Vauxhall-bridge-road, the occasion being that of installing Principals and appointing Officers. Comp. H. Potter was inducted to the first chair as E.Z.; Barfield, as H.; and Dailey, as J. The following offices were filled up:—E. and N., Comps. Andrew and Norman; P.S. and Assists., Comps. Copus, M. Levinson, and W. Blackburn. The ceremonies were performed in admirable style, by Comp. Andrews, who also proposed Comp. Rackstraw as Treas., which was unanimously carried. The Comps. afterwards adjourned to supper, which was well served, and did great credit to the worthy host, Comp. Couchman. The visitors were Comps. W. Watson, No. 25; Harrison, No. 25; and Suter.

JOPPA CHAPTER (No. 223).—The members of this Chapter met at Bro. Seyd's, on Monday, April the 27th. The furniture, &c. having been renovated, and a magnificent canopy erected, the appearance of the Chapter was truly imposing. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:—Comps. A. J. Jones, Z.; H. Lyons, H.; H. A. Isaacs, J.; A. M. Cohen, Scribe E.; T. Ladd, Scribe N.; J. M. Isaacs, P.S.; and D. Samuels, Treas. Comp. H. A. Isaacs, E., proposed that a Past Principal's Jewel be presented to Comp. D. Samuels for his zealous services as M.E.Z., which was seconded and carried unanimously. Comp. D. Moses, Treas., being compelled from indisposition to resign his office, Comp. H. A. Isaacs proposed that a testimonial written on vellum be presented to him in acknowledgment of his past services. The business of the evening being concluded, the Comps. sat down to a most *recherché* banquet, and parted company at 11 o'clock, after passing a most agreeable evening.

PROVINCIAL CHAPTERS.

ESSEX.—*Chapter of Hope and Unity* (No. 259).—The first meeting of this chapter for the season was held at the White Hart, Romford, on Friday, the 1st of May, when Bro. Johnstone, the W.M. of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, was exalted, Comp. Wm. Watson, P.Z., performing the ceremony. The same worthy Comp. afterwards installed Comps. Bowers as Z.; Trevanion as H.; and Adlard as J. The other officers were also appointed; viz.—A. W. Thisulton, E.; Josephs, N.; and Johnstone, P.S. Comp. Binckes was proposed as a joining member.

GRAVESEND.—*Hermes Chapter* (No. 91).—This Chapter held its first meeting for the season at the Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, on Monday, the 11th of May, Comp. Wm. Watson, P.G., presiding. Bro. Waite was exalted to the Sublime Degree, and the Principals and other Officers elected and installed; viz.—Comps. Allen, Z.; Dawson, H.; Southgate, J.; Sharland, Treas.; Goring, E.; Woodford, N.; and Johnson, P.S. At the conclusion of business, the Comps. adjourned to a very elegant banquet, and in the course of the evening there were some excellent speeches and singing.

OXFORD.—*Alfred Chapter* (No. 425).—A convocation of this Chapter was holden at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, May 18th; Comps. W. Beach acting as Z.; Barton as H.; Hester as J.; Walker as P.S.; and Fraser as E. There were four exaltations; viz.—Comps. the Earl of Carnarvon, No. 10; Fardell, Exeter College, No. 460; Emberlin, No. 425; and Davison, No. 283. The ceremonies were excellently performed.

TAVISTOCK.—*Bedford Chapter* (No. 351).—A Chapter of Emergency was summoned for Monday, May the 11th, when the M.E.Z., Comp. W. Merrifield, opened the Chapter, assisted by Comps. J. Matthews, H., and W. Cross, J. The Chapter being duly formed, Bro. Goodyear was exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason. Comps. Snell, P.Z., officiated as E.; J. Gray, as N.; T. Chapman, as Prin. Soj.; Hadow, as Assist. Soj.; and Andrews, Jan.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

GRAND CONCLAVE.

The Grand Conclave of Masonic Knights Templar was held in the Temple of Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 8th of May. Present: Fras. C. K. Kemyss Tynte, M.E. and S.G.M.; William Stuart, V.E. D.G.M.; the Rev. Edward Moore, Prelate; Matthew Dawes, V.E. Prov. G. Com. for Lancashire; Charles John Vigne, V.E. Prov. G. Com. for Dorsetshire; Lieut.-Col. George A. Vernon, V.E. Prov. G. Com. for Staffordshire; Capt. H. Atkins Bowyer, V.E. Prov. G. Com. for Oxfordshire; J. R. J. Randolph, V.E. Prov. G. Com. for Somersetshire; Dr. H. T. Hinxman, V.E. Prov. G. Com. for Kent; W. Wither Hicks Beach, M.P., V.E. Prov. G. Com. for Hampshire; Robert Warner Wheeler, 1st G. Capt.; Dr. B. A. Kent, 2nd G. Capt.; H. Burchell Herne, P.G. Capt.; J. Newton Tomkins, G. Treas.; John A. D. Cox, G. Reg.; John Masson, G. Chanc.; J. H. Law, G.V. Chanc.; Capt. Dawes, 1st G. Exp.; Geo. Beauchamp Cole, 2nd G. Exp.; M. H. Shuttleworth, G. Almoner; and Rev. J. G. Wood, A.D.C., and others.

The Grand Conclave was opened in due form with solemn prayer.

The M.E. and S.G.M. then addressed the Conclave on the state and prospects of the Order, and in a most feeling and affectionate manner alluded to the severe illness with which he had been afflicted since his last meeting them in that Temple. He dilated on the encouragement given to this eminent degree by the intellectual and educated classes: it embodied among its members the nobility, gentry of ancient lineage, the clergy, and the members of the legal and medical professions, and, in fact, their united influence was now spreading the Order to the wide East and far West, and southern dominions of the British empire.

The M.E. and S.G.M. directed alms to be collected by the G. Almoner, and during the collection of them, the G. Prelate read the usual exhortations.

The minutes of the last Grand Conclave were read and confirmed.

The committee reported the formation of two new Encampments; viz., the Encampment of St. Augustine, with a power of removal, committed to Sir Knight Hugh D. Sandeman, of the Bengal civil service; the Encampment of St. George, with a like power, to Sir Knight Benjamin Archer Kent, M.D., of South Australia.

The committee also reported that the balance in the hands of the Treasurer was £320. 5s. 4d.

The G. Almoner announced that the alms collected, added to the balance in his hands, was £9. 12s. 10d.

The M.E. and S.G.M. announced that Sir John De la Pole, Bart., had presented to the Grand Conclave an antique two-handed sword, which was certainly in these days a curiosity; it is some seven feet in length, and could only have been used by Ascabart. It is, however, wavy, and we conclude was used in some ceremonial, perhaps as the sword of justice.

The patents of the appointments of Fras. Hugh David Sandeman as Prov. G. Com. for Bengal; Dr. Benjamin Archer Kent, for South Australia; and H. S. S. Burney, for Essex, were then read.

The M.E. and S.G.M. then appointed the following Fras. the Officers for the year ensuing, and they were presented by the G. Chanc. and invested with the collars and jewels of office:—William Stuart, D.G.M.; B. B. Cabbell, G. Prior; J. A. Henderson, G. Sub-Prior; Rev. Edward Moore, Prelate; Geo. Beauchamp Cole, 1st G. Capt.; William Gregory Smith, 2nd G. Capt.; John Masson, G. Chanc.; J. H. Law, G.V. Chanc.; John A. D. Cox, G. Reg.; S. B. Harman, G. Chamb.; Rev. Octavius Freire Owen, G. Hospitaller; Alfred Heather, 1st G. Expert; R. Costa, 2nd G. Expert; S. D. Forbes, G. Dir. of Cers.; M. H. Shuttleworth, G. Almoner; H. S. Allpuss, 1st St. B.; W. H. Wright, 2nd St. B.; Samuel Bryant, 1st Capt. of Lines; J. G. Blackburne, 2nd Capt. of Lines; John Barker, 1st G. Herald; W. Bannister, 2nd G. Herald; H. A. Bennet, G. Sword-bearer; S. F. Campbell and J. W. Browne, A.D.Cs.; H. F. Holt, G. Banner-bearer.

Fra. John Newton Tomkins was unanimously re-elected G. Treasurer.

The following Fras. were elected by the Conclave members of the committee for general purposes for the year ensuing; viz., G. B. Cole, M. H. Shuttleworth, O. F. Owen, A. Heather, Goldsworthy.

The M.E. and S.G.M. appointed Fras. Edward Moore, H. Burchell Herne, and R. J. Spiers, members of the same committee.

The Conclave was then, after prayer from the G. Prelate, closed, and after a short time the Fras. assembled at the banquet, which was laid with all the good taste that governs the establishment, and to the excellent viands prepared by Bros. Elkington and Co., was added some splendid venison, the accustomed present of the venerable G.M. The G.M. presided, and after the *Benedicite* from the G. Prelate, due justice was done to a capital dinner, and greetings of brotherly love and union from each and all, pledged in cool hock, brilliant sherry, and creamy champaign. The cloth being removed, and after the G. Prelate with solemn intonation had given thanks, the M.E. and S.G.M. rose, and congratulating the Brethren on her Majesty's restoration to health, gave "The Queen." This was followed by "Prince Albert and the rest of the Royal Family." Due honour was also paid to "The Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M. of Craft Masonry." "The Army and Navy" was the next toast, and as there was no one of the latter branch of the service, the G.M. united with the toast the names of Col. Vaughan and Col. Vernon. The former briefly made acknowledgment, while the latter, with much readiness, said he presumed the G.M. had selected him to respond for the navy, as being a descendant of Admiral Vernon, who some 120 years ago had by his deeds achieved a fame that would endure as long as the British name. Having been for twenty-five years in his country's service, he of course, as an old soldier, must in candour acknowledge that the navy was the safeguard of Britain,—its wooden walls were not only the protection and defence of their own shores, but enabled them to throw the shield of protection over the oppressed and the enslaved throughout the world. The gallant soldier, in concluding his energetic address, of which we can but give an outline, said it afforded him great pleasure in being thus allowed to speak of the services of the British navy.

The M.E. and S.G.M. then proposed the D.G.M., Sir Knight William Stuart, who, in his own province as well as in the metropolis, was always foremost in furthering the interests of this and every other Degree in Masonry. Fra. Stuart, in reply, said, if he had any merit, it was that he endeavoured to follow the

G.M., from whom he as well as all others derived their light ; he concluded by calling on all for a bumper to the health of their M.E. and S.G.M.

The venerable Col. Tynte very promptly arose, and said it was with mingled pride and gratitude he continued to receive the kindness of the Brethren assembled. It was now twelve years since he had been elected to preside over them, and he could but allow that, if he had been of use, it was by their kind indulgence and forbearance ; his infirmity was a hindrance to his discharging the great duties of the conclave, and presiding over the banquet satisfactorily to himself. He felt the approach of old age, and he could but look forward tranquilly to the time when he should be called away, as he had the assurance he should descend to the grave accompanied by the good-will of so many affectionate friends as were around him. The Brethren listened to the address of their venerated chief with the deepest attention, and by their silence during the address and applause at its conclusion showed the high esteem in which the G.M. is held by all.

The M.E. and S.G.M. then proposed "The G. Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor, Frs. Masson and Law, two officers to whom the Order was much indebted for the zealous discharge of the important duties of their office." Fra. Masson, with some humour, said he had always the consolation of having *Law* on his side, and in their offices they might be considered as the Siamese Twins of the conclave : they were, he assured his hearers, united by a cord that, without danger, could not be separated ; and Fra. Law further said, so long as their services were acceptable, the duties of the offices should be faithfully discharged.

The M.E. and S.G.M. in proposing "The G. Prelate, Fra. Moore," in conjunction with "The Grand Hospitaller, Fra. Owen," said, in all well-ordered societies, it was desirable to have the countenance of the clergy ; and when members of that sacred profession joined the Masonic Order, they were always men of liberal mind and enlarged views ; they had no sectarian or sordid bias ; their education gave them great advantage in furthering the cause of liberal institutions ; and his observations would particularly apply to the two eminent Frs. he had named. Fra. Moore briefly said it had been his peculiar duty to reply to this toast for some years ; he tendered his thanks to the G.M. and Brethren, and would leave his Reverend Fra. to return thanks on his own behalf.

The Rev. Octavius F. Owen spoke briefly to the following effect :—"If there be anything more likely to elicit grateful appreciation and honour from clergymen, it is when they see their efforts understood, and in some degree anticipated by the tone of kind urbanity with which you, sir, so invest all our proceedings as to cause every Templar to be proud of his supreme chief, and to make you regarded by us all with filial reverence. It is true that Templarism removes many of those points which are considered objectionable in pure Masonry, whilst it enables a clergyman to pass, as you remark, through all mixed societies, and to do good. Unfortunately, some men stand aloof from the mere 'parson ;' so that it is well that the latter comes in a guise which disarms prejudice, as a Templar is accepted as a friend ; and thence getting within the pale of distrust, can effect much moral improvement in society. Amongst the noblest and most select Masons, as Templars, you overwhelm us with courtesy. Long may the Order prosper ! Long, sir, may you live to impart to it your own benign feelings and urbanity, and if I may perpetrate a pun at the expense of my coadjutor's name and my own, may I know *more* of him, and in discharge of duty never be *owing* to you !"

The M.E. and S.G.M. then gave "The G. Treasurer and G. Almoner, two officers whose faithful discharge of their duties entitled them to the warmest acknowledgments." Frs. Tomkins and Shuttleworth tendered their thanks for the kind way in which their services had been mentioned. The G. Treasurer said he had been careful to preserve their funds, and the G. Almoner felt much honoured in having committed to him the relief of the orphan and the widow.

The M.E. and S.G.M. then asked the Frs. to pay honour to their respected G. Registrar ; and Fra. Cox, in reply, said all were aware it was not his function to make speeches—his duty was to record the admission of members ; hence his motto must be deeds, not words. He was much gratified to find his services were acceptable, and thankful for the kind reception his name had received.

The M.E. and S.G.M. then gave "The Provincial Grand Commanders," who, by their local influence, had been of great advantage to the Order. Fra. Matthew Dawes, in responding to the toast, said he had been accustomed to rise with but three associates—they were now ten. To their venerated G.M., the Order was indebted for its progress; his firm adherence and attention created all the happiness they enjoyed. For himself, he could say that in Lancashire he had done his best to add to the Encampments. The presence of so many Prov. G. Commanders was an assurance of their readiness to rally round the banner of their venerated chief, and by the new appointments spread to the distant East and the Southern hemisphere a knowledge of their holy Order.

To the toast, "The Past Grand Officers of the Order," Dr. Kent replied, and said that the powers with which he was armed in Craft Masonry would enable him to make known and extend this Christian Degree in the extensive colony to which he was again about to return; and being now intrusted with a warrant to open the Encampment, and further aided by his patent as a Grand Commander, his means of usefulness to the Masonic Institution was much enhanced.

The customary concluding toast, "To all Poor and Distressed Knights Templar," concluded the day's proceedings.

It is but repeating what we often have to say, that the attention of Bros. Elkington and Banks to every one deserves acknowledgment at our hands; the wish of a guest is realized almost as soon as it can be expressed. Besides the Fras. we have named as officers, there were present the following,—Thomas Ward, Alexander Ridgway, J. A. L. Barnard, Charles Goolden, William Macefield, J. How, James Randolph, William Roberts, George Barlow, G. Worley, Joseph Lyons, Richard Spencer, F. G. Whitehead, J. P. Higg, A. H. Rigby, etc.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND COMMANDERS.

Australia ..	..	Fra. Benjamin Archer Kent, M.D.
Bengal ..	..	„ Hugh David Sandeman, H.E.I.C. Civil Service.
Canada ..	..	„ Capt. W. I. B. L. Moore.
Cheshire ..	..	„ W. C. Cruttenden.
Devonshire ..	..	„ Rev. John Huyshe.
Dorsetshire ..	..	„ Charles John Vigne.
Essex ..	..	„ Capt. H. S. S. Burney.
Hampshire ..	..	„ William Wither Bramston Hicks Beach, M.P.
Hertfordshire ..	..	„ William Stuart.
Kent ..	..	„ Henry J. Hinxman, M.D.
Lancashire ..	..	„ Matthew Dawes.
Madras ..	..	„ Lieut.-Col. W. P. Macdonald.
Nottinghamshire ..	..	„ The Earl of Lincoln.
Oxfordshire ..	..	„ Henry Atkins Bowyer.
Somersetshire ..	..	„ James R. S. Randolph.
Staffordshire ..	..	„ Colonel George Augustus Vernon.
Worcestershire ..	..	„ Henry Charles Vernon.

COLCHESTER.—*Temple Cressing Encampment.*—This Encampment is favourably progressing. At the Grand Conclave on the 8th of May, three of its members were appointed to office; viz.—Sir H. S. S. Burney, Prov. G.C. for Essex; Sir S. D. Forbes, G.D.C. for England and Wales; and Sir H. F. Holt, G.St.B.

DUDLEY.—A Knights Templar Encampment is to be formed at this town on the 10th of June, when many candidates are to be installed as Sir Knights.

NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.—A Council of the Knights Grand Cross of the Royal Kent Encampment was held at Freemasons' Hall, Newgate-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, May 1st, when, at the unanimous request of the Grand Crosses assembled, the M.J.G.M. George Hawks consented to retain his office for another year, re-appointing P.E.C. Jonn, Treasurer, and P.E.C. William Berkley, Registrar. Two P.E.Cs. of the Royal Kent Encampment of Knights Templar received the Grand Cross Degree at this Council.

MARK MASONRY.

THISTLE LODGE (No. 3).—A warrant having been granted by the S.G. Chapter of Scotland to Thomas Alexander Adams, James Richmond Sheen, and Joseph Cotterell, for establishing a Mark Lodge in London under the above title, a preliminary meeting was held at Dick's Coffee-house, Fleet-street, on Friday, May 8th, for the purpose of advancing those Brethren who were appointed to office. Bro. Adams, R.W.M., presided, and nine Brethren were advanced to the Mark Degree, thus completing the staff of officers for the efficient working of the Lodge. Subjoined is the list of officers:—Bro. Adams, R.W.M.; Stephen Barton Wilson, D.M.; Sheen, S.W.; Cotterell, J.W.; Binckes, M.O.; Lippman, S.O.; Stacey, J.O.; Panchaud, Reg.; Figg, C.; J. Gurton, S.D.; Fernandez, J.D.; Smith, T.K.; Queely, Steward; Hart, Organist; Suter, Treas.; Carpenter, Sec.; Longstaff, Tyler.

ARNOTT LODGE OF MARK MASONS (No. 4).—This Lodge, which holds its warrant from the Supreme Grand Chap. of Scotland, held its first meeting on Tuesday, April 28th, at Bro. Seyd's Masonic Hall, Finsbury-square, Bro. H. A. Isaacs, the R.W.M., ably presiding, supported by the Officers of St. Mark's, No. 1. The R.W.M. ably worked the ceremony, and advanced no less than twenty-one candidates. To prevent confusion from so large a number, they were divided into two parties, and the ceremony, except the final charges, worked twice. The R.W.M. was supported by Bros. A. Levy, S.W.; and Adams, J.W. of No. 1 and R.W.M. of No. 3, as J.W.; Bros. Harrison, Burton, Lippman, of No. 1, as M.O., S.O., and J.O. The other offices were ably filled by Bros. Thearle, Hughes, Arliss, and other members of St. Mark's. After the ceremony the Lodge was opened for the despatch of business, when, on the motion of Bro. H. A. Isaacs, the R.W.M., Dr. Walker Arnott, Grand Z. of Scotland (from whom the Lodge derives its name), was unanimously elected an honorary member. The same honour was conferred on Bro. Gaylor, of Edinburgh, Grand N. of Scotland; also Bro. Warren, R.W.M., and Bro. Hughes, D.R.W.M. St. Mark's, No. 1; and Bro. Adams, R.W.M. Thistle, No. 3. A similar honour was conferred on the R.W.M. Bro. H. A. Isaacs, in consideration of the great service he has rendered in organizing and establishing the Lodge. Later in the evening a similar compliment was paid to Bro. Saqui, on his appointment as Organist, on account of service rendered, in efficiently conducting the music during the ceremony, which we take this opportunity of remarking as being of a very superior character, and materially enhancing its solemnity. The Lodge being closed, the members sat down to a very elegant banquet, supplied by Bro. Seyd in his usual excellent style, and the rest of the evening was spent in toasts and responses, interspersed by delightful harmony, befitting the occasion.

NEW MUSIC.

We have received a copy of a new cavatina, published by Novello, entitled, "A Whisper—The Freemason's Secret," dedicated by permission to the M.W.G.M. the Earl of Zetland, and the V.W.G. Chaplain, the Rev. J. E. Cox. The words are by Bro. D. M. Aird, and the music by J. A. Anschuez. The air is rich and flowing; and having heard it in public, we can pronounce it as likely to become extremely popular.

SCOTLAND.

ALLOA.

St. John's Lodge (No. 69).—A Meeting of Emergency of this most distinguished Lodge was held in the Lodge-room, Alloa, on Friday, the 1st of May, the R.W.M. Morison presiding. Capt. Alexander Moncreiff of Culfargie, Perthshire, was proposed by the Proxy Master, and seconded by Bro. MacQueen, and affiliated a member of the Lodge. The meeting was a most harmonious one, and the Brethren were afterwards entertained by the Proxy Master, Bro. Downing Bruce, at the Royal Oak Hotel. We understand that the centenary meeting of the Lodge will shortly be celebrated; and considering that this is perhaps the most prosperous and energetic Lodge in Scotland, we have no doubt but that a number of Brethren from all parts of the country will attend.

EDINBURGH.

A quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in Rampling's Hotel on the 4th May; his Grace the Duke of Athole, M.W.G.M., in the chair.

Lodge of Edinburgh—Mary's Chapel (No. 1).—This Lodge held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 12th, in the Ship Hotel, when a gentleman was initiated into our Order. On this occasion, Bro. Herman, late of the Osmanli Cavalry, gave a very brilliant sketch of life in Constantinople during the war in the Crimea.

Lodge Cannongate Kilwinning (No. 2).—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held in their Lodge-room, St. John's Chapel, on Wednesday, May 13th, Bro. Thomas Drybrough, R.W.M., in the chair, who initiated a gentleman into the Craft, and affiliated Bro. Captain George Jeffrey. After business, deputations were received from the Lodge of Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, No. 1, headed by the R.W.M., Dr. Macowan, representative from the Grand Orient de France to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Lodge Cannongate and Leith, No. 5; St. Stephen, No. 145; Edinburgh and Leith Celtic, No. 229; and the Lodge St. Clair, No. 349. The evening was much enlivened by some excellent songs from Bros. Francalanza, Manning, Fraser, and Law. A Lodge of Emergency was held on May 20th, Bro. Stewart Watson, acting W.M., in the chair. The business of the evening consisted of the initiation of Mr. Wilson, passing Bro. Duke, and raising Bros. Duke and Barout, all of which ceremonies were most ably and impressively performed, after which, Bro. Hill, in a speech of much eloquence and feeling, presented to the Lodge an elegantly-framed portrait of Bro. Stewart Watson. Bro. Watson has been Secretary to the Cannongate Kilwinning Lodge upwards of eight years, and is universally respected by all who enjoy the pleasure of his acquaintance. A motion recording the gift was very cordially adopted, and a vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Hill for his presentation, which now adorns the walls of the time-honoured St. Mary's Chapel.

Dalkeith Kilwinning Lodge (No. 10) held their monthly meeting on the 4th May, the R.W.M. Dr. Jeffrey in the chair. The principal business before the Lodge was fixing a day for the reception of the Edinburgh Lodges to a summer treat of strawberries and cream, which was to be held on St. John's day, June 24th, but was postponed, as Bro. Law reported that the Cannongate Kilwinning Lodge were to hold their annual festival on that day.

St. Luke's Lodge (No. 44).—On Saturday, the 2nd of May, a Meeting of Emergency of this Lodge, formerly Holyrood House, was held at the Lodge-room, Greliche's Hotel, Princes-street, Edinburgh, for the purpose of initiating Capt.

Frederic Hay Swinfen, of the 5th Dragoon Guards. The working of this Lodge is most excellent under the present R.W.M. Bro. Skene, advocate. At a late meeting of this Lodge, Bro. Capt. Robert Cathcart Dalrymple Bruce, *H.P.* 82nd Regt., Bro. W. Downing Bruce, Proxy Master of the Alloa St. John's, and Bro. Trousdell, of the 5th Dragoon Guards, were elected honorary members without payment of the usual fees, in consideration of the services these gentlemen had rendered to the ancient Craft. The members afterwards adjourned to a banquet, provided by Bro. Greliche in his usual liberal style.


ROYAL ARCH.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

The Council of the R.S.Y.C.S met in their Grand Lodge, St. David's Hall, on Monday, the 6th April, when the following gentlemen were received as Knights of the Royal Order of H.R.D.M. of Kilwinning; viz. Comps. Captain George Jeffrey, Zierrogle, Lurton, Blackie, and Mitchell. The ceremony was ably performed by Sir Knight George Walker Arnott, M.E.G.Z., Depute Governor of the Order, assisted by Sir Knight Archibald Douglas, S.T.G.T.H., and Sir Knight Donald Campbell, B.T.Y.

Chapter Cannongate Kilwinning (No. 56).—A meeting of this Chapter was held in St. John's Chapel, on Friday, the 8th May, when Bro. Hugh Chetham Lyle, *R.A.*, received the Degrees of Mark and Past Master. In the absence of Comp. Thomas Drybrough, M.E.Z, the ceremony was conducted in a very able manner by Comp. Henry Macviter, M.D., the 2nd Principal.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

The Sovereign Princes Rose Croix, by command of the S.G.I.G. of the 33rd Degree, held a chapter on the 7th May, for the purpose of affiliating the Illust. Bro. James Burnes, M.D., Knight of the Guelphs, Chevalier R.  of the Trinitaries of Paris, holding of the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree for France, who, after passing the intermediate Degrees, was in a consistory of the 32nd exalted to the rank of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret.

On the 5th of May, his Grace the Duke of Athole presided at a Chapter of the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree, in Scotland, when the illustrious Bro. Lord James Murray, S.P.R.S., representative from the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the Grand Lodge of England, was unanimously elected to the 33rd Degree, in the room of the illustrious Bro. Donaldson, resigned. His place in the 32nd being conferred on the R.W. Bro. James Burnes, K.H. (G.M. of Scottish Freemasons in India), who happened to be at Edinburgh on a visit. In the evening a select party of the members of the Rite assembled to dinner at the Turf Hotel, where the Duke of Athole was supported by Lord James Murray, Bro. Burnes, Bros. Colonel Swinburne, Dr. Somerville, W. A. Lawrie, A. J. Stewart, and others; an admirable dinner being provided by Bro. Murray, a member of the Council. The meeting partook more of the character of a private party, than of a public *r union*; but some remarks made by Bro. Burnes excited much interest. On being complimented on having added five Lodges to the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in India, he said that he looked back to his Masonic career in that country with unmitigated pleasure. "It was in a country like India, where innumerable nations are congregated together, where society is divided into castes of men altogether discordant, and into sects of religion diametrically opposed to each other, and where amongst our own countrymen the marked distinctions inseparable from military discipline produce a chilling coldness between classes, that Masonry can best produce its beneficent influence, and form a common ground, where, apart from religious strife, political controversy, and the rigid routine of duty, men otherwise so conflicting in their feelings could meet together to show

their reverence to the Great Architect, by love to each other, and good deeds to their fellow-men. In the East, moreover, Freemasonry had ever excited the most intense interest. Early in life he had been deputed to the court of Scinde, and could recollect how he was questioned by the Ameers on the subject. Some would recollect the conversation between his brother, the late Sir Alexander Burnes, and Dost Mohammed, of Cabul, wherein the latter demanded if Freemasonry were not a means of converting base metals into gold; to which Sir Alexander replied, 'It does not transmute base metals into gold, but it transforms the base and black passions of men into philanthropy and love.' It had been alleged that his enthusiasm had cooled; but domestic bereavements and residence abroad had kept him from the meetings of the Craft; besides, he was now in a country where there were abler and younger Brethren to do the work."

IRELAND.

FREEMASONS' FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL.

The annual meeting of the friends and subscribers to this admirable institution was held on Friday, May 1, in the Freemasons' Hall, Commercial Buildings, Dame-street, Dublin.

The immediate objects of the meeting were the distribution of prizes to the pupils who had distinguished themselves at the recent examination, and the reception of the report (for the past year) of the governors of the school, which, founded towards the close of the last century, is, as many of our readers are doubtless aware, now established in handsome and commodious premises at Burlington-place, Lower Bagot-street. The appearance presented by the stately Gothic hall of "the time-honoured order," to an uninitiated spectator, was exceedingly striking. Four elegant bronze gaseliers, *en suite* with the architectural arrangements of this spacious apartment, shed a "dim religious light" over a scene which, for a moment, recalled "the days of old." At one end the light glinted on suits of knightly armour which once

"Had seen war's lightning flashing,
And through red blood the war-horse dashing;"

but were now to grace a more peaceful scene. Along the decorated walls, and nigh the fretted roof, were arranged the banners and escutcheons, bright with heraldic blazonry, of the Knights and Officers of the various Orders of Masonry. The stalls were occupied, and the body of the hall graced by the presence of a number of fashionable and elegantly attired ladies, the lively colours of whose gay spring costumes, together with the varicoloured aprons, collars, strange devices, jewels, and appointments of the "mystic Masons," who were all *en grand tenue*, afforded a charming and novel *coup d'œil*. Meanwhile the sweetly-toned organ, the gift of the M.W.G.M., discoursed, under the cunning hands of Bros. White and Crosthwaite, most eloquent music.

At four o'clock, the Grand Officers, Committee, and Stewards, entered the Grand Lodge-room in procession, and conducted his Grace the Duke of Leinster, the G.M. of the Order, to the chair. The children of the school, twenty-two in number, had been previously admitted, and placed in front of the organ. We were much pleased with their intelligent, happy countenances, the gentle modesty of their demeanour, and the becoming neatness of their costume.

Upon taking the chair, his Grace was saluted by the assembled Brethren according to ancient usage.

Bro. the Rev. H. J. Westby having opened the meeting with prayer,

Bro. the Rev. J. Faviere Elrington, the Secretary, stated the object of the meeting, and read extracts from the report of the Governors for the year 1856:—

"The number of pupils at present in the school is twenty-two, and the Board feels happy in being able to state that the general conduct of the pupils during

the past year has been most praiseworthy, while their healthy and cheerful appearance bears the highest testimony to the kindness and efficiency with which Mrs. Noble continues to discharge the duties of matron of the school.

“The Governors have reason to believe that the Female Orphan School is not as well known, even among the Brethren of the Order, as it deserves to be ; and they would call especial attention to the fact that the resources of the school, at present, depend almost exclusively upon the support of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and the subscriptions of the members of the Dublin Lodges. Of the present inmates of the school there are but three whose parents were members of a Dublin Lodge, and an inspection of the roll of the pupils will show that the claims of the rest of Ireland are fairly represented in the school, and that no partiality is shown to any one class or district. Every Brother who is a subscriber of £1 annually to the funds of the institution has a vote at the election of a child to the school ; and the Governors would earnestly entreat those who have hitherto befriended the institution to use their influence and exertions amongst their Brethren and friends, to make the Masonic Female Orphan School more generally known, and to obtain funds sufficient to justify the Board in extending its benefits. There are few who cannot contribute something towards the funds of the school ; and it is not too much to say, that no object should be dearer to the heart of a Mason than to supply the blessings of education and a home to the orphan children of his Brethren.

“In the month of November last, a sub-committee was appointed by the Board of Governors, to inquire and report as to the feasibility of affording to some of the pupils of the school the advantage of a higher class of education, and the sub-committee upon this question made the following report :—

“‘In pursuance of the resolution of the Governors of the Masonic Orphan School, passed at their last meeting, your committee have carefully considered the propriety of affording a higher degree of education to the inmates of the Masonic Orphan School. Your committee are of opinion that any attempt to increase the advantage afforded by the institution is not only highly laudable in itself, but would be likely to command increased support, from the Order generally, to the funds of the Masonic Female Orphan School. Your committee feel a confident hope that the funds of the institution will annually increase ; but, in their present state, they cannot recommend a project which, in their opinion, must involve an increased annual expenditure ; and they feel constrained to recommend that the proposed improvement should await such an increase in the resources of the school as will enable the governors to command the services of competent and efficient masters for such of the girls as may appear likely to do credit to their instruction.’

“In connection with this subject, the Board think it right to lay before the subscribers to the institution the following statement of the advantages at present afforded by the institution.

“The inmates of the Masonic Orphan School are fed, clothed, lodged, and educated under the careful superintendence both of the governors and of a committee of ladies, who kindly give their attention to the details of the management of the institution. English grammar, reading, writing, arithmetic, and geography are taught by a master who attends the school daily ; and the governors have great pleasure in acknowledging the value of the services of Mr. Betts in this department. Almost the entire domestic work of the school-house is performed by the pupils themselves, who are occupied by turns in the kitchen, laundry, and in scouring and cleaning the house ; one servant only is engaged at the school, whose assistance is requisite for work which is beyond the strength of the children. Great attention is paid to plain needlework, and the pupils make up all their own clothes without any assistance whatever. The religious instruction of the children is intrusted to the Grand Chaplains of the Order in Ireland, and under their superintendence is carefully provided for. The health of the pupils is under the care of Bro. Dr. Speedy, to whom the Board desire to express their thanks for his valuable professional services, gratuitously and most readily given to the inmates of the institution.”

Mr. Elrington likewise stated that the debt of £1,500, which had been incurred

for the building, &c., of the new school-house, had been discharged, and mentioned several details connected with the management of the institution. At the conclusion of his observations, the children sang the 100th Psalm in excellent time, and with organ accompaniment, played by Bro. White.

Robert Longfield, Q.C., addressed the meeting in an eloquent speech, setting forth the advantages of the institution, the diligence and good conduct of the pupils, and their systematic training to habits of industry and self-reliance, &c.

The children who had obtained prizes were then introduced *seriatim*, by the Grand Officers, to his Grace the Duke of Leinster, who handed to each of them the premium awarded by the examiners. The paternal manner with which his Grace received these interesting children, as he cordially shook hands with each one of them on her coming near him, adding some kindly words of encouragement or approbation, was the theme of universal praise,

“ And spoke the secret sympathy,
The silver link, the silken tie,
Which heart to heart, and mind to mind,
In feeling and in soul can bind.”

At the conclusion of the interesting ceremony,

The Rev. Mr. Westby pronounced the blessing, and, the children having sung the hymn, “ Lord, dismiss us with Thy Blessing,” the meeting adjourned to the dining-hall of the Order, where an elegant cold collation was prepared for their refreshment.

His Grace the Duke of Leinster presided.

The comfort of the children was not forgotten by the thoughtful governors, who had provided for them a tempting repast, to which the little ones did ample justice.

The company separated shortly before six o'clock, highly gratified with the day's proceedings.

COLONIAL.

AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE.—Saturday, the 27th of December, 1856, being St. John's day, there was a large muster of the Craft at the Adelaide Masonic Hall, the D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Lozar, presiding, when, after the routine business had been disposed of and the various Masters installed, the D. Prov. G.M. presented, in the name of the Brothers of the United Tradesmen's Lodge, No. 853, a very handsome gold P.M.'s jewel, valued at twenty guineas, to Bro. W. Fineash, their late Master, bearing the following inscription: “ Presented to P.M. Bro. W. Fineash, by the Brethren of the United Tradesmen's Lodge, No. 853, Adelaide, South Australia, as a token of esteem and a slight acknowledgment of his able services as W.M. during the past year, Dec. 27th, A.E. 5856 ; A.D. 1856.”

VICTORIA.—The installation of Captain Andrew Clarke as Prov. G.M., took place on Tuesday, the 9th of Feb., in the large room at Hockin's Hotel, Melbourne, which was fitted up for the occasion as a Provincial Grand Lodge.

About 150 Brethren were present, and nearly all the thirteen Lodges of the province were represented. Amongst the visiting Brethren we noticed the Prov. G.M. for Victoria, under the Irish constitution, Bro. J. T. Smith, M.L.A., the Prov. Deputy G.M. and Treasurer, Bros. A. G. M'Combe and F. A. Adams, also Bro. E. Sydes, Past Provincial Grand Secretary for Somersetshire, and Bros. Captain Scott and Lieut. R. Campbell, V.V.A.R., Past Master A. Walker, &c., under the Scotch constitution, &c.

The Lodge of Australia Felix, No. 197, was opened by its Master and Wardens in the Three Degrees, when the Provincial Grand Master and Officers elect, Past

Provincial Grand Officers, and acting Provincial Grand Officers, preceded and followed by Provincial Grand Stewards, entered the Lodge in procession, solemn music being played by Br. Feneigle, the Provincial Grand Organist elect.

Bro. J. J. Moody, Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden for Cheshire, was appointed by Captain Clarke the Acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master to install him, and to perform the several ceremonies appropriate to the occasion.

Bro. E. Levick, P.M. Australia Felix Lodge, was appointed by Captain Clarke Acting Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Moody, assisted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Senior and Junior Wardens and Chaplain, Bros. F. S. Gell, H. W. Lowry, T. H. Taylor (of Geelong), and the Rev. C. P. M. Bardin.

The roll of the several Lodges in the Province was called over. The authority to the acting D. Prov. G.M., the patent of appointment of Captain Clarke by the Earl of Zetland, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, were severally read by the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. T. M'Dermott, and the appointment ratified by the acclamations of the Brethren.

After other appropriate observances, the procession was re-formed, withdrew, and, with those qualified, Bro. J. Moody opened a Board of Installed Masters, and duly installed Captain Clarke Prov. G.M. for Victoria. On the return of the procession to the Prov. G. Lodge, the Prov. G.M. was invested by Prov. G.M. Bro. J. T. Smith, and conducted to the throne with appropriate remarks, and he then received the homage and congratulations of his Brethren.

The Prov. G.M. made a suitable response, and proceeded to invest with appropriate observations his Prov. G. Officers.

Three important motions proposed by Bro. Moody and seconded by Bro. Levick were unanimously adopted; namely, a committee of Prov. G. Officers, and a representation from every Lodge in the Province, to frame draft by-laws, and cause to be printed proofs thereof, to be sent to every Lodge, and the same to be considered and ordered on at the next Provincial Grand Lodge.

A committee of the same Members to report on the Regalia, Insignia, Furniture, &c., required for the Provincial Grand Lodge.

A committee of seven to report on the best means, with plans and estimate of cost, of a Freemasons' Hall in Melbourne, communicating, and if possible acting in concert, with bodies of Brethren attempting to attain the same object.

The Prov. G.M. then closed the Provincial Grand Lodge in due form, and he and the Brethren proceeded to the Criterion Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet, flavoured with the choicest wines, was served up by Bro. Wedel, in his well-known style of excellence. About seventy or eighty Brethren were present, and were enlivened by the strains of an instrumental band. The Prov. G. Organist accompanied the vocalists on the piano.

The company enjoyed a delightful evening, and separated early.

CANADA.

The Toronto papers, in alluding to the late melancholy railway accident, state that, amongst those who lost their lives, was Mr. Zimmerman, who was in Canada the counterpart of what Mr. Dargan is in Ireland: he was the principal promoter of every enterprise for the development of the resources of the province, and is stated to have realized a fortune of between £300,000 and £400,000. He was killed instantaneously. He was an ardent and zealous member of the Masonic body, who honoured his memory with a funeral rarely equalled in the history of the Craft, of which the following is an abbreviated account from the *Toronto Globe* :—

MR. ZIMMERMAN'S FUNERAL.

The funeral obsequies of Mr. Zimmerman were performed at Clifton, in a manner wholly unexampled in this Province, as far as relates to the number of those who participated in the melancholy duties and the grandeur of the display. The whole country in the vicinity of Clifton appeared to have turned out *en masse*, and numbers having come from other parts of the province, a great concourse was

assembled, numbering not less than ten thousand. All seemed deeply affected by the loss which has been sustained, and desirous of paying the last tribute of respect to the departed.

The following Canadian Lodges of Freemasons were represented as below. The greater part went down by the Great Western in the morning train, and proceeded from the Suspension-bridge Station by the Erie and Ontario Railroad to Clifton. The number conveyed by this train was over five hundred.

TORONTO.—St. Andrew's, St. John's, King Solomon's, and Canadian Knights Templar.

HAMILTON.—Barton Lodge, No. 3; Prov. Grand Lodge of Canada; Strict Observance Lodge, No. 17; St. John's, No. 20; Acacia, No. 30.

ELSEWHERE.—Woodstock Lodge, No. 895, English Register; Grimsby Lodge, No. 4, Provincial; Alma Lodge, Galt; St. John's Lodge, London; Kellarwan Lodge, London; St. George's Lodge, Montreal, No. 643, English Register; St. George's Lodge; St. Catherine's (Mr. Zimmerman was a member of this Lodge); and Niagara Lodge.

On the arrival of the Masons from Canada, they were met by those from the United States at the Clifton House, and all proceeded to the large hall in connection with that hotel, where a Lodge was opened in due form.

From Buffalo there were representatives from each Lodge.

From Rochester, the deputation consisted of General Lathrop, and 48 Knights Templar.

From Lockport, Dr. Murphy, High Priest of the Fraternity of New York, Dr. McLean, and the entire Encampment of 75 members. Mr. Zimmerman was a Knight Templar in this Encampment.

From Syracuse, a deputation of 12 Templars, of Central City Encampment, attended.

All the Templars present were arrayed in silver and black regalia, cocked hats, swords, gauntlets, &c. &c.

After the Lodge had been opened, the procession filed out, and numbered clothed Masons 590, which was augmented by additions, swelling the number to over 650. Two bands—Union (seventeen members) from Buffalo, and Scots (fourteen members) from Rochester—took places allotted to them; and the Masons moved up the hill towards the residence of their deceased Brother, the bands playing the "Sicilian Mariners' Hymn." Arrived at the house, at which there was assembled an immense concourse of people, the procession rested—during which time divine service was being performed in the house by the Rev. Mr. Inglis, of Niagara Falls, and the Rev. Mr. Leeming, of Chippawa, clergymen of the Church of England.

At 2-15, the hearse, drawn by four beautiful horses, was driven to the door, and the coffin containing the remains of the deceased deposited therein.

The procession then formed, and moved from the house at 2-50. It proceeded down the hill, towards the Falls, and entered opposite the Clifton House, the grounds laid out and beautified by Dr. Zimmerman, through which it moved towards the base of the hill, where a vault had been erected. Around the vault an inclosure of half an acre was formed by ropes and stakes, around which the Masons formed two deep, allowing the pall-bearers with the coffin, the Guard of Honour, and the Grand Officers to pass the vault. The body was then deposited at the mouth of the vault, and the Rev. Mr. Leeming proceeded to read the Church Burial Service, after which Dr. Murphy, the High Priest of the Fraternity in New York, read, in a clear and distinct voice, from the Masonic Manual, the funeral ceremony for Past Masters.

After the reading, at the command of the Priest, the whole body filed past, each Mason dropping a twig of evergreen on the coffin, and formed as before in procession. The rest of the service was read, a prayer offered up, and the coffin carefully placed in the vault, covered with the cap, sword, mantle, gauntlet, lambskin, &c., of the uniform of the Knights Templar. The procession then returned to the hall, and the crowd dispersed.

In the hall, Dr. Murphy presiding, Mr. Stephens, D. Prov. G.M., Hamilton, in a few very appropriate and feeling remarks, moved a resolution to the effect that

an address of condolence be presented to the relatives of the deceased, and convey the high estimation in which he was held by the Fraternity generally ; also, that Canadian Lodges be requested to go into mourning for thirty days.

On the motion of the Hon. M. Cameron, a vote of thanks was passed and tendered to the Brethren from the United States who had so kindly and heartily assisted in the melancholy duties of the day. After which the Lodge was adjourned, and the majority proceeded to the cars for the east and west.

The trains on the Erie and Ontario Railroad were trimmed with crape, as also were those on the Great Western for Buffalo.

AMERICA.

The following Articles of Union have been agreed upon by the Committees for the adjustment of Masonic differences in the state of New York, and approved by the G.M. :—

“ *Whereas* certain events, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the state of New York, have produced the existence of two bodies, each claiming to be the Grand Lodge of the state of New York ; and *whereas* the honour, usefulness, and beneficent objects of the Institution have suffered, and are now suffering by reason of the differences and disagreements among the Fraternity of this state :

“ *Now, therefore*, the undersigned Committees, appointed by the two bodies hereinafter mentioned, in view of amicably and permanently ending such differences and disagreements, to the end that the harmony which is compatible with the true principles of Freemasonry may prevail, do mutually consent and interchangeably subscribe to the following Articles of Union, as a proper and equitable manner of ending such differences and disagreements.

“ And if the said Articles of Union are adopted and confirmed by the bodies respectively ; to wit, the body known as the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, of which John L. Lewis, Jr., is Grand Master, and the body known as the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, of which Mordecai Myers is Grand Master, then these Articles of Union shall be considered and constituted a fundamental law of the Grand Lodge of the state of New York.

“ 1. That there shall be but one Grand Lodge in the state of New York.

“ 2. That all proceedings had in relation to suspensions or expulsions, arising out of the transactions known as the ‘ Difficulties of 1849,’ shall be and are hereby rescinded, and all such persons as may have been so suspended or expelled are hereby restored to full membership and entitled to all the rights and privileges of Masonry. The proceedings of either body, in their legislative and judicial capacity, where they do not conflict with each other, are hereby confirmed.

“ 3. That all Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of both bodies shall be considered as Past Grand Officers, and recognized as such. For the purpose of obviating embarrassments in cases where Lodges in both bodies have the same number, the following plan shall be adopted :—If the two Lodges bearing the same number cannot mutually agree to consolidate into one Lodge, then, the Lodge having the original warrant, or warrant of senior date, shall retain its number, while the other Lodge shall change its number and pass to the next junior vacant number in the list of Lodges, and its warrant shall be so numbered, indorsed, and registered.

“ 4. That all suits at law, of whatever nature and kind, arising out of the aforesaid ‘ Difficulties of 1849,’ shall be withdrawn and discontinued. The expenses of both parties shall be paid from the fund known as the ‘ Permanent Fund,’ and the balance of the moneys of the said Permanent Fund, together with all interest accruing thereon, and all other moneys belonging to the Grand Lodge on the 5th of June, A.L. 5849, shall be paid into and become, and are hereby constituted a

part of the fund known as the 'Hall and Asylum Fund,' and the Trustees are hereby authorized to make the transfer. The Hall and Asylum Fund, now held in trust by the Grand Lodge, together with the moneys above named, shall remain intact, and be applied, with such additions and accumulations as may hereafter be made thereto, to the purposes for which the said fund was created.

"5. That the Grand Lodge shall be composed of all the Grand Officers, and of all such Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Wardens, Past Grand Secretaries, and Past Grand Treasurers as shall have been elected and installed in this jurisdiction prior to June, A.L. 5849, and of the Masters and Wardens, or the representatives, legally appointed, of all the Lodges under this jurisdiction; and of all such Past Masters of Lodges under this jurisdiction as shall have been elected, installed, and served one year in the chair as Master, prior to December 31st, A. L. 5849.

"6. The Constitutions and General Regulations shall be referred to a committee of three from each body, who shall mutually report, during the Annual Session of A. L. 5857, such form of Constitutions and General Regulations as may be deemed best suited to the condition of the Fraternity, and not in violation of these articles; which Constitutions and General Regulations may be adopted at the said Communication of A. L. 5857, and as further provided by the Constitution; until the final adoption of which, the Constitution, as at present in force in this Grand Lodge, shall remain in force, except so far as it may be affected by these articles.

"7. Any future amendments to the Constitutions or General Regulations of the Grand Lodge must have a prospective action, and cannot affect the rights, privileges, or franchises which any member thereof may have acquired.

"8. On the ratification of these Articles of Union by the above-named bodies, they and all their several subordinates shall be considered of equally regular Masonic standing, and as such are hereby declared united in Masonic fellowship, under one common jurisdiction, and entitled to all those rights and privileges pertaining to the Fraternity as freely and fully as though no schism had heretofore occurred.

"SALEM TOWN,	JOHN A. KENNEDY,
EDWARD COOK,	JOHN GRAY,
ROBERT MACOY,	ANDRES CASSARD,
HENRY W. TURNER,	JAMES JENKINSON."

MASONIC FESTIVITIES.

EDINBURGH.—In Saturday's impression we briefly alluded to a musical entertainment which was given by the Celtic Lodge in their Lodge-room, Turf Hotel, on Friday evening last, to a crowded audience. Want of space prevented us from then giving a detailed account of the performance. We have now much pleasure in referring to it at greater length. The programme included a choice selection of Italian, German, and English *morceaux*, together with a good sprinkling of our national music. Where all was so good it is difficult to particularize; we must, however, specially notice the efforts of the professional Brethren who volunteered their services on the occasion, and who were ably seconded by the amateur Brethren present. The concert was opened by a duet Scotch overture, admirably performed by Bros. Fred. Bridgeman and Montignani. Bro. J. S. Fraser elicited very great applause by his able rendering of Braham's famous song, "The Death of Nelson," and proved himself equally at home in Lachner's lovely song, "The Sea hath its Pearls," which he gave with exquisite taste. Bro. Bridgeman performed one of his deservedly-popular Scotch airs on the concertina, which was received with so much enthusiasm that, by the unanimous request of the Brethren (although encores were strictly prohibited), he later in the evening played, with thrilling effect, a fantasia on airs from "Don Pasquale." His musician-like play-

ing of the obligato part to Lachner's song (to which we previously alluded as having been sung by Bro. Fraser) was one of the gems of the evening. His pianoforte accompaniments were also of a first-class character, which duties were most efficiently shared by Bro. Montignani. The amateur Brethren acquitted themselves most creditably, and were loudly applauded throughout the evening. The Brethren separated at eleven o'clock, highly delighted with their evening's entertainment. We cannot conclude this notice without congratulating the R.W.M., Bro. Hay, and the Celtic Lodge, upon the success which has attended their exertions in introducing musical entertainments of so high a class into a Masonic meeting.—*Caledonian Mercury*, of May 4.

SOUTH SHIELDS, DURHAM.—*St. Hilda's Lodge* (No. 292).—A complimentary musical entertainment, in connection with this Lodge, was given in the Assembly-rooms, Golden Lion Hotel, where the Lodge is held, on Friday evening, May 1, by Bros. Oliver, Stockdale, Buckland, Lee, and Williamson. The following pieces comprised the programme, viz.:—Part I. Overture, Harmonium; Masonic Glee, "Prosper the Art;" Glee, "Fair Flora decks the Flowery Vale;" Song, "What will they say in England?" Glee, "Peace to the Souls of the Heroes;" Glee, "The Red Cross Knight;" Song, "My Ancestors;" Glee, "The Little Farm;" Glee, "The Chough and Crow." Part II. Overture, Harmonium; Glee, "Youth of the Gloomy Brow;" Glee, "The Winds whistle cold;" Duet, "What will they say in England?" Song, "Alonzo the Brave;" Glee, "The Witches;" Finale, "God save the Queen." The vocal parts were sustained with great credit and ability, and were frequently *encored*. Bro. Redshaw presided at the harmonium and pianoforte in masterly style, and altogether the entertainment was of the most pleasing and satisfactory description. Bro. Crossby, of Sunderland, in a few well-chosen remarks, proposed a vote of thanks to the vocal Brethren for their musical treat; Bro. J. Hopper, of Newcastle, seconded the vote; Bro. J. J. Oliver responded. Bro. J. Barker, of Newcastle, proposed a similar compliment to the honorary committee of management (Bros. Ridley, Forster, and Roddam). It was supported by Bro. J. Hopper, and responded to by Bro. Ridley. Above 200 of the Brethren and their friends attended; amongst the company present we noticed Bro. J. Crossby, Prov. J.G.W., and ladies, and H. Crookes, Prov. G. Sec., for the Province; Bro. J. Hopper, Prov. G. Treas., and Bro. J. Barker, P. Prov. G.D., for the Province of Northumberland. Bro. W. H. Franklin, W.M. No. 919, and lady; Bro. S. Owen, W.M. No. 624, and ladies; Bro. W. Twizell, S.W. No. 624; Bro. C. A. Adamson, P.W. No. 624; Bro. H. Hemison, W.M. No. 292, and family; Bros. P.Ms. Ridley and ladies, Teshach and family; and some of the leading families of the neighbourhood. After the entertainment a quadrille party formed, and commenced with a country dance to the tune of the "Keel Row," Bro. Crossby leading off with Miss Hemison (daughter of the W.M.). Bro. P.M. Ridley and Ald. Wallis officiated as M.Cs., and contributed in no small degree to the happiness of the evening by their courtesy and attention.

SUMMARY OF NEWS FOR MAY.

THE COURT.

The Court has been, during the past month, in mourning for the Duchess of Gloucester, who died on the 30th of April. Her Royal Highness's remains were, on the 8th of May, solemnly interred in the Chapel Royal, Windsor. The matrimonial alliance between the Princess Royal and the Prince of Prussia has been approved of by the Queen in Council. The Prince of Wales has been making a tour in the Lake district; and Prince Alfred has returned from his continental trip, and exile at Geneva, to Osborne.

PARLIAMENT.

The first session of the new Parliament commenced on the 30th of April, with the election of Mr. Evelyn Denison as Speaker, but no other business, save the swearing in of the members, was transacted until the 7th of May, on which evening Lord Palmerston promised a new Reform Bill for next Session. On the 8th of May, in the House of Lords, Lord Cardigan called attention to the scandals heaped upon his character as an officer, by the "Staff Officer." Lord Campbell brought under the notice of the House the question of privileged reporting, as regards the law of libel. In the House of Commons a select committee was appointed to inquire into the Hudson Bay Company's proceedings, and the First Lord of the Admiralty attempted about as easy a task as to prove black to be white, in endeavouring to vindicate the character of the *Transit* steam transport.

On the 11th, in the House of Lords, Lord Campbell called attention to the careless sale of poisons, and to the traffic in indecent books and prints. In the House of Commons, the Chancellor of the Exchequer explained the Savings Bank Bill. The new Transportation Bill was read a second time.

On the 12th, Lord Carnarvon, in the House of Lords, demanded some explanation with respect to the alleged cruel treatment of the Chinese prisoners at Hong-kong. In the House of Commons the Central American question was discussed, and a new Beer Bill introduced.

On the 14th, the principal subject which occupied the House of Lords was the use of torture in India. In the Commons, Sir Erskine Perry brought in a bill to secure to married women their own property.

On the 15th, in the House of Lords, Lord Malmesbury asked for information with regard to the works in St. James's Park. In the House of Commons, Lord Palmerston introduced a new Jew Bill; and the Transportation Bill was passed through committee.

On the 18th, the Lord Chancellor read from the Woolsack the Queen's message in reference to the marriage of the Princess Royal. On the same evening, he introduced his new measure with respect to probates and letters of administration. In the House of Commons, General Codrington defended General Ashburnham from the charge of cowardice.

On the 19th, the Divorce Bill was read a second time in the House of Lords. In the House of Commons, the Bill for the Abolition of Ministers' Money in Ireland passed the second reading.

On the 21st, there was nothing of importance to engage the attention of the Peers. On the same evening, in the Commons, Mr. Spooner's motion for the disendowment of Maynooth was defeated. The Attorney-General introduced his Fraudulent Trusts Bill, and his Joint Stock Companies Bill.

On the 22nd, in the Commons, it was resolved, in answer to the Queen's message, that the dowry of the Princess Royal should be fixed at £40,000, with a pension of £8,000 per annum.

On the 25th, the House of Lords went into committee on the Divorce Bill; and in the Commons, the grant to the Princess Royal was confirmed, and the army estimates considered.

FOREIGN.

Under the head of foreign intelligence, the most startling event which we have this month to record is the discovery of a plot for the dethronement of the Queen of Spain, and the restoration of the Carlist dynasty, one of the principal conspirators being the king consort. The Emperor of the French is still receiving the sycophantic homage of kings, grand dukes, and princes. The King of Naples is going on at his old game of persecution. The Pope, however, in pursuit of a wiser policy, is acting on the maxim of Adrian, that a sovereign should imitate the sun, and is visiting each portion of his dominions. The Emperor of Austria, on the same principle, has visited his Hungarian dominions. There is some talk, in consequence of the visit of Prince Napoleon to Berlin, that he is going to be married to a Saxon princess, and that he has induced the King of Prussia to settle

the Neufchatel question. The United States and the republic of Granada are at loggerheads, and it is difficult to say to what the squabble may lead.

JUDICIAL.

On the 29th of April, George Bare was found guilty at the Central Criminal Court of murdering Samuel Long, a corporal of marines, belonging to Woolwich Dockyard, and sentenced to death. On the same day Mr. Humphry Brown, late M.P. for Tewkesbury, was examined before the Court of Bankruptcy, in reference to the Royal British Bank, and made the most startling disclosures.

On the 30th, a criminal information was, at the suit of one of the Berkshire magistrates, filed against Sir E. Conroy for insulting conduct. On the same day, a similar information was, at the suit of Mr. G. Forth, one of the directors of the London Bank, filed against a printer named Cockburn, for printing a placard defamatory of the credit of that institution.

On the 1st of May, damages to the extent of £3,000 were assessed, in the Secondaries Court, in the case of Smith *v.* Duterre, for criminal correspondence.

On the 2nd, the case of Mansell *v.* the Queen in Error was argued before the Court of Queen's Bench, but the points reserved broke down, and the wretched man was ordered for execution. The Attorney-General has again authorized an appeal against the sentence, to be tried in the Exchequer Chamber.

On the 7th, Alexander Sidney obtained a rule for a criminal information against a printer, named Attwood, for the publication of a libellous handbill, on the occasion of the Worcester election.

On the 9th, Dugdale, a dealer in immoral publications, was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment for pursuing his nefarious calling. On the same day, another man of the same character, named Strange, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for the same offence.

On the 13th, Bacon and his wife were tried for the murder of their children at Walworth, when the former was altogether acquitted, and the latter on the ground of insanity.

On the 14th, Mr. Commissioner Holroyd delivered judgment in the case of the Royal British Bank, strongly insisting on the propriety of the Crown prosecuting the swindling directors.

ACCIDENTS AND OFFENCES.

Under this heading we have this month to record a series of most distressing events.

On the 25th of April, a man was killed at Bethnal Green by the falling of a scaffold. Several others were more or less severely injured.

On the 26th, a child was scalded to death at Wandsworth.

On the 27th, a servant maid at Chester attempted to poison the children of her employer.

On the 28th, a man named William Holt was caught in the machinery of a cotton-mill, near New Church, and was killed.

On the 30th, a girl at Castle Donnington, Leicestershire, attempted to poison her mistress. On the same day, a Mrs. Knight, overcome by grief, drowned herself in a water-butt, at Rotherhithe. On that day too, the *Andrew Foster* was run down in St. George's Channel, by the *Tusaraora*.

On the 1st of May, another sad accident took place at sea, when the *Imperial Prince* was run down by the *Peninsula*. On the same day, a railway accident took place at the London-bridge Station to one of the Crystal Palace trains, whereby several men were either killed or dreadfully injured. On the same day, a robbery of plate to the amount of £1,000 was committed at Liverpool.

On the 3rd, a man named William Marshall, who, as a criminal lunatic, had been for many years confined in York Castle for the murder of his children, committed suicide in that prison.

On the 4th, the wife of John Hickes, of Burnham, was committed to Somerset jail, for attempting to murder her husband. On the same day, a woman named Mary Cooke, residing near Durham, cut the throat of her son.

On the 5th, a collision took place at the Victoria Park Station, on the North London Railway, by which several persons were much injured. On the same day, at the Edgehill Station, near Liverpool, one of the London and North-Western Company's engines blew up, killing the guard and the stoker. On the same day too, a blast-furnace burst at Bilston, killing three men. The same day, at the Nine Elms Station, a train passed over one of the South-Western Company's servants, severing his members from his body; an injury he did not long survive.

On the 8th, a medical gentleman, in practice at Birmingham, committed suicide, in Surrey-street, Strand, by taking morphia.

On the 9th, there was a fearful fall of houses in Tottenham-court-road, under the ruins of which several persons were buried.

On the 10th, a Mrs. Anne Perkins committed suicide by drinking the essential oil of bitter almonds. The same evening, a fire took place in Middle-row, Holborn. A child, dropped for safety from one of the windows, was killed by the fall.

On the 11th, a man named Thomas Regan, while making a sewer in the neighbourhood of the Victoria Park, was buried alive, by the earth closing in on him. On the same day, a woman named Emma Bass, the wife of a photographer, committed suicide by drinking a liquid used in that art. On the same day, a man named Bradbury was baked to death in a boiler-room, at Salford. On the same day, a lunatic, of the name of Thomas Dale, attempted to kill his wife at Canterbury.

On the 12th, at Clerkenwell Police-court, a man named Cahill was brought up on the charge of swindling money from a man whom he persuaded he could appoint to a Government situation. On the same day, at Bradford, Yorkshire, a man named Samuel Charlton murdered a widow of the name of Hannah Holroyd, of whom he was jealous, and then went and drowned himself. On the same day, a boy, at Preston, stabbed a girl with whom he was at the time playing.

On the 13th, a medical man, named Steward, residing at Woburn-buildings, St. Pancras, committed suicide by drinking prussic acid. On the same day, Serjeant Barnicote, of the Royal Engineers, was drowned in a diving apparatus, whilst making preparations for the removal of the old bridge at Rochester. On the same day, a fanatic madman, named Bakewell, murdered the person put in charge of him, under the idea that he was killing the devil. On the same evening, a fire, to the great alarm of the audience, broke out in the Princess's Theatre, but was speedily extinguished.

On the 14th, a man named Stephen Fox, shot, at Canterbury, his sweetheart Anne Hadley, because she slighted him.

On the 15th, Captain Brown, formerly of the Welsh Fusiliers, having been for a length of time in a desponding state of health, shot himself.

On the 16th, a highway robbery and murder was committed near Rugeley, Staffordshire.

On the 18th, Miss Macnaughten, daughter of the baronet of that name, was burnt to death, her clothes having taken fire in consequence of her having stood upon a lucifer-match. On the same day, the *Sea King* was wrecked on a hidden rock, near Holyhead.

On the 25th, a man named Geary cut his wife's throat, in Russell-court, Drury-lane.

COMMERCIAL.

On the 28th of April, the New Granada Company met, and reported that their profits for the last half-year amounted to £1,984. 3s., or more than enough to cover the recent losses which they had sustained.

On the 1st of May, the Assam Company met. Their report with respect to the growth of tea in India was most satisfactory. A dividend of 8 per cent. was declared.

On the 7th, the Oriental Gas Company declared a dividend of 1s. 6d. per share out of the net profits, £4,916. On the same day, the Vauxhall Bridge divided 12s. per share. On that day, too, the Australian Mining Company resolved to raise £5,000 additional capital, at 7 per cent. preference.

On the 11th, the Unity Bank met and divided 3 per cent. interest on the deposits of capital previous to the opening of the bank. The report was most satisfactory.

On the 14th, the Provincial Bank of England declared a dividend of 8 per cent.

On the 21st, the Provincial Bank of Ireland met and divided in bonus and dividend, 18 per cent. among the shareholders.

BENEVOLENT.

If under this heading we were to record all the religious meetings of the past month, the whole of the Magazine would be too small for the summary, and we shall therefore confine our notice to those societies which administer temporal consolation to the afflicted.

On the 29th of April, the festival of St. Ann's Asylum was celebrated at the London Tavern. The subscriptions for the evening amounted to £1,500.

On the 1st of May, there was an election of annuitants upon the funds of the Governesses' Benevolent Fund. On the same evening, was celebrated the festival of the City Orthopædic Hospital, on which occasion upwards of £500 was subscribed in aid of the funds of that charity.

On the 13th, was held the annual meeting of the Medical Benevolent College, at which it was announced that the subscriptions for the past year amounted to £2,769, and the donations to £2,876. The special donations to the Chapel Fund amounted to £2,760.

On the 14th, at the festival of the Sons of the Clergy, £17,000 was reported to have been added to the capital of the corporation during the past year. On the same evening, a large collection was made at the dinner, in aid of the funds of the Royal Maternity Charity.

On the 15th, was held the annual meeting of the Mendicity Society, at which it was stated that the subscriptions for the past year amounted to £2,929. 0s. 4d., and the expenditure to £3,261. 0s. 5d. The Society during the past year prosecuted 72 impostors, 41 of whom were convicted. On the same day, a public dinner was held in aid of the funds of the Middlesex Hospital, when £1,500 was collected.

On the 16th, was celebrated the Artists' Benevolent Fund festival, the subscriptions at which amounted to £500. On the same day, was held the annual meeting of the Literary Association of the Friends of Poland, at which it was stated that during the past year 600 cases of distress among the Polish refugees had been relieved, at an outlay of £800.

On the 18th, a public dinner was held in aid of the funds of the Society for the Relief of Foreigners in Distress, when £2,290 was collected.

On the 19th, the annual dinner of the Royal Literary Fund was celebrated at the Freemasons' Tavern. The subscriptions amounted to £1,200. On the same evening a public dinner was held in aid of the New Home for Fatherless Children, in which there are at present 140 orphans, when £800 was collected.

On the 20th, there was collected at a public dinner, £2,260 in aid of the funds of the Royal Orthopædic Hospital.

On the 22nd, the Printers' Pension Society held their annual dinner, the subscriptions at which amounted to nearly £700.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On the 25th of April, the steam navy received another increase by the launch of the *Royal Sovereign*, a ship of the same build as the *Royal Alfred*. On the same day, the Chief Justice of the Common Pleas was entertained at a public dinner by his old constituents at Southampton.

On the 28th, the prizes of the Art Union were distributed among the successful subscribers.

On the 29th, the question of the feasibility of growing cotton in India was discussed at the Society of Arts. On the same day, a rare feat in chariotceering was witnessed at Liverpool, when one of an equestrian *troupe* exhibiting in that town drove a team of forty horses through the street.

On the 30th, the Royal Panopticon was sold by auction.

On the 1st of May, the designs in competition for the new public offices were opened for exhibition in Westminster Hall.

On the 2nd, the public mind was relieved by the intelligence of the safety of the *Oneida*.

On the 4th, the exhibition of the Royal Academy was opened to the public. On the same day, an important meeting of savings banks trustees and managers was held in the Vestry Hall of St. Clement's Danes, with respect to the provisions of the new bill for the regulation of such institutions.

On the 5th, H.R.H. Prince Albert opened the Manchester Exhibition of the Fine Arts.

On the 6th, Prince Albert visited Salford, and inaugurated the statue of Sir Robert Peel, in Peel-park. On the same day a deputation of the representatives of the parishes in the East of London brought the subject of the equalization of the poor-rates under the consideration of the Poor-Law Board.

On the 7th, the conduct of Sir William Magnay, as one of the directors of a continental railway, was brought before the Common Council as a just ground for excluding him from the Court of Aldermen. The subject was again debated on the 14th, when it was decided that the decree of a foreign court of justice pronounced against an Englishman could not be relied on as an impeachment of his honesty in that assembly.

On the 15th, Mr. Charles Pearson delivered a lecture in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, upon secondary punishment.

On the 23rd, the members of the Home Circuit entertained Mr. Baron Channell at dinner, on his being raised to the Bench.

Obituary.

BRO. CHARLES LESTER.

At Dudley, on Tuesday, May 12th, in the thirty-seventh year of his age, Bro. Charles Lester, P.M., member of No. 313 and No. 435, of which latter Lodge he was the oldest Past Master. The deceased Brother was the last Master of the Noah's Ark Lodge while located at Bilston, and the first upon its removal to Tipton, a removal owing almost entirely to him, and one which saved the warrant from lapsing. At the last meeting of the Tipton Lodge, No. 435, on Friday, the 15th May, it was resolved, on the motion of the Rev. Bro. E. A. Gwynne, P.M. and Prov. G. Chap., that the Lodge do go into mourning for three months. The Rev. Brother likewise paid a graceful tribute to his memory after Lodge was closed, and the toast was drunk in silence. His remains were interred in the burial-ground of the Methodist New Connection Body (of which he was a member), Southampton-street, Dudley, on Tuesday, May 19th.

BRO. CAPTAIN JOHN VANHORNE.

At Fredericton, New Brunswick, on the 14th April, Captain John Vanhorne, aged eighty-two years, formerly a ship-master of the port of St. John. His remains were conveyed to the grave and interred by the Fraternity of Freemasons, of which he had been a member for more than half a century. It has been generally understood, that many years ago, when sailing near the coast of Barbary, Captain Vanhorne, with his crew, escaped the horrors of Algerine slavery, by hailing (as only a Mason can hail) the Corsair who was about to capture his vessel. The silent appeal of a Brother in distress found its response even in the breast of one whose trade was the bondage or destruction of his fellow-creatures. — *Western Reporter*.

BRO. HENRY LANDON.

This Brother died at his residence in Compton-street, Soho, on the 22nd of May, aged fifty-two. He was initiated in the Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 169, in January, 1856, and was highly respected.

NOTICE.

THE EDITOR requests that ALL COMMUNICATIONS may be sent to him, at 74-5, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-fields, London, W.C., by the 20th of each month, AT LATEST, to insure their insertion.

THE "FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR."—The Brethren are respectfully informed, that the Volume for 1856, in a handsomely embossed symbolic cover, is now ready, price 13s. 6d. Covers may be had at the office, price 1s. ; or the Brethren may have their Numbers bound for 1s. 6d.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"OLD DUNDEE."—This Lodge was formerly called the Dundee Arms, from being held at an hostelry of that name, situated at Wapping, which was frequented by the skippers and others connected with the Dundee smacks, many of whom were members of the Lodge. At the time of the construction of the St. Katherine's Docks, the Dundee Arms was pulled down, and the Lodge removed to the George and Vulture, Cornhill. Here the distinctive character of the Lodge soon became lost, and it being out of the way for them when they visited London, the men of "Bonnie Dundee" soon dropped off, and some of the members not liking the title, the G.M. was petitioned for liberty to change it from the Dundee Arms to the Old Dundee, hence the name which it at present bears.

"J. J. S."—If there were any grounds for supposing that there was anything against the character of the candidate, which should exclude him from the privileges of Freemasonry, we hold the Brother was perfectly right in proposing that the ballot should be adjourned to give time for inquiry relative to his supposed unfitness for the Craft. Such discussions in open Lodge, however, are always inconvenient, and you acted most properly in endeavouring to stop it as quickly as possible.

"D. H., Trinidad."—The Master would have the right to appoint a Warden for the remainder of the year, should a Brother holding that office resign prior to the completion of his year of office. If, however, the Warden went to reside in another part of the world without resigning, it would be better not to take any steps until the office became vacant by efflux of time.

"P. G. G."—The work named is not sanctioned, and we caution you against having anything to do with it. There are no rituals published under the sanction of Grand Lodge.

A new edition of Dr. Oliver's "Signs and Symbols," published by Bro. Spencer, has come to hand, and will be noticed in our next. "The Reason Why" has also been received.

"Lady Masonry in France" has been received, and is accepted with thanks. It shall appear in an early number.

"J. J."—In the *Freemasons' Quarterly* of 1849, there is a sketch of the Brother alluded to—and certainly it does not give him a very amiable character.

"TELL-TALE."—The Mark is essentially a Hebrew degree.