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THE CANADAS.

WE regret to announce that the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Canada, which has hitherto remained true to its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, declared itself independent on the 30th June; and ere this, we have reason to believe, a union has been effected with the Independent Grand Lodge of Canada, comprising English, Irish, and Scotch Lodges. We regret that this step has been taken just as efforts were being made, through the exertions of Grand Lodge and the new Colonial Board, to rectify the grievances of the Canada Brethren. It cannot be denied, however, that they have had great grounds of complaint, as regards unnecessary delay; and the practice, introduced at the last Grand Lodge, of referring memorials, &c., to the Colonial Board, without even reading them, seems to have increased their dissatisfaction, as evincing a want of proper interest in the affairs of our Colonial Lodges. The practice, which is essentially a bad one, was only introduced with the view of hurrying forward the business, so as to avoid the necessity of special Grand Lodges, and compressing the whole business of the year into the four Quarterly Communications, which experience has shown to be insufficient for its proper performance. Indeed, this new arrangement has brought forth early and bitter fruits, and how much further mischief it may effect it is impossible to say, unless the Brethren arouse themselves, and determine to meet as often as and whenever they deem it necessary for the despatch of business; for disaffection quickly spreads, and the loss of Canada this year may, not unlikely, be followed by that of Australia or the West Indies next year. In Masonry there is, happily, no power of coercion, and we do not see how, if the Masons of Canada will it, we

can long avoid recognizing their independence. Already the Worshipful Brother the Earl of Carnarvon has given notice of the following resolution for Grand Lodge, September 2, 1857, on the presentation of the Report of the Colonial Board:—

“That Grand Lodge laments the present position of affairs in Canada.

“That Grand Lodge, whilst it admires the loyalty and Masonic feeling so long evinced by the Provincial Grand Lodge, under circumstances of peculiar trial and provocation, deeply regrets that they should have thought it necessary to withdraw from the authority of the Grand Lodge of England and to violate the unity of English Freemasonry.

“That Grand Lodge, taking into consideration the peculiar circumstances of the case, is of opinion that the interests of Freemasonry will be best served by a ready and generous recognition of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada as an independent body, on the return of their warrants to the Grand Lodge of England.”

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### CLERICAL INTOLERANCE.

It might have been reasonably hoped, in these days of continued progress and ceaselessly advancing civilization, that acts of intolerance would have become nearly extinct. But it would seem that such blots upon a nation's character are still to be found. They are lamentable enough when they emanate from the ignorant; but when we find them at the hands of men who occupy the elevated position of ministers of the Gospel, it is enough to make us “blush for the morals of the age we live in.”

We have not been induced to take up our pen to combat any intolerant conduct towards our Order from the slightest fear of its suffering thereby. No. Freemasonry has proved itself to rest upon a basis far too solid to be shaken by the petty earthquakes and thunders of the intolerant, the bigoted, and the ill-disposed. But we have been induced, as a matter of duty we owe the Craft, to protest against the uncharitable conduct evinced a short time since by the Reverend Mr. Ormerod.

This gentleman holds the position of Rector of Halleston, in Norfolk, at which place is held Lodge No. 100. It had been suggested that the Provincial Grand Lodge should be held in the town, and, as was customary, that the Brethren should attend Divine Service at the church, hear a sermon from the Chaplain, and enter into subscriptions towards some charity connected with the locality. Here was but a continuation of that mode of proceeding which has ever conferred on the Order an honourable name, and earned for it a distinguished position amongst societies in all times; namely, the prosecution, when called together on particular occasions, of that charity which is their marked characteristic, in the sacred temple dedicated to their God. But this privilege was denied by Mr. Ormerod, and the occupation of his pulpit refused, on the ground that “he did not like any secret societies.”

One would have rationally thought that all men who "profess and call themselves Christians" would only be too glad to further such proceedings on the common principle of the advancement of good; more especially gentlemen who wear the sacred character of religion, and who hold the high calling of teachers of the Gospel.

It is not, indeed, for us to seek to judge our fellow-men, and to be the arbiter of the existence of good or evil in the bosoms of others; yet we cannot but think there is very little real religion in that man's soul who sets at nought, or at least sets only a light value upon, charity. Of Masonry it is abundantly clear Mr. Ormerod knows literally less than nothing! And, paradoxical as it may seem, he does not like secret societies, although, at the same time, he is in profound ignorance of the principles by which they are actuated.

We ourselves know little of the "Ancient Order of Foresters," of "Old Friends," of "Shepherds," and of many similar institutions; yet we should be heartily ashamed of ourselves if we were to condemn them simply because we did not understand them. We look, however, to their *deeds*,—to their treatment of their brethren, and of their fellow-creatures generally; and what do we find? We find them improved men—advanced men—men more religious, more loyal, more kind, more charitable; and *therefore* we like these societies, although we do not know the particular systems by which their great moral improvements are wrought out.

It needs no refined word-painter to render the value of all improvements in the great net-work of society apparent. It ought to be the end and aim of all teachers—especially Christian ministers—to elevate, advance, reform, improve: to elevate men by refining, purifying, and exalting their ideas, and drawing them from an indulgence in carnal things to the contemplation of higher and holier objects; to advance men, by leading them from the dark paths on which the light of charity has perhaps never shone, to those walks in the great world of life wherein the exercise of a kind and charitable feeling towards the sorrows, and failings, and shortcomings of others, renders the pilgrimage of this lower world the easier and the happier; to reform men by expunging from their nature selfishness and uncharitableness in all their thousand phases and ramifications, and implanting in their stead an untiring consideration of the woes of the less fortunate in position and circumstances than themselves; and to not only improve the great mass of society, but shed a lustre on the very nation itself.

From what we have been enabled to observe, in many places in our land, these "secret societies," which do not quite square with Mr. Ormerod's views, have done incalculable good, since they were established, in changing and elevating the tone of such portions of society as have come under their influence. If, indeed, they did no other good than that which they effect as benefit societies—namely, inculcating habits of carefulness, and of economy, so that provision may be made during the sunny days of health and good estate for the dark ones of sickness and misfortune—they would be noble institu-



tions, deserving the support and countenance of all men who value the well-being of their race.

If, then, as can be abundantly shown, these "secret societies" have done, and are hourly doing, all this, what boots it by what name they are known, or by what signs and symbols they are distinguished? Fain, indeed, would we suggest to this country Rector the propriety of his going and doing likewise, rather than attempting to throw cold water on hosts of men banded together for good, simply because "he does not like them."

And now, having given an opinion, so far as we know and have observed, of "Orders" with whose internal management we confess ourselves unacquainted, but whose good effects are palpable outside the doors of their Lodges, we proceed to direct the Halleston Rector's attention to the principles of an Order of the working of which we *do* know something, and to which it has been our pride to have belonged for many years past—the Order of Freemasonry.

We would speak simply of charity in connection with it. We teach that which Mr. Ormerod professes to do, and which, alas! he practises not. He well knows that this the chief of social virtues includes a supreme degree of love on the part of the creature to the Creator, and affection towards the beings of His creation. And therefore it is that we practically preach true religion. We pause to note that we are not about to unveil any of the properly hidden mysteries of our distinguished Order, or to enter minutely into the many virtues which we justly flatter ourselves spring therefrom. Nor are we about to take the trouble to seek to convince the sceptical of the vast utility such an institution has been during the many centuries of its existence.

But we shall lay bare something which we dare Mr. Ormerod or Mr. Anybody-else to gainsay or refute; and which may serve to instruct him and the miserable few (there was a similar instance of bigotry at Beccles in 1855) who thus seek to clog the wheels of that mighty machinery which is untiringly in operation for the advancement of charity, and consequently for the furtherance of the well-being of our common humanity.

We would proudly speak first of our indisputable claim to be considered a *religious* body, because our "beautiful system of morality" is based on the Bible—that holy record of Divine love which openly meets the Mason's gaze in every Lodge in the wide world!—and because, also, the business of a Lodge is never opened but by prayer to God in invocation of His blessings on our undertakings, and never closed but by the same acknowledgment of our belief in the illimitable power and goodness of the Creator, and our dependence for success on His holy favour!—and because we number amongst our hosts hundreds of the ministers of His word, from the highest dignitary of the church militant here on earth, down to the lowliest labourer in His vineyard—all going hand-in-hand with us in the prosecution of our work—preaching and



praying, toiling amongst, and instructing, the myriads of our world-spread community!

We would speak, also, of our undeniable right to be deemed as *loyal* as any community in the world, as evidenced by the part we have ever taken in instilling into the minds of our followers the principle of adherence to and support of the "powers that be," and of "rendering unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's." And have we not had initiated into our Order many of the very monarchs themselves of the civilized countries of the world,—and received the support and countenance of many of the branches of their illustrious families?

We claim also to be a *national* society. Have we not had the high sanction, by their fraternal help, of many of the most eminent statesmen of their time, associated with us in the pursuit of those objects which tend to a nation's character and welfare? And have we not had amongst us, besides, innumerable eminent ornaments of our army and navy—those whom the stern business of their profession calls to distant lands in defence of the honour of their country's name and good—especially testifying to the value of our Order in enabling them to meet with friends and Brothers in every clime, and thus stamping that Order with the character of nationality in the most distant parts of the earth?

We assume, also, finally, to be a *charitable* body. One would think that Mr. Ormerod did not really understand the comprehensiveness of charity! nor how clear it is that *every* association of men bound together for its spread ought to receive the unqualified approval, sanction, and aid, of the wise, the benevolent, and the good! We could multiply instances of the exercise of this godlike quality through the instrumentality of Freemasonry, wherein men have been made higher and better beings, and the more suited to perform the duties of their lives "in every station to which it may have pleased God to call them," into a mighty volume, whose pages it would take a very age to read! Need we point, in illustration of our assumption of charitableness, to the countless instances of alleviation of and sympathy in distress, in whatsoever form it may exist, in daily and hourly practice? Need we direct the attention of the Rector of Hallelston to our asylums and our schools? Would that he could have been a spectator at a recent festival of the Order in support of the "Royal Freemasons' School for Female Children," for instance, and have heard the tiny voices of an assemblage of orphans well cared for, well trained, and well educated in their duty to their God and to their neighbour, swell into a mighty choir of gratitude, and hymn in such words as these their thankfulness!—

" And now, blest guardians of our days,  
To you the task is given  
To fill a watchful parent's place,  
And guide the way to Heaven!

On bended knees, with grateful hearts,  
 For you our prayers ascend  
 To God, Great Architect of all—  
 Of child and children's friend !”

Think you not, Mr. Ormerod, that these words would wing their way to that throne where the charitable actions of men alone can meet their merit? But poorly indeed would charity meet with its deserts in the shape of acknowledgment were all men like yourself, and “did not like any secret societies !”

Would, too, that Mr. Ormerod and his followers could have heard the announcement, at one meeting only of our constant gatherings, of the noble subscription of ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE POUNDS for the continuance of this high and holy work !—of TWELVE HUNDRED POUNDS subscribed at their annual festival for the education of boys !—of SIXTEEN HUNDRED POUNDS gathered for the Benevolent Fund (another mighty arm of Christian charity !)—and of THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS granted from the funds of Grand Lodge, in the course of one short year—for what ? for CHARITY !

Would, we say, that Mr. Ormerod, and those who think with him, could have witnessed at the various festivals the unfolding of the subscription-papers which announced these munificent sums, designed for the assistance of the orphan, the superannuated, and distressed : or, what is more, would that they could see the vast amount of good such princely sums confer ! They would perhaps be more than ever reminded of the words of their Divine Master : “ Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my Brethren, ye have done it unto me.”

Ere we close the remarks which Mr. Ormerod's conduct has called forth, we would acquaint him with a circumstance placing that conduct, by contrast, in a more contemptible light still. On the late occasion of the Provincial Grand Lodge being in the good old city of Canterbury, the dignitaries of its noble cathedral placed that holy pile at the service of the Craft ; its aisles resounded with the eloquent aspirations of Christian charity, as delivered by a reverend Brother from its venerable pulpit.

One word more, and we have done. It remains but for us to hope that this gentleman, who refused to lend his pulpit, in violation of the courtesy even which we have a right to assume should exist amongst the fraternity of Christian ministers, to his brother clergyman, from which to preach *upon* charity for the pecuniary support of charity—to say nothing of the direct violation of a more elevated view of the matter, namely, Christian principle, simply for no other reason than that “ he did not like any secret societies ”—will, ere this, have discovered the error of his refusal, have become more “ wise in his generation,” and better fitted for the exercise of his sacred calling !

## LADY MASONRY, OR MASONRY OF ADOPTION.\*

By W. B. R. ✠ 18.

M. CESAR MOREAU, a very distinguished French Freemason, has written at great length on this subject, and we have much pleasure in laying before the Craft in England some particulars of "*this dependence on Freemasonry.*"

It may be asked, what is this Masonry of Adoption or Lady Masonry? Some authors carry its origin as far back as the times of the rites of Ceres, Cybele, or the Vestals; according to others, to the institution of the Gaulish Druidess; others again, to the religious female congregations of various countries from the fall of the Roman Emperors to the times of Francis I.

In one of the numbers of the "Mystic Temple," published by Nègre and Piot, it is said, that in the temples of Minerva and Ceres in Greece females officiated, and that a Grand Priestess interpreted the oracles of Apollo. We see in the Bible that Miriam, the sister of Moses, told the Hebrew people that she was in communication with God. We also know that Levite women participated in the duties of the Temple. Deborah, the Israelitish prophetess, is a proof of this, and Maachah, the grandmother and instructress of King Asa, governed the kingdom of Judah, and the people were happy. Thus there was no objection that females should participate, to a certain degree, in the Masonic Mysteries, as also in the works of philanthropy which so eminently characterize our Order: these are the motives that have served as bases for the foundation of Lodges of Adoption.

The Worshipful Master of the Lodge La Jérusalem des Vallées Egyptiennes, M. J. S. Boubée, and who may be called the father of French Masonry, places the origin of Masonry of Adoption in the seventeenth century, and names as its author the widow of Charles I. of England, daughter of Henry IV., and sister of Louis XIII. of France. This princess returned to France after the tragical death of her husband; and one of her greatest pleasures was to recount to the King of France the heroic efforts made in England by the "children of the widow" (Freemasons) to re-establish her son upon the throne. The queen made known to the ladies of the court the *words* and *signs* which formed their bond of union, and thus she instructed them in some of the mysteries of the institution, of which she had been proclaimed the protectress after the death of Charles I.

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It has been said that Russia was the cradle of Masonry of Adoption, and that it originated with Catherine; for we observe in 1712 the Czarina, after having saved, almost miraculously, Peter the Great, who was surrounded by the Turkish army in the Pruth, and when his defeat seemed inevitable, obtained from Peter, in commemoration of her devotion, ability, and valour, the permission to found the Order of St. Catherine, an order of knighthood instituted for females only, of which she was proclaimed Grand Mistress.

Some time afterwards, and in the eighteenth century, we again see four Grand Mistresses belonging to the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, which order, as is well known, was an emanation of primitive Masonry. In Italy it was the Princess of Rochelle; in France the Countess of Maillé and the Princess of Latour; in Germany the Duchess of Wissembourg.

In the "*Univers Maçonnique*" of Moreau, he assures us that Masonry of Adoption is of French origin. "What other people," he observes, with rather more gallantry than truth, "could have raised this beautiful monument of national gallantry to a sex who in the East are subjected to the most humiliating dependence; who in Spain are guarded in living sepulchres, namely, the convents; while in Italy this admirable half of humanity is in the same position, and in Russia the husband receives from the father-in-law, with his wife, the right of flogging her at his pleasure? The French," adds Moreau, "know too well how to appreciate the numberless merits of this charming sex, to allow themselves to be influenced by any other nation in the happiness of proving to women that they are at all times their idols, from youth to age."

We will, however, retrace the history of Masonry of Adoption from 1775, which appears to be the real epoch of its establishment in France.

"Then," says Boubée, in his "*Etudes Maçonniques*," "the French ladies, not wishing to remain indifferent to the good done by Freemasons, wished to form Lodges of Adoption, so as more efficaciously to exercise charity and goodness."

The Grand Orient of France, it appears, did not sympathize at first in the formation of Lodges of Adoption. It resisted for a long time giving its sanction, but at last consented to take under its care this important institution, on the express condition that these assemblies should be presided over by a Worshipful Master of a regular Masonic Lodge. Permission having thus been obtained, several ladies of distinction strove, by an active and efficient concurrence, to give to this new institution a happy and powerful commencement. Amongst them were the Duchesses of Chartres and Bourbon, the Princess of Lamballe, the Countesses of Polignac and Choiseul-Gouffier, the Marchioness of Courtebonne, and others.

Ladies' Masonry is composed of Five Degrees: the doctrine for the first degree regards the creation of Man and the temptation of Eve; and for the four other degrees the book of Genesis and the Bible. These assemblies were not exactly secret; but they had

little in common with Freemasonry, excepting being held in a regular Lodge, and by the performance of acts of charity, esteem, and affection. A Lodge of Adoption was composed of a Grand Mistress, a Sister Inspectress, a Sister Depositress, a Sister Oratress, a Sister Secretary, a Sister Introductress, and a Sister Mistress of Ceremonies. They all wore a blue watered riband over the shoulder, with a golden trowel as a jewel. The three first had their mallets. All the Sisters and Brothers who composed the Lodge wore white aprons and white gloves.

The Duchess of Bourbon was the first to receive the title of Grand Mistress: her installation took place in May, 1775, with great pomp, in the Lodge of Saint Antoine, in Paris. The Duke of Chartres presided in his quality of Grand Master.

Nearly a thousand persons, the *élite* of society, assisted at this meeting. This first assembly was followed by others no less brilliant, and during several years, says Boubée, there was united under the sacred banners of charity and the graces all that the court and the city contained of the most illustrious and distinguished, to the great joy and happiness of the poor in the capital.

In 1777 her Highness the Grand Mistress, the Duchess of Bourbon, presided over the Lodge of Candour, and at one of the meetings there was a voluntary subscription to recompense an act of civic courage in the person of a brave soldier of the Anjou regiment, who had thrown himself into the frozen Rhone to save two drowning children.

The 12th March, 1779, a letter was directed to the Duchess of Bourbon, in her quality of Grand Mistress. It was sent by a poor family from the country. A meeting was held, presided over by the Duchess; funds were subscribed for the poor family, who had thus solicited alms.

In 1779 the Lodge of Candour offered a prize for the best Essay on the following subject: "Which is the most economical way, the most healthy, and the most useful to society, to bring up foundlings, from the period of their birth to the age of seven years?"

A titled Mason, but a victim to family hatred, without a profession or resources, thanks to the noble Sisters composing the Lodge of Candour, obtained, in 1779, from the king a pension and a lieutenancy.

The court movements, we read in the "*Univers Maçonnique*" of César Moreau, caused the Lodge of Candour to be broken up in 1780.

The Quadruple Lodge of Adoption of the "Nine Sisters," so called after the regular Lodge of the same name, in 1776 and in 1777, of Antenil, was held at Madame Helvetius'; in 1778 at the same sister's, in honour of Brother Benjamin Franklin; and in 1779, at Waux-hall, philanthropic fêtes were held. In 1780, to celebrate the convalescence of the Grand Master, the Duke of Chartres, the Lodge Social Contract formed a Lodge of Adoption at Waux-hall, presided over by the Abbé Bertolio, assisted by the

Princess of Lamballe. Three ladies received the *Masonic light*, viz., the Viscountesses of Afrey and Narbonne, and the Countess of Maillé. The approaching revolution prevented the continuance of these most agreeable and charitable meetings; even Freemasonry itself was scarcely able to resist this most violent and sanguinary of political disturbances.

During the revolutionary period, Masonry of Adoption almost disappeared; and it was only at the commencement of the Empire that we see it rise again. In 1805, the Empress Josephine, who had been previously received in Paris, being at Strasbourg, presided over the Imperial Lodge of Adoption in that city—the *Francs-Chevaliers*—assisted by Madame Detrich, wife of the mayor, and Grand Mistress. The Empress at this meeting admitted one of her ladies of honour, Madame F. de Canisy, into the mysteries of the Order. At no period, says M. Boubée, had there been so brilliant a Lodge; the city itself took part in the solemnity, excepting the more secret portion.

In 1807, the Lodge of St. Caroline, at Paris, held a meeting of Adoption, presided over by Madame de Vaudemont. Among the persons present were the Prince de Cambacères, the then Grand Master, and other high dignitaries of the Grand Orient of France.

The Lodge of the Chevaliers de la Croix, writes Moreau, formed many Lodges of Adoption. “In 1811 and 1812, through the Lodge des Militaires Réunis of Versailles, many Lodges of Adoption were formed. There appeared successively, in this struggle of honour and pleasure, the Lodges of Themis, the Golden Age, Anacreon, Perfect Union, St. Joseph, &c.; and, in imitation of the Lodge of the Chevaliers de la Croix, the Lodge of the Commanders of Mont Thabor, created a charitable association under the name of the Lady Hospitaliers of Mount Thabor.”

Under the Restoration, and subsequently, Masonry of Adoption was but little in vogue; there was a meeting, however, on the 9th of February, 1819, at which there assisted the Prince Royal of Wurtemberg, the meeting being presided over by Madame de Vilette, the devoted friend of Voltaire. There was also another on the 17th, same month, presided over by Madame de la Rochefoucauld, assisted by those celebrated artists Talma and Madame Duchenois.

All these Lodges of Adoption, according to Boubée, were distinguished “by the regularity of their work, by the large amounts given to the unfortunate and to the poor, but more particularly by those liens of friendship which are so expressive, where the etiquette of rank was not observed.”

Such is, in short, the history of Masonry of Adoption; and to complete our observations on this interesting subject we will give some idea of the meeting of Adoption held 8th July, 1854, for the installation of Madame César Moreau, as Grand Mistress of Masonry of Adoption, under the regular Lodge of La Jérusalem des Vallées Egyptiennes, which we extract from the journal *Franc-Maçon*, edited by F. Dumesnil.

This *fête* was admirably arranged, and was most interesting. . . .



It had been delayed several times in consequence of the illness of the Grand Mistress, Madame Moreau, an English lady, the wife of Brother César Moreau, long time French Consul in London, and distinguished amongst other acquirements by that of being one of the principal Masonic historians. After the introduction (according to the rites and customs of the Lodge) of a large number of Sisters and Brothers, the Grand Mistress was announced, preceded by the *five principal lights* of the Lodge. Madame Moreau made her entry into the Lodge, due honour being rendered, escorted by the Sisters Inspectress, Depositress, of Eloquence, and of Ceremonies.

The Worshipful Master, M. J. S. Boubée, of the Lodge La Jérusalem des Vallées Egyptiennes, one of the Grand Officers of the Grand Orient of France, and its Archiviste, conducted her to the altar; where, having been installed, he addressed her in verse. The following is a portion of the poem:—

“ Dieu l’a voulu : venez, fidèle à ses leçons,  
De votre douce voix instruire les Maçons ;  
Venez les consoler, digne et Grande Maîtresse !  
Vous, de qui les talens, la grâce enchantresse,  
Dans ce temple, interdit aux profanes mortels,  
Sauront de la vertu ranimer les autels.”

Then, handing her the mallet, the symbol of power, the Nestor of French Masonry (M. Boubée is nearly a centenarian) added the following lines:—

“ Vous qui fûtes toujours aussi belle que bonne,  
Recevez ce maillet, et regnez sur ce trône,  
Où vous voyant chacun restera convaincu,  
Qu’ aujourd’hui l’amitié couronne la vertu.”

The Most Illustrious Grand Mistress, after having thanked M. Boubée, assured the members of the Lodge of her eternal friendship, and, taking the mallet in her hand, thus addressed M. Boubée: “ And you, Most Illustrious Worshipful Master, when you gave me this mallet, conferred upon me the mark and symbol of the authority which you hold. Be assured, Worshipful Sir and Brother, that by doing so you have doubled your own power to do what is noble and charitable in confiding to us its exercise.” . . . .

The Lodge being in working order, the reception of the beautiful and graceful Mademoiselle Anaïs G—— commenced; and, having gone through the initiation, she replied to the various preliminary questions with much tact and intelligence.

Of the various trials there was one which made a deep impression upon the fair recipient, as well as upon the assembly. There were four boxes, one before each of the Officers (Brothers); she was told to open them, and out of the two first she drew faded flowers, soiled ribbons and laces, which, being put in an open vessel, were instantly consumed by fire, as a proof of the brief duration of such objects.

Conducted before the Brother Secretary, she withdrew from a box an apron, a blue silk scarf, and a pair of gloves.

From that before the Brother Orator, a basket, containing the working tools in silver gilt.

Then, brought before the altar, and on opening the box placed there, several birds escaped, so as to justify the words of the Worshipful Master, viz., "Liberty is a common good to all the world; no one can be deprived of it without injustice."

After having taken the obligation, the recipient was conducted to the Grand Mistress, who gave her the *words, signs, and touches*, and having clothed her with the silk scarf, and handing the gloves and basket, explained to her the meaning of these emblems. . . . .

The Brother Orator and the Sister of Eloquence pronounced discourses; the first upon the advantages of such charitable associations, directed by the Sisters themselves; and the second upon the rights and duties of a Sister Mason. . . . .

Then a voice, sweet and plaintive, and reciting as if coming from Europe (for the Lodge represented the four parts of the globe), was heard; it was that of the Grand Mistress of Ceremonies, ending with this couplet—

"Soulagez-vous sur cette terre,  
Dieu dans le ciel vous le rendra."

To this appeal for charity, the first of Masonic virtues, the Grand Mistress commended that the poor-box should be handed round. The Brother Hospitaller conducted the recipient, who presented the box to each Brother and Sister, whilst the Sister of Eloquence repeated the hymn in favour of the poor and unfortunate, pressed upon the assembly the pleasures of administering to the wants of others, terminating in the couplet as above. . . . . Madame Moreau died January 11, 1855, of consumption, and at an early age.

If Masonry of Adoption has found, even amongst some portion of the Craft, a little opposition, it must be confessed that the great majority are in its favour. Very many are the discourses written on this matter by Brother César Moreau, and he has allotted a large space in his "*Univers Maçonnique*" to this subject.

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In the Roman Catholic countries of Europe, generally, Freemasons are not allowed to exist as a publicly recognized body, which causes the liberal and charitable sentiments of the Craft to be practised in secret, and in such despotic countries Masonry of Adoption has progressed.

In the southern parts of the United States, Lady Masonry is known, particularly at New Orleans; also in the Island of Cuba.

It may be mentioned, that in the late Spanish colonies, now rising republics, although under the papistical form of Christianity, Freemasonry has taken such root as not to be eradicated.

## MASONIC TOUR IN WALES.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

WHATEVER delight rapid travelling may afford to the commercial gentleman, or the man of pleasure, to us there is no kind of recreation so agreeable or so salutary as that by which we may enjoy the beautiful scenes which various parts of our country afford, and the agreeable society generally found throughout the towns and villages of this charming island. As we before informed the readers of this publication, it was our intention on some popular holiday to take a trip into Wales; we, a few weeks since, started in our trap accordingly, and on the fourth day found ourselves amid the ruins of Chepstow Castle, where we met with everything calculated to charm the senses and exhilarate the mind. We fell in with two or three of the *mystic* bond, who generously offered to take us to Tintern Abbey, and thither we went, feasting, as we drove slowly along, on the incomparable scenery by Windcliffe. Tintern is, truly, of all other spots most charming, and kept up with such exquisite taste and care, as to make us wish that the ruins may last for ever. Some beautiful views are offered to the visitor; but none of them at all to be compared with those which embellish our veteran poet Brother's drawing-room table work.

From Chepstow we drove on to Newport, a fine new flourishing town. Long streets, crowded so much as to induce the local authorities to suspend notices to every lamp-post for "foot-passengers to keep their right hand to the wall." Here we found a new, and beautiful, and commodious Masonic hall, not long since dedicated in ancient form by the ruling powers. Kindness and hospitality greeted us, and we shall not easily forget the attention paid to us by very many intelligent Brethren.

From Newport we drove next day to Cardiff, a very old town, greatly improved, and, like Newport, with very extensive accommodation for shipping arriving for coals from all parts of the world. Cardiff Castle is worth a visit; the Town Hall is a handsome building, and the very pretty villas springing up in the vicinity show this place to be in a flourishing condition. Here, too, we were kindly treated, and in justice to our host at the Bush Hotel, we must confess that we had excellent attendance, at reasonable charges. The Lodge we should have been happy to visit, but an appointment at Swansea prevented our remaining longer than one night.

An accident occurred to us about three miles out of Cardiff, which prevented our taking that survey of this part of Glamorganshire which we had purposed; suffice it to say, that for miles the scene presented one entire coal-field.

On arriving at Neath, we were sorry to learn that the Craft is not flourishing, from what cause we could not obtain satisfactory informa-



tion ; but one thing is certain, that if proper respect and deference be not paid to the *experienced* members of a Lodge it can hardly be expected that young men with mere *surface* or *book* knowledge can do otherwise than render that contemptible, which, carried on by the voice and assistance of experience, may long flourish and become a true source of harmony and order. We would rather witness *hesitation* and *promptings* than *assurance* and over-confidence in a young Mason. We hope that the Lodge at Neath may ere long be resuscitated. Our stay here was by no means an unpleasant one, for we lighted upon one of those kind-hearted old Brother Officers who take pains to give pleasure to a traveller, and we thus assure him that he succeeded to overflowing.

At Swansea, we recognized in the Tyler an old *knight of the whip*, who kindly took us to the Lodge-room there, furnished very nicely, with excellently painted portraits of distinguished Masons. Dr. Bird's likeness we had an opportunity of judging by comparison, and we feel great pleasure in thus giving our opinion of the artist's very happy *hit*. This Lodge is flourishing, holding its meetings in beautiful rooms hired of the trustees of a public building, and furnishing its members with the means of keeping wine and things of comfort in private stores. Bro. Munroe here, we ascertained, holds a deservedly high esteem amongst the members of the Craft. We next proceeded to Llanelly, where, at the Thomas Arms, our Bro. Eynon and his good lady treated us well, gladdened us ; and by the help of a good dinner, a nice glass of toddy, and excellent lodging at a fair charge, we arose in the morning refreshed and happy.

In this town a Lodge has been just started, bidding fair to become of great use to the Craft. Bro. Dr. Wartfield appears to have exerted himself foremost in establishing it, and we regretted being obliged to leave Llanelly without shaking him by the hand. A good old flourishing Brother here, by the name of Arthurs, is highly esteemed, and the W.M., Bro. Howell, together with a great host of others, share the best renown.

We arrived at Carmarthen a day too late to witness the working of St. Peter's, and were obliged to pursue our course without saluting any other Brother than the Janitor of the Chapter, who appeared a good-natured sort of cosmopolite, eager to serve and anxious to please us ; a hearty, fine old specimen of the Fraternity, who gave us the history of his career in *one hour and ten minutes*, through a course of forty years ! He told us that he and Bro. Ribbans had kept the St. Peter's Lodge alive through ten winters, without the aid of a single individual, beyond their subscriptions ! But his description of the present condition of the Lodge made us shake our heads ; since the whole of the working *now* is by young, inexperienced men, who have not the means of obtaining proper instructions in our ceremonies. There is more to be learned in two hours *honest* and *solid* working by an old tried Past Master, than in all the pages of pretended "Manuals," and to this legitimate channel alone we direct the young Mason.

We visited the place of business of the W.M. of St. Peter's Lodge, Bro. Wm. Steadman Gwynn Thomas (who was in Grand Lodge at the March meeting in London), but he was from home. The place very much reminded us of one of those old-fashioned gin-shops in Hogarth's pictures, and we beg to recommend travellers like ourselves, passing through Carmarthen, to call at Bro. Thomas's shop and taste his *rum*, a glass of which, on a raw, wet day, enlivened us very much. Bro. Morgan, of the Boar's Head, deserves more than he gets; we dined there, and were feasted to our heart's content in every way. Proceeding onwards still further west, we at length arrived at Pembroke, where we found that the Lodge was nearly defunct, in consequence of that which we have before denounced as the precursor to the certain ruin of any Lodge.

At Pater, Bro. Gillies, the W.M. works steadily "the even tenor of his way," and initiates many a foreign captain friend.

At Milford, a small Lodge exists, under the social presidency of Bro. Parry, and at Haverfordwest a very nice Lodge meets regularly, of which we hope to know more on our return; and as the packet has just announced its readiness to depart for dear old Ireland, we bid farewell to our Welsh friends for the present.

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#### ARCHITECTURAL MUSEUM CONVERSAZIONE.

The annual *conversazione* of the Architectural Museum was held on Saturday, July 20th, under the presidency of the Earl De Grey, in the new national buildings at South Kensington. The attendance was more numerous than on any previous occasion. The noble Chairman, who is president of the society, opened the proceedings by congratulating the members upon their change of premises, from their contracted and dirty building in Cannon-row, to the gallery in which their collection was now placed. His lordship concluded by calling upon Mr. Scott to read the annual report. Mr. Scott, the treasurer, read the report, which commenced by stating that its general character was general and not financial. The report announced the additions which had been made to the collection, and entered somewhat fully into the reasons for its removal to South Kensington. Any misgiving which might have been felt as to the prudence of the removal from Cannon-row had been entirely set at rest by the increase of visitors, which was twenty-fold. Professor Donaldson moved the adoption of the report. He dwelt upon the great advantages likely to result from the association of the Architectural Museum with the other departments in the building, whilst independent action and power of control were secured to the committee. The professor concluded by presenting to the library, on the part of Mr. H. G. Bohn, that gentleman's new publication upon "Pottery and Porcelain." Mr. Powell seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously. Mr. Scott moved a vote of thanks to the Committee of Council on Education for their generous co-operation, and also for much personal attention and assistance from Mr. Cole, Mr. Redgrave, Dr. Lyon Playfair, Captain Fowke, and Mr. Owen. This motion was seconded by Mr. Godwin, and unanimously adopted by the meeting.

Mr. Cole moved that the best thanks of the members of the Architectural Museum be given to the officers of the society. This motion, having been seconded by Mr. S. C. Hall, was unanimously carried. The business was concluded by the unanimous adoption of a vote of thanks to Earl De Grey for his conduct in the chair.

By permission of the Committee of Council, the whole of the building was opened to the inspection of visitors.

## REVIEWS OF NEW BOOKS.

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[Publishers are requested to send works for review not later than the 20th of the month, addressed to the Editor of the "Freemasons' Monthly Magazine," 74-5, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-fields.]

*Signs and Symbols illustrated and explained, in a course of Twelve Lectures on Freemasonry*, by the Rev. GEORGE OLIVER, D.D. London: R. Spencer, 26, Great Queen-street. Foremost amongst the many books submitted to us for our judgment, we are glad to place this really excellent work, without the slightest fear of being deemed invidious in our selection. Adhering, firmly and soundly as we do to the great principles of our sublime Order, we hail with high satisfaction the *entrée* into the literary world of any work having fair claims to Masonic notice; and much is that satisfaction heightened when we meet with a book so eminently calculated as this is to enlighten the already initiated. Some time has elapsed since this fine illustration of our "signs and symbols" first made its appearance; and we are indeed gratified to find it issued again in the form of another edition, with copious additions. With increased pleasure we have perused the pages before us, and we deem that the Masonic world more especially must be benefitted by their production. It has been held by some that the gifted author of this work has already published sufficient. We do not subscribe to this view. We hold that illustrations of a science at once so dignified and refined as that of Freemasonry are most welcome, more particularly those which are calculated to elevate and to enlighten. Grasping with a master hand—as in this instance—the whole theory and practice of Freemasonry, the learned expositor of its principles leads, interests, and instructs his readers. In his hands our "beautiful system of morality" is not only watched and guarded with a tender care, but it is even so dealt with as to open it up to the admiration of a thinking world of uninitiated, without, in the slightest degree, exposing any portion of that which is rightly held to be alike sacred and secret. The general principles of the Craft are elucidated with a clearness and an ability which cannot fail to raise in every true Mason's bosom feelings of the liveliest and truest satisfaction. And even to those who are "without the pale" of our Order, this capital book cannot be read otherwise than with interest. Written in no proselytizing spirit, but with an honest and earnest desire to render as clear as possible the arcana of Masonry—so far as is compatible with its well-known and necessary privacy—the book at once safely and securely commends itself. From its perusal, the outer world must glean a vast amount of information on a subject but very imperfectly understood; and yet that without the least of the secrets of the Order being in any way developed: whilst it is powerfully calculated to enlighten and advance the great body of the "free and accepted." As a work abounding in historic incidents and recollections, it will ever be found a most pleasing and instructive companion; and the depth of its research, and the graceful style of its composition, lend it a charm of vast weight and power. For nearly sixty years has the venerable author of this goodly effusion laboured in the Masonic vineyard! And how, with fresh energy, and with a vigour next to marvellous, the honoured and honourable instructor of our Masonic race plies his untiring task! "Familiar," indeed, "as household words," is the sage doctor's name on every Masonic tongue; and we know not of one single work, of the many which he has written, that is not entitled to the profoundest respect. We feel convinced that the work before us, in its new edition, will meet with the reception to which its genuine merits so fully entitle it, and will long remain, after its author shall have been summoned to the Great Lodge above, a monument to his sterling ability and his high Masonic feeling.



*Lectures on Freemasonry.* Dublin: Oldham. London: Spencer.—The first of these is on “the Duty of a Master in the Government of a Masonic Lodge,” delivered at Dublin, at the Victoria Lodge, by the R.W. Dep. G.M. of Ireland, Dr. Townsend; the second, on “the Origin of Freemasonry,” by R. Longfield, Q.C., delivered at the Victoria Lodge of Instruction; the third, on “the Ethics of Freemasonry,” at the same place, by the Rev. S. G. Morrison, P.M., Chaplain, &c. Excellent as are the first two of these lectures, we are inclined to award the palm of superiority to the third. Beautifully conceived, clothed in elegant language, and abounding in those mighty truths which cannot be gainsaid, every line of the latter tells with unmistakable effect. To wit: “Its jewels are not shining things to gratify the gaze of childhood, or ornaments to set off the person of the wearer; they are significant of corresponding verities; tangible and visible exponents of grave truths and important duties. Its signs are not the meaningless dumb-show by which mental vacancy is betrayed; but the pertinent monitions of solemn obligations, and the affectionate expressions of fraternal solicitude. Its passwords are not the chance vocables by which privileges are secured and Cowans detected; but selected words, big with bright thoughts, each a centre of wisdom from which radiates far-journeying intelligence, making in its march the great circle of all the sciences. Its badges are not playthings; they are implements of husbandry. Labour is suggested by them all. The brown-handed child of physical toil, the son of science or of song, find in them mementos that it is by the sweat of the brow, or the toil of the brain, that man eats his bread during his sojourn in the land of his pilgrimage.” We can honestly point to this little collection of lectures as a rich Masonic *morceau*, which, once taken up, will not readily be laid down again by the gratified reader.

*Freemasonry Represented and Misrepresented.* Agra: printed at the Secundra Orphan Press.—This is an earnestly and well-written defence of Masonry, in a notice of statements in a pamphlet by X\*, urged against the Order in general. The opposition with which Freemasonry has met at the hands of such men as Carlisle, Voltaire, and a host of like worthies; and of popes and Roman Catholics, is too well known to render any lengthened comment here necessary. This violent oppositionist X\*, whoever he may be, seems to have racked his brain to no inconsiderable degree to bring the Order into ridicule and contempt; and it gives us the sincerest pleasure to find his statements overthrown in the clever style in which they are met in this pamphlet by the Rev. T. C. Smyth, M.A. The able writer is well known as one of the warmest and most valued supporters of Masonry in India. We have not the slightest fear of the Order crumbling to pieces under the attacks of open infidelity on the one hand, or of all the bulls and anathemas in popedom on the other; still we are glad to see it supported against such attacks by men of talent and influence like our reverend Brother, who, in this instance, deserves the thanks of every one of the Craft, for the powerful machinery which he has brought to bear in crushing the enmity of such men as X\*.

*The Canada Educational Directory and Calendar for 1857-8.* Edited by THOS. HODGINS. Toronto: Maclear and Co.—To all interested (and who is not?) in the intellectual and moral position of our mighty colonies, all information respecting them must be received with satisfaction. This useful pamphlet gives a full account of the schools, colleges, and universities; the professions; scientific and literary institutions; decisions of the courts on school questions, &c.; which will be perused with much satisfaction. The arrangement and classification of the different subjects attest the care and labour which have been unsparingly used by the editor.

*Lays of Alma and other Poems;* by JULIA TILT. London: Booth.—Though many of the effusions in this little book are by no means devoid of grace and talent, there are some on which we cannot honestly set the seal of our approval. However, on the whole, these lays are very creditable, and render the prettily-got-up book by no means an unworthy addition to the drawing-room table.

*Curiosities of History ; with New Lights.*—By JOHN TIMBS, F.S.A. London : David Bogue. Right heartily do we greet this fresh instance of this justly popular author's ability and unwearied labour. It is an admirable sequel to his "Things not generally Known ;" and by the simple addition of the word "history" we have at once its comprehensive title. To the young it cannot fail to prove a wise and most attractive tutor ; whilst even those "well up" in historic lore can scarcely fail to find in it something which may have escaped their notice. By all, indeed, it must be read with pleasure and permanent advantage. We really look upon it as a very valuable addition to the literature of the day. Its success is certain, and it richly merits it.

*Modern English Literature ; its Blemishes and Defects.* By HENRY BREEN, Esq., F.S.A. London : Longman and Co.—This is a work of rare merit, which every man who makes literature his profession, should study with care and attention, as in it he will find the faults in composition, blunders, mannerisms, and plagiarisms of very many of our most popular authors pointed out with a perspicuity and clearness, which proves Mr. Breen to be a man of most extensive reading and observation. Had we space, we might allude to various instances of mannerism disfiguring the writings of popular writers, but must content ourselves with two, which the author quotes from Sir Archibald Alison, in the first of which he begins ten sentences with the word "Great," and in the second no less than twenty-two with "If," whilst the construction of the sentences are so similar throughout, that they are well described by Mr. Breen as "old-womanish twaddle." We understand that the author of the work under notice is an Irishman, who has lived in the West Indies for the last twenty-seven years, during which it is evident he has not been idle in the cultivation of knowledge. We cordially recommend the work to the notice of our readers as a beacon to warn them against blemishes in writing.

*The Cure of Stammering and Impediments in Speech,* by Bro. JAMES HUNT, Ph. D., M.R.S.L. Third edition, 8vo.—A clear enunciation and easy delivery is desirable in all men, but to none so essential as members of the Craft. We have a vivid remembrance of a Lodge, not in the metropolis, on which alighted a succession of three Masters whose efforts at articulation it was painful to witness. The first was a splutterer ; the second dribbled out his words in a childish treble, that whistled in the sound, and each word a minute's length apart ; the third, being a confirmed stammerer, and albeit a generous soul, his painful utterance caused every one to feel relief when his year of office closed. Now, we are confident, from the testimonies we have seen of Bro. Hunt's success, that two of the cases might under his care have been relieved. The system adopted by Bro. Hunt was first instituted by his father ; and when we find that—in addition to the praise of such distinguished practitioners as Sir James Forbes and the late Robert Liston—John Foster, Robert Chambers, and the Rev. Charles Kingsley lend their names as testimony of its merits, we consider it but our duty to direct the attention of all who suffer under these afflictions to Bro. Hunt's little volume.

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If the Candidate moves in a circle, so do also the orbs of heaven ; and they themselves are spherical. All nature resolves itself into the same form. Every drop of water that falls from heaven, to refresh and invigorate the earth, is a circle or globe. If a stone is cast into the air, it describes a succession of circles in its ascent. The rainbow is the segment of a circle ; and the ancients depicted the Creator as a circle, whose centre is everywhere, and his circumference nowhere. Let the candidate then remember that he is entering on a circle of duties, which, as a Mason, a Christian, and a man, he is bound to discharge with the same undeviating regularity, as the planets perform their courses round that grand globular luminary the sun.—*Book of the Lodge.*

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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

### PROVINCE OF KENT.

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

SIR AND BROTHER,—A letter signed "One who has Respect for the Chair" appeared in your *Magazine* for July, which reflects anything but credit on the writer, and shows a lamentable want of brotherly love and charity. I have yet to learn that the fact of not dining at a Provincial Grand Lodge banquet means any disrespect to the Grand Master of a province. Masonic rank is very frequently allied with poverty, and it sometimes happens that the best Masons in and out of Lodge are those whose means will not allow of their dining at a Masonic banquet; yet, forsooth, if they stay away, "One who has Respect for the Chair" will hold them up to the contempt of their Brethren. I am ashamed of such Masonry, or rather of the lack of it which is displayed by your correspondent.

I never dine with the Grand Master of the province to which I belong, *because I cannot afford it*, but my Brethren do not hold me up as a mark to aim the shaft of ridicule at. "*Let us do unto others as we would that others should do unto us,*" and the outward world will then admire our Order, instead of laughing at us.

Yours fraternally,

WARWICK, July 10, 1857.

P.M. & Z.

### CAMP OF ANTIQUITY.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I presume it is your desire that the *Freemasons' Magazine* should be looked upon as the organ of the entire Masonic body, and to give to all, irrespective of party, a fair share of the publicity which the columns of your Journal afford.

I observe, however, in the "Notices to Correspondents" affixed to the June number of the Magazine, that you decline to report the proceedings of the Camp of Antiquity, at Bath, on the ground that you can only report the proceedings of legitimate and regular Masonic bodies, duly recognized by the properly constituted authorities in this country.

I think that I am not asking too much of you, as the Editor of a Journal devoted to the interests of the various Masonic associations of this country, including the Order of Knights Templar, when I express a hope that you will satisfy yourself by an examination of the evidence on the subject, as to the legitimacy and regularity of the Camp of Antiquity, before resolving to exclude all notice of its proceedings from your columns. At present it would appear as though you had adopted the course of the Grand Conclave in opposition to that of the Encampment of Baldwin, which claims to represent the old Grand Encampment of England, without having ascertained the true state of the question in dispute between those bodies.

This, however, would be an act of partizanship which, I am sure, you would



feel to be inconsistent with your important and responsible position, and an act of unfairness which I am equally sure you would not willingly commit. All I ask of the Editor of the *Freemasons' Magazine* is, that he should hear both sides, and give an equal arena to both parties, before coming to a decision upon the question at issue between them. The Camp of Antiquity is a member, and a very ancient one, of the Baldwyn Encampments; the latter will be found, on inquiry, to be legitimately constituted and regular Masonic bodies, equally deserving with any other of notice in the columns of the *Freemasons' Magazine*, the only medium through which their claims, representations, or grounds of complaint can be properly brought before their Brethren. I have the honour to be, dear Sir and Brother, yours very fraternally,

Freemasons' Hall, Bristol,  
July 10th, 1857.

D. W. NASH,  
G.M. of the Knights Templar from  
time immemorial, P.D. Prov. G.M.  
for Bristol.

[Our Bro. Nash's letter does not alter either our opinion or resolution. The Brother must be aware, from his position in the Craft, that of D. Prov. G.M., of the importance of supporting properly constituted authorities, and that where there exists a regularly constituted and recognized head, such as the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter, and Grand Conclave, each taking cognizance of their several Degrees—only those Lodges, Chapter, and Encampments holding warrants under or acknowledging allegiance to those respective bodies can be recognized as regular by Masons in this country. Any other course would be extremely injurious to the interests of the Order generally; for if one Encampment can hold authority of itself, and grant warrants, why should not another claim the same privilege? As a line must be drawn somewhere, we think the plan we propose and adopt the safest; and we believe we shall be supported by the Craft generally in the view we have taken.—Ed. *F. M. M.*]

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#### MARK MASONRY.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I trust you will permit me to express my surprise in your useful publication at the efforts made, and still making, to force a Degree into the Order of Freemasonry which had been tested, and rejected (with many discovered not to be ancient), in the year 1813, by a select committee of the best informed Masons then living. Well informed Brothers need not now be told that the G.Ms. of Kent and Sussex approved of said rejection, and affixed their hands and seals thereto. The decision of the Grand Lodge of England, which I read in one of your back numbers, I conceive, should have put a stop to such efforts—admit one and a second will very likely follow! and probably a third and a fourth, &c. About twenty-three years back I received the Degree of Mark Mason in a Royal Arch Chapter in the city of Cork, Ireland. Three more companions received the Degree at the same meeting: one of these, who was very inquisitive and attentive, elicited by his queries the following facts from one of the officiating companions, "that he had been in London when the union of the Grand Lodges was effected, and that the Mark and many other Degrees were then tested and pronounced *not ancient or instructive*, either morally or scientifically, and rejected as modern inventions." A short time after, I and the three companions alluded to received another Degree, named the *Ark, Mark, and Link*, which in our after-meetings we all agreed in thinking more instructive, affording a moral lesson. However, that as well as all others (except the three now established Craft Degrees and the S.R.A.) were rejected as spurious. At the time I received said Degrees they were not patronized by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, but since then the

Mark, as I am informed, and a few other Degrees have slipped into or been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland—the why is best known to those who introduced them.

I now change the subject to the visible "Symbolism of Freemasonry" by Bro. Mackey, which appears in your columns, and which contains a considerable amount of information on Masonic matters; and doubtless our Brethren feel grateful to Bro. M. and to you, for giving them thus the opportunity of exercising their intellectual faculties on so interesting a subject.

The "History of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, by a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret," is ingeniously written and calculated to gain converts; but, judging from what he states of Royal Arch Masonry, I am led to think he has paid little attention to, or not had the advantage of a competent instructor when initiated, crafted, raised, and particularly when exalted, as he would have then learned that the Royal Arch Masonry he alludes to had been long before tested and given up as Royal Arch Tomfoolery. The following copy of the 2nd law made at the Union in 1813, may be instructive to many of your readers.

"Rule 2nd.—It is declared and pronounced that pure ancient Masonry consists of three Degrees, and no more, viz. those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow-Craft, and the Master Mason (including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch). But this article is not intended to prevent any Lodge or Chapter from holding a meeting in any of the Degrees of the Orders of Chivalry according to the constitutions of the said Order."

Before I conclude, permit me to inform LECTOR that he is mistaken in stating that a Warden should preside in a Masonic Lodge in the absence of the W.M.—no one should represent the W.M. but a regularly installed Master. To enable a Warden to preside in the W.M.'s chair in a Lodge of Freemasonry, he should first have been elected thereto by Masters, Wardens, and Fellows in open Lodge assembled, and presented to a Board of installed Masters, and not even then till he had first taken an Obligation in Lodge relative to the duties of a Master of a Lodge, and after that another Obligation in the midst of a Board of installed Masters, binding him to preserve the secrets restricted to the W.M.'s chair inviolate. Every Brother who has been regularly installed as W.M. of a Masonic Lodge must clearly understand what I mean, and therefore I subscribe myself a

P.M. and P.Z.

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

SIR AND BROTHER,—In your report of Mark Masonry, of which a meeting took place 30th May, presided over by Lord Leigh, my name is omitted from the list of the committee, although duly proposed and carried that it should be on, as Bro. Bassett Smith can testify, whose name is also omitted: for the omission of my name I care but little, but think it is pregnant with suspicion of want of that fair play which was so strongly argued for at the meeting.

Yours fraternally,

LEE PARK, *July 18th*, 1857.

H. J. HINXMAN, M.D.

[The name of our correspondent was, we believe, excluded by the representatives of the Bon Acord Masons at the table. Bro. Bassett Smith's name could only have been omitted by accident. The committee has come to nothing.—ED.]

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#### CANONBURY LODGE.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As a mere "personal matter" cannot be of any interest to a very large majority of your readers, I have to apologize for this intrusion on their patience, while seeking to gratify Bro. Lyons Wright and his

friends, by giving them the explanation required in his letter to you which appeared in the *Freemasons' Magazine* of last month. In order to do so, I have, during the last few days, placed myself in communication with my excellent Senior Warden, Bro. Samuel Hill, and I have his authority for giving the following particulars, which I believe to be true, from the fact that I am quite assured, than Bro. Hill no man is more incapable of making a wilful misrepresentation.

On the evening of my installation as W.M. of the Canonbury Lodge, the ceremony was conveniently curtailed, so as to occupy but a very few minutes, in consequence of press of business, and my previously having had the honour of passing the chair in another Lodge. Bro. Hill, who had retired from the Lodge for a time, and was returning thereto, met a stranger on the staircase leading to the Lodge-rooms; he (Bro. Hill) at first passed on, without taking any notice, into the "convenient room," where he found a candidate in *preparation*. The Tyler, who was of course with the candidate, informed Bro. Hill that a stranger was outside, and requested him to ascertain who and what he was, as he (the Tyler) could not leave the room; and for reasons which I need not here state, the Tyler was justified, under the circumstances, in refusing admission to any one, unless he had knowledge or proof of his being qualified for such admission. Bro. Hill then went out, and the stranger informed him he was a Brother, and produced some papers which he stated were his certificates, adding that he attended to witness the ceremony of installation. Bro. Hill explained that the ceremony was concluded, and then asked the very proper question, "If the Brother knew any Brother in the Lodge," and on receiving a reply in the negative, Bro. Hill proceeded to ask, what I cannot construe into a very *grievous* interrogatory, "Do you wish to dine with us?" Had the "Past Master" expressed a wish to do so, he would immediately have received, on his giving proper proof of his being a Mason, an invitation from the Senior Warden, but his reply was, "I came *only* to see the installation," whereupon the Brethren wished each other good night, and the Brother "Past Master" retired, to write his letter to you, sir, of the 7th March last, which I again repeat, from the inquiries I have made into the circumstances, does not contain a correct representation.

The caution at the porch I alluded to, approved, and recommended, in my address to my Lodge, and referred to by Bro. Lyons Wright, must be evident to every Mason. My Senior Warden and Tyler would have been guilty of the grossest error had they allowed a stranger to themselves, and one unknown to every other Brother assembled on the occasion, to "see inside the convenient room," under the circumstances I have before mentioned. Again, according to his own letter in your April number, the "Past Master" merely produced a "*bundle* of certificates from E.A.P. upwards, to the R.A., K.T., R.  $\times$  &c." The production alone of the regular, authorized Grand Lodge of England certificate is not, nor should it be, the pass to a Lodge holding under its constitution. Certificates referring to Degrees not acknowledged by such Grand Lodge certainly have nothing to do with it. The Brother wished "*only* to see the installation;" had he desired to stay until the closing of the Lodge, and proved his right to do so, he would have received from me, as every other of the numerous, and many of them highly distinguished, visitors did on the occasion, an invitation to partake of our banquet, and would there, as in the Lodge, have met with that Masonic reception and hearty welcome from every member of the Canonbury Lodge, which visitors, whenever they have done us the honour of attending our Lodge, have been in the habit of receiving, and which, in *every* instance, has been most kindly acknowledged.

I have thought it prudent to discontinue a private correspondence with Bro. Lyons Wright on this subject, from a feeling that he was not desirous of conducting it in a spirit of fraternal kindness, but rather sought to make a quarrel of the matter, and as I cannot understand how any good result can arise from continuing it in public—having neither time nor inclination for the indulgence—and being unwilling further to intrude "personal matters" on the attention of your readers, I beg to conclude this letter, and with it (*so far as I am concerned*) this correspondence, by subscribing myself,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

HOLLOWAY, July 18, 1857.

THOMAS BOHN, W.M. No. 955.



# THE MASONIC MIRROR.

## MASONIC MEMS.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire is to be held at Hertford on the 7th; North Wales and Shropshire, at Shrewsbury, on the 8th; Hampshire, at Winchester, the last week in August; and South Wales, at Monmouth, early in October.

The Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall will be held at the end of August or the beginning of September. Bro. Ellis will retire from the office of D. Prov. G.M., but will retain that of Prov. G. Sec. A presentation of plate will be made on the occasion to Bro. the Rev. H. Grylls, who has fulfilled the office of Prov. G. Chap. upwards of thirty years.

Comp. Dr. Kent has been appointed G. Sup. of the R.A. Chapters in Australia, and will shortly be installed, by authority of the M.E.Z., into the First Principal's chair, he being now H. in Chapter No. 593, Ewell. Comp. Dr. Kent is expected to return to Australia in the course of the month.

A new Lodge is to be opened at Woolwich on the 4th, when the D.G.M., the Right Hon. Lord Panmure, is expected to attend.

Another new Lodge is to be opened at Basingstoke on the 3rd. The ceremony of consecration is to be performed by Bro. Beach, *M.P.*, P. Prov. G.W. for Oxfordshire.

It is stated that the Earl of Carnarvon has consented to accept the office of Prov. G.M. for Hampshire; and that Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal will be the Prov. G. Chap.

The inauguration festival of the new school-house just purchased for the Freemasons' Boys' School, is appointed to take place on the 11th inst., when a special Grand Lodge is to be held in the premises. We look forward to the festival as likely to add materially to the funds of this excellent charity.

A Committee has been formed with the view of presenting a testimonial to Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, in acknowledgment of his unwearied exertions as a teacher of Masonry during the last twenty-five years.

The Harmonic Lodge of St. Thomas's, West Indies, have sent a requisition to Bro. H. G. Warren, requesting him to undertake the duty of representing their interest in England. Bro. Warren, we understand, has intimated to the Lodge his willingness to comply with their request.

At the Board of Benevolence, on Wednesday, July 29, £100 were voted amongst six applicants for relief.

Four Persian gentlemen were lately initiated in the Lodge Napoleon at Paris.

## THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND THE CANADAS.

We have great pleasure in acknowledging the following testimony to the value of our labours :—

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

SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me to express the great pleasure it gives me to be the medium of conveying the accompanying expression of the satisfaction and approval of the Brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 491, of the course pursued by you in communicating early and reliable intelligence of the doings in Grand Lodge, and also for your steady advocacy of the cause of Canadian Masons, thus making known to our English Brethren the disadvantages under which we have so long laboured.

Had the admissions and promises lately made in Grand Lodge been made a couple of years earlier, it might have prevented a great deal of what to the world must appear very unseemly among those who call themselves Brothers; but the wedge of disunion has entered, and no one can tell whether the rent caused thereby shall ever be closed up; and the measure of relief that two years ago would have seemed ample to all, may fail now in satisfying those who have hitherto held fast in their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England.

I remain, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

S. D. FOWLER, P.M. and Sec.

KINGSTON, 28th May, 1857.

St. John's Lodge, No. 491.

Extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of St. John's Lodge, No. 491, held at Kingston (Canada West), on Thursday, 21st May, 1857.

"Whereas this Lodge has observed with great pleasure the manner in which the interests of the Craft in Canada have been advocated in the *Freemasons' Magazine*.

"Be it therefore resolved, that the thanks of this Lodge be tendered and are hereby given to the Editor, both for his exertions in our behalf and also for the early information received through the medium of his Magazine of the transactions of Grand Lodge, which otherwise would not reach us by the ordinary channel through the Grand Secretary's Office for several months.

"Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Editor of the *Freemasons' Magazine*."

"SAMUEL D. FOWLER, P.M. and Sec."

## ROYAL FREEMASONS' SCHOOL FOR FEMALE CHILDREN.

A Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held at the Office, 16A, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, 9th July, the Worshipful Bro. Joseph Taylor in the chair. The Treasurer was authorized and requested to sign cheques for the last quarter's disbursements, amounting to £460. 10s. 4d., and to purchase Stock to the amount of £1,000, which will increase the funded property to £11,000, independent of £2,171 standing to the credit of the "Sustentation Fund," leaving a balance of £995 in the banker's hands. In pursuance of a motion emanating from the House Committee, a recommendation was brought up from the General Committee that a gratuity of fifty guineas be presented to Bro. F. Crew, the Secretary of the institution, as a mark of appreciation of long and faithful services, and of the great exertions used by him for the furtherance of its interests, resulting in the present happy state of prosperity. This was carried, not only unanimously, but with cordial acclamation. Our respected Brother has been prevented by indisposition from discharging his usual active duties since the end of June last, and it cannot prove otherwise than most consolatory to him to receive such a recognition of his zeal and usefulness.

The Craft in general, we feel sure, will be gratified to be informed that Bro. Crew is making rapid progress towards convalescence, and it is hoped that he may shortly receive a renewal of that hearty welcome which always awaits one so highly esteemed and so deservedly regarded. Three vacancies in the school were declared, the election to supply which takes place in October, the candidates being seven in number. Bro. E. H. Patten carried a motion, that the number of children admitted on the establishment be increased from sixty-five to seventy, and notice of motion was given to render this applicable to the ensuing election, in the event of its being confirmed at the next Quarterly Court. In consequence of the illness of Bro. Crew, it was resolved that the visit of the children to the Crystal Palace (which had been appointed for the 29th of July) should be postponed, the day to be fixed by the House Committee, Bro. Cabbell and Bro. Crew. There being no further business, the meeting terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the chairman.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A quarterly general court of the governors and subscribers was held at the Freemasons' Tavern on Monday, the 20th July, at 12 at noon, Bro. B. B. Cabbell, V.P. and Treas., in the chair. The minutes of the various committees, and of the sub-committees, which have lately had under their consideration the question of election of a master and matron, and the revision of the laws and regulations, were confirmed and unanimously approved and adopted. The following resolutions were passed, some of them being in pursuance of recommendations from the general committee, and some having involved a lengthened and animated discussion:—

“That in consideration of lengthened services, and of the great additional labour arising out of the numerous attendances on the sub-committees, a gratuity of fifty guineas be presented to the Secretary, Bro. A. U. Thistleton.”

“That Bro. R. Hervé Giraud, who has so long acted as Hon. Solicitor, and whose exertions, at all times cheerfully rendered, have been of so much benefit to the Institution, be elected a Vice-President.”

“That it is advisable that an event of so much interest and importance as the gathering under one roof as many of the children as the funds will allow of, be celebrated by a *fête* to be regarded as the inauguration of the establishment.”

“That the sum of £150 be granted from the funds of the Institution, and placed at the disposal of the sub-committee and stewards of the *fête*, for the purpose of assisting them in duly perfecting the arrangements.”

That every lady contributing a purse of five guineas shall be constituted a life governor of the Institution, with all the rights and privileges thereto belonging.

This being the day of election to fill up the eight vacancies declared by a former court, the ballot opened at 12 and closed at 2, with the following result:—

Harvey, Jas. Fredk.....	1,556	Starke, George.....	135
Lang, Augustus .....	1,126	Rogers, Charles .....	117
Carrall, Jas. Wilcocks ....	991	Bayly, Saml. M. ....	112
Blanch, Theodore Jas. ....	828	Trawly, William .....	92
Guanzioli, F. Martin ....	752	Paul, Walter Geo. ....	27
Gray, Peter Houlding ....	751	Wiber, Chas. Henry .....	8
Thomas, Harry .....	720	The first eight duly elected.	
Victors, Henry .....	267		

The proceedings terminated with a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Cabbell for his conduct in the chair.

The following have just been elected Committees for the ensuing year:—

General Committee. (The following Brethren and all Life Governors; they meet on the first Saturday in every month, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.)—Bros. W. T. Adrian; Benedict Albano; Richard Carter; John Charlerton; Joseph Ede; William Freeman, jun.; John C. Fourdrinier; Richard Graves; J. S. S. Hopwood; A. H. Hewlett; A. Heintzman; Peter Matthews;



Dr. Rowe; Richard Spencer; W. G. Thiselton Dyer; Thomas Tombleson; Thomas Waring; William Watson; Benjamin Winstone; Capt. Wright.

House Committee. (Meet at Lordship Lodge, Lordship-lane, Tottenham, on the last Friday in every month.)—Bros. George Barrett; Frederick Binckes; Thomas Bisgood; George Cox; Rev. John E. Cox; Henry Greene; J. S. S. Hopwood; Rev. W. H. Lyall; Thomas Parkinson; Charles Robinson; John Symonds; William H. White.

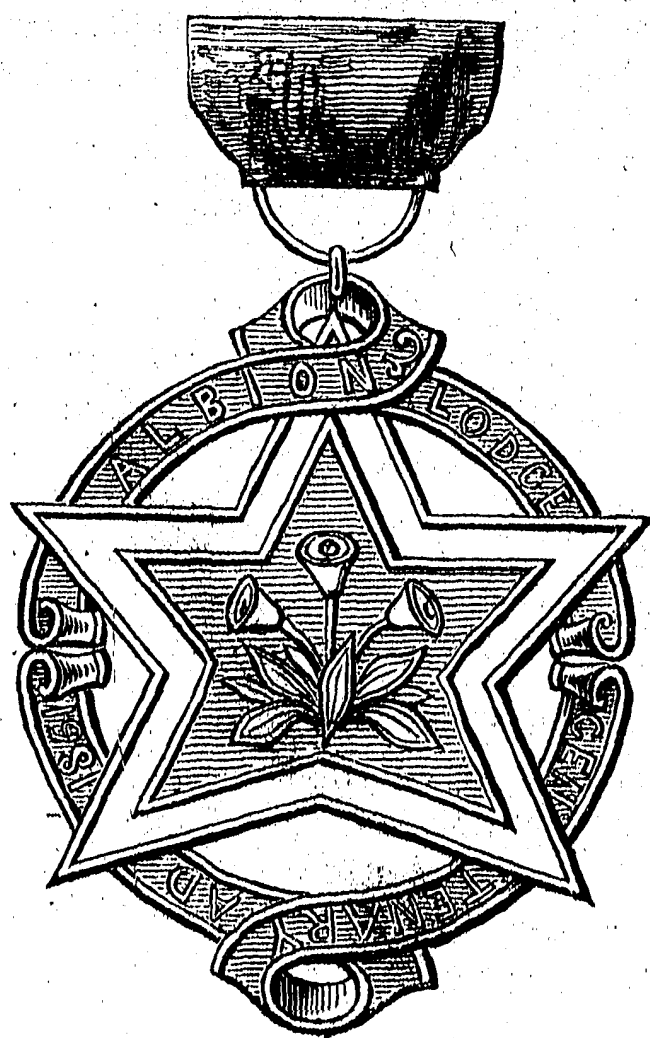
Audit Committee. (Meet on the first Saturday in January, April, July, and October, at 2 o'clock precisely.)—Bros. Henry Browse; Algernon Perkins; W. Pulteney Scott; Thomas Waring; Henry George Warren.

### THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

At the last Committee meeting of the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, it was resolved to invest £700 in the Three per Cent. Consols on account of the Male Fund, making the total investments £10,140. 12s. 10d. It was also ordered that £504. 16s. 10d. should be invested in Consols on account of the Widows' Fund, increasing the Consols to £1,300, and the total investments to £2,357. 15s. 5d. £48. 11s. 4d., received on account of the Building Fund, was ordered to be carried to the Sustentation Account, which now amounts to £615. 19s. 1d. At the meeting of the Stewards of the late festival, the Secretary (Bro. Farnfield) announced that he had received from the various lists about £950, on account of the two funds. It appearing that there was a balance in hand from the Guarantee Fund, subscribed by the Stewards to cover the expenses of the festival, of about £30 or 15s. each Steward, it was resolved not to take it back, but appropriate it to the purchase of coals, &c., for the inmates of the asylum in the approaching winter. Since the last meeting, Bro. John Hogg, a pensioner of £25 a year, has been called from this to, we hope, a better world.

### METROPOLITAN.

ALBION LODGE (No. 9).—An Emergency Meeting of this numerous Lodge, was held on Wednesday, the 15th July, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Friend, the W.M., presiding, when he conferred the several Degrees upon duly qualified Members. At the conclusion of business, the Brethren adjourned to the White Hart Inn, Willesden, where a splendid banquet was provided, such as to delight the members, and to reflect credit on the establishment of mine host, Bro. Parry. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, which were duly responded to. Too much praise cannot be awarded to the Officers and Past Masters for their great attention to the comforts of the Brethren. We need only mention the names of Bros. Burton, P.M.; Rackstraw, P.M.; Secretary Lee, P.M.; and Treasurer Glendenning, P.M., &c.; to convince every member of the Craft to whom they are known that nothing was wanting to render the meeting the most delightful of the season. On this occasion the Brethren were for the first time distinguished by a centenary jewel, designed and executed by Bro. Moring, of Holborn. It is peculiarly chaste and appropriate, as will be seen by the accompanying engraving.



WESTMINSTER AND KEY-STONE LODGE (No. 10).—The final meeting for the season was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, 1st July, Bro. John Udall, P.M., presiding over the greater portion of the proceedings, in the unavoidable absence of the Earl of Carnarvon, W.M., who, however, arrived prior to the termination of business, which comprised one initiation and two raisings. The ceremonies were performed in a very satisfactory manner, more especially so as undertaken at a moment's notice by Bro. Udall, who has long retired from the active duties of a ruler in the Craft. The usual summer banquet was held on the following day at Bro. Hart's, "The Trafalgar," Greenwich, and was attended by about twenty-five Brethren. The W.M., Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, was unfortunately prevented from attending by engagements of importance. His lordship's place, however, was most ably filled by Bro. W. W. Beach, *M.P.*, P.M. and Treas., who presided, supported by Bros. R. A. Benson, S.W.; F. Cox, J.W.; Lord Skelmersdale, S.D.; Lord Holmesdale, J.D.; Finch, I.G.; Hamerton and Rycroft, Stewards; M. C. Close, *M.P.*; Roger Palmer, *M.P.*; Rev. G. R. Portal, P.M., &c. The dinner, &c., was elegantly served, and everything passed off to the entire satisfaction of those assembled.

ALPHA LODGE (No. 16).—This distinguished Lodge held a meeting at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, July 13th, the W.M., Bro. Frederick Dundas, presiding, supported by the M.W.G.M., the Earl of Zetland.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—The members of this Lodge held their summer festival at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on Wednesday, July 15th. There was a numerous assemblage of ladies, for whom this festival was especially arranged, many of whom expressed their conviction that such reunions would dissipate the unfavourable impression which ladies generally have concerning Freemasonry. The W.M., Bro. Clements, presided, and acquitted himself to the satisfaction of all present. The Officers were all present, with one exception. The Past Masters who supported the Chair were Bros. Apted (Treasurer), Le Gassick, and W. S. Newton, who vied with each other in their endeavours to promote the comfort and gratification of the company. The day passed away most delightfully, and left but one regret—it was so short.

TEMPLE LODGE (No. 118).—The summer banquet of this Lodge, took place on Thursday, July 23, at the Bell, Edmonton, which was very numerously attended, and, with the aid of beautiful weather, a most pleasant day was spent. The dinner provided by the worthy host, Bro. Smith, gave universal satisfaction. After doing justice to it, the Brethren adjourned to the grounds, where, with the aid of quoits, bowls, &c., they amused themselves until the announcement was made that their departure must take place, to enable them to reach the metropolis at a reasonable hour.

DOMATICO LODGE (No. 206).—A Lodge of Emergency was held at Bro. Ireland's, Masonic Hall, Fetter-lane, on Tuesday, July 7, at which about twenty Brethren attended; Bro. Garrod, W.M., presiding. Mr. Wilmot was initiated, and after business the Brethren sat down to banquet, and spent a very pleasant evening. Bro. Jos. Smith, O.M., and Treasurer of the Lodge, who is also Grand Pursuivant, in acknowledging the toast of "Lord Panmure, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," spoke at some length on the happy effects already resulting from the noble lord having accepted the office of D.G.M., as also of his urbanity and kindness in all his intercourse with the Craft.

MANCHESTER LODGE (No. 209).—The members of the above Lodge held their summer festival on Wednesday, July 22, at the Black Horse Inn, Sidcup, Kent, the W.M., Bro. M. Levinson, presiding; supported by Bro. Norman, S.W., and the other Officers. Bro. Beacham, the proprietor of the house, was highly complimented for his admirable catering. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the health of the Queen in an excellent speech. The toast was received with the usual cheers. Then followed the healths of the Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland; the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Panmure, &c. After which, Bro. Levinson proposed "The Visitors," saying, that it was a great compliment

to the Master and Brethren of a Lodge when they were honoured with visitors, more particularly when they were nearly all W.Ms. and P.Ms. It showed that the work was tolerably well done, to have the countenance of such distinguished Masons as he had the pleasure of seeing at their festive board upon this occasion. Thanks were returned by the visitors, and soon after the meeting broke up, the Brethren returning to town at an early hour. Among the visitors, we observed Bros. Couchman, P.M. No. 165; McManus, P.M. No. 165; Brackburn, W.M. No. 169; Todd, No. 168; Burt, No. 25; Goodyer, No. 227; Platt, No. 168; Palmer, of Portsmouth Lodge, &c.

ST. JAMES' UNION LODGE (No. 211).—The members of this Lodge met on emergency at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, 1st July. Three Brethren were raised to the 3rd Degree, three passed to the 2nd, and one gentleman initiated into the mysteries of the Order. At the close of the business, the Brethren proceeded to partake of an excellent banquet. When the W.M., Bro. John Gurton, had given the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, he congratulated the newly initiated Brother on his entrance into Masonry, and assured him that what he had yet seen formed but a small portion of its working. The Lodge of St. James' Union had given sufficient proofs that it did not forget the practice of Masonry by giving during the last year upwards of £200 to the different charities. From the highly satisfactory manner in which their new Brother had conducted himself during the ceremony, he felt assured that he was duly impressed with its solemnity, and would finally rise to the highest offices in the Lodge. The new Brother (Bro. Boyle), in returning thanks, said that he had long desired to enter into the Order from the fact of having some of his most valued friends already in it, and he felt assured that an institution must be good which had such men for its members. The health of the visitors Bro. Batsford, W.M., and Bro. Wyat, Sec. of the St. Thomas Lodge, was drunk with the utmost cordiality. After drinking the health of the W.M. and thanking him for the great exertions he had made for the benefit of the Lodge, which was duly responded to by the W.M., who thanked the Brethren for the support he had received, and other toasts being drunk, the Brethren separated in the greatest harmony. The Brethren held their summer banquet, on Thursday, July 9, at Bro. Beddingfield's, Broxbourne. The place is most delightfully situated, about eighteen miles from London, on the Eastern Counties Railway. A *marquee* was fixed in the centre of a very beautiful garden, the interior of the tent being most tastefully decorated with rare flowers, the tables also having their full share of exotics. Soon after two o'clock, the Brethren and ladies sat down to a most *recherché* dinner, consisting of all the delicacies of the season, including fruits of the finest description, fresh-gathered from these gardens. Among the members present, we observed Bros. J. Gurton, W.M.; Kelly, P.M.; Leser, P.M.; W. H. and D. Roberts, Stacey, Shiel, Stuart, Arnott, Buckingham, Morter, Willey, &c.; Bros. G. Genge and Holmes visitors. On the cloth being drawn, and grace said, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," dwelling upon the virtues of her Majesty as a queen, wife, and mother, and in every relation of life, stating that, as her Majesty was the daughter of a Mason, and niece of several royal Masons, it doubly entitled her to their regard. After which, the W.M. proposed "The Ladies," congratulating the Brethren upon the honour done them by the ladies affording them their presence; the W.M. remarking, that it was such arrangements as these that enhanced the value of Masonry, by showing the fair sex that the members of the Craft were not quite so selfish as they were represented to be. The toast was received with the usual demonstrations; and Bro. P. M. Kelly, on behalf of the ladies, returned thanks in a very neat and appropriate speech. These matters ended, the company retired to the lawn, and commenced dancing to the enlivening strains of an excellent quadrille band, provided by Bro. G. F. Taylor. Bros. Genge and Holmes also enhanced the value of the meeting by singing several charming ballads.

LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 247).—The members of the above, held a Lodge of Emergency, on Tuesday, the 14th July, for the purpose of presenting the portrait of Bro. H. A. Isaacs, P.M., the cost of which (upwards of £40) had been defrayed by the members of the Lodge. The W.M., Bro. J. M. Isaacs,



in addressing P.M. H. Isaacs, said,—“I certainly regret that from our close connection I cannot with propriety express all I feel you deserve for the great services you have rendered to Masonry in general, and our Lodge in particular. You have not only been the founder of our Benevolent Fund, but in one sense you have also been the founder of our Lodge, for under your rule, and directed by your talents and perseverance, it has assumed a position, that without you it would never have aspired to—indeed, so deeply are the members impressed with gratitude and respect for your worth, that had it been practicable they would have had your portrait on a cloth of gold.” This address was received with the greatest enthusiasm. Bro. Isaacs, in returning thanks, acknowledged the very distinguished honour the Brethren had conferred upon him—an honour that was not gratifying to him alone, for he felt assured it was equally gratifying to two other members of the Lodge, his respected Brother, the Worshipful Master, and Bro. M. Isaacs, his kind and excellent father. Bro. Isaacs then referred to the “past and present” of the Lodge of Israel, and congratulated himself and the Brethren upon the great progress it had made in number, talent, and reputation. “Indeed,” he said, “the Lodge of Israel now ranks amongst the most flourishing, harmonious, and best regulated Lodges under the English constitution.” Referring to his having represented the Lodge at the festivals of the Girls’ and Boys’ Schools, he said, “I did this with a double motive; firstly, to serve those noble institutions; and secondly, that as master of the Lodge of Israel, I might prove to the Craft, that its members of the Jewish faith feel, in common with all enlightened minds, a lively interest in the progress of education, and especially when that education is to benefit the sons and daughters of their Masonic Brethren.” The Worshipful Brother then dilated at some length upon the advantages of the Benevolent Fund, which he felt would reflect undying lustre on the Lodge and prove a blessing alike to donor and recipient. He concluded by again thanking them for the honour they had conferred upon him in presenting his portrait, which he hoped would remain in its present position for many years, to remind him of his duty, and the deep debt of gratitude due from him to his friends and Brethren of the Lodge of Israel. The portrait, painted by Mr. Solomons, of Charing Cross, represents Bro. Isaacs in full Masonic Craft costume. It is enclosed in a massive gilt frame, tastefully ornamented and surmounted by a Masonic emblem in dead gold on a white ground, the production of Bro. B. Mayers, of Bishopsgate-street. Appended to the frame is a tablet with the following inscription:—“Portrait of the Worshipful Bro. Henry A. Isaacs, P.M. (No. 247), President and Founder of the Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund. Presented by the Members of the Lodge, as a tribute of esteem and fraternal affection, July, 1857.” There were three initiations, five passings, and four Raisings, the whole of the business being very ably performed by the W.M.; after which the Brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, prepared by Bro. W. Seyd with his usual excellence.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE (No. 324).—This Lodge, which is so much distinguished for the rank of its members and the princes and noblemen it has introduced into the Order, met at the Thatched House Tavern, St. James’s-street, 23rd June. A gallant colonel, who was engaged in the glorious fights of Balaklava and Inkermann, and had the misfortune to lose an arm when British courage and endurance triumphed at Sebastopol, was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 752).—The members of this Lodge assembled at the Adam and Eve Tavern, Kensington, on Wednesday, July 8, for the purpose of installing Bro. Wise the W.M. elect. The ceremonies connected with the installation were admirably performed by the retiring master, Bro. Copus, who had, during his year of office, endeared himself to every member of the Lodge by his uniform kindness, and in placing this Lodge, by excellent working, &c., in a condition equal to any in the Craft. Bro. Wise, being duly installed, appointed his Officers, after which the Brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. After dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, several songs having been

given by the members present, and a most delightful evening passed. Thanks were voted during the evening to Bro. Cooper, the host of the tavern, for the excellence of his catering.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 812).—The concluding meeting of the season was held on Thursday, the 2nd of July. The Lodge was opened at the usual place of meeting, the George Hotel, in the Commercial-road East, at 2 P.M., Bro. James Kindred, W.M., presiding, Bros. Crisp, S.W., and Hampton, J.W.; Bros. George Biggs, Purdy, and Wynne, P.Ms., and several others, being present. Mr. Robert Gordon Ferguson, and Mr. George Thirkell, were initiated; Bros. Richardson, Keddell, and Ellwood, were passed to the 2nd Degree; and Bros. Hamilton and Willson raised to the Degree of M.M. At the conclusion of the business, the Brethren proceeded to the Artichoke Tavern at Blackwall, to celebrate by a festival the successful termination of the season. Thirty-six Brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet. The dinner ended, and grace delivered by the Rev. Bro. Shaboe, due honour was paid to "The Queen," and "The M.W. the G.M." The W.M. then proposed "Lord Panmure, the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, including their old and valued member of the Yarborough Lodge, Bro. George Biggs." That worthy and excellent Mason promptly rose and said, so accustomed was he in No. 812, to be called upon to respond to this toast, that every time he found the difficulty increase in so clothing his language, as to afford them something approaching to novelty. All of course must regret that Lord Yarborough had been compelled to retire from the active duties of Masonry; the excellent and noble Brother had endeared himself to the Craft throughout the land, but in their own Lodge he was especially held in esteem and regard, and upon the last occasion of their meeting, at Blackwall, he was their honoured guest. It must be, however, acknowledged, that Lord Yarborough's place was now filled by one who possessed health, energy, and every desire to aid the cause of Masonry, and who would also infuse into the Grand Lodge a spirit that was much wanted. For himself he could but repeat what he had said so often, that the Brethren must be wearied with its repetition, that he was never so happy as when among them, and that as long as the G.A.O.T.U. might be pleased to spare him, he should continue his best services in the cause of the Yarborough Lodge. Bro. William Vesper, P.M., then proposed "The health of the W.M." In Bro. James Kindred, the Yarborough Lodge had made a most excellent choice; his indefatigable attention to the duties of his office the Brethren had many opportunities of witnessing; the arduous services of that day were discharged in a manner that did him great credit, and a warm greeting followed "The health of the W.M." The W.M. said, the business of his life was to do and not to promise; he was no orator, but he assured the Brethren he had endeavoured to discharge the duties of his office faithfully, so as to justify their choice in placing him in the chair of a Lodge of such high fame as the Yarborough. The W.M. then called on the Brethren to give a kindly welcome to the initiates, Bros. Ferguson and Thirkell, who acknowledged the fraternal reception they had met with, and which they trusted their future career would justify. To the next toast, "The Past Masters of the Yarborough Lodge," Bro. Wynn responded, and paid a due tribute of praise to one who he and all must regret was absent, Bro. Thomas Vesper, who had not only laid the foundation of their Lodge, but had by his indefatigable attention been the cause of its long career of celebrity. He then acknowledged for himself and the other P.Ms. the cordial greeting the toast had received; the same spirit pervaded them all, a readiness to discharge their duties as rulers of the Craft, by some of them being always present to aid in the business and ceremonials of the Lodge. The W.M. then requested Bro. Biggs to present the accustomed Jewel to the immediate P.M., Bro. William Vesper. Bro. Biggs said, it afforded him great pleasure to have this duty intrusted to his hands; he had long known Bro. Vesper, and as a private friend could say, that no one more faithfully discharged all the duties of life as a man and a Mason. Suavity of manners and goodness of heart were characteristics of Bro. Vesper's conduct in life, and they all knew how well he had discharged the duties of his office, and the Jewel which he had then the honour to present was a testimonial of the

perfect satisfaction of every member of the Lodge. He trusted that Bro. Vesper would live long to experience the continuance of that high esteem in which he was held by the members of the Yarborough Lodge. The cheers were so continuous, that Bro. Vesper, when he rose, was quite overpowered; he regretted he had not the command of language to convey the grateful feelings that pervaded his bosom; whatever might be his fate, the remembrance of that day would never be erased from his memory, and should misfortune overtake him in the desert of life, that would be the green spot to cheer him. "The Visitors" was the next toast,—Bros. Dearsley, How, Kenny, and Phillips,—and thanks to them for their presence on this festive occasion. Bro. How, in response, said, that to say a word in praise of the excellency of the working, or the admirable manner in which the affairs of No. 812 were conducted, was but to repeat truisms they must be tired of hearing, and therefore he would, on the part of the visitors, thank the Lodge for the excellent banquet to which they had been invited. Some ascetics professed a horror of that part of Freemasonry, but all who had any practical experience knew that it was only at the social board that Brethren had any means of becoming known to each other; it was there only converse could be held; it was at the banquet the boast of our institution, the charities, were made known; and it was then the purses of the wealthy and well-to-do among us were opened for the aged, the widow, and the orphan. These were the results of the elocutional and vocal talent exercised for their benefit by the Brethren; their efforts in a good cause were spread abroad by the *Freemasons' Magazine*, whose vocation it was to make them known, and which, but for the social meetings after business, would have but little to recount. "The Officers" was responded to briefly by Bro. Crisp, S.W., and also by Bro. Purdy, Sec., who said he was present at the formation of the Lodge nine years ago, and was justified in observing that it might be considered a remarkable Lodge, for they had in that comparatively short period initiated near four hundred members, chiefly of the maritime service; and, considering the risks and calamities to which they were exposed, it was a fact deserving of mention, that no more than six had petitioned the Board of Benevolence. Now, seeing what they had done, and the strength of the Lodge at the present time, and its present state of prosperity, a state which not unfrequently becomes one of danger, he (Bro. Purdy), as one of their oldest members, warned them to be careful whom they admitted, and to continue that same good management that had led to their success, and thus go on and prosper. Evening now began to gather its sable curtain round, and by the last train we left this very agreeable meeting.

**BEADON LODGE (No. 902).**—This flourishing Lodge held its second meeting of the season at the Star and Garter, Kew-bridge, on Wednesday, 15th July, under the able presidency of the W.M., Bro. John Scott, when Bros. Collins and Green were raised to the 3rd Degree, and Bros. Watts, Avery, and Purbrook passed to the 2nd Degree. Bro. Charles Potter, jun., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Potter, senior, Treas.; and Langstaff, Tyler. At the conclusion of the business, the Brethren sat down to a most excellent banquet, provided by the host, Bro. Watts. Bros. Warrick, P.M. No. 30, and W. Carter, No. 25, were visitors.

**CANONBURY LODGE (No. 955).**—Two Emergency Meetings of this Lodge were held at the Canonbury Tavern, Islington, during the month of June, the one on the 4th, and the other on the 18th of that month. On the former occasion the W.M., Bro. Thomas Bohn, P.M. No. 201, &c., initiated Messrs. Rogers, House, Worth, and Irons, into the mysteries of the Order; and on the latter occasion Bro. A. J. Duff Filer, P.M., acting for the W.M., initiated Messrs. Cooke and Roberts; and the W.M. passed Bros. Gobey, Collingwood, and King, and raised Bro. Worman. Notwithstanding these emergencies, there is now a large amount of business to dispose of. The propositions for initiation and joining in this young but prosperous Lodge are very numerous, and great care is properly taken to select the worthy only, as in more than one instance candidates have been advised not to press their application. This is as it should be, and will tend to secure the permanent position of the Lodge, more than overwhelming it with numbers. The



only visitors at the emergency meetings were Bro. John Savage, P.M. No. 19, on the 4th; and Bro. Underwood, S.D. No. 201, on the 18th. Bro. Abbott, of the Albion Lodge, No. 9, has been elected a joining member of the Lodge.

NELSON LODGE (No. 1,002).—This new Lodge, the warrant of which bears date the 16th of April, 1857, held its first meeting on Tuesday, the 30th day of June, at the Gun Tavern, Woolwich, instead of the Red Lion Tavern, the place named in the warrant, the rooms at the latter place not being considered sufficiently commodious for the ceremony of consecration. The Lodge, being duly formed, was opened by Bro. William H. White, the P.G.S., who, on taking the chair, proceeded in a most efficient manner to consecrate the Lodge, assisted by Bro. William Gray Clarke, G.S.; William Farnfield, Assist. G.S.; Stephen Barton Wilson, J.G.D.; Captain Clerke, W.M. No. 13; George Barrett, P.M. No. 188; and the Rev. Walter Melville Wright, P. Prov. G. Chap., Norfolk, and member of No. 13. The Charter or Warrant of Constitution from the Grand Lodge of England being read by the G.S., Bro. Clarke, also the authority of the M.W.G.M. for opening and consecrating the Lodge at the Gun Tavern instead of the Red Lion, the first Master named in the warrant, viz., Bro. James Wilde, was presented by Bro. Farnfield. The W.M. then presented George W. Taylor, S.W., and George Rennell, J.W., when the installing Master inquired if the Brethren approved of the Officers who were nominated to preside over them. This being signified in a Masonic form, an oration was delivered by the Rev. Bro. Walter Melville Wright, P. Prov. G. Chap. for Norfolk, in an impressive manner, and the Lodge was consecrated according to the usual ceremonies. The new Master and Wardens were then examined, and found to be well skilled in the noble science and duly instructed in the mysteries, and, being vouched for, the new Master (being a P.M.) was regularly inducted into the Chair; when, after receiving homage and returning his acknowledgments, he proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers; viz., Bros. George W. Taylor, S.W.; George Rennell, J.W.; John J. Brickell, Treas.; H. George Mason, Sec.; Charles J. Kelly, S.D.; Thomas Lee, J.D.; and W. Allison, Tyler. Four candidates for initiation were next balloted for and approved. Two of them, being in attendance, were introduced in due form and initiated into the Order, the ceremony being well performed by the new Master, Bro. James Wilde. Several candidates were then proposed both for initiation and joining, one of the latter being Bro. Dodson, captain in the Royal Marines. The Lodge was closed in due form, and the Brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Tavern, Mulgrave-place, to partake of the banquet. On the removal of the cloth, and grace having been said, the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," which was followed by "The health of the Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M." The W.M. would ask them to fill a bumper to "Lord Panmure and the rest of the Grand Officers." There were four Grand Officers at this meeting; but he would, for the present, couple with the toast the name of the much-respected P.G. Sec., Bro. White, who had for so many years fulfilled the duties of his office with unflinching zeal and ability,—who had done them the honour of consecrating the Lodge,—and whom he was extremely proud to see amongst them. He would ask them to drink to "Lord Panmure, Bro. White, and the rest of the Grand Officers." Bro. White returned thanks for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and responded to, and begged to assure the W.M. and Brethren that, although he was now out of office, he was ready and willing at all times to assist his successor whenever called upon; indeed, he felt anxious to serve the Craft to the utmost of his power, so long as he had ability to do so. Bro. White then proposed "The health of the W.M.," who, he said, was a zealous and expert Mason; he wished him health and happiness, and felt assured that under his guidance the Lodge could not fail to prosper. The W.M., in returning thanks, said, he felt quite proud in receiving praise from so distinguished a Brother as the P.G. Sec., and would do all in his power to merit a continuance of the good opinion expressed towards him. He should always feel it a pleasure, as well as a duty, to exert himself to further the interests and prosperity of the Lodge. The W.M. then said, he could not allow the opportunity to pass without some particular notice of the other Grand Officers present. They had present Bro. Farnfield, the Assist. G. Sec., to

whom he had been frequently indebted for many acts of kindness in his official capacity. He was well known to be easy of access, and courteous in manner, to all who had business to transact at the Grand Secretary's office. They had also Bro. William Gray Clarke, the new G. Sec., with whom he had not had so much to do as with Bro. Farnfield, but to whom he had been introduced, on two or three occasions, and was received very kindly. He was quite sure the Brethren would join him in hailing at their festive board so distinguished a Mason as Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, the J.G.D., of whom he could not speak in sufficient terms of praise. The M.W.G.M., in appointing Bro. Wilson to the office of G.D., had, he believed, selected him from amongst their body as the most efficient working Mason in the Craft, and one who, as a man and a Mason, was worthy of the highest honours. He would call upon them to drink to "Bros. Farnfield, Clarke, and Stephen Barton Wilson." Bro. W. G. Clarke, as the Senior Grand Officer, first responded to the toast, and said that he could, with great pleasure, bear testimony to the truth of the terms in which the W.M. had spoken of the Assistant Secretary, Bro. Farnfield, and believed he well deserved the praise that had been bestowed upon him. As to himself, he (Bro. Clarke) was not so generally known as Bro. Farnfield, but he should always feel a pleasure in affording assistance to the Brethren whenever they might have occasion to apply to him for information. With regard to Bro. Wilson, he would only say, that he was generally considered A 1 as a working Mason, and fully entitled to the position to which he had been appointed, and he would leave him to speak for himself. Bro. Wilson said, that as the G. Sec. had left him to return thanks for himself, he would do so with great pleasure, but would be very brief, on account of the shortness of the time they had to remain previously to the train returning to town. He was much obliged to Bro. Clarke for his flattering remarks, and highly gratified to find that his advancement to the *dais* had given general satisfaction; for so he was induced to imagine, from the kindly expressions with which he had at all times, since his appointment, been greeted; and, as he had been thereby led to hope that his Masonic conduct had given general satisfaction, he would endeavour to maintain their good opinion by an increased attention and assiduity in the discharge of his several duties. The W.M. then gave "The health of the Visitors," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Hinxman, P.G. Stew., who responded in a neat and suitable manner. Several other toasts were then given, and a concluding glass "To all Poor and Distressed Masons," finished the proceedings. We cannot close our notice without stating that the furniture and paraphernalia of the Lodge are all new, and the arrangements most complete, reflecting the highest credit on the Master and Brethren of the Lodge.

CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1,010).—This new Lodge held its first meeting on Thursday, July 16, at the Mitre Tavern, Hampton Court, Middlesex. The Lodge, being duly formed, was opened by Bro. William W. Beach, *M.P.*, P. Prov. G.W. for Oxfordshire, with solemn prayer, and who, on taking the chair, proceeded in a most admirable and efficient manner to consecrate the Lodge according to ancient usage, assisted by Bros. Stephen Barton Wilson, J.G.D., as D.G.M.; Hyde Pullen, D. Prov. G.M. for the Isle of Wight, as S.W.; George Barrett, P.M. No. 188, as J.W.; the Rev. G. R. Portal, P. Prov. S.G.W. for Oxfordshire, as Chaplain; Richard Spencer, P.M. No. 329, as Secretary. The ceremony of consecration having been completed, the new Master, Bro. G. R. Portal, P.M., was then presented by Bro. S. B. Wilson, and regularly inducted into the chair by Bro. Beach. After receiving due homage and returning his acknowledgments, the W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, viz., Bros. Viscount Valletort, S.W.; Viscount Homesdale, J.W.; Rev. W. H. Lyall, Chap.; W. W. Beach, Treas.; M. Close, *M.P.*, Sec.; H. C. Finch, S.D.; R. H. Smith, J.D.; Lord North, I.G.; W. Rice, Tyler. After which several candidates for joining were proposed, balloted for, and approved. Amongst the Brethren in attendance were the Right Hon. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, W.M. of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, and the Rev. Bro. Woodward, Lodge No. 8.

## INSTRUCTION.

CONFIDENCE LODGE (No. 228).—The Fifteen Sections of the Lectures were worked by the Brethren of this Lodge of Instruction, held at the Bengal Arms, Birchin-lane, on July 15, Bro. Anslow in the chair. It was proposed, and carried unanimously, that the *Freemasons' Magazine* be taken in for the use of the Lodge; also, that the sum of £10 be subscribed to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows. The ceremony of installation will be worked at this Lodge on the 5th of August, at 7 P.M.

## PROVINCIAL.

## CORNWALL.

CHACEWATER.—*Boscawen Lodge* (No. 1,000).—A warrant for this Lodge having been granted by the M.W.G.M. of England, the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, a meeting was held on Tuesday, the 14th instant. A neatly fitted up hall was prepared by the Brethren at the rear of the Britannia Inn. The Brethren having been duly assembled, the Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the D. Prov. G.M., Bro. John Ellis, of Falmouth. A procession was then formed, which proceeded to the district church, where an admirable sermon was preached by Bro. Wright, incumbent of Godolphin, Chaplain of the Cornubian Lodge, at Hayle, for which the thanks of the Brethren were voted unanimously. The text was taken from Proverbs, xvii. 16, "A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." The service at the desk was performed by the incumbent, the Rev. G. L. Church, who very kindly lent the church for the occasion. The organ was played by Professor Hempel, of Truro, in his usual brilliant style. On the return from church, Bro. Ellis, the Installing Officer, took the chair, and installed Bro. J. Moyle as the first Master of the Boscawen Lodge, No. 1,000. Bro. Ellis, having read the warrant, placed it in the hands of the W.M., and scattered corn, wine, and oil on the Lodge, pronouncing appropriate words, and declaring the Lodge duly constituted to the peculiar services of the Craft. The Rev. Chaplain then pronounced the consecration prayer, after which the W.M. invested his officers, and the Lodge was closed. Solemn music was played by the organist on opening and closing the Lodge. The following are the names, &c., of the Brethren invested on the occasion:—Bros. J. Moyle, W.M.; W. G. Powning, S.W.; Petherick, J.W.; Davies, S.D.; Samson, J.D.; S. G. Moyle, Treas.; Bray, Sec.; Lead, I.G., and Phillips, Tyler. The Brethren afterwards repaired to the banquet, which was presided over by the veteran Bro. Ellis, D. Prov. G.M. On the removal of the cloth, a large number of ladies were admitted, and after partaking of wine and fruits, they retired, the usual compliments having been paid them. The imposing ceremony of opening the Lodge, and the business generally, gave great satisfaction, and soon after eight the Brethren dispersed. The town was adorned with arches, flags, and ornamental shrubs. On the centre of that in front of the inn where the Brethren dined, a platform was erected for the band, which played appropriate airs on announcing the loyal and other sentiments. Salutes from a battery of cannon were also fired at intervals during the day.

## CUMBERLAND.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland was held at Whitehaven on Wednesday, the 8th of July, on the invitation and under the auspices of the Sun, Square, and Compass Lodge, No. 138, held at the Globe Hotel. The Prov.



Grand Lodge was opened in form at high twelve by the R.W.D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Greaves, of Penrith, assisted by the Prov. Grand Officers. It was a subject of regret amongst the Brethren that Sir James Graham, Bart., the Prov. G.M. for Cumberland, was not present. After confirming the minutes of the previous Prov. Grand Lodge meeting, the D. Prov. G.M. proceeded to appoint his Officers for the ensuing year. On the motion of Bro. Fletcher, seconded by Bro. Lemon, the Prov. G. Treas., M. Rimington, was unanimously re-elected.

The following is a list of the Prov. Grand Officers:—The Right Hon. Sir James Graham, Bart., *G.C.B.*, G.M.; W. T. Greaves, D.G.M.; J. Wickam, G.S.W.; T. Roper, G.J.W.; Rev. B. Porteus, *M.A.*, and Rev. S. J. Butler, *M.A.*, Chaplains; M. Rimington, G. Treas.; Rev. J. Hallifax, G. Reg.; Rev. Croft Worgan Dew, *M.A.*, G. Sec.; T. Robinson, G.S.D.; J. Fletcher, G.J.D.; J. Dees, G. Sup. Works; J. Tickle, G. Dir. Cer.; W. Kirkbride, G. Assist. Dir. Cer.; J. Teather, G. Sword Bearer; J. Rowland, G. Organist; Murray, G. Pursuivant; J. Storey, G. Tyler; Bros. Lemon, No. 409, Hodgkin, No. 138, Watson, No. 595, Nicholson, No. 508, Forster, No. 595, J. Pitt, No. 138, G. Stewards.

After the usual Lodge business was finished, the Brethren, headed by the band of the Royal Cumberland Militia, proceeded to St. Nicholas' Church. Prayers were read by Rev. Bro. Hallifax, Rector of Kirkbride, and the sermon was preached by Rev. Bro. Butler, Vicar of Penrith, Prov. G. Chaplain. The preacher took for his text Nehemiah ii. 18: "Then I told them of the hand of my God, which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build." After an eloquent and appropriate sermon, a collection was made for purposes of charity, and the proceeds given to the churchwardens to be distributed. The procession then was re-formed, and returned to the Lodge-room, when Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to an excellent dinner. There were deputations from every Lodge in the province except from Carlisle, and this caused some regret amongst the Brethren, as it said very little for the life and activity of the Craft in that ancient city, once so famous for its Masonic strength. Between seventy and eighty of the Brethren sat down to dinner, which was presided over by the D. Prov. G.M., Brother Greaves, supported, on the right, by Rev. Joseph Hallifax, G. Reg.; M. Rimington, G. Treas., and J. Lemon, G. Steward: on the left, by Rev. Croft Worgan Dew, *M.A.*, G. Sec.; Henry Spencer, W.M. No. 138, and T. Robinson, G.S.D. The vice-chairs were occupied by J. Wickam, G.S.W., and T. Roper, G.J.W.

The usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to in a very eloquent manner, and the noble entertainment given to the Brethren by Lodge No. 138 done ample justice to.

During the evening the D. Prov. G.M. congratulated the Brethren on the fact that Bro. Hamilton, who had been Tyler of the Penrith Lodge, No. 424, between forty and fifty years, had been elected an annuitant of the Fund of Benevolence, and now enjoyed a pension of £30 in reward of his long and faithful services, which he was happy to state he still continued to perform, to the great benefit of his Lodge. This was another of the many instances in the province where deserving Masons had been rewarded, and made comfortable in their old age.

Brethren were present from the following Lodges:—Sun, Square, and Compass, No. 138, Whitehaven; St. John's, No. 409, Wigton; Unanimity, No. 424, Penrith; Lodge of Perseverance, No. 508, Maryport; Holy Temple, No. 595, Longtown.

The next Prov. Grand Lodge will be held at Penrith, under the patronage of the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 424, the D. Prov. G.M. having kindly consented, at the request of the Brethren, to hold the Prov. Grand Lodge at the various Lodges in the province in rotation.

#### DEVONSHIRE.

BRIDPORT. — *St. Mary's Lodge* (No. 1,009). — On Thursday, the 23rd July, Bro. Keech, P. Prov. G.S.D., held a Lodge at the Bull Inn, in order to constitute a new Lodge, the *St. Mary's*, No. 1,009, and place its first W.M., Bro. Hinton,

W.M. of No. 963, in the chair, who duly invested his Officers. Several distinguished Masons assisted at the ceremony—Bros. Collard, P.M. No. 209, London; Ferris, W.M. No. 410, Yeovil; J. H. Harper, P.M. No. 199, P. Prov. J.W. Dorset; J. D. E. Harvéy, P.M. No. 199, P. Prov. S.D. Dorset; J. Stevens, No. 725; T. C. W. Saunders, No. 605, who were elected honorary members. Bro. J. Gundy, S.W., gave the jewels, and Bro. Cosens, J.W., a handsome set of working tools in a mahogany case, together with a poniard and gavels. Some other presents were also made. Three joining members were proposed, and four gentlemen as candidates for initiation. An excellent dinner was provided by Mr. Knight, and the Brethren separated at 8 P.M., after having passed both a most agreeable and interesting day.

STONEHOUSE.—*Lodge of Sincerity* (No. 224).—On the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, June 24th, according to custom, the W.M. for the year ensuing was installed. The choice of Brethren fell upon Bro. William Hunt, who filled the Senior Warden's chair last year. Bro. Hunt was installed in a most effective and able manner by Bro. J. Cree Hancock, the late W.M., Bros. James Gilbard and R. Robinson Rodd were appointed Senior and Junior Wardens. Bros. John Honey and Valentine Narracott, Deacons; Bro. Roger Lidstone, Secretary, and Bros. James Hughes, P.M., and T. C. Gill, Stewards. Bro. L. P. Tripe, P. Prov. G.S.D., having been elected Treasurer, was invested accordingly, and Bro. J. Rogers was re-elected Tyler.

MASONIC TRIP UP THE TAMAR.—The annual trip of the Brethren of the Lodge of Fortitude and their friends up the river Tamar, took place on Wednesday, July 8, and was, as usual, attended with the most gratifying results. The weather, which for some days previous had been inauspicious, cleared up for the occasion, and was delightfully fine throughout the day, the sunshine being tempered by a genial breeze just sufficient to impart a pleasing animation to leaf, tree, and flower, and to render the exercise usual on such festive gatherings most agreeable. The steamer *Emperor* had been engaged for the trip, and left Millbay Pier for Newpassage soon after eight o'clock, the company from both points of departure numbering upwards of ninety. A portion of the South Devon Militia Band, under the direction of Mr. Purton, had been hired for the occasion, and the music throughout the day added most materially to the general enjoyment.

Passing out from the long line of Old England's wooden walls, behold Saltash, and one of the greatest achievements in constructive science that has marked the spirit of human enterprise in modern times. Passing the lovely seats of Maristow, Warleigh, the quiet hamlet of Cargreen, Halls Hole, Pentillee, and the varied thousand other beauty spots that mark the landscape, we accomplish the first part of our journey, and land at Cotehele.

Through the kindness and courtesy of the noble owner of this magnificent seat, the Masonic party had been granted the exclusive use of the hall, towards which, on disembarking, the visitors immediately wended their way. Half-past twelve had been fixed for the repast; and before that hour music, dancing, and wanderings through the beautiful woods of the demesne was the order of the day. At the hour appointed, these enjoyments gave place to the preparations for a more substantial one, and within a short period of the announcement "Dinner!" every seat at the tables provided was occupied. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. Richard May, assisted by Senior and Junior Wardens Jew and Mackay. Grace having been duly said, operations upon the viands commenced, the noble hall presenting an appearance as curious as interesting. Satisfactory respect having been paid to the edibles, the intellectual part of the proceedings commenced.

The W.M. then rose and said: "Brothers Senior and Junior Wardens, Brethren, ladies and gentlemen, the first toast on my list, and given on all such festive occasions, is one which I am sure will be drunk with all the enthusiasm it merits, not only by my Brother Masons in this assembly, but as well by their friends. I give you 'The Queen and the Craft.' (Cheers.) It is a double toast, but not the worse for that; in the first place, it expresses loyalty to our Sovereign and to the laws of our country; and, secondly, it expresses confidence

in the principles which constitute our Craft. I would say, with regard to her Majesty, that she possesses all the graces that adorn a woman, and all the virtues which befit the sovereign of so vast an empire as that of Great Britain. Our Craft is the embodiment of all that is sacred, ancient, and venerable; and I would especially say our motto is 'Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth,' and that there is no class of men in the universe that would feel a greater interest in fighting for their country's cause than would those belonging to the Order of Freemasonry." (Applause.) The W.M. then said: "The next toast I have to propose is that of 'The Prince Consort, Prince of Wales, Princess Royal, and the rest of the Royal Family.' In this instance I name the Princess Royal to you, because she is on the eve of a most important period of her lifetime, not only as regards herself individually, but as regards the welfare of a great nation. Let us hope that her union with the Prince of Prussia will not only tend to unite still closer the bonds of amity between his country and our own, but that her domestic life may be a happy one; and, inheriting as she does all the virtues of a good mother, may she make as good a sovereign whenever she may be called upon to reign." (Applause.) The W.M. said: "The next toast on my list, although perhaps unknown to the ladies, is a most important one in our Order; it is that of 'The Earl of Zetland, G.M. of the Freemasons of England.'" (Cheers.) The W.M. said: "The next toast I have to propose is one that comes very near to us; it is the health of 'Earl Fortescue, Prov. G.M. of Devon.'" (Cheers.) From the advanced age of his lordship it has been impossible for him to take such a prominent part in our Masonic festivities as he otherwise would have done; but I can assure you his lordship stands as high in our estimation as any man in the Order."

Bro. R. Pomeroy proposed "The health of the W.M., Bro. Richard May," in most eulogistic terms, and observed, that as he (the speaker) was so well known to them, or, as two ladies had said just now, being such a notorious character (laughter), they would take the regard and esteem he had expressed toward their W.M. as emanating truly and sincerely from the heart. He would therefore ask them to join with him in drinking the toast with all the heartiness it deserved. (Loud cheers.)

The W.M. said,—“Senior and Junior Wardens, Brethren, ladies and gentlemen, allow me to express to you my gratitude for the very kind manner in which my health has been given by my esteemed Bro. Pomeroy, and for its flattering reception at your hands. Often as I have had the pleasure of addressing my Masonic Brethren of the Lodge of Fortitude, never, on any previous occasion, have I done so with the grateful feelings that now warm my heart towards them, and I must claim the indulgence of this company if, under the very strong emotions those sentiments inspire, I do not respond to them in the manner they deserve—indeed, to do so would require a far greater amount of natural eloquence than I can be expected to possess or lay claim to;—but this I will say, that when an individual, in public or in private, meets with the good-will, appreciation, and esteem of those around him, he must regard himself as a most happy and fortunate man. When I turn back to the very short period since which we held our first meeting within the hall of this ancient, noble, and magnificent building, replete as it is with so many valuable relics of the olden time, I cannot but feel the distinguished and honourable position in which I am placed, by being enabled to preside over so happy, numerous, and respectable a meeting. In consideration of the many present who are not members of our Craft, I must limit my observations; but, at the same time, I would earnestly impress upon those who do not belong to us, and more particularly the ladies—because I know many of them are not altogether friendly disposed towards Freemasonry,—that our duties are of a highly important and interesting character—their object being to improve, ennoble, and exalt the character of man. (Applause.) And, now, with regard to the manner in which my services in the cause have been spoken of. It would be false delicacy on my part to deny that I have used my best exertions; but, at the same time, I am in duty bound to say, and am gratified at being afforded the present opportunity to express myself on the subject, that all my exertions would have been unavailing, but for the talented aid of my elder Brothers Phillips and Pomeroy, for whom I



entertain the highest personal regard and esteem, and to whom I am indebted for an easy discharge of the duties of an office which would otherwise have been attended with considerable difficulty. Allow me, ladies, gentlemen, and Brethren, to thank you primarily for your kind manifestations towards me, and to express my gratitude at the kind manner in which you have been pleased to drink my health; and, in conclusion, let me wish you every happiness this world can afford." (Loud cheers.)

The W.M. then said: "The next toast is one which I am sure you will drink with enthusiasm, it is that of 'The Earl and Countess of Mount Edgcumbe,' under whose auspices we are here to-day. (Cheers.) Further than that, I would mention that it was intimated at an early period, that we should have some difficulty in getting the exclusive use of this hall. In consequence of this intimation, I took certain steps to secure from his lordship that favour, which he was not only kind enough to grant, but I can assure you his permission was conveyed in a most courteous and flattering letter, and under these circumstances I think his lordship deserves our best thanks. (Applause.) When I couple with his lordship's name the health of the Countess of Mount Edgcumbe, I am sure the many virtues she possesses, not forgetting her numerous and unostentatious charities, which are so well known to all of us, will render it needless for me to say one word more to induce you to drink the better health of his lordship and the health of his noble lady, wishing them long life to enjoy the beautiful demesnes which are at all times so generously thrown open to the public." (Loud cheers.)

The W.M. said: "I have now to submit to you 'The health of Lord Valletort.' I have much pleasure in proposing this toast, more particularly because his lordship has lately become one of our Order, and I can assure you we very much flatter ourselves in being able to call so distinguished a nobleman a Brother. (Hear, hear.) In addition to this, we more especially feel obliged to his lordship for lately introducing to our notice our noble Brother the Earl of Carnarvon, who afforded us such a treat in Masonry, that we felt it would be a long time before we got such another. I give you 'Long life to Lord Valletort.'"

The W.M. then gave "The Visitors and the Press," two gentlemen connected with which were present.

The last toast was that of "The Ladies," with which was coupled the name of Bro. William Phillips, who most gallantly and eloquently discharged the responsible duty of returning thanks, and must have felt amply repaid by the approving looks which greeted him from the beautiful sisterhood around.

It only remains to be added, that after several hours' amusement on the green sward, and pleasant strolls through the gardens and the woods, the party embarked, and having threaded the winding river to the Weir Head, and enjoyed the varied beauties of "wood and water, hill and dale," returned to the point of departure, having spent a day of uninterrupted enjoyment.

#### ESSEX.

COLCHESTER.—*Angel Lodge* (No. 59).—The annual St. John's Festival of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, July 21. The Lodge has recently elected Bro. Thomas Hall a second time as W.M.; and the appointments of officers for the current year are as under:—Bros. Joseph Saunders, S.W.; Taylor Osborne, J.W.; William Slaney, Treas.; William Williams, Sec.; John Coppin, S.D.; Henry Miller, J.D.; H. Wisbey, Org.; W. Edes, I.G.; P. Palmer, Steward; Ditton, Tyler. The festival has been delayed in consequence of the Prov. Grand Lodge having been so recently held in this town; and to that circumstance must be attributed a falling off in the number of visiting Brethren. The banquet was served in the Lodge-room, Cups Hotel, by the new host, Bro. Salter, whose bountiful catering and excellent wines gave universal satisfaction. The W.M. of course presided; and the S.W. and J.W. occupied their respective positions in the "west" and "south." The visitors included Bros. Major Maydwell, W.M. United Lodge; Capt. Marriott, Capt. Cassidy, and Quarter-master Anderson; Bros. R. S. Nunn; S. Webb, W.M. Chelmsford Lodge; Bros. Webb, P.M., and Harmer, Brightlingsea. Members of the Angel Lodge: Bros. W.

Griffin, jun., P.M.; Slaney, P.M.; Bland, P.M.; J. S. Norman, Pargeter, Saunders, Osborne, Miller, Edes, Talbot, Quilter, W. Williams, Cross, Ralling, Dunn, Palmer, &c. Bro. Maydwell proposed "The health of the W.M. of the Angel Lodge," and said, the fact of his having been unanimously chosen the second year to preside over so important a Lodge spoke volumes in his favour. He had always shown himself most anxious to promote the good of Masonry; and on all occasions upon which he (Major Maydwell) had stood in need of assistance it had been afforded with the utmost courtesy. The W.M. (Bro. Hall) returned thanks for the compliment, and proposed "The health of the Master and Officers of the United Lodge," which was suitably acknowledged by the W.M., Bro. Maydwell, who advocated the building a Masonic Hall in Colchester, as a measure calculated to remove the impression that Freemasonry was mainly a convivial system, and consequently to advance the Order to a higher position in public estimation. "The health of the Past Masters of the Angel Lodge" was acknowledged by Bro. Griffin; "The S.W. and Officers of the Angel Lodge," acknowledged by Bro. Saunders; "The Treasurer, Bro. Slaney;" "The Secretary, Bro. Williams." During the evening Bros. Palmer, Webb (Brightlingsea), Edes, Talbot, Dunn, &c., greatly contributed to the enjoyment of the assembly, which broke up shortly after 10 o'clock.

## ISLE OF WIGHT.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

The annual Prov. Grand Lodge of the Isle of Wight was held at Binstead, the seat of Lord and Lady Downes, a little better than a mile from Ryde, on Thursday, July 2nd, the grounds of which beautiful seat had been kindly granted to the R.W. Prov. G.M., the son of her ladyship, for the occasion, it having been determined to hold a *fête*, in which not only Masons but ladies and other friends might participate.

Grand Lodge was opened shortly after twelve o'clock in a tent upon the grounds, the entrance to which had been properly tyled, there being a large number of Brethren present,—including the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Fleming; the R.W. D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Hyde Pullen; Bros. Capt. Bowyer, Prov. G.M. Oxfordshire; Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis, Prov. G.M. Hants; Windham Portal, Prov. G.S. Hants; Stebbing and Firmer, Prov. G. Secs. Hants; Langdon, Prov. G.S.W.; Osborne, Prov. G.J.W.; Chrisp, Prov. G. Reg.; Devereau, Prov. G.S.D.; Hollier, Prov. G.J.D.; Briant, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Jones, Prov. G. Org.; Rumbow, Prov. G. Sword-bearer; Oldfield, Prov. G. Dir. of Cer.; Williams, Prov. G. Pur. The ordinary business having been gone through, the following Brethren were appointed Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year:—Read, S.W.; G. White, J.W.; Maddock, Chap; W. W. Way, Treas.; B. W. Way, Reg.; Hollier, Sec.; Barnes, S.D.; Briant, J.D.; Falkner, Supt. of Works; Jones, Org.; Kentfield, Sword-bearer; Card, Dir. of Cer.; Lambert, Pur.; D. Way, F. Moor, Tuttielt, Marvin, Matthews, and M. Newman, Stewards.

On the motion of Bro. Hyde Pullen, it was resolved to give from the Grand Lodge funds a donation of £10. 10s. to each of the Masonic Schools (Boys' and Girls'), and £5 to each of the funds of the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and their Widows.

Some formal business having been transacted, and a vote of thanks unanimously carried to Lord and Lady Downes for having kindly granted the use of their grounds to the Masonic body, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the Brethren proceeded to join their friends in the grounds, a large number of ladies and gentlemen being first presented to the R.W. Prov. G.M. in an outer chamber of the tent.

About half-past two o'clock, the Brethren and their friends, to the number of about 200, assembled in a spacious marquee, where an elegant cold collation was provided, the number being smaller than had been expected, owing, it would appear, to the previous day being somewhat stormy.

The cloth having been withdrawn, the R.W. Prov. G.M. gave "The health of



her Majesty," and of "The M.W.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland," both of which toasts were most cordially responded to.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. had now to propose to them "The R.W.D.G.M., Lord Panmure, and the rest of the G. Officers." The name of Lord Panmure was not so intimately known to them as that of the Earl of Yarborough, who, he regretted to say, had been forced to retire from amongst them owing to ill-health; but the noble lord was known as a man who did honour to his high station—as a distinguished statesman,—and one who had long been a member of the Grand Lodge of England, although of late years he had not taken a very active part in its proceedings. Believing that the appointment would prove of advantage to the Craft, he had great pleasure in proposing the toast. (Cheers.)

Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis, Prov. G.M. Hants, had received the permission of the R.W. Prov. G.M. to propose the next toast. He had long had the honour of the acquaintance of Lord and Lady Downes, in whose beautiful grounds they were then assembled. They were indebted that day to the noble lord and lady for having placed their grounds at the disposal of the Masons, and he was sure they would cordially join him in drinking to their health. Long might they live, happy might they be, blessed with contentment, and from misfortunes free! (Cheers.)

The Prov. G.M. returned thanks on behalf of his noble relatives, and assured the company that both Lord and Lady Downes would have felt great pleasure in being present, but for the circumstance of Lord Downes being detained in town by a motion in the House of Lords on a subject in which he took great interest.

Bro. Pullen, D. Prov. G.M., called upon the Brethren and ladies and gentlemen present to fill a bumper to the health of the R.W. Prov. G.M. The merits of their distinguished G.M. were, he was sure, too well known to require any eulogium from him. He was sure that all would be ready to thank him heartily for the courtesy and kindness with which he presided over them, hoping again to meet him in a similar position and enjoy another happy day next year. The R.W.G.M. always performed his duties to the Craft with the utmost zeal and so as to reflect the greatest honour upon himself and the Province. (Cheers.)

Bro. Fleming returned thanks. He had been much gratified by the manner in which the *fête* at Steephill, where they had first invited ladies to join their festivals, had gone off last year; he was still more gratified on the present occasion at seeing the increasing success of these *fêtes*, and he should look forward with pleasure to their next happy meeting. It was true that ladies were not admitted within the walls of their Lodges, but he could assure them if they were good wives, affectionate daughters and sisters, benevolent to the poor, and regardful of the happiness of others, though they might not call them sisters—and there were probably some present who were glad that those near them were not so, wishing to call them by another and dearer name—(Cheers and laughter)—they might rest assured they had Masonic hearts, and would ever be an honour to any society. Masonry, in its effects upon mankind, was no mystery. It was true they had secret signs by which to know each other and to guard them from imposition, but the great principle upon which it was founded, was to do their duty to God and man, to love their neighbour as themselves, and be ever ready to lend a helping hand to the poor and distressed. (Cheers.) He was glad that they were now allowed to have their proceedings reported, for if anything could advance their Order it was a knowledge of the principles on which it was founded, and which bound together men in every part of the world. He had often read with great interest in the *Freemasons' Magazine*, speeches filled with brotherly love and charity, delivered perhaps in Ireland or in Scotland; and he was sure that meetings such as the one over which he was then presiding, must conduce to the general harmony and good of the Craft. He again thanked them for the kindness shown him, he wished them all every possible happiness, and assured them, if at any time he did anything which they felt to be wrong, it would result from an error of the head, not of the heart. (Cheers.)

The Prov. G.M. would now ask them to drink to the health of an old friend, his R.W. Bro. the Prov. G.M. for Hants. He was no stranger in the Isle of



Wight, and he was sure they were always glad to see his good-humoured face amongst them. (Cheers.)

Bro. Sir Lucius Curtis regretted extremely he did not possess the eloquence of the R.W. Brother, in order adequately to return thanks for the great honour conferred upon him. There was no man who more sincerely felt the beauties and advantages of Masonry than he did. He had been a Mason many years. Indeed, he was the oldest Prov. G.M. in England but one—but he felt that in Masonry he was always young. (Cheers.) He had felt the advantages of the Order both at home and abroad. A man had only to present himself at the door of a foreign Lodge, and prove himself a Mason, to receive a most hearty welcome. Though in the hour of battle they never forgot their sovereign, or their country, yet when the battle was over they did their best to relieve the wounded, and prisoners had found themselves treated with the most loving kindness by Brethren in a hostile army. Whenever they travelled, either in America, Asia, or Europe, they would always find Brethren, and Freemasonry would prove a ready passport into the best society. He again thanked them for the compliment paid him, and wished them all the happiness they could wish themselves. (Cheers.)

The Prov. G.M. trusted the company would now allow him to introduce to them another Prov. G.M., in the person of his worthy and distinguished Bro. Capt. Bowyer. This was the first occasion he had met him in the Isle of Wight, but he hoped it would not be the last. He had first learned the advantage of having ladies present at these *fêtes* from Bro. Capt. Bowyer—having been present at a Masonic *fête* in the gardens of New College, Oxford, during his mastership, when he was so pleased with the result of the ladies' presence, that he determined, at the earliest period, to follow the example, and ask the ladies to meet them in the Isle of Wight. (Cheers.) He begged to propose the "Health of Bro. Capt. Bowyer, and the other Visiting Brethren." (Cheers.)

Bro. Capt. Bowyer responded. He could not too strongly express the pleasure he felt at the proceedings of the day; and it would give him the greatest gratification to again come amongst them on the earliest opportunity. He was sure that nothing could be more gratifying to good and worthy Masons than to be present, surrounded by those blessings of the creation, the ladies, who were too often absent from their festivals, to which they added so rich a grace. No men bowed with greater love and reverence to the authority of the ladies than Masons; and though he was perfectly aware that they were sometimes left at home whilst their husbands attended to their Lodge duties, he could assure them that it was a remembrance of them which spread a sunshine over absent hours. (Cheers.) He sincerely thanked them for the honour conferred upon him and his Brother visitors.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. had now a toast to propose which he was sure would be most cordially responded to. He was himself often an absentee from the island, and but for the assistance of his worthy Bro. Hyde Pullen, the D. Prov. G.M., his duties would be but inadequately attended to. Bro. Pullen, however, most adequately performed all the duties of his high office—he was ever ready to give advice to the Brethren—he spared neither trouble nor expense to advance the prosperity of the Order—and he should be indeed ungrateful if he did not admit that it was to the unwearied exertions of Bro. Pullen that they were indebted for the flourishing state of Masonry in the Isle of Wight. (Cheers.)

Bro. Pullen, D. Prov. G.M., thanked the R.W. Brother in the chair and the Brethren for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and responded to. He was glad to see, by the number present, how much the *fête* of last year had been appreciated, and he hoped that when they met next year their numbers would be still further enlarged. He never went to a Lodge without feeling that he carried with him the good wishes of the Prov. G.M. for its prosperity. Before he sat down, he trusted he might be allowed to propose as a toast, "Prosperity to the Masonic Charities." The Isle of Wight was much indebted to these institutions, two candidates from the island having been successful in obtaining their benefits during the past twelve months. He was sure they would all be gratified to learn, that within the last twelve months, through the festivals which had been held on behalf of those charities, £4,700 had been added to their funds. (Cheers.) He was happy to say that they had, the previous evening, laid the foundation of a

Masonic relief fund for the Isle of Wight; and that, in order to promote life assurance amongst the Brethren, the directors of a life assurance company had kindly agreed to give the first half-year's premium on all policies effected with them towards their relief fund. A director of that company, Bro. Sheridan, was present, and he would ask them to drink his health, in connection with the toast he had proposed.

Bro. Sheridan, *M.P.*, returned thanks in a long dissertation on the beauties of Freemasonry, and assured the Brethren that the directors of the Times\* Assurance Company would do everything in their power to promote the interests of the new Masonic relief fund for the Isle of Wight.

The Prov. G.M. then gave the ladies, advising them to persuade their husbands to quickly become Freemasons, and never to accept a lover unless he had been first initiated into the Craft.

The company then separated and adjourned to the grounds, where the Marine band, which, under the direction of Mr. Earle, had been in attendance throughout the day, played various polkas, quadrilles, &c., and dancing was kept up with great spirit until the setting sun reminded those present it was time to return to their homes. To many who cared not for the delights of the dance, a cigar and the opportunity of examining the varied beauties of an earthly paradise, or of enjoying social converse with their Brethren and Friends, wiled away the hours, and made all regret the moment when it became necessary to say one to the other "good bye—good night."

#### KENT.

GRAVESEND.—*Lodge of Freedom* (No. 91), and *Lodge of Sympathy* (No. 709).—The annual festival of these Lodges was held on Monday the 20th July at Wates' Hotel. The members of No. 91 met at 3 P.M., and Bro. Robert Spencer, P.M., presided, initiating Mr. J. G. Froud and Mr. William Hester; and afterwards raising Bros. Edward Bryant, Henry Johnson, and Thomas and Frederick Netlingham. The Lodge was then resumed in the 2nd Degree, and Bro. William Hills, S.W. and W.M. elect of No. 91, and Bro. J. J. Martin, S.W. and W.M. elect of No. 709, were presented for installation, and they were obligated as Masters of the respective Lodges; and afterwards, in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters, duly installed into the chair; the ceremonial, as well as all the other business, being performed in that able and correct manner for which Bro. Spencer has long been famed.

Bro. Hills appointed and invested, as his officers for No. 91, Bros. Lander, S.W.; Stratford, J.W.; L. Briveau, Sec.; Pottinger, S.D.; Briveau, J.D.; Everitt, D.C.; E. Hills, I.G.

Bro. Martin appointed and invested, as his officers for No. 709, Bros. A. C. Francis, S.W.; Edward Wates, J.W.; Briveau, Sec.; W. Evans, S.D.; Sharland, I.G.

Bro. Dobson, who had been unanimously re-elected Treasurer of both Lodges, was also invested.

The arrival of the Prov. G.M. having been announced, the Grand Officers present went out to receive him, and he was conducted into the Lodge, and presented to the W.M. The Lodge was closed in peace, harmony, and brotherly love.

The Brethren then adjourned to banquet, Bro. Hills presiding, having on his right the R.W. Bro. Cooper, Prov. G.M.; V.W. Bros. Stephen Barton Wilson, G.S.D.; Hyde Pullen, D. Prov. G.M., Isle of Wight; W. Bros. Southgate, Prov. G.S.W.; Briveau, Prov. G. Purs.; How, P. Prov. G.D.C., Surrey; T. A. Stephenson, of the Grand Lodge of Scotland: on the left Bro. Martin, W.M. 709; the W. Bros. Dobson, P. Prov. G.S.W.; Gore, Prov. A.G.D.C.; Spencer, and other Brethren, to the number of thirty-five. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. No. 91 gave "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W. the G.M. the Earl of Zetland:" then followed, "The R.W. Lord Panmure,

\* It would appear, from the advertisements, that the Times has ceased to exist as an independent company.

D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," and, as more immediately connected from early days with Kent, he welcomed, in one of the Grand Officers, Bro. S. B. Wilson, the J.G.D.

Bro. S. B. Wilson, in reply, said it gave him much pleasure to be present on the occasion, and he was enabled to speak of the merits of the D.G.M. In Lord Panmure they had a Mason of many years' standing, and one who was capable of advancing the interests of Masonry; they had also in their own G.M. one who was second to none for his attention to the business of Grand Lodge, and he did not hesitate to pronounce that there was no G.M. so much entitled to the esteem of every Mason in his province as Bro. Cooper. His intentions were the purest, and, if he did not please every one, it might be said to be his misfortune, but not his fault. For himself, and the rest of the Grand Officers, he thanked them for the compliment.

The W.M. then gave "The Prov. G.M." and was sure all would agree with him how highly the Gravesend Lodges esteemed the visit of their superior; and he (the W.M.), without presuming to dictate to Bro. Cooper, ventured to hint a hope that next year, in the distribution of Prov. Grand Officers, the merits of the installing Master of that day, Bro. Spencer, would not be overlooked. (Cheers.)

The Prov. G.M. said he had filled a bumper, which he would dedicate to wishing them all health and prosperity. He thanked them sincerely for the kind reception they had upon this and former occasions bestowed upon him. He hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would be pleased to endow him with health to preside over such an excellent province, and such super-excellent Lodges. Their W.M. had suggested a name for advancement with which he was somewhat familiar. He was to some extent a sovereign; but he had a ministry, and he was enabled to say that at a cabinet meeting a resolution was passed that Bro. Spencer's advancement should be postponed to another year. He might say further, that he had those in his eye he should like to have advanced long ago; but really he left them to govern these matters themselves, without at all surrendering his privileges. He should endeavour to carry out the wishes of the excellent Masons by whom he was surrounded, as he thought it impossible to find in the Craft two Lodges so well conducted as those of Gravesend.

To the toast, "The D. Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," Bro. Gore, A.D.C., responded.

The Prov. G.M. again rose, and said, he purposed availing himself of his privilege to propose "The health of the Worshipful Masters of Nos. 91 and 709;" but, before proceeding to the point, he made some remarks on the recent proceedings in Grand Lodge, and expressed a confident hope that the changes that would be brought about would be done with the concurrence of Lord Zetland. Never was Masonry so flourishing,—never were Masons so zealous for the prosperity of the institution; and he was proud to assert that Kent was pre-eminent in its position. He concluded by proposing "The healths of Bros. Hills and Martin, the Worshipful Masters of Nos. 91 and 709."

Bros. Hills and Martin, in reply, said they would endeavour to deserve the high honour with which they had been invested, by discharging the duties of the office to the best of their ability.

The W.M. then proposed "Bro. Pullen, the D. Prov. G.M. of the Isle of Wight;" and Bro. Pullen, in responding, said it afforded him much pleasure to be a visitor in a Kentish Lodge. He was initiated in the province, and with such zeal did he enter the Order, that he was put into the chair fifteen months after he had become a Master Mason, and he could assure every young and aspiring Mason that there was no office which he might not attain if he was determined to do his duty.

The W.M. then gave "The newly-initiated Brethren," to which after Bro. Froude had briefly responded, Bro. Hester said, he could not adequately convey to them his sense of the solemnity of the day's proceedings, as the novelty was too overpowering; he could only say, that every tree was known by its fruits; his avocations might, perhaps, not allow him to climb the highest point, but his motto should be "*Excelsior*;" and if he did not rise, it should not be for want of enthusiasm.



"The health of the Mayor of Gravesend," to which that Brother briefly responded, was next drunk.

The W.M. then gave "Bro. Dobson," their very excellent and worthy Treasurer.

Bro. Dobson, in reply, assured the Brethren that his accounts were made up to the present hour, and he was enabled further to say that their finances were most prosperous.

The W.M. then asked the Brethren to join him in "The Press," coupling with it the name of the representative of the *Freemasons' Magazine*, a journal which was deserving of their support, as doing good service to the Craft.

The toast having been acknowledged,—“The health of their valuable and indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Briveau,” followed, to which Bro. Briveau, in reply, said, that although he had been honoured by the Prov. G.M. with the purple, there was no honour so high in his estimation as his re-appointment for the sixth time as Secretary of their Lodge.

"The Officers of the Lodges," and the concluding toast, "To all Poor and Distressed Masons," ended the day's proceedings, and the Brethren took their departure.

SANDGATE.—*St. John and St. Paul Lodge* (No. 898).—A general committee of this Lodge was holden at the Duke of York Hotel, on Tuesday, 7th of July, Bros. Stephen Barton Wilson, J.G.D. of England, W.M.; Phillips Moneypenny, P. Prov. J.G.W. for Kent, as S.W.; and Stephen Barton Wilson, Jun., as J.W.; when the By-laws were agreed to, and it was resolved and carried unanimously that the future meetings of this Lodge be held at Erith, and that the days of meeting shall be on the Saturday nearest the full moon in the months of May, June, July, August, September, and October, and that a petition be presented to the R.W. Prov. G.M. to authorize this alteration being carried into effect. Amongst the visitors were Bros. G. P. De Rhe Phillipe, P.G.S.B. of England; T. B. Tollput, Prov. G. Organist for Kent; George Key, P. Prov. G. Organist, &c.

#### LANCASHIRE.

BOLTON.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 268).—The monthly meeting of the Lodge was held on the 15th ult. at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, when Bro. John Mitchell, W.M., raised Bro. George Russell to the Degree of M.M. There are three candidates for initiation at the next meeting, to be held this month.

*St. John's Lodge* (No. 436).—At the monthly meeting of this Lodge, held 22nd July, Bro. Henry Whewell, of Bolton, was raised to the Degree of M.M. in a most efficient and eloquent manner by the W.M., Bro. John Bromley: after which the Brethren adjourned to refreshment, and a most agreeable evening was spent.

BOLTON-LE-MOORS.—*Lodge of Antiquity* (No. 170).—The Brethren of this Lodge assembled at the One Horse-shoe Inn, Market-place, on the 8th July, to hold their quarterly meeting. The Lodge was opened in form, at half-past seven o'clock, by the W.M., Bro. Jas. Baythorpe, supported by a full staff of Officers, and a numerous attendance of Brethren and visitors, amongst whom we were glad to see from the St. John's Lodge, No. 268, the W.M., Bro. John Mitchell; Bros. Hughes, S.W.; Geo. P. Brockbank, Sec.; Bowden, J.D.: also, from St. John's Lodge, No. 436, the W.M. Bro. John Bromley, and Bro. Beswick. Bro. J. Aspinwall, from the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 44, presided at the organ most efficiently. There being little business to transact, Bro. Reuben Mitchell, P.M. of the Lodge, and Prov. G.S.B. for East Lancashire, worked the illustrations in the 1st Degree. Three gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation. The business being disposed of, the Lodge was closed in form; after which the Brethren partook of refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. "The healths of the Prov. G. Officers for East Lancashire" having been proposed, Bro. R. Mitchell, P.M. and Prov. G.S.B. for East Lancashire, responded, and alluded to the loss the Craft had sustained in the sudden death of Bro. John Fawcett, Prov. G. Org. for East Lancashire, who was held in universal estimation by all who knew him, having held the office of Prov. G. Org. for East Lancashire

for several years, and performed the duties pertaining to the office to the entire satisfaction of the Brethren, and great credit to himself. The memory of the deceased was drunk in solemn silence. "The Visiting Brethren" were proposed, and responded to personally in neat and appropriate speeches. The pleasures of the evening were much enlivened by the excellent singing of Bros. Greenhalgh and Fowler. The Brethren separated highly gratified with the evening's proceedings.

A Lodge of Emergency being summoned for the 15th July, the Brethren assembled at their usual place of meeting. The Lodge was opened in form at seven o'clock by the W.M. Bro. James Baythorpe and a full complement of Officers, after which they proceeded to ballot for, as candidates for initiation, Mr. Thomas Hardman, Mr. Hawksworth, and Mr. Cocker. The ballot being unanimously in favour of the candidates, the W.M., Bro. Jas. Baythorpe, proceeded to initiate them into the mysteries of the Order. He performed the ceremony in a most efficient manner, the Officers performing their duties in a manner reflecting credit on the Lodge. Bro. W. H. Wright, P.M. and Dir. of Cer., gave the charge. The W.M. appointed Bro. Hardman Organist, and invested him with the collar and jewel pertaining to the office. The business being disposed of, the Lodge was closed in form; after which the Brethren partook of a slight refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Bro. Hardman played some select pieces of music on the organ in his usual excellent style. The Brethren separated highly delighted with the evening's proceedings.

LIVERPOOL.—*Lodge of Harmony* (No. 267).—This Lodge, which is now held at the Wellington Hotel, Garston, having removed from Wootton, held a meeting on Monday, July 6th, for the intallation of the W.M. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the W.M. elect, Bro. C. J. Banister, was introduced by Bro. Joshua Walmsley, Prov. G. Treas., and Bro. H. Edwards, Prov. G.D., to be installed by Bro. James Hamer, Prov. G.P., in the presence of seventeen P.Ms., the members of the Lodge, and a number of visitors.

The ceremony was performed by the installing master in a very imposing and feeling manner; after which the W.M. appointed the following officers:—Bros. Charles Aldrich, S.W.; William Calton, J.W.; Robert Brooks, S.D.; William Miller, J.D.; J. Wood, Organist; Foulis, J.G.; Wood, Sec.; Fleetwood and Dobell, Stewards; Robinson, Tyler: they being duly installed in their several offices, the Brethren adjourned to a splendid banquet, prepared by Bro. Woods, host of the Wellington Hotel.

The chair was taken by the W.M., supported on his right by Bros. J. Walmsly, Prov. G. Treas.; Thomas Wylie, Prov. G. Sec.; H. Edwards, Prov. G.D.; James Hamer, Prov. G.P.; P. Maddox and Dodd, Prov. G.S.; Molenex, Prov. G.O.; H. Molenex, P.M. No. 294; Wade, W.M. No. 701; Jones, W.M. No. 263; Dodds, P.M. No. 101; Hugh Woodward, P.M. No. 310; and on his left by Bros. Heald, immediate P.M. No. 267; Cross, P.M. No. 267; Dr. Rigg, No. 267; Taylor, P.M. No. 267; Pinkiss, P.M. No. 267; the Brethren of No. 267, and the visitors from the neighbouring towns.

"Non nobis Domine" being sung, and the cloth having been removed, the W.M. gave us the first toast: "The Queen, God bless her." Although not a mother of a Mason, he hoped that she would live to see one of her sons Grand Master of England. The toast was drunk amidst loud applause. The W.M. next proposed "The Prince Consort, Albert Prince of Wales, and the rest of the royal family." The W.M. then gave in rotation: "The Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M." "Lord Panmure, R.W.G.M." "Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M., and the Prov. Grand Officers." "The West Lancashire Masonic Institution for the education and advancement in life of children of distressed Masons." "The P.G. Masters of East Lancashire and Cheshire." All having been duly honoured, Bro. Heald, P.M., in a very flattering manner, proposed the health of the W.M., which was drunk with acclamation.

The W.M., on rising to respond, was loudly cheered. He said it would require a tongue possessed of greater eloquence than his to give full utterance to the

gratitude he felt for their kind wishes, and hoped that they would consider that it was his earnest desire to do his best in filling the office of W.M. of his mother Lodge. It was most gratifying to him that his election was unanimous; it should be his earnest desire to guide his Brethren, by example and precept, through all the Degrees. It was by visiting every Lodge, and sharing in the work, that had enabled him to be placed so soon in that high position, and he trusted, with the co-operation of his brother Officers, and the able assistance of the Past Masters, he should be able to transmit that important office to his successor with the same satisfaction to the Lodge as his predecessors had done. He strongly recommended Lodges to visit each other, and the members never to forget attending Lodges of Instruction, for it was by these means they would all become good working Masons. Before he sat down, he would propose "The health of Bro. Heald, P.M." which was drunk with all the honours.

Bro. Heald alluded to being the means of removing the Lodge, and trusted that it would be found to be more convenient to all the Brethren, and for the benefit of the Lodge.

The W.M. then gave "The P.Ms. and Treasurer, Wardens, and other Officers of the Lodge." "The Musical Brethren." "The Ladies and the Visitors." After each had been responded to, the last toast was given, and the Lodge closed in due form, and the Brethren separated, after spending a most happy evening, which would well bear the morning's reflection.

*Mariners' Lodge* (No. 310).—On the 2nd July this Lodge celebrated the festival of St. John by dining together at the Stanley Arms, Roby. The Lodge was previously opened in the Lodge Room, Duke-street, when Bro. Wilson was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Williams appointed S.W., and Bro. Lewin J.W. The Brethren afterwards partook of a most substantial and sumptuous banquet, presided over by the W.M., supported by Bros. Pepper, P.M.; Walmsley, Prov. G. Treas.; W. L. Billinge, Prov. G.M.C.; Lambert, P. Prov. J.G.D.; Allender, Prov. G. Steward and W.M. No. 368; Moss, P. Prov. J.G.W. of Cheshire and Gloucestershire; Griffith, P.M. No. 701; Wade, W.M. No. 701; Maddocks, P.M. No. 310; Edwards, Prov. J.G.D.; W. L. Hamer, Prov. G. Purs.; Cunliff, W.M. No. 294; Evans, W.M. No. 965; Hayes, P.M. No. 864; Bannister, S.W. No. 267; Woodward, P.M. No. 310; Neville, J.W. No. 701, &c. On the removal of the cloth a number of appropriate toasts were given and responded to. The Brethren, after enjoying an evening in true Masonic harmony and good fellowship, returned to Liverpool highly delighted with the evening's entertainment. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on the exertions of Bro. Pepper, P.M., not only for his endeavours on this occasion, but also for his great exertions during the past year in placing this Lodge in its present prosperous condition.

MANCHESTER.—*Lodge of Integrity* (No. 189).—A Lodge of Emergency was held at the Brunswick Hotel, on Monday, the 6th of July, when Bro. Thomas Gledston was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. After which it was unanimously resolved to unite with the other Lodges in this city in holding all their meetings in one suite of rooms—spacious premises where all the Lodges, Chapters, and Encampments may meet, having been taken for that purpose. The result of this will, there is not the least doubt, be highly beneficial to Freemasonry in Manchester, as it will bring the Brethren of the various Lodges more in contact with each other, will produce unanimity of feeling, and enable them to conduct their rites and ceremonies in a much more satisfactory manner, and dispense with the unpleasant necessity, hitherto existing, of being compelled to hold their meetings in public houses; besides this, it may in all probability eventually lead to the establishment of a Masonic Hall. Too much praise cannot therefore be given to those Brethren who have assisted in bringing about this change; to the accomplishment of which Bros. Pollitt and Surtees have mainly contributed. On the conclusion of business the Brethren adjourned to refreshment, the only visitor present being Bro. J. O. Surtees, W.M. No. 246.

*Lodge of Affability* (No. 399).—At a Lodge of Emergency specially called by



the W.M. at the Spread Eagle Hotel, it was unanimously resolved on the proposition of Bro. Lyons Wright, P.M., and seconded by Bro. John J. Lundy, P.M., that the future meetings of this Lodge be held at the Masonic Lodge rooms, Cross-street Chambers, instead of at the Pack Horse and Freemasons' Tavern, Bridge-street, as heretofore.

## LINCOLNSHIRE.

BOSTON.—*Lodge of Harmony* (No. 339).—A Lodge of Emergency was holden on the 2nd of July, when Bro. Pocklington, W.M., initiated Mr. Thomas Poppleton, of London, into the mysteries of Freemasonry. On Saturday, the 4th of July last, a Lodge of Emergency was also held, when Bro. P. M. Greenwood passed Bro. Thomas Waite to the 2nd Degree. At the monthly communication on the 14th of July last, the W.M. initiated John Henry Millington of Boston, into the mysteries of the 1st Degree, after which the Brethren adjourned to the Peacock Hotel, and partook of an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Jackson, the host. The usual toasts were given, and ably responded to, interspersed by some excellent singing, and the Brethren then separated at High Twelve, in harmony.

## MONMOUTHSHIRE.

NEWPORT.—*Silurian Lodge* (No. 693).—On Wednesday evening, July 1, a large and influential meeting of the Brethren of this Lodge was held at the New Masonic Hall, Great Dock-street, Newport, when Bros. Cairns, Currie, and David Prosser, were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by P.M. West, who officiated on the above occasion for the W.M., who was detained at the Sessions at Usk, on business of importance. After the ceremony was concluded, Bro. W. Williams, Sec., in a neat and appropriate speech, proposed a vote of thanks to P.M. West, for the intellectual treat he had afforded them; which resolution was seconded by Bro. Pickford, J.W., and carried unanimously. Bro. West, P.M., in returning thanks, expressed the gratification he felt at his services being appreciated, and expatiated at much length on the five points of fellowship, which he had endeavoured to illustrate in the course of the evening. In closing these remarks we may add, this Lodge is second to none, its numbers consisting of nearly one hundred members, most of whom have subscribed and built a splendid new hall, at a cost of upwards of £2,000, and they are now about to furnish it (Masonically), under the supervision of their worthy Bro., Wyndham Jones.

MONMOUTH.—*Loyal Monmouth Lodge* (No. 671).—The Brethren of this Lodge assembled on Wednesday, June 24th, St. John's-day, for the purpose of installing the Master elect, Bro. John Maund, and appointing Officers for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed in a most masterly and affecting manner by an old and well-tried Brother, one of the principal pillars of our Ancient Order. The newly-elected head of the Craft then proceeded with the investiture of his Officers, and delivered at the same time an appropriate address to each of his staff, reminding him of his duties to the Lodge and the Fraternity generally. The business of the day having been completed, the Brethren retired to a splendid banquet at the Beaufort Arms, provided by the host, Bro. Evans, in his usual style of excellence. Every delicacy of the season was placed on the table with a most liberal hand, and the general arrangement of the dinner gave the greatest satisfaction to those assembled. The W.M. presided over his Lodge in such a manner as confirmed the high opinion the Monmouth Masons have always entertained of him in conducting the different offices that he has worked through during the last few years.

## SOMERSETSHIRE.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

YEovil.—*Lodge of Brotherly Love* (No. 412).—This Lodge had the honour to receive the Provincial Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the 15th of July, and a beautiful summer day brought the Brethren from every part of the province, each

Lodge being represented. There were also present several visitors from the neighbouring Provinces. To the regret of all, the Ven. Prov. G.M., Col. Kemeys Tynte, was by illness unable to be present. The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened at the Town Hall soon after eleven o'clock: present, the R.W. Bro. Randolph, D. Prov. G.M., in the chair; Bros. Tunstall, S.G.W.; Cave, J.G.W.; Falconer, G. Treas.; Rev. A. P. Browne, jun., G. Chap.; A. P. Browne, G. Sec.; Major Charles Napier, P.G. Sec.; W. Smith, P.G.S.W.; George Temple, P.G.S.W.; T. Steele, P.G.S.D.; Wm. Trever, P.M. No. 67; and a considerable number of past and present Grand Officers, and the Masters and Wardens of the several Lodges of the province.

The Prov. Grand Lodge went in procession to the parish church. The prayers were read by the Vicar, the Rev. Bro. Thomas, and the Prov. G. Chap., the Rev. Bro. Browne, delivered a very excellent sermon, taking for his text, 1st Gen. Epist. of St. John, iv. 7:—"Beloved, let us love one another." The discourse was addressed to a general assemblage of Christians, as, besides the Brethren, there was a numerous congregation, the church being filled in every part. As a request was made that the Rev. Brother would print the sermon, we shall only give a brief outline of it, simply mentioning that its object was to make known to the world without, the leading principles of the institution; that Brotherly love, relief, and truth were the watchwords of Freemasonry; that, before being admitted within its portals, the tongue of good report should have been heard in the candidate's favour; and the first injunctions imposed upon him were, that he should strictly and satisfactorily discharge the great duties of man to his God, his neighbour, and himself. The Rev. Brother said, that, as he was then addressing a mixed congregation, it was proper he should disabuse the minds of those who had been led to believe, if such were present, of the error that had been so often promulgated, that Freemasonry was hostile to Christianity. So far from that being true, he made known the fact that the Bible was necessarily an accompaniment of the proceedings of a Lodge. He next went on to show that some of the brightest characters in the history of mankind were Masons; that its scheme of universal brotherhood was adapted for curing the evils of life. In a foreign clime, without knowing a word of its language, a Mason would always find succour and relief. He mentioned the case of an officer of the British army, who, in the heat of conflict in the war in the Crimea, was struck down and disarmed, and at the last moment, when the sword's-point was at his breast, the sign of a Mason put aside the deadly weapon. After further making known the nature of the institution, and its glorious benevolent institutions, the preacher, in addressing himself to the Brethren, exhorted them to carry out the command of "the disciple whom Jesus loved:—"Let us love one another"—by acts of kindness to all,—by omitting no opportunity of proving they were worthy of their name in relieving the wants of their poor or afflicted Brethren, and to make no boast of charity or good deeds. By fulfilling all the behests of Freemasonry, they would be but carrying out the great principles of Christianity, so well expressed by the apostle,—that pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father was this,—to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep unspotted from the world. The sermon was listened to with marked attention, and gave the greatest satisfaction to every one who heard it.

The Brethren then, preceded by a very excellent band, formed in procession to the Town Hall, a noble building for a town of its size.

The D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Randolph, resumed the business, and went through the agenda, first confirming the minutes and passing the treasurer's accounts, upon which some discussion of no moment took place. The election of the G.T. followed, and Bro. Falconer was unanimously re-elected. Then the Grand officers for the ensuing year were appointed. The G.M.'s choice falling upon Bro. Henry Thomas Cole, S.G.W. Bro. Cole being a non-resident, the G.M. had granted a dispensation in his favour. Bros. W. Oakley, J.G.W.; Rev. J. Drakeford, G. Chap.; Augustus P. Browne, G. Sec.; J. Payne Ashley, G. Reg.; Robert Frood, S.G.D.; J. C. Goodall, J.G.D.; Horatio Jones, G. Dir. Cer.; Blewitt, G. Org.; Mitchell, G. Purs. The D. Prov. G.M. invested the several Brethren in due order, including the very esteemed Bro.

Dr. Falconer, the G. Treas., whose re-investiture as well as that of the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Browne, were received with plaudits. Two sums of ten pounds to applicants for relief were unanimously granted. A motion for the grant of a donation of twenty guineas, in addition to the usual annual subscriptions for the four Benevolent Institutions of the Order, resolved itself into a resolution to grant twenty guineas to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged and Decayed Freemasons. Some other motions, of no interest beyond the locality, were, after discussion, withdrawn. At the conclusion of business, eighty-five Brethren sat down at the Choughs Hotel to a very excellent banquet, plentiful and well put on the table, highly creditable to the worthy hostess, Mrs. Bullen. Besides the Brethren named, there were present among the visitors, the Rt. W. Bros. Henry Shute, Prov. G.M. Bristol; J. W. Powell, D. Prov. G.M.; George Temple, P. Prov. G.S.W.; J. Montague, Prov. G.J.W. and John Sydenham, P. Prov. G. Reg. Dorset; Rev. J. Ferris, P. Prov. G. Chap.; F. Cosens; J. Howe, etc.

The cloth removed, the D. Prov. G.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, apologizing for his brevity, as the hours were fast speeding. Upon approaching the toast of the Prov. G.M. he said it was unnecessary for him to do more than mention the name of that venerated Brother to arouse the enthusiasm of every one present, although it must be tempered with regret for his absence, and the cause, ill-health, which alone kept him away from them. He, therefore, gave "The Prov. G.M. of Somerset, Bro. Colonel Tynte."

The D. Prov. again rose and requested a kindly welcome to the Rt. W. Bro. Shute, the Prov. G.M. of Bristol, who that day had honoured them with his presence, and was accompanied by several members of his province.

Bro. Shute said that railway time waited for no man, and he would be brief in his thanks. He was much gratified at the kind reception he had met with; his pleasure was much enhanced by his being accompanied by six Masters of Lodges in his province. Before he sat down Bro. Shute claimed the privilege which his rank allowed to offer a toast which he knew would be greeted by plaudits. In Bro. Randolph he had the great pleasure of meeting a friend of some years' standing, and the position in which each was placed on that occasion was a source of unmixed enjoyment. He therefore was much gratified in proposing "The health of the very excellent Brother the D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Randolph." (Cheers.)

The D. Prov. G.M. said it was a fortunate circumstance that he was in Masonry always surrounded by friends, ready and willing to support him. He should ever, by uniform courtesy to every Brother, endeavour to discharge the duties of the office with which he had been entrusted, and thus deserve the indulgent bearing of the members of the Grand Lodge of Somerset. To Bro. Shute, and one and all he tendered his heartfelt thanks.

"The W.M. and Brethren of the Royal Clarence Lodge at Bristol, No. 81," was responded to by the W.M.

The D. Prov. G.M. said he would now take a toast a little out of its order, but one, he was sure, which would be most warmly welcomed. He believed that every one present had, in the sacred edifice that morning, the gratification of hearing the holy principles of the Order expounded in one of the ablest sermons ever delivered. The practice of the moral duties which Masonry enjoined, so admirably set forth in their reverend Brother's discourse, could not but be beneficial to mankind. He sincerely hoped, and his request was echoed by all, that the sermon might be printed.—"Rev. Bro. Browne, P.G. Chaplain, and thanks for his able discourse."

Rev. Bro. Browne said he should content himself by saying, his heartfelt thanks were the best offering he could make for the kind reception of his name; and he was glad to find that his humble efforts to set forth the great and holy principles of the Order had given so much satisfaction.

The D. Prov. G.M. then gave "The Prov. G.M. and Grand Lodge of Devon," uniting with it the name of Bro. Charles Laidman.

Bro. Laidman promptly rose, and said that the Brethren of Devon had the happiness to have presiding over them a Mason of the highest celebrity, and it afforded the Devonshire Brethren present great pleasure to see so excellent an assemblage as that day afforded.



The D. Prov. G.M. then gave "The Prov. Grand Lodge of Dorset and Bro. Highmore," to which that Brother briefly responded.

The next toast was "The W.M. and Brethren of the Lodge of Brotherly Love, No. 412, and thanks to them for the preparations made on that day."

The W.M. responded, and said the only cloud to the happiness on the occasion was the absence of Bro. Cane through illness. If the Brethren were satisfied with their reception, the Brethren of the Yeovil Lodge had their reward. They regretted, as all must, that their venerated G.M. was unable to be present, and they could but hope he would yet be spared to meet them, and that the last clot of oil in his lamp of life might be burnt out in Masonry. He anticipated that much benefit would result both to their institution and the town from the meeting that day. The world might learn that the jewels with which they were honoured were associated with the most sublime and awful truths, diffusing moral teaching of righteousness, temperance, charity, and the great account that every man has to render at the last day.

The D. Prov. G.M. then gave "The Rev. Bro. Thomas, the Vicar of Yeovil, and thanks for the use of his pulpit, and his attendance among them;" to which the Rev. Brother replied that he was always ready to show his goodwill to the Institution, whenever an opportunity afforded. He had received the light of Masonry at Oxford some twenty-four years since, and could but repeat, his services were at the command of the Brethren whenever needed.

"The health of Bro. Dr. Falconer, G. Treas.," followed, and was received with plaudits.

Bro. Falconer, in acknowledgment, said he endeavoured to discharge with fidelity the trust reposed in him, and thus repay their confidence.

The D. Prov. G.M. then, in giving "The Prov. G. Officers, Past and Present," especially referred to one who at all times and in a manner most satisfactory discharged the onerous duties which the office of Secretary imposed upon him; he alluded to Bro. Browne.

The Prov. G. Sec. then rose, and, in a brief reply, said that all his efforts were directed to discharge the duties of his office faithfully. The result of the day's business proved that he had given satisfaction. He was sure that every Officer was equally zealous, and as some allusion had been made to Bro. Mitchell, the G. Purs., he (the Sec.) could say with confidence that that worthy Brother richly deserved the thanks of every Brother in the province. (Cheers.)

The health of Bro. Montague, and the Lodge recently established in Bridport, which bears his name, was briefly responded to by the worthy Brother, who said, that having seen the vast benefits derived from Masonry in the colonies, he was desirous of spreading its influence by every means in his power.

Bro. Cosens, with the consent of the D. Prov. G.M., proposed "The Press," and especially that well-conducted organ of the Order, the *Freemasons' Magazine*. He was sure that the publication conferred great benefits on the Institution, and he thought it but right to acknowledge those services.

"The Town and Trade of Yeovil, and thanks to the Mayor for the use of the Hall," and the usual last toast, closed a most satisfactory day's proceedings. Many of the Brethren departed by the train at ten o'clock.

Such an assemblage of the Brethren, and the procession, drew a goodly muster of visitors into the town, and the appearance of the streets on the following day at noon, when we took our departure, was startling for the contrast: the only sign of life, save the diminutive bus in which we were with two other passengers, being a yokel cheapening a ha'porth of cherries, in the market-place, with a fair trader.

HIGHBRIDGE.—*Rural Philanthropic Lodge* (No. 367).—The installation of the W.M. of this Lodge took place at the Lodge-room, on Friday, July 2, in presence of a large gathering of members of the Lodge and Brethren from the other Lodges of the province, among whom were several distinguished Past and Present Prov. Grand Officers. The ceremony of installing the new W.M., Bro. T. W. Rankin, was done in that masterly style which at all times characterizes the working of the worthy P.M., Bro. Henry Brydges. The newly-installed Master having

appointed his Officers, Bro. W. Harwood, the retiring W.M., in a truly Masonic speech, expressed his thanks for the able support he had met with during his two years of office as W.M. from the Brethren of the Lodge in general and the P.Ms. in particular. The Lodge business being over, the Brethren adjourned to a banquet, served in Bro. Besley's usual style of liberality. After spending a pleasant day together, the Brethren retired at an early hour.

#### SOUTH WALES.

CARMARTHEN.—On Friday, 26th June, a Lodge was opened at Llandilo, at the Cawdor Arms Hotel, by the R.W. Prov. G.M. for the Western Division of South Wales, Bro. J. Johnes. At twelve o'clock a Grand Lodge was held, at which nearly all the G. Officers of the district attended, when Bro. W. G. S. Thomas, the present Master of St. Peter's Lodge, Carmarthen, was duly installed W.M., for the ensuing year, of the St. Teilo Lodge; Bro. W. H. Cole, was appointed S.W.; Bro. J. Prothero Lewis, J.W.; and Bro. Dr. Protheroe, Treasurer. Several new members were admitted as fellows of the Craft; and after the business was concluded, the Brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet prepared by Bro. George Tracey, and a delightful evening was passed in Brotherly love and harmony. Dr. Wastfield, the Prov. Grand Organist, presided at the pianoforte in a highly efficient manner.

*St. Peter's Lodge* (No. 699).—The regular monthly Lodge was held on the 4th June last, when Bro. Raynes was passed to the 2nd Degree, and Bro. J. Thomas raised to the S.D. of M.M., by Bro. W. H. Cole. Bro. Cole also gave the explanation of the third Tracing-board. A Lodge of Emergency was held on the 8th June, when Mr. Erle was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order (before his departure for New Zealand) by Bro. W. G. S. Thomas, W.M., in his usual excellent manner. Another Lodge of Emergency was held on the 9th July, and Bro. Erle passed to the 2nd Degree by Bro. W. H. Cole. Bro. Raynes was also raised to the S.D. of M.M. by Bro. Cole, who performed both ceremonies in a highly impressive manner. Bro. Dr. Davison, of Dudley, was also present on the occasion, and contributed much to the solemnity of the ceremonies by his assistance. We are glad to be enabled to announce that, after the vacation, a Lodge of Instruction will be held under the auspices of this Lodge, and, as it will be worked by the W.M. and Bro. W. H. Cole, we have no doubt that it will not only be efficiently conducted, but also that, in the hands of these Brethren, the ancient landmarks will not be forgotten.

LLANELLY.—*Prince of Wales' Lodge* (No. 969).—This Lodge is progressing rapidly, both in numbers and mode of working. The Lodge is in new hands, and under the able guidance of Bro. T. L. Howell, W.M., Bro. Dr. Wastfield, S.W., and Bro. Coombes, J.W., we have no doubt this will become a very flourishing Lodge. The regular monthly Lodge was held on the 2nd July, but there being little business to transact (the Brethren who were to be advanced being unavoidably absent), Bro. W. H. Cole, of St. Peter's Lodge, Carmarthen, No. 699, gave a short explanation of the Tracing-board in the 3rd Degree, which was very interesting, and met with great attention. We have great hopes of this Lodge, and congratulate the members on the prospect they have before them. No less than five members of Prov. Grand Lodge are members of this Lodge: Bros. Howell, W.M.; Dr. Wastfield, S.W.; Coombes, J.W.; Rees, I.G.; Dr. Hoptan, J.D.: all these Brothers being Prov. G. Stewards, except Bro. Wastfield, who is Prov. G. Org.

LLANDILO.—*St. Teilo Lodge* (No. 996).—This Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Johnes, M.W. Prov. G.M. for this division, on the 26th June, in a most impressive manner, and Bro. W. G. S. Thomas (W.M. of No. 699) installed as W.M. by Bro. W. Thomas, Prov. G.D.C. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to appoint his officers as follows:—Bros. W. H. Cole, S.W.; J. P. Lewis, J.W.; Rev. R. J. H. Thomas, Chaplain; D. Prothero, M.D., Treas.; J. Walker, Hon. Sec.; W. T. Thomas, S.D.; F. J. Williams, J.D.; Wm. Davies, Steward; J. Kyle, I.G. (*pro tem.*), and T. Williams, T. (*pro tem.*). The W.M. addressed the Officers and Brethren in a very pleasing and effective manner, and

immediately entered upon his duties by initiating five candidates into the Order in his usual excellent manner. The Prov. G.M. then held a Prov. Grand Lodge for the despatch of business concerning his province, and the Brethren afterwards adjourned to a very elegant banquet. The R.W. Prov. G.M. did not leave the chair until he had contributed all in his power to promote the comfort of the Brethren, and, when the time for parting came, all expressed themselves pleased with the day's proceedings. Bro. J. M. Thearle supplied the jewels and most of the furniture, and these, together with the whole arrangements which had been entrusted to Bro. W. H. Cole, met with universal approbation; indeed, the complete manner in which the Lodge was furnished, and the peculiar beauty of the three large Tracing-boards, excited the surprise of the visiting Brethren, and elicited the remarks that this was the most complete Lodge in the province. Bro. Johnes, R.W. Prov. G.M., has conferred a great honour upon the new Lodge by holding a Prov. Grand Lodge there so soon, and, from his love of the Craft, we believe Masonry will receive a new impetus in this province, and the Western Division of South Wales become famous for the regularity of its Prov. Grand Lodge meetings, instead of, as hitherto, the absence of them.

PEMBROKE DOCK.—*Loyal Welsh Lodge* (No. 525).—The anniversary of St. John, on the 24th of June, was commemorated, as usual at this Lodge, by the members dining together, and a large assembly was the result. The Lodge being opened in the 1st Degree, the Brethren marshalled into order by the talented Mason Bro. Thomas, Prov. G. Dir. of Cer. (the only officer of the former Prov. Grand Lodge appointed to the new one by the highly respected Prov. G.M., Bro. John Johnes, Recorder of Carmarthen, and Judge of the County Courts), moved in procession to the banqueting-room, where one of the worthy landlady's most elegant repasts was served in excellent style. To this about fifty sat down, Bro. Adjutant Gillies ably presiding, supported by Bros. Harries and Barlow as Senior and Junior Wardens. This took place at seven o'clock, and so exceedingly pleasantly did the evening pass, that a separation was not effected until a late hour. There were many clever speeches delivered on the occasion, several appropriate songs sung, and of the *tout ensemble* it can justly be said, that a more truly gratifying and satisfactory entertainment was never experienced, even by one of the most efficient and unanimous Lodges under the Grand Lodge of England. It is but justice to say, that no toasts were more warmly drunk than those of the "absent though not forgotten" Brethren, Bros. Young, Chevalier, Maffin, &c. The Prov. G.M. has promised to hold his next Prov. Grand meeting under the auspices of this Lodge.

#### SUFFOLK.

BECCLES.—*Lodge Apollo* (No. 383).—This Lodge met on Monday, 13th July, when Bro. Fenn was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation was conducted by Bro. Peter Allery, in his usual excellent and impressive style, which gave the greatest satisfaction to the Brethren present. The following incident we think worthy of record:—Bro. John Norman (over whose head 83 summers have passed) was present, and what is strange, it was the 38th installation that he had witnessed in Lodge No. 383; thus, taking the number of the Lodge, viz. No. 383, his 38th anniversary, and his age 83, a curious combination of figures presents itself. Until a few weeks since, Bro. John Norman, with his son and grandson, were all members of the same Lodge, but it has pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to remove his son, to join the Grand Lodge above. Although Bro. Norman has attained such an age, he sang a beautiful song in a manner truly astonishing. The banquet was well served at the Assembly Rooms, numerous visitors from London, Norwich, Halesworth, and Lowestoft, being present.

#### SURREY.

##### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

From its contiguity to the metropolis, Surrey has ever been the favoured county for the retreat into the *otium cum dignitate* of the well-to-do citizen, and



many of the members of the Lodges in the Province are London Masons. A bright and brilliant summer day was Saturday, the 18th of July, and somewhat over fifty Brethren assembled at the Swan Hotel, in the ancient town of Reigate. From some cause or other the Surrey Lodge, No. 603, meeting in that town, had been in abeyance for some years, and being threatened with erasure, the few members last year woke up, and by an infusion of some active members amongst them set their house in order, and were this year prepared to receive the Grand Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at three o'clock; present the R.W. Bro. Alexander Dobie, Prov. G.M.; V.W. Bro. Dr. George Harcourt, D. Prov. G.M.; W. Bros. J. J. Blake, P. Prov. G.S.W.; W. Price, Prov. G. Treas.; Blenkin, Prov. G.S.W.; Maudsley, Prov. G.J.W.; Charles Greenwood, Prov. G. Sec.; J. How, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; R. Lashman, P. Prov. G. J.D.; Geo. White, Prov. G.S.D.; Bruce, Prov. G.S.B.; Evans, W.M. No. 603 and Prov. G.S.B.; George Hart, Peter Martin, and the members of that Lodge. W. Bros. Holden, W.M. No. 593; Shower, and other members of the Grove Lodge. W. Bro. Fred. Slight, W.M. No. 199; Bros. Dr. Stewart Sparkes Motine, Rev. W. H. Lyall, P.M. No. 10; H. G. Warren, P.M. No. 202, and P.G. Steward; Gavin Pocock, Prov. G. Sec.; W. Verrall, Prov. G. Treas. of Sussex; John Symonds, P.M. No. 275; Rogers, P.M. No. 200; and other Brethren.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in form. The Minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Chertsey were read and confirmed; the report of the Finance Committee was adopted.

Bro. Blake proposed that the sum of two guineas be granted from the Provincial Grand Lodge funds, towards the testimonial for Bro. S. B. Wilson; which, being seconded, was carried unanimously.

The Prov. G.M., addressing the Brethren then assembled in Reigate for the first time since the decease of that esteemed noble Bro. Lord Monson, under whose auspices the Surrey Lodge was formed, and to whom the Masons of that Lodge, and Surrey generally, was indebted for acts of generosity and kindness, said, as he (Bro. Dobie) was present at the initiation of the noble Brother, with whom he had been on terms of the closest intimacy and friendship, and had many opportunities of judging of his truly Masonic attainments, it was but proper that he should pay a tribute to Lord Monson's memory in this his favoured Lodge.

The Prov. G.M. next said, that, since his last meeting the Surrey Masons, the only event of importance that had occurred was the resignation of the D.G.M., the Earl of Yarborough, whose ill health prevented his attendance, and the appointment of Lord Panmure as his successor. There had been a good deal of discussion in Grand Lodge on the Canada Lodges, but as that matter did not much concern the Masons of Surrey, and so much had been heard on the subject, he did not consider it necessary for him to say more on that subject.

The ballot was taken for Provincial Grand Treasurer, and Bro. Geo. Price was unanimously re-elected.

The Prov. G.M. then called on the Officers to return their collars and badges, and, assisted by Bro. How, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers., he appointed and invested as Officers for the year ensuing—Bros. Henry Maudsley, No. 680, Prov. G.S.W.; Geo. White, No. 593, Prov. G.J.W.; Chas. Greenwood, No. 593, Prov. G. Sec.; Lyall, No. 603, Prov. G.S.D.; Moates, No. 593, Prov. G.J.D.; Meymott, No. 593, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; Bruce, No. 680, Prov. G.S.B.; Bentham, No. 593, Prov. G. Org. The Rev. Bro. A. T. Wills, No. 486, was named as Prov. G. Chap., but was not present to be invested.

The Brethren then adjourned for a short time, and at five re-assembled in the Town Hall, where an excellent Banquet was spread. The Prov. G.M. presided.

A blessing was asked by the Rev. Bro. W. H. Lyall, P.M. No. 10, visitor, who on the removal of the cloth returned thanks.

The Prov. G.M., in brief terms, expressive of the loyalty of the Order, gave "The Queen and the Craft;" after this of course followed "The Grand Master." The W.M. remarked, that considering the noble lord followed one who had all the *prestige* that royalty could give, the Order under his government had largely increased, and the charities had flourished; he (Bro. Dobie) was therefore entitled

to ask the Brethren of Surrey to show, by the reception of the toast, their allegiance to "The Earl of Zetland, the M.W.G.M."

The Prov. G.M. said he had the pleasure of proposing the next toast, though he could not speak in the same way of the D.G.M. as of his superior. In Lord Panmure they had one who they hoped would fulfil all the duties of his high office in a manner equal to the excellent and noble Brother who preceded him; and with "The D.G.M., Lord Panmure," he would unite "The W.M. of the Surrey Lodge, Bro. Evans, and the rest of the Grand Officers."

Bro. Evans, in response, said that, among the Grand Officers of England, they had in their Prov. G.M. one who all knew was indefatigable in the cause of Masonry; and in Grand Lodge, as well as in his own Province, he had evinced a zeal that was untiring; and he trusted that the Grand Lodge of England would for years to come have the support of his presence and advice.

The Prov. G.M. then rose and said, he approached a subject of considerable difficulty. He was reminded that in this Lodge they met for the first time since the loss Masonry sustained in the death of Lord Monson, the late Prov. G.M. for Surrey. No nobleman, no Brother he might say, ever more earnestly took upon himself the responsible duties of his high office—no one was ever more ready to further the cause of Masonry individually, and as a presiding officer. It was due to the memory of this worthy Brother, that meeting under the auspices of the Lodge that Lord Monson formed, as he was the means of putting the Grand Lodge of the province in order, and laying the foundation for the position in which it now stands, that he should ask their Brethren to join him in dedicating a tribute "to the memory of Lord Monson" (in solemn silence).

The D. Prov. G.M. rose and said, the immortal bard told them that some were born to greatness, some achieved it, and some had it thrust upon them. He claimed the attention of the Brethren in favour of one who came under the second category. In Bro. Dobie they must all acknowledge they had one who had achieved by his truly Masonic bearing and usefulness, the point that every excellent Mason would aspire to, and as presiding over the Lodge let them give him a welcome with a Surrey fire. (Cheers.)

The Prov. G.M. thanked the Brethren for the kind reception they had given to his name. He could not but think his worthy Deputy had said more of him than he merited. He had risen to his position from that of being one of yourselves. He could wish that some nobleman or Brother of higher position in Surrey could be found to fulfil the office he had the honour to hold. He had made use of his best efforts to serve the cause of Masonry in Surrey, and for the kindness he had always received from the Brethren in the province, he was grateful. Though not a resident himself, his ancestors in years gone by were residents in Surrey, and hence he did not look upon himself as an alien.

Bro. Blake, P. Prov. S.G.W., proposed "The Prov. Grand Lodge of Sussex," which was responded to by Bro. G. Pocock.

Bro. J. L. Evans, P.G.S.B., rose and said, as Master of the Surrey Lodge, he requested the Brethren would join him in the toast, "The D. Prov. G.M. and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers of the Grand Lodge of Surrey." The members of No. 603, after its long abeyance, were much indebted for the attendance of those eminent Masons on this occasion. They were especially grateful for the assistance Bro. Blake had given them, and they trusted the conduct of the proceedings of the day had given satisfaction.

Bro. Dr. Harcourt, D. Prov. G.M., in reply, said, he was desirous of making himself known to every Mason in the province, and wherever or whenever his services could be thought useful they were always at command. Bro. Blake responded in a like manner, and was sure every officer was equally zealous.

The Prov. G.M. then gave "The Visitors." He regretted that several had departed, there was, however, one present, who, he was happy to see, had paid the province the compliment of a visit—he alluded to Bro. Warren, whose name he would couple with the toast.

Bro. Warren, in responding, said, he certainly did not expect the compliment; but as his name was especially mentioned, and as he was from his position somewhat known, and at times misunderstood, it gave him great pleasure to receive

from so eminent a Mason as Bro. Dobie the compliment paid him. Belonging strictly to the press, with that spirit of inquiry which his profession necessarily engendered, when entering upon the active duties of Masonry, he soon saw there was a great deal connected with the Order that might be advantageously published; all that needed to be confined to themselves was the means they had of making one Mason known to another wherever he might be—and more particularly that especial virtue that the right hand should not know what the left hand did. Of all men who had ever been in Grand Lodge, there was no one more fully entitled to esteem than Bro. Dobie, and he felt highly flattered at the manner in which that respected Brother had connected his name with the toast they had just drunk.

Bro. P. Martin then proposed “Bro. Maudsley, and the rest of the Officers,” which was acknowledged by Bro. Maudsley.

The Prov. G.M. then said, he had now arrived at the toast of the evening, and he felt he had a duty to perform in acknowledging the reception given to them by the Reigate Lodge. He sincerely thanked them for resuming their meetings, and trusted it was the beginning of future prosperity—“The W.M. and the Members of the Surrey Lodge No. 603, and thanks for the reception they have given the Brethren.”

Bro. Evans said, he considered it his duty as Master of No. 603, to rise first; but he would leave to Bro. Hart the acknowledgment on the part of the Lodge; for himself he could say, that he hoped his helping hand had been of some use, and that the Lodge would sustain its ancient reputation.

Bro. Hart rejoiced to see such a good assembly, and he tendered the thanks of the Surrey Lodge to the many excellent Masons who had by their presence contributed to the success of the day, and he therefore begged permission to propose “The W.Ms. and Brethren of the other Lodges in the province,” which was responded to by Bro. Bentham.

#### SUSSEX.

BRIGHTON.—*Royal York Lodge* (No. 394).—The monthly meeting of this Lodge took place, as usual, on Tuesday, the 7th of July, Bro. John Bacon, W.M., in the chair. This being the festival of St. John, there was a tolerable muster of the Brethren. The Lodge, having been opened in the 1st Degree, proceeded to ballot for Mr. Bonner and Mr. Purvis, who having been unanimously elected, and Mr. Bonner being present, he was introduced and regularly initiated into the ancient mysteries of Freemasonry. Mr. Bonner having retired, the Lodge was opened in the 2nd Degree, and Bro. Folker was passed to the Degree of Fellow-Craft, both ceremonies being performed in a most impressive manner by the W.M., Bro. John Bacon. The Lodge being closed down to the 1st Degree, two gentlemen were proposed for election on the next meeting night. The Brethren then adjourned to banquet, which was served up in Bro. Bacon’s well-known style; and having spent a most pleasant evening, the Brethren retired highly delighted.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE.

DUDLEY.—*Harmonic Lodge* (No. 313).—This Lodge was opened by Bro. Bristow, P.M. (in the absence of the Rev. T. W. Herbert), on Tuesday the 5th. Messrs. Alexander Smith, of India, and Solomon Woodall, of Dudley, were balloted for, and elected as candidates for initiation. Mr. Woodall, being present, was then initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the 1st Degree. The Lodge having been closed, the Brethren adjourned to banquet, where harmony and love prevailed, separating at an early hour.

*Royal Standard Lodge* (No. 730).—The installation meeting and festival of St. John was held at the Dudley Arms Hotel on Tuesday the 12th, when Bro. M. Dennison was duly installed as W.M. of the Royal Standard Lodge for the ensuing year. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. W. Howells, P.M., S.W.; F. Sanders, J.W.; J. Bateman, P.M., Treas.; E. Dudley, P.M., Sec.; W. Barns, P.M., S.D.; J. Shipton, J.D.; T. Steedman, Steward; D. Davison, I.G., and J. Jeffs, Tyler. The S.D. of the last year (Bro. W. Wigginton) was not appointed to office in consequence of his holding that of



J.W. in No. 313. Mr. Howard Bradley, of Manchester, engineer, was balloted for and elected a candidate for initiation, but, not being present, the ceremony was adjourned to a Lodge of Emergency, which was held on the 23rd; the Brethren, after initiation, adjourning to the customary banquet.

*The Vernon Lodge* (No. 819).—This Lodge opened at the time appointed, at the Old Town Hall, Dudley, under the able presidency of Bro. the Rev. A. G. Davies, P.G.C., on Wednesday the 20th, when Bro. Collins was passed to the 2nd Degree, the lecture being given by Bro. Wigginton, the Secretary. Bro. J. Kelly, of No. 786, was unanimously elected a joining Member; and other business being transacted, the Lodge was closed. The elections of W.M., &c., will take place on the 19th of August.

## YORKSHIRE.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A Prov. Grand Lodge was holden in the Lodge-room of the Holme Valley Lodge No. 937, at the Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth, on Wednesday, the 1st July. Amongst the Brethren present, were W. Bros. G. Fearnley, *M.D.*, D. Prov. G.M.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, *M.A.*, Prov. S.G.W.; C. S. Floyd, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Bentley Shaw, *J.P.*, P. Prov. S.G.W.; James Franklin, Prov. J.G.W.; James Peace, P. Prov. J.G.W.; C. Wand, P. Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. H. D. L. Willes, *D.D.*, Prov. G. Chap.; W. Dixon, Prov. G. Treas.; John Batley, Prov. G. Reg.; Richard R. Nelson, Prov. G. Sec.; G. T. Wright, P. Prov. S.G.D.; J. Booth, P. Prov. S.G.D.; Thos. Dewhirst, P. Prov. S.G.D.; J. T. B. Hardy, *M.A.*, Prov. J.G.D.; W. Kilner, P. Prov. G.S.W.; W. Smith, P. Prov. G.D.C.; D. Salmond, Prov. G.S.B.; W. Smith, P. Prov. G.S.B.; Joe Wood, Prov. G. Org.; J. Siddall, Prov. G. Pur.; W. Gath, Prov. G.S.; H. Baines, Prov. G.S.; J. Wood, Prov. G.S.; R. Golathorp, Prov. G.S.; A. Engleman, Prov. G.S., and several visiting Brethren from other provinces. After the usual routine of Masonic business of this large province, which numbers thirty Lodges, the Holme Valley Lodge was consecrated in ancient and solemn form by W. Bro. Dr. Fearnley, D. Prov. G.M., who was most ably assisted by the Rev. Bro. H. De L. Willes, *D.D.*, the Prov. G. Chap. On the conclusion of this very interesting and impressive ceremony the Brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet provided by Mrs. Kippax of the Victoria Hotel. The chair was taken by the W.D. Prov. G.M., Dr. Fearnley, the vice-chairs by the Prov. S.G.W. Bro., the Rev. A. F. S. Woodford, *M.A.*, and the Prov. J.G.W. Bro. James Franklin; on the right of the chair were Bros. C. Wand, P. Prov. J.G.W.; Bentley Shaw, *J.P.*, P. Prov. S.G.W.; W. Kilner, P. Prov. S.G.W.; J. T. V. Hardy, *M.A.*, P.J.G.D.; Richard R. Nelson, Prov. G. Sec.; D. Salmond, Prov. G.S.B.; on the left Bros. the Rev. H. De L. Willis, *D.D.*, Prov. G. Chap.; C. S. Floyd, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Wm. Dixon, Prov. G. Treas.; J. Batley, Prov. G. Reg.; W. Perkin, P. Prov. G. Reg.; J. Harpin, *J.P.*, J.D. No. 937. The following toasts were proposed from the chair in succession:—"Her Majesty the Queen;" the National Anthem being sung by Bros. Joe Wood, Howell, Longfield, and Siddal; "H.R.H. the Prince Consort, Albert Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family,"—Glee; "The Army and Navy,"—Glee, "Britons strike home,"—responded to by Bro. Harpin; "The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M. of England,"—Glee; "Hail to the Craft," "The Right Hon. Lord Panmure, R.W.D.G.M., and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England,"—Glee; "As the Moments Roll." Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford proposed "The Right Hon. the Earl of Mexborough, R.W. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire,"—Song, "Three times Three,"—responded to by Bro. Dr. Fearnley, D. Prov. G.M. The Rev. H. De L. Willis, *D.D.*, proposed in a highly eulogistic and interesting speech, "W. Bro. Dr. Fearnley, D. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire,"—Glee, "Mynheer Van Dunk." Bro. Dr. Fearnley, in responding, thanked the Brethren for their repeated kindness, and in a very pleasing manner drew the attention of the Brethren to many matters interesting to them and the province, but more especially the necessity of their heartily supporting the Masonic charities, and concluded by proposing "The Prov. Senior

and Junior Grand Wardens, Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford and James Franklin," and thanked them cordially for their support. Responded to by the Prov. S. and J.G.Ws. individually. Bro. C. S. Floyd, proposed "The Prov. G. Treas., Bro. W. Dixon, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers." Bro. Dixon responded. The D. Prov. G.M. now called upon the Brethren to fill a bumper for the next toast, which was one he felt it his high privilege to propose, namely. "Prosperity to the Holme Valley Lodge," associating that toast more especially with the name of its first W.M., Bro. C. S. Floyd, P. Prov. S.G.W., whose zeal for the Craft in general, and that Lodge in particular, stood pre-eminent. Bro. Floyd responded. At this time the D. Prov. G.M. and many of the Prov. Grand Officers, having to leave by train, retired. Bro. Floyd took the chair, and, under his able superintendence, those who remained spent a most happy and delightful evening. We cannot close without passing a marked compliment upon the admirable arrangements made by Bro. Joe Wood, Prov. G. Org. and his musical Brethren, in providing harmonious entertainment during the evening.

BRADFORD.—*Lodge of Hope* (No. 379).—At the regular meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Duke-street, on Monday, 6th July, there was a large assemblage of the Brethren. Bro. George Fearnley, the D. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, along with many other Prov. Grand Officers, honoured the Lodge by a visit. There were also present Bro. Goldthorp, W.M. of the Zetland Lodge, No. 477, and many other Brethren of that Lodge; also Bro. Sharp, P.M. of the Scientific Lodge, No. 642; and Bro. Wolfsohn, W.M. of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 874; and many other visitors from neighbouring Lodges; the gathering being altogether one of the most numerous that we have witnessed in a local Lodge. The W.M., Bro. William Gath, who was supported by all his Officers, opened the Lodge at six o'clock, there being considerable business to be done. The minutes of the previous month having been read and confirmed, a ballot took place for a gentleman who had been proposed as a candidate for Freemasonry, when he was duly elected. The Lodge having been opened in the 3rd Degree, the W.M., in his usual solemn style, raised Bro. Alfred Hurd Denton to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The Lodge having been lowered to the 1st Degree, Mr. Thomas Shepherd was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the W.M. Bro. Thomas Hill, P.M., at the request of the W.M., gave the Working Tools; Bro. Michael Rogerson, P.M., delivered the Charge; and Bro. John Thomas Robinson, the Lecture on the Tracing-Board, to the newly-initiated Brother. Bro. George Fearnley, D. Prov. G.M. (who had been requested by the W.M. to take the chair, but had graciously declined), then, addressing the W.M., said that he had visited the Lodge of Hope to see the manner in which business was conducted, and he was happy to have to compliment the Brethren upon the working generally; especially he must speak in high terms of the manner in which the Lecture on the Tracing-Board had been delivered by Bro. Robinson, which might be held up as a pattern to all West Yorkshire. He also expressed great satisfaction at hearing the Charge so ably delivered by Bro. Rogerson, P.M.; and he spoke in very eulogistic terms of the highly efficient manner in which the W.M. worked the Lodge. Afterwards Bros. George Fearnley, D. Prov. G.M., and R. R. Nelson, Prov. G. Sec., addressed the Brethren on the subject of the Masonic Charities, but particularly with reference to the Girls' School; and especially brought before them the claims of an orphan named Mary Jane Metcalf upon their charity, and trusted every assistance would be given to effect her election to the benefits of that admirable institution this year, it being the last opportunity she would have, owing to her advanced age. The W.M., with his wonted praiseworthy beneficence, commenced a subscription for this object by a donation of £1. 1s., and the Brethren, following his example, made up the amount (including £5. 5s. voted from the Lodge funds) to £21. The duties of the Lodge being ended, it was closed in ancient form; after which the Brethren adjourned to the refreshment-room, and sat down to a sumptuous banquet, which, together with the splendid wines, were furnished by the liberality of the W.M. The evening was spent with true Masonic feeling, all present seeming to vie with each other in illustrating the principles of our noble Order,

and never was there a meeting at the Lodge of Hope, where there was so much of practical Masonry exhibited.

WAKEFIELD.—*Wakefield Lodge* (No. 727).—The Brethren of this Lodge met on Monday, June 29th, at the ancient rectory House of Wakefield (which they have recently purchased and fitted up in good style as a Masonic Hall), to present Bro. John Gill, P.M., with a testimonial of their high estimation of his unwearied, valuable, and zealous services to the Lodge, and to the cause of Masonry generally for many years past. After the Brethren had partaken of an excellent banquet, Bro. William Harrison Brown (Solicitor), W.M., ably recounted the many benefits enjoyed by the Lodge mainly through the energy, perseverance, and gratuitous exertions of Bro. Gill. He expressed in apt language the sentiments of respect and esteem entertained by the Lodge towards their worthy Brother, and concluded by presenting him, in the name of the Lodge, with a handsome P.M.'s Jewel, subscribed for by the Brethren. Bro. Gill, in a feeling and eloquent reply, thanked the W.M. and Brethren for their valuable recognition of his poor services. He had done but his duty as a Mason, and that he feared, very inefficiently. It afforded him great pleasure to see the Lodge—his mother Lodge—advancing rapidly in number, position, and prosperity. He congratulated the Brethren on its present state and prospects, and concluded by assuring them that he should be found at all times ready and anxious to promote its best interests to the utmost of his ability. The Brethren passed a delightful evening and separated at an early hour, highly gratified with the proceedings, which were of the most unanimous and cordial character.

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## ROYAL ARCH.

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### METROPOLITAN CHAPTERS.

ENOCH CHAPTER (No. 11).—The summer Convocation of this excellent Chapter, which was postponed from the regular day of meeting, in consequence of the Triennial Festival of the Benevolent Institution, was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, 21st ult., Comp. W. Young, M.E.Z. presiding, with Comps. R. S. Williams as H. and Richd. Temple as J. Bro. Capt. Ruff was exalted to the Supreme Degree, the ceremony being worked in an able, careful, and impressive manner. The Chapter having been closed, the Companions adjourned to a most *recherché* banquet, which as to quantity, quality, and style, evidenced the determination of the proprietors of the tavern to maintain the name and fame they have acquired. The visitors were Comps. Geo. Biggs, P.Z. No. 812; B. Head, P.Z. No. 5; E. H. Patten, P.Z. No. 218; Thos. Bisgood, No. 8; F. Binckes, late No. 49. We cannot close this short notice without renewing the approbation we have before expressed as to the excellence of the appointments, the correctness of the work, and the zeal and ability displayed by every officer, in this really model Chapter. Nor can we omit a grateful record of the courtesy and attention shown to the visitors, not only by the D.Cs., but by the Companions generally.

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### PROVINCIAL CHAPTERS.

ADMASTON SPA, SHROPSHIRE.—*Eyton Chapter* (No. 875).—A meeting of this promising Chapter took place on Monday, July 6. The minutes of the last Chapter having been read and confirmed, the M.E. said the next business was to ballot for Bro. Britton. He was unanimously elected, and, being in attendance, was introduced in due form, and exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason, decorated, and invested with all solemnity. Comp. Anslow proposed a Brother as a candidate for exaltation at the next meeting. No other proposition



being made, the Companions adjourned to banquet, and did justice to the provision made by the worthy host (the newly-exalted Companion). The M.E., when giving the health of his officers, remarked the great pleasure it gave him to compliment them on the regularity of their attendance, and how pleased he was to find how happy he had been in selecting Companions so well qualified to fulfil the duties of their respective offices. The toast was replied to by Comp. Belliss, P.S., in appropriate terms. The health of Comp. Curtis, Ludlow, a visitor, was proposed in a very flattering manner from the chair; the M.E. referring particularly to the zeal and ability he displayed in Craft Masonry in the Lodge of which he had recently been installed W.M. In reply, Comp. Curtis expressed the great pleasure it gave him to be present, particularly to have had an opportunity to witness the admirable manner in which the working of the Chapter was conducted.

**BOLTON.**—*Chapter of Melchizedec* (No. 170).—The above Chapter, which has been dormant for some time, has been revived by the exertions of Comp. Harper, P.Z. Nos. 170 and 436, and was reopened during the past month, Comp. Harper acting as First Principal, supported by all the Principals of Chapters in the town, viz., Comps. Tunnah, Z. No. 44; Brockbank, Z. No. 268; and Greenhaulgh, Z. No. 436, and most of the other officials of all the Chapters. Bros. Charlton and Sharp, of Lodge No. 170, were exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch Masons, by Comp. Dawson, P.Z. No. 268, ably assisted by Comp. Redick, P.Z. No. 436. We hope to have the pleasure of recording many successful meetings of this resuscitated Chapter.

**CHERTSEY.**—*St. George's Chapter* (No. 486).—A Convocation of this Chapter was held at Bro. Lovett's, the Crown Hotel, on Saturday, the 11th July, present, Comps. Dr. George Harcourt, M.E.Z.; J. How, H.; Samuel Rawson, J.; S. T. Bidwell, E.; R. Harcourt, N.; Bleakin, P.S., and others. Bros. W. Bird and W. Phillips were exalted into this Sublime Degree. Comps. George White and Powell were visitors. Another Brother was proposed for exaltation at the next meeting.

## THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.



A meeting of the Supreme Council was held at Bacon's Hotel, Great Queen's-street, on Tuesday, the 14th July, for the despatch of business. Every member of the Council was in attendance, and the Ill. Bros. M. Furnell, and T. J. Quintor, G. Sec. Gen. and H.E. of the Supreme Council of Ireland, were also present. The Ill. Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore had signified his intention of attending, but was prevented by indisposition. The Ill. Grand Inquis. Com. George Beauchamp, who had been elected to fill the vacancy in the Council, was admitted in ancient and solemn form as a Grand Inspector General of the 33rd Degree, and took his seat at the Council. The M.P. Sov. G. Com.

appointed the Ill. Bro. John A. D. Cox to fill the office of Grand Secretary Gen. and H.E., which had become vacant by the appointment of Ill. Bro. Vigne to the office of Grand Treasurer Gen. and H.E.

**METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF SOVEREIGN PRINCES ROSE CROIX OF HEREDOM.**—A meeting of this distinguished Chapter was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, July 14, presided over by the Ill. Bro. Henry Beauchamp Cole, M.W.

Sov. ; there being also present the M.P. Sov. G. Com., Dr. Henry Beaumont Leeson ; the Ill. G. Treas. Gen., Charles John Vigne ; the Ill. Sov. G. Insp. Gen., Sir John De la Pole, Bart. ; the Ill. G. Sec. Gen., John A. D. Cox ; the Ill. Capt. of Life Guards, Matthew Dawes ; the Ill. G. Insp. Gen., Henry Atkins Bowyer ; Dr. Jones, 1st Gen. ; Dr. Kent, 2nd Gen. ; Hugh D. Sandeman, Marshal ; Samuel Rawson, Raphael ; and R. Spencer, Capt. of Lines. There were also present the Ill. Bro. Michael Furnell, Sov. G. Insp. Gen., Ireland ; Henry Charles Vernon, Dr. R. H. Goolden, Dr. Hinxman, Hyde Pullen, Charles Goolden, J. How, John Symonds, J. Stone, &c.

Bros. Capt. H. Clark, R.A. ; Capt. Eddy, F. Slight, and T. R. P. Sheton, were admitted into this Sublime Degree by Bro. Cole, in the most perfectly dignified manner, assisted by Bros. Vigne, Jones, and the other Officers. Bro. John Barker, M.W. Sov. of the Royal Kent Chapter of Rose Croix, at Newcastle, was affiliated as a member of the Chapter.

The M.P. Sov. G. Com. Dr. Leeson, commenced a lecture on the Ancient and Accepted Rite, introducing a history of Freemasonry and its Grand Lodges, which he promised to conclude at a future time.

Bro. Edney, at the direction of the M.W. Sov., assisted at the organ.


The ceremonials concluded, the Chapter was duly closed, and the Brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet.

The Ill. Bro. Cole, M.W. Sov., presided, being supported by all the Brethren we have named ; the 1st Gen., Dr. Jones, filling the vice-chair.

After dinner, the M.W. Sov. proposed, "Our Most Gracious Queen," which he followed by another toast, "The Prince Consort."

Bro. Cole again rose, and said, in proposing the first toast peculiarly belonging to themselves, he would not say one word with regard to the labours of the very eminent Brother whose health he was about to introduce to their notice ; they generally knew but little of the learning required to encompass the various Degrees united under the Ancient and Accepted Rite by the one presiding head, whom they were bound to obey. He proposed, "The Health of the Sov. G. Com., Dr. Leeson."

Dr. Leeson said, he rose with feelings of heartfelt gratitude, to return thanks for the courteous way in which they had mentioned him, and his generous reception by the Brethren. So many times was this repeated, and on each occasion he pledged himself to do all he could, and with each returning meeting he felt he had done but little. He assured them he was most desirous to render the knowledge he possessed of those beautiful rites available to the Brethren, but he saw how inadequate were quarterly meetings to attain that end, even to the communicating all that was necessary to be known. The arduous duties of the chief officer in this Degree he believed all would appreciate, and all would allow the imposing nature of the ceremonial. He should be always ready to aid the cause of genuine Freemasonry ; and it afforded him pleasure to welcome a Brother such as Bro. John Barker, who was so thoroughly impressed with the genuine principles of Masonry.

Bro. Leeson, after a pause of a few minutes, again rose, and said he had had great satisfaction to see them presided over by a Brother who was determined to do the best for all he engaged in, and in Masonry they knew how perfectly and impressively he conducted the ceremonials. He was glad to inform them that their M.W. Sov. had that day been installed a member of the Supreme Council—(hear, hear)—and he was sure, so highly did they estimate his attainments and courtesy, that had the election been in their own hands the choice would have been the same. Bro. Cole had given proof of his earnestness in the cause of Masonry, by taking upon himself, and so well discharging, the duties of the Rose  Degree. He begged Bro. Cole to accept his kind acknowledgment in return, and he asked them to join him in expressing their gratitude to the M.W. Sov., trusting that he might long continue among them. (Cheers.)

Bro. Cole said the difficulty of responding to the toast in terms worthy of the occasion was very great, so generous had been their Sov. Commander in his encomia, and so kindly had they responded. The duties he had undertaken he had endeavoured to discharge, and he was disposed to think, from their kindness,

satisfactorily. He had much pleasure in the performance of his Masonic duties, being greatly impressed with the principles of their Institution, and of their beneficial effects. The friendships of life generally—although exceptions might exist—were evanescent; and he conceived that Masonry alone possessed the true principle of fraternal love, and that, save the tie that bound husband to wife, there was no bond by which mankind could be united equal to Masonry. So firmly was he convinced of this sentiment, that he would endeavour throughout life to follow its behests. In the rite of that day they had seen all the beautiful principles inculcated in the earlier Degrees fully carried out, and the more the knowledge of this Sublime Degree was promulgated, he was satisfied, the number of admissions would increase. Bro. Cole then claimed an acknowledgment of the services rendered by the two Principal Officers, Drs. Jones and Kent, who so well assisted in the business.

Bro. Dr. Jones asked the Brethren to accept the thanks of himself and the 2nd General, being each of them earnest in their service. They concurred in the sentiment, "That if 'twere done, 'twere well 'twere well done."

Bro. Cole proposed their "Illus. Visitor, Bro. Michael Furnell."

The Ill. Bro. Michael Furnell, as one well acquainted with the M.W. Sov., who had served the cause of Masonry in two hemispheres, had much pleasure in being present. He had travelled 700 miles for the purpose, and never had he spent hours with greater satisfaction, or better advantage to Masonry.

Bro. Hyde Pullen craved permission to say a few words, and in reference to the remarks of Bro. Furnell on the conduct of the business by the M.W. Sovereign, said, let the great man be whom he might, there was no one individual who was desirous of furthering the cause of Freemasonry who did not in himself, to some extent, possess the power to assist in that great work, and also of raising himself to the highest position in the Order. He was himself circumscribed in his sphere of usefulness, but, as far as his bounds extended, the utmost that any Mason could do he would achieve. He might also remark, that he was convinced, as their principles became more freely promulgated, so would their Institution increase in numbers. By means of the press they had the power of diffusing a better knowledge of Masonry. He sincerely hoped and believed, that ere long the sublime principles of these high Degrees would one and all be acknowledged throughout the world.

The Brethren separated highly pleased with the proceedings.

BIRMINGHAM.—*Vernon Chapter, S.P.R.C. of H.R.D.M.*—A meeting of the Brethren of this Degree was held at the Royal Hotel, on Friday, July 10th, when a good muster of the Brethren were present. Several Brethren were admitted as joining members. The M.W. Sov. and Officers were elected for the ensuing two years, the installation and investment will take place at the next meeting. The Chapter was ably presided over by M.W. Sov. Dee, and was honoured by the presence of two of its members, who have attained the rank of Ill. Sov. S.G.I.G. 33rd Degree, besides many other illustrious Brethren.

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## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

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KENT.—The second meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave was held on Wednesday, the 15th of July, at the Railway Tavern, Blackheath, when the V.E. Prov. G. Commander, Sir Knt. H. J. Hinxman, *M.D.*, proceeded to invest the following Fras. Officers of the Prov. Grand Conclave:—Capt. Henry Clerk, *R.A.*, Prov. G. 1st Capt.; James Merryweather, Surgeon, 2nd Captain; Dr. Harcourt, Prelate; P. Laird, Chancellor; H. F. Holt, Expert; Dr. Dickson, Reg.; Richard Taylor, Treas.; James Moore, 1st Standard-bearer; Lieut. Alderson, *R.A.*, 2nd Standard-bearer; W. Jackson, 1st Herald; S. W. Figg, 2nd Herald; G. P. Phipps, Organist,



The interest attending a Provincial Grand Conclave was on this occasion considerably enhanced by the fact that the Eminent Sir Knt. Hugh D. Sandeman, whom the M.E. and Supreme Grand Master, Col. C. Kemys Tynte, had honoured with the Prov. Grand Command of the Presidency of Bengal, presented himself to be inaugurated as Prov. G. Com. The Patent thereof having been read, the V.E. Prov. G.C. thereupon requested his Prov. G. Officers to attend upon Sir Knt. Sandeman, who was introduced beneath an arch of glittering steel, preceded by the Banner-bearer carrying the banner of the distinguished Brother, and the ceremony of inauguration was then performed by the V.E. Prov. G. Com., who was assisted by the V.E. Fra. Sir Knt. Masson, G. Chan., as Prelate.

Among the visitors we had the pleasure to observe the V.E. Fra. James Alexander Henderson, G. Sub-Prior, and D.G. Com. for Canada; Fra. Sir Knt. R. Spencer, P.G.B.B.; and Fra. Sir Knt. John A. L. Barnard.

The V.E. Prov. G. Com. addressed the Prov. G. Officers, thanking them for their acceptance of office under him, as, from his knowledge of their zeal and excellent working in the other Degrees, he felt assured that he had made the best selection that he could; and concluded by stating that, prior to the next Prov. G. Conclave, he should, with the assistance of such as could conveniently accompany him, visit such other parts of his province as were most likely to contain Knights Templar, in order to establish other Encampments.

The business being concluded, the Prov. G. Conclave was closed at half-past 7 P.M., and the Knights adjourned to a sumptuous banquet. After paying due honour to "Our Most Gracious Sovereign," to "The M.E. and Sup. Grand Master, Col. Tynte," and the usual other toasts of an Encampment, the meeting broke up, all being highly gratified with the proceedings of the day.

**KEMYS TYNTE ENCAMPMENT.** — The usual biennial meeting of this encampment was held at the Railway Tavern, Blackheath, on the 15th of May, and was ably presided over by Sir Knight Dr. Hinxman, V.E. Prov. G.C. for Kent, in the absence of Sir Knight Moore, E.C. Comp. Alderson, Lieut. R.A., of the Union Waterloo Chapter, No. 13, was duly installed a Knight Templar. Sir Knight Holt, of Temple Cressing Encampment was unanimously elected a joining member. Sir Knight Dr. Dixon, was appointed Registrar for the current year. The Encampment was honoured with the presence, as Visitors, of Sir Knights Henderson, Grand Sub-Prior; Masson, Grand Chancellor; Barnard, and Spencer. After business, the Sir Knights adjourned to an excellent banquet, and having passed the evening in a most agreeable manner, finally separated soon after ten o'clock.

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## MARK MASONRY.

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Lord Leigh has issued a circular inviting Mark Lodges to place themselves under his lordship's authority as G.M. of Mark Masters, on the presumed authority of a report of a committee to inquire into the subject. We are assured that the report was never submitted to the committee, as it should have been, and none of the Scotch Lodges acknowledge his lordship's authority.

**BOLTON.** — *St. John's Lodge* (No. 2). — (Scottish Constitution.) — A meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Thursday, the 23rd July. Bro. Brockbank, R.W.M., presiding, supported by his very efficient staff of Officers. Bro. Beswick, of Lodge No. 436, and Bro. Bonner, of Lodge No. 268, were advanced to the Mark Degree by the R.W.M., the explanations being rendered by the S.W., and the Working Tools explained by the J.W. This Lodge is already the parent of two Lodges, and it is expected that before long others will be opened from the same source.

**THISTLE LODGE** (No. 3). — (Scottish Constitution.) — This Lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Friday, July 3, at Dick's Hotel, Fleet-street, Bro. Adams,

R.W.M., presiding, when Bros. Guy, Read, Van Oppen, Boucher, Smith, Sanders, Grumbridge, and Ghrines, were advanced to the Degree of Mark Masters. A committee was appointed, consisting of Bros. S. B. Wilson, Adams, Binckes, Sheen, Cotterell, Figg, and Stacey, to prepare a form of By-laws, to be submitted for the adoption of the Lodge at its next meeting. The business finished, the Brethren, to the number of nearly forty, retired to a cold collation, served up in Bro. Quelch's usual admirable style. Amongst those present were Bros. Warren and Hughes, R.W. and D.M. of the Mark's Lodge, No. 1, as well as several other Brethren. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to, and the evening was passed in the true spirit of brotherhood.

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## SCOTLAND.

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### DALKEITH.

*Lodge Dalkeith* (No. 10).—A special meeting was held in the Lodge-room, on Tuesday, the 23rd June, Bro. Jeffrey, *M.D.*, R.W.M., in the chair. A gentleman was ably initiated into the Craft by Bro. Urquhart, P.M., who performed the duties devolving upon him with as great spirit as he would have done twenty years ago. We sincerely trust he may long be spared as a bright example in the Lodge, for the younger Brethren to profit by. Much credit is due to their talented organist, Bro. Edwards, of St. Mary's Chapel, who played some selections of sacred music during the initiation, which greatly added to the solemnity of the ceremony.

### EDINBURGH.

*Lodge of Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel* (No. 1).—This Lodge held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 14th July, the R.W.M., Bro. Francis D. Macowan, *M.D.*, representative from the Grand Orient de France, in the chair. Bros. Macgregor, Watt, and Falconer, were, in a very able manner, passed to the Degree of Fellow-Craft, by the R.W.M., and Bro. James C. Walker appointed to the vacant office of Architect to the Lodge. The Brethren afterwards adjourned to refreshment, and spent a very happy evening together. Bro. Ex-Baron Baillie Ritchie, D.M., having been called to the chair, and "The Queen and the Craft," the "Army and Navy," and several of the formal toasts, having been proposed, and responded to with the greatest enthusiasm, the worthy chairman, in an able speech, proposed the "Visiting Brethren," and coupled with the toast Bro. James Millar, of the St. David's Lodge, Dundee, a Brother who, by his agreeable manners and brilliant conversation, had added much to the pleasure of the meeting. In returning thanks for the visiting Brethren present, after cordially thanking the Lodge for the hearty welcome they had received, and complimenting the R.W.M. and Office-bearers for the able manner in which the business of the Lodge had been conducted, Bro. Millar expressed a regret that the Brethren of the different Lodges in Dundee never received visits from any of the Brethren of the various Lodges in Edinburgh, and begged to assure the Brethren that they would be made welcome in any of the Lodges in that city they might find it convenient to visit.

Bro. Lawrence Mallon rose to assure Bro. Millar that it was from no unfriendly feeling on the part of any of the Brethren of the Craft in Edinburgh that the various sister Lodges in the provinces were not visited oftener than they were, but from an ignorance of their nights of meeting. For his own part, he was very often in Dundee on business, and would, with great pleasure, have availed himself of the privilege of visiting them, had he been aware when and where the meetings were held. He trusted that some means would be devised to remedy this hindrance to fraternal intercourse.

Bro. Walker's health having been proposed and responded to, the newly-appointed Architect replied, in a short but appropriate speech, thanking the Brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him. The newly-passed Fellow-

Crafts were then given, and various other toasts. Before leaving the Lodge, the Brethren were called upon to exercise that greatest of all Masonic virtues, viz., charity, which, like its sister, mercy, blesseth him that gives more than him that receives. In this instance a sum of money was raised to assist a poor soldier, who had come from abroad.

[Our correspondent adds:—In writing this report, I take the opportunity of bringing before the notice of the Brethren of the provincial Lodges the necessity of having the nights of their monthly meetings recorded in your widely-spread journal, in the same way that the Masonic appointments of the London Lodges are given in your *Magazine*, which would have the effect of making the *Freemasons' Magazine* a medium of intelligence to the Craft in Scotland, and at the same time would tend to cement those bonds of fraternal affection which should be the aim of every Brother-Mason, be he peasant or peer. I would therefore suggest, that the Secretaries of the various provincial Lodges should send in a report, directed to Bro. John Law, Masonic jeweller, 3, Hanover-street, Edinburgh, your respected agent there, who, I feel convinced, would arrange them each month, and send the list to you for insertion.]


*Canongate Kilwinning Lodge* (No. 2).—The members of this ancient and highly-respected Lodge dined together at the Rainbow Hotel, on Wednesday, the 24th June, at six o'clock, Bro. Thomas Drybrough, R.W.M., R.  $\blacklozenge$  K.H. 30th Degree, in the chair; supported by the Illus. Bro. Thomas Robert Swinburne, of Marcus S.G.I.G. 33rd Degree; Bro. W. A. Lawrie, G. Sec.; and J. F. Ziervogel, Sov. Prince R.  $\blacklozenge$  K.H. 30th Degree, on the right; and Bro. John Archibald Campbell, R.  $\blacklozenge$ , sheriff of the county; Illus. Bro. Henry Macvitie, S.P.R.S. 32nd Degree; and Bro. David Bryce, R.W.M. No. 97, on his left. Illus. Bro. Samuel Somerville, S.G.I.G. 33rd Degree, representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, acted as croupier; supported by Illus. Bro. Alexander James Stewart, S.G.I.G. 33rd Degree, and Bro. Capt. Fraser, P.M. The dinner, which was well supplied by Bro. Anderson, passed off very pleasantly. This being the only Lodge holding the summer festival, a great number of Brethren had assembled to honour so ancient a Lodge, and so highly respected a Master, composing the following deputations, viz., from the Lodge of Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, No. 1; the Lodge Journeyman, No. 8; Dalkeith Kilwinning, No. 10; St. David's, No. 36; Edinburgh Defensive Band, No. 151; Roman Eagle, No. 160; Lodge Portobello, No. 226; Edinburgh and Leith, No. 291; and Lodge St. Clair, No. 349. The R.W.M. occupied the chair; Bro. Michael Dodd, K.H. 30th Degree, S.W., in the west, and Bro. J. F. Ziervogel, K.H. 30th Degree, J.W., in the south; Bro. F. A. Turton, K.H. 30th Degree, S.D. On the J.W., by command of the R.W.M., performing the pleasant duty of his office, the R.W.M. proposed the prosperity of the different sister Lodges present, after first drinking to "The Grand Lodge of Ireland and the Duke of Leinster;" "The Grand Lodge of England, and the Earl of Zetland;" and, though last not least, "The Grand Lodge of Scotland, and our own esteemed and respected M.W.G.M., his Grace the Duke of Athole."

Bro. Hunter, R.W.M. of Journeyman Lodge, No. 8, in returning thanks for his Lodge, said that it gave him much pleasure to acknowledge the toast which had been proposed. It was only twelve months ago since he had the gratification of being present for the first time in St. John's Chapel, but during the period that had intervened he had visited the Lodge several times, and he had been exceedingly delighted with what he had seen and heard on these occasions; he considered that the interest and zeal which the R.W.M. had displayed in the cause of Masonry deserved the greatest praise. At all the meetings, whether large or small, and whenever anything was to be done for the advantage and honour of the Craft, he had scarcely ever found him absent from his post. He had so far reaped a reward by the honour which had that day been conferred upon him by the universal esteem of the Brethren, and by the prosperous position of his Lodge. He (Bro. Hunter) hoped that his labours during the year which he had now entered upon would be crowned with no less success than they had been during the past. He could not refrain from referring, as had already been done, to the



gratifying position which Freemasonry in this part of the island had now assumed ; it had not been in a more flourishing condition for many years. As Bro. Drybrough had remarked, the Lodge Journeyman, over which he had the honour to preside, had partaken considerably of the general prosperity. In little more than a year upwards of sixty members had been added to the roll of that Lodge. He entertained a most confident hope that ere long a still greater stimulus would be given to the cause of Freemasonry in Scotland. The Brethren present were well aware that, at the last Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Bro. Finlayson, R.W.M. of the Defensive Band, had proposed a motion, which he had himself seconded, and which had been carried by acclamation, "That steps should immediately be taken to provide suitable accommodation for the Grand Lodge." As convener of the committee appointed for this purpose, he was happy to say, that all their proceedings as yet had been of a most propitious character. A most eligible site had been placed at their acceptance in George-street. The present buildings and the adjacent ground had been carefully examined and measured ; and the Grand Architect, Bro. David Bryce, was employed in preparing plans and probable estimates for erecting an elegant hall, with suitable offices, and effecting alterations on the front building. He expected that the plans and estimates would be completed in a few days, when they would be laid before a *pro re nata* meeting of the Grand Lodge, or, at all events, before the Quarterly Communication in August. He did not anticipate that any serious obstacle would be thrown in the way of this design, so that he was confidently looking forward to a day not far distant when the Brethren in all parts of Scotland would be summoned to Edinburgh to assist in laying the foundation-stone of a noble and spacious edifice for the accommodation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. (Great cheering.) Bro. Hunter sat down amid repeated bursts of applause.

R.W. Bro. Drybrough returned thanks for the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge in a speech replete with that true brotherly kindness which has endeared him to the Brethren, not only of his own Lodge, but of all the sister Lodges in Edinburgh. In speaking of the prosperity of the Lodge over which he had the honour to preside, he stated that since that day twelve months he had received into the Craft fifty-nine Brethren, and he confidently hoped that during the ensuing season he would nearly double that number. He took this opportunity of thanking those Brethren who had filled the various offices of the Lodge with so much zeal and ability, and trusted that those who had only been appointed Office-bearers that day would fulfil their duties with equal credit to themselves and honour to their mother Lodge.

The Office-bearers for the ensuing year are,—Bros. Thomas Drybrough, K.H. 30th Degree, R.W.M. ; Captain Fraser, P.M. ; Dr. Henry Macritie, S.P.R.S. 32nd Degree, D.M. ; Dr. James Stewart, R.  S.M. ; Michael Dodd, K.H. 30th Degree, S.W. ; J. Fred. Ziervogel, K.H. 30th Degree, J.W. ; F.A. Turton, K.H. 30th Degree, S.D. ; Thomas Alexander Hill, E.C.A., J.D. ; Stewart Watson, Sec. ; William Hickman, Treas. ; Charles Mackinnon, I.G. ; Robert Stewart, Tyler.

*St. Luke's Lodge, formerly Holyrood* (No. 44).—This Lodge held a special meeting in their Lodge-room, Grelich's Hotel, on Friday, the 5th June, for the purpose of passing Bro. Frederic H. Swinfen, of the 5th Dragoon Guards. The ceremony was beautifully gone through by Bro. James Francis Skene, R.W.M., S.P.R.S., assisted by Bro. Capt. Ramsay, acting S.W., and Bro. Charles Stewart Law, acting J.W. Among the visitors to this the Military Lodge of Edinburgh, we observed Col. Hunter, Major Jordan, Capt. Fraser, P.M. No. 2 ; R.W. Bro. Francis Macowan, Bro. Alexander James Stewart, Grand Clerk ; and Bro. W. Downing Bruce, P.M. Lodge of Alloa, No. 69. After business, the Brethren adjourned to a banquet, furnished in Bro. Dejay's usual style, where the hilarity was kept up until the last toast of the evening informed them, that, though sorry to part, they would be happy to meet again.

*Lodge St. Clair* (No. 349).—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held in their Lodge-room, St. John's Chapel, on Monday, June 1 ; Bro. H. F. Crichton,

R.W.M., in the chair. Deputations were present from the various sister Lodges in Edinburgh, headed by their respective Right Worshipful Masters, and among the visitors we noticed Bro. Alex. Fiddes, *M.D.*, P.M. Spanish Lodge, Kingston, Jamaica. A feeling having prevailed of late that it would be desirable to have lectures, concerts, &c., at the monthly meetings of the various Lodges in Edinburgh, the Lodge St. Clair on this occasion gave their first concert, which proved highly successful. It was an exposition of native talent, as all the vocalists who contributed their quota to the evening's enjoyment were members of the St. Clair Lodge. Bros. T. M. Hunter, C. Stewart, Henry, Finlay, Bruce, &c., acquitted themselves, not only to the satisfaction of the Brethren of St. Clair, but the delight of all present. Bro. Mead of the Queen's Theatre, ably delivered his reading from the "Ingoldsby Legends;" and Bros. Watson, Cook, and Harper, conducted the instrumental department to the approbation of all.

Where all did well it is hardly fair to single out any individual Brother; yet we cannot avoid alluding to the especial approval made of Bro. Charles Stewart; his rendering of "Com e Gentil" was, for an amateur, one of the finest we ever heard, and his "Wae's me for Prince Charlie" was sung with the true Scotch accent, and with the deep pathos and thrilling sweetness which mark that beautiful Jacobite song.

At the conclusion of the concert, Bro. Drybrough, R.W.M. No. 2, proposed, in glowing terms, the health of those Brethren who had volunteered their services, which was ably responded to by Bro. T. Hunter.

Bro. Dr. Macowan, R.W.M. No. 1, in proposing the health of Bro. Crichton, their R.W.M., complimented the Lodge St. Clair for the highly satisfactory manner in which the whole arrangements had been completed, and expressed his wish that similar meetings might be more frequent than heretofore. A sentiment to which every one present cordially responded.

We may mention that St. John's Chapel, which the Lodge at present occupies, and which is one of the finest halls in Scotland, was gorgeously decorated with the St. Clair flags, banners, and other paraphernalia, and the assemblage of so many Brethren—upwards of 200 being present, in full Masonic costume—had altogether a most pleasing effect.

#### PORTOBELLO.

*Lodge Portobello* (No. 226).—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 18th June, in their Lodge-room, Council Chambers; present, Bro. Scott, R.W.M., assisted by his Office-bearers. Deputations were received from the Lodge Edinburgh Mary's Chapel, No. 1, headed by the R.W.M.; also from the Lodge St. David's, No. 36, headed by Bro. Downie, the R.W.M. of that Lodge. The Brethren spent a very happy evening. Some excellent songs were sung by members of the Lodge and also by some of the visiting Brethren. The Lodge closed at high twelve, after which the visiting Brethren turned their faces towards Auld Reekie.

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#### ROYAL ARCH.

*Chapter Canongate Kilwinning* (No. 56).—A meeting of this Chapter was held in St. John's Chapel, on Thursday, 11th June, when Bro. Heugh Chatham Lyle was raised from the Degree of Past Master to that of Royal Arch, and Bro. Muller was exalted to the Supreme Degree. M.E. Comp. Drybrough, presided as Z.; Comps. Dodd, as H.; Hickman, as J.; Stewart Watson, as P.S.; and Dr. Macvitie, as Scribe E. Among the visitors present we observed Comp. Manning, of the Edinburgh Chapter, No. 1, who, after the closing of the Chapter, sang some very fine songs; Comp. Muller also played some beautiful airs on the organ.

*DALKEITH.—Esk Chapter* (No. 42).—A meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 9th June, for the purpose of exaltation. M.E. Comp. Thompson presided as Z., and ably exalted a Brother to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch.

Comps. Urquhart acted as P.S., and Solly as E. Important business matters, which were ultimately arranged to the satisfaction of all present, detained the Companions to a late hour.

#### THE ROYAL ORDER.

The Knights Companions of the R.S.Y.C.S. met in Council at their Grand Lodge (St. David's) on Monday the 6th of June, when the acting M.W. Governor, George Arnot Walker Arnott, of Arlary, exalted Illus. Bros. Colonel Thomas Robert Swinburne, of Marcus, S.G.I.G. 33rd Degree; John Archibald Campbell, Esq., sheriff of Edinburgh, and James Stewart, Esq., *M.D.*, *H.E.I.C.S.*, to the rank of Knights Companions of the Royal Order of Scotland. The ceremony was most solemnly performed, and the various lectures ably delivered by the M.W. Governor and Illus. Bro., Donald Campbell, S.P.R.S. 32nd Degree, Senior Grand Guardian of the Order. After the exaltation, and the minutes of last meeting being read and approved of, the Knights Companions proceeded to elect the Office-bearers for the ensuing year:—

Illus. Bros. George Arnot Walker Arnott, *LL.D.*, of Arlary, D.G.M. and Governor, in room of the late Houston Rigg Brown; John Whyte Melville, of Mount Melville, 33rd Degree, D. Gov.; Lord James Charles Plantagenet Murray, 33rd Degree, S.G.W., in room of the late lamented Archibald Douglas; Donald Campbell, 32nd Degree, J.G.W. and S.G.G.; James Francis Skene, 32nd Degree, J.G.G.; John Brown Douglas, W.S., G. Sec.; George Murray, G. Treas.; William A. Laurie, G. Sword-bearer; William Dawson MacRitchie, G. Banner-bearer; James Hunter, G. Mareschal; John Rowan, D.G. Mareschal; James Richard Haig, of Glenogle, George Paterson, of Castle Huntly, and William Gaylor, G. Stewards; William Millar Bryce, G.G.

After the meeting, the Knights dined together in the Rainbow Hotel; the M.W. Governor in the chair, supported by the W.G.S.W. and Colonel Hunter. George Murray, G. Treas., occupied the vice-chair, supported by Samuel Sommerville, of Ampherlau, and John Brown Douglas, W.S., G. Sec. Among the Sir Knights present we observed, exclusive of Office-bearers, James Lemon, jun., from Belfast; Jameson Nicholson, and — Mackenzie, from Glasgow; Thomas Elder MacRitchie, of Craigton, W.S.; Thomas Drybrough; James Stewart, *M.D.*; Henry Macritie, *M.D.*, and Alex. James Stewart, W.S. A sumptuous repast was spread, which was done ample justice to by the gentlemen present. The arduous duties they had been performing during the day had by no means damped their energies for social intercourse; some excellent speeches were delivered appropriate to the Order, and some excellent songs sung, more particularly Fershun's "Road to the Highlands," from the Bon Gaultier Ballads, sung by Mr. Charles Stuart Law with great spirit. After dinner, Thomas Elder MacRitchie, of Craigton, paid a graceful tribute to the memory of their late G.S.W., Archibald Douglas, whose remains had been consigned to the tomb that day, at three o'clock, the hour he was summoned to attend the meeting of the Order. The toast was drunk in solemn silence. So closed the Masonic career of one of the greatest Masons of his day. In the debates in the Grand Lodge, the Supreme Grand Chapter, the Grand Conclave, the Priory of the Lothians, the Royal Order of Scotland, the Edinburgh Chapter, No. 1, the Canongate Kilwinning Chapter, No. 56, the Lodge St. David's, No. 36, of which Lodge he held the office of P.M., or in the Grand Committee, or any of the various Committees of which he was a member, he was seldom, if ever, absent from his post; and in the meetings of the Benevolent Fund his voice was the first raised for the fatherless and the widow.



## IRELAND.

### CARLOW.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.—This Festival was observed with the accustomed solemnities, on the 24th July, by the members of the Carlow Lodge, No. 116, which is constituted under a warrant of 1739. The Brethren assembled at dinner at the Club House at seven o'clock, and spent an agreeable evening.

### DUBLIN.

*Commercial Lodge* (No. 245).—This Lodge met on Tuesday, July 14, at the Grand Lodge-rooms, Dame-street, to install Officers for the ensuing six months. Bro. Cottle presided, and in a very able and efficient manner, supported by the R.W. Grand Secretary, proceeded to install Bros. Furnetts, W.M.; Crofton, S.W.; Wittington, J.W.; Flynn, S.D.; Byrne, J.D.; Millar, I.G. After which nearly fifty of the Brethren adjourned to Bro. Parry's, Salt Hill Hotel, where they partook of a sumptuous banquet, and enjoyed a most pleasant and satisfactory evening.

## COLONIAL.

### CANADA (WEST).

A very large and important meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, was held in Toronto, on the 30th June. The meeting had been delayed one month by the D. Prov. G.M., with a view of giving the authorities at home ample opportunity to send a favourable reply to the memorial of last January. None such, however, arrived; and the painful facts of our case became so apparent to every member of the Provincial Grand Lodge that a unanimous resolution for independence was carried, after a thorough review of our difficulties,—subject, however, to confirmation at a meeting to be called a month hence, after completion of articles of union with the so-called “Grand Lodge of Canada,” to be agreed upon by a joint committee appointed by both bodies; and on the adoption of which, both Grand Lodges are to cease, and a new one to be formed. The manner in which our memorial to the Grand Lodge was treated by that body—being passed over *unread*!—was strongly commented upon. The so-called “concessions” of the M.W.G.M.—after his *five years’* study of our wants, and after our *final* memorial was in his hands a sufficient time for him to understand “that the time for such moderate concessions had been allowed to pass!” The referring of our memorial to the Colonial Board, for them, not Grand Lodge to read; and their sending us a *second copy* of the M.W.G.M.’s remarks as the answer of the Grand Lodge. The treatment of our case, as represented by Bro. Beech, who had been deputed to inquire into our grievances—the M.W.G.M., having “no time” to listen to his report, referring him to the G. Reg., for that Officer to grant us redress! All these, and many more, formed the counts of the indictment; and could there be other than unanimity in our verdict, after a weary five years’ trial?

The meeting was large,—between sixty and seventy representatives of the Lodges holding allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England being present,—and though perhaps smaller than former meetings of our Provincial Grand Lodge, still showed a goodly number that had clung to the last to the hope that English Masons in Canada would not be denied the rights and courtesies enjoyed by English Masons at home. The sentiment was uttered by many, “England, with

all thy faults, I love thee still !” but, as Canadians, they could not forget that they must love Canada better.

To our D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Thomas G. Ridout, the Masons of Canada owe a deep debt of gratitude. His wisdom and forbearance have kept together the large body of Masons, which until now preserved their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England ; and it is the sincere hope of many that he may long continue in health to hold higher offices in the Masonic government of Canada.

No instructions having been received from Grand Lodge in reply to our resolutions of October, 1855, and October, 1856, forbidding Masonic intercourse with members of the independent “Grand Lodge of Canada,” those resolutions were severally rescinded.

The independent “Grand Lodge” was to meet at Montreal, on the 8th July, when they would also take action.

#### MALTA.

The following farewell address was presented to Bro. N. G. Philips, S.W. of the Zetland Lodge, No. 756, held at Valletta, Malta, on the 22nd June, 1857, in open Lodge :—

Zetland Lodge, No. 756, Malta, 14th May, 1857.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As the time is fast approaching when we shall be deprived of the happiness of your society, by your professional duties calling you elsewhere, we cannot more fully appreciate your services, than by assuring you that it will be our endeavours to uphold the present flourishing condition of the Lodge, to which it has been raised by your zealous and active co-operation during the fifteen months you have been among us. Although you will be at a distance from your present scene of action, we have to congratulate ourselves that it is sufficiently near for us to entertain the hope that we may expect a visit from you ere long ; in the mean time your duties as S.W. must necessarily be deputed to another, which will make you eligible on their regular cessation, to preside over those who have now an opportunity of acknowledging your services. We very much regret the cause of your absence this day week, when we met for the purpose of personally acknowledging our obligations ; but we rejoice to learn that your beloved partner is now convalescent, and in bidding you farewell, we pray the G.A.O.T.U. may extend his blessing and protection both to yourself and family, to whatever part of the globe your destinies may call you.

We remain, &c.

To Bro. N. G. Philips,

S.W. of the Zetland Lodge, No. 756.

[Here follow about 70 signatures.]

THE KING OF THE SANDWICH ISLANDS A FREEMASON.—According to a letter from Honolulu, of February 8, Ramehameha IV., King of the Sandwich Islands, was raised to the grade of Master in the Masonic Lodge instituted there in 1842. This participation, in an institution of a European character, was considered a fresh pledge of kindly sentiments on the part of the King towards such strangers and navigators as might visit those distant islands.

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## AMERICA.

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### NEW YORK.

The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York was opened in ample form on Tuesday evening, June 2nd, some 340 Lodges being represented, being by far the largest delegation ever known.

The G. Secretary's report showed a receipt of 14,753·42 ds. during the year,

and the G. Treasurer's an expenditure of 14,586.34 drs., leaving a balance on hand, in cash and stocks, of 8,680.03 drs.

After the reading of the address of the G.M., and the reports of the G. Sec. and G. Treas., which were severally referred to a special committee, an ineffectual attempt was made by D.G.M. Macoy to rescind the following resolution, offered by the R.W. Bro. Tisdall in 1852, and which was considered as a test vote on the proposed basis of union:—"Resolved, That such Lodges whose warrants were forfeited for acts arising out of the difficulties of 1849, not yet surrendered to the Grand Lodge, unless surrendered within thirty days, shall be and are hereby declared for ever annulled, and incapable of being revived." The proposition was rejected by a vote of 481 to 167.

Wednesday was taken up almost exclusively in discussing the proposed basis of union; all the papers connected with which were finally referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, who on Thursday morning reported adversely, pointing out its unconstitutionality, and winding up with a resolution to that effect. The debate was most exciting, and was not terminated until 5 P.M. On a call by Lodges, 229 Lodges voted in the affirmative on the resolution of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, and 74 in the negative, the total vote being 780 for, and 247 against. The evening session was occupied by the election of G.M., which was by acclamation, and of D.G.M.

Friday morning the elections were continued, and the remaining officers elected. The complete list is as follows:—

John L. Lewis, jun., Penn Yan, G.M.; R. Macoy, New York, D.G.M.; F. M. King, Port Byron, S.G.W.; Benj. H. Austin, Buffalo, J.G.W.; James M. Austin, New York, G. Sec.; Chas. L. Church, New York, G. Treas.; Rev. Salem Town, Aurora, Rev. John Gray, West Point, Rev. R. L. Shoonmaker, Vischer's Ferry, Rev. H. C. Vogell, Rome, G. Chaplains; Wm. H. Drew, Buffalo, G. Lecturer; D. H. Van Sice, New York, G. Pursuivant; Sewal Fisk, New York, G. Tyler.

During the afternoon a splendid service of silver was presented by the Grand Lodge to M.W.P.G.M. Evans, as a tribute of respect and esteem for his services as G.M.

Saturday morning the Grand Lodge reassembled at 9 o'clock, when, on motion of Bro. Peter P. Murphy, a committee of five were appointed to receive any propositions or suggestions that may be presented to them by any members of this Grand Lodge, or others, with a view to restore harmony, &c.; and on further motion of the same distinguished Brother, the resolution offered by R.W. Bro. Tisdall, in 1852, in reference to forfeited warrants of Lodges, alluded to above, was rescinded.

The chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, R.W.F.M. King, presented a resolution to the effect, that, until the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania recognizes the Grand Lodge of New York, and treats her members with respect and courtesy, all Masonic intercourse between the two bodies will be suspended, and visitors, hailing from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, will not be recognized by the Masonic Fraternity in New York. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

An attempt was made to have the Independent Grand Lodge of Canada recognized; but it was determined to maintain the position assumed last year.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK.

The 24th of June, 1857, the Festival of John the Baptist, will long be remembered by the Fraternity of New Brunswick as the opening of a new era in the Masonic history of the Provinces, and the commencement of what, we hope, will be a series of annual celebrations of the festival of one of the brightest lights in Masonry.

The installation of Officers of all Lodges on Irish registry takes place on the 24th June; and the Brethren of Hibernia Lodge, No. 301, determined, some time since, that a day set apart for such solemn ceremonies should not be passed over without some festivities to mark its passing. A public procession in the morn-



ing, and a supper in the evening, was therefore agreed on, and sister Lodges throughout the Province invited to participate; the Rev. Bro. Clay kindly consenting to deliver an oration before the Brethren in the Baptist meeting-house, Carleton.

The Brethren began to assemble at the Hall in Princess, and at half-past eight Hibernia Lodge was opened for installation. This ceremony was performed by Bro. P.M. John Willis, in beautiful style, and after its performance, and the new Master had been proclaimed and saluted in the usual manner, Bro. Willis invested the retiring Master, Bro. McNichol, with a handsome P.M.'s regalia and jewel, the gift of the Lodge.

The Lodge was then closed, and the forming in line commenced immediately. The appearance presented in the Hall about half-past nine o'clock was grand and imposing.

The City Lodges were very well represented. St. John's appeared in strong force, and made a handsome appearance. Carleton Union Lodge, of Carleton, turned out in good strength; but the most striking appearance this Lodge presented was in the number of veterans in its ranks, for, besides Bro. Wiley, there were three or four other old Masons, on whose heads the snows of more than seventy winters had left a visible imprint. Hibernia Lodge mustered very strong, and its appearance excited considerable interest. In its ranks were a number of military men, and, as they passed along, they were greatly admired.

In the rear of Hibernia Lodge came the Royal Arch Masons, under the control of M.E. Comp. Duncan Robertson. They were preceded by a piper in the full costume of the Stewarts, and well did the dress of this bearer of the national musical instrument of bonnie Scotland agree with the tri-coloured sashes and peculiar aprons of the Companions of this exalted Degree. As a body, the Royal Arch Masons carried the palm.

Next came the St. John's Encampment of Knights Templar, under the generalship of their Lieut. Grand Commander, Sir Knight Companion Willis (who also wore the collar of Grand Superintendent of Scotch Royal Arch Masonry in Nova Scotia), accompanied by Sir Knight Comp. Stubbs, they being, we believe, the only Knight Companions of this Ancient Military Order present. The Sir Knights—many of whom were mounted—made an elegant appearance, and, to use the words of a distinguished brother, when speaking of the Knights Templar of Boston, "they drew all eyes upon them, as they marched through the crowds of spectators, by their martial, elegant, and soldier-like appearance. They were the admired of all admirers; for these Sir Knights, in their chivalric costume and noble bearing, did honour to the ancient Order they represented."

After marching through the principal streets, the procession reached the ferry landing, and embarked in one of the steamers for Carleton, which had been kindly placed at the disposal of the Craft by the lessees.

On reaching the church the procession halted, and entered in reversed order, and, after the singing of an ode by the choir, who kindly volunteered their services for the occasion, and a prayer by the Rev. Dr. Clay, that illustrious Brother, in the regalia of a M.M., delivered one of the grandest orations on Masonry it has ever been our fortune to listen to. Nothing but the sacred character of the place could have prevented the audience from several times bursting out into the loudest applause; but all present evinced their admiration by looks, and by the most profound silence, and that, perhaps, was as grateful to the orator as the most enthusiastic cheering would have been, given in such a place.

At the conclusion of the exercises in the church, the procession again formed, and marched down to the landing, where the boat was in readiness to convey them home.

At nine o'clock, P.M., the Brethren sat down to a supper, prepared by Bro. H. Stubbs, at Stubbs' Hotel. John Willis, 1st L.G. Commander, St. John's Encampment, K.T. and K.M., occupied the chair. Bro. W. O. Smith, Mayor of St. John; Bro. Joel Reading, S.G.W., Prov. G. Lodge of New Brunswick, under English jurisdiction; R. T. Clinch, G. Marshal; the W.Ms. of several Lodges in the city, and many other Masons of distinction, were present.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

On Friday evening, May 30, R.W. Bro. Seavey, D.D.G.M. of this district, paid an official visit to Merrimac Lodge, in this place, accompanied by Bro. Coolidge, D.D.G.M. of Boston. They were received and welcomed in due form. After an exhibition by the Lodge of their skill in the work, they were addressed in a few brief remarks by R.W. Bro. Seavey, who then introduced the R.W. Bro. Coolidge, who made an eminently practical and truly Masonic address, which was listened to with much apparent interest. On behalf of the Grand Lodge, he presented to Merrimac Lodge a copy of the new edition of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge, accompanying it with appropriate remarks. He most impressively urged upon the members the importance of guarding well the portals of Masonry in these the days of our dangerous and apparent prosperity. The earnest attention manifested by the hundred Masons present are an hopeful indication that the good name of the Institution will never suffer by their negligence or untempered zeal.

## NEGRO MASONRY.

It is not perhaps known to a large portion of our readers that there are in the United States rising forty Lodges of coloured persons claiming to be Freemasons. In the city of Philadelphia alone there are no less than nine of them, and several in other parts of the same State. We have seen it stated that there are also Chapters and Encampments of negroes in some of the States, but cannot say how true this statement may be. We believe that all these so-called "Lodges" are the offspring of one in Boston, styling itself "Prince Hal Grand Lodge," &c. We do not consider it necessary at this time to give a history of this body, and will only say that it is a clandestine body of persons claiming to be Masons, and that none of its members can be admitted into any just and legal Lodge in the United States, and that therefore no Mason can hold Masonic intercourse with any of its members, or any of its numerous progeny. No Mason who knows his duty and responsibility dare sit in a Lodge with, or hold Masonic intercourse with any clandestine made Mason, or visit any Lodge of such.

We believe that we were so unfortunate a short time since as to sit in a Grand Lodge with a clandestine Mason. We do not know the fact, but noticing a coloured person in the hall after the Lodge was closed, we made inquiry, and were informed that he was made in a negro Lodge in Boston, and had been present all that evening. And, furthermore, that he was a frequent visitor to the Lodge in the place. We were astounded, and expressed our astonishment accordingly. The next day we chanced to be in the shop of the person (a barber), and saw hanging in a conspicuous place on the walls, what purported to be a certificate that the said person had been duly made a Master Mason, in a Masonic Lodge in Boston. We forbear to comment, as it is unnecessary. The same day we were in Boston, and among the first item of news communicated to us, was the information from a P.G.M., that at the "Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts," that afternoon, a petition was presented from sundry coloured persons, not Masons (or even claiming to be), praying that the Grand Lodge would take measures to remove the obstructions in the way of their being made Masons. This extraordinary petition was also signed by several regular Masons, among whom, we were informed, was Rev. Bro. Randall, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and others.

The petition was finally withdrawn, with a notification that it would be presented again at some future time.—*Massachusetts Masonic Journal.*

[Of the legality of the Boston Lodges of negro Masons we do not profess to have any knowledge, but we must protest against the inference to be drawn from the above paragraph, that persons of colour ought not to be made Masons. We have met with more than one highly-intelligent coloured Mason—men who certainly were possessed of more Masonic charity than appears to actuate the hearts of the majority of our Massachusetts Brethren.]

## INAUGURATION OF STATUE TO GENERAL WARREN.

BUNKER HILL, JUNE 17, 1857.

On the 17th of June, 1775, General Joseph Warren fell, while fighting for his country. He was not only a brave man and a pure patriot, but a zealous Freemason, and a Grand Master. Eighty-two years have passed away, and instead of his name fading from our memories, it has grown brighter and brighter, until it shines side by side with Washington, the brightest names on our history's pages. On Wednesday, June 17, 1857, a vast multitude assembled on the spot where he fell to inaugurate a marble statue to his memory. It was an imposing sight. There were present on the occasion the chief magistrates of four States of the union, and more distinguished personages than were ever before present on such an occasion in our country. The military display was large and imposing, comprising twenty-nine New England companies, and one whole regiment, of 590, from New York, accompanied by fourteen bands of music. The Masonic part of the procession was composed of the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and New Hampshire; Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, and Rhode Island and Boston Encampment of Knights Templar; and twenty-four Lodges of Master Masons, numbering in all at least 1,500 persons. The Masonic ceremonies of inauguration were performed by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts (John T. Heard, M.W.G.M.), in accordance with ancient Masonic usage and custom. The statue is chiseled from a beautiful block of white marble, is seven feet high, exclusive of pedestal, and represents General Warren in a citizen's dress, holding a sword in his right hand, with his left in a position as if addressing some one, and his eyes partially raised towards heaven. No name disfigures the block, but upon the pedestal is to be the simple word "Warren."—*Massachusetts Masonic Journal*.

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### CALCUTTA.

A farewell banquet was given by the Prov. G.M. (Col. Ramsay), at the Freemasons' Hall, on the 19th March. There was a sumptuous table, and a goodly gathering of Brethren. The following amongst other toasts were proposed:—"The Queen, the daughter and the niece of two Grand Masters of England, under whom, jointly, the union of the Modern and Ancient Masons was so happily effected in 1813." "The M.W. the Earl of Zetland, and the Grand Lodge of England." "The M.W. the Duke of Athol, the M.W. the Duke of Leinster, and the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland."

The R.W. Bro. Longueville Clarke gave "The Grand Orient of France, and our Brother and ally the Emperor of the French." The R.W. Brother, having introduced the toast, drew from it an illustration of the attracting and cementing nature of Masonry. One of the greatest landmarks of the Institution, he said, was Brotherly Love. The more that principle was admitted into the bosoms of Masons, and cherished by them, the more would Masonry fulfil its purpose as one of the means for drawing together not only the various classes of society, but also the different nations of the world. In the instance before him, political reasons had united the armies of France and of England; but political reasons and political expediency would not cause the two nations to forget the animosities which had subsisted between them for centuries, or to act together without secret hatred. This would be a jarring element in the council and the camp. But now there was an under-current at work which would, in a great measure, counteract all such repelling influences. English Masons penetrated all grades of society, and no doubt leavened large circles with their opinions. They saw at the head of the French nation one to whom they could hold out the right hand of



fellowship. Since patriotism did not forbid it, Masonry effaced from their minds the lingering prejudices against the man and the nation. Napoleon III. had restored order and tranquillity to France, and had helped to preserve the balance of power in Europe—and he was a Brother! And when he met our noble Queen, could there be a doubt, since we knew the pride and the interest which he took in our Order, that he threw warmth into the etiquette and formality of the interview, because he felt that he was meeting one who was both the daughter and the niece of Freemasons! (Loud applause.)

The R.W. Bro. Charles Fabre Tonnerre said that he rose with reluctance, because he feared that the acknowledgments which he was about to offer might appear cold and flat after the eloquence of the speech which had just been made by the R.W. Bro. Clarke. But, in the absence of Bro. Angelucci, the French consul, who was unable to attend, owing to the sickness of his wife, it had fallen to his (Bro. Tonnerre's) lot to thank the Brethren, in the name and on behalf of the Grand Orient, for the honour which had just been accorded to that body, and especially for the allusions which had been made to the Emperor. Bro. Tonnerre reminded the Brethren that at the last banquet he had read out a letter from Count Walewski, from which it appeared that the Emperor was peculiarly gratified that the Masons of Calcutta should have shown their sympathy for his suffering countrymen. He now begged to state, that it was his intention to report to the Emperor, through Bro. Angelucci, as much of Bro. Clarke's speech as he could remember. He was quite of opinion that the present friendship between England and France was something more than a political "*entente cordiale*," such as had existed when Louis Philippe had received Queen Victoria at the Chateau D'If. The present alliance stood on the basis of more disinterested, and consequently of more permanent, feelings. How could they otherwise account for the ovation with which the Emperor had been received by the people, as he passed through the crowded streets in which he had once stood as a "special constable!" (A laugh.) How could they otherwise account for the citizens of Paris abandoning themselves to a generous enthusiasm, and receiving Queen Victoria into their very hearts! How was it that the people of England, as soon as they heard a cry of distress rising above the waters of France, rushed forward and poured in an inundation of money! Were they impelled to do so by self-interested, calculating, and political views? Oh, no! Freemasons, too, had shared in that good work; and all had shown an eagerness to contribute, which it was doubtful whether they would have displayed for the relief of Turkey, or Prussia, or of any other country in Europe. No; this was not merely a political alliance! May the fraternal ingredients in it increase and spread, and make it perpetual!

The R.W. Bro. J. J. L. Hoff proposed "The Grand Lodges of the United States of America." Bro. Hoff commenced by alluding to the hue and cry which had been raised in America some years ago against Masonry, on the disappearance of Morgan. But the uproar and persecution had ceased. Men had come to their senses, and a reaction had taken place in favour of Masonry, which was now firmly rooted, and full of sap, and was spreading forth its branches vigorously in the land in which Franklin and Washington had been Masons. Bro. Hoff proceeded to state that the American Brethren whom he had met in Calcutta were true to their landmarks; and he had now the pleasure of proposing "The Grand Lodges of America," and of coupling with the toast the name of our highly-esteemed Brother the Consul-General of the United States, Bro. Huffnagle.

Bro. Huffnagle having received a letter which had obliged him to leave the hall a short time previously, Bro. Wilmer acknowledged the toast. He said that he had recently returned to this country, and was rejoiced to find that, during his absence, Masonry had flourished. He considered this to be a subject for congratulation, and he hoped that the fraternal bond which united such large bodies of men in the eastern and western hemispheres, might continue to increase in strength!

The R.W. Bro. Wm. Clark gave "The sister Provincial Grand Lodges of Madras and Bombay, and the Lodges working under them."

The R.W. Bro. LeGeyt said, that as he believed there was no representative of the Madras Masons present, it devolved upon him to return thanks for them, as well

as for the Brethren of his own Presidency. Although the latter worked under a different jurisdiction, namely, that of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, yet they looked up to Bengal as to a foster-mother; and the reception which they gave some years ago, to Dr. John Grant, the talented Prov. Grand Master of Bengal, was vividly in his recollection. He could say with truth that the enthusiastic feeling which had pervaded that meeting had never been surpassed. The Brother who had presided on that occasion was known to most of the Calcutta Brethren, if not personally, at least by name. He meant Dr. James Burnes, whose own visit to the City of Palaces had made such a bright spot in the Masonic history of this Province. It was gratifying to witness the meeting of those two excellent men and congenial spirits, Bros. Grant and Burnes. Referring gratefully to his own fraternal reception in Calcutta, Bro. LeGeyt stated, that on his return to Bombay for a short time in June last, he had mentioned to the Brethren there the compliment which had been paid to them in his person.

The Prov. G.M. :—"Brethren! I have not invited you here this evening to listen to long speeches from me. They are beyond my line. I have simply desired to acknowledge the kindness of the reception with which you honoured me the other day, and to bid you farewell collectively. At the same time, I think this to be a fitting opportunity for making you acquainted with the arrangements which I have sketched out for the government of the Province during my absence. It was at first my intention to summon a meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge; but it occurred to me afterwards, that I would be giving you unnecessary trouble, as what I had to state on the subject could be just as well announced to you from the place which I am now occupying. To prevent any misunderstanding or misconstruction, which might arise from a verbal communication, I have laid down the general plan of administration in a written document, which shall be placed on record. You have already been made aware that, under my patent, the R.W. Bro. Hoff has been appointed Dep. Prov. G.M. of the Province of Bengal, and that he has been invested with all and every the requisite powers and functions described in that behalf in the Book of Constitutions, and that I have delegated to him my duties as Prov. G.M., to be discharged by him (in my absence) in my name and on my authority. Bro. Hoff's appointment has been registered in the Grand Lodge of England. I believe that you all, as well as myself, have every confidence that Bro. Hoff will exercise the authority with which he has been invested, with sound judgment and discretion (applause), and which his long connection with the Craft, and experience in the various offices he has held eminently qualify him for. (Applause). I think it unnecessary, therefore, to say more than to repeat, that I feel assured that the Lodges throughout the Province, will, during my absence, 'continue to give to Bro. Hoff that cordial support and ready obedience which have heretofore enabled him to conduct so satisfactorily the arduous and responsible duties of his high office.' (Applause.) Permit me, Brethren, to add the words of Bro. Preston, in his 'Illustrations of Freemasonry':—"Such is the nature of our Constitution, that as some must, of necessity, rule, so others must, of course, learn to submit and obey." The due observance of this injunction, must conduce to the preservation of order, which is so essential in a society constituted as is that of Freemasonry. I take the opportunity of tendering my sincere and cordial thanks to all the Prov. Grand Officers, past and present, and to all the Lodges throughout the Province, for the kind support which they have at all times afforded me in the discharge of my duties. It is gratifying to me to know that I leave the Craft in a highly flourishing state. Since I assumed the Hiram of the Province, ten new Lodges have been established,\* and not *one* has fallen in abeyance, while two more are about to come into existence. It further affords me satisfaction to know that I shall leave with you all a Brother of high rank, who, lately the ruler of another Province, is now as one of us. I trust that Bro. LeGeyt will ever give his support to the Craft. If it should be the will of the Most High that I should

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\* Rangoon, Darjeeling, Ferozepore, Jullundur, Arrakan, Thayetmyo, Mussoorie, Rawul Pindee, Subathoo, Delhi.



return to India (which it is fully my intention to do in June, 1858), I trust that what I have now said may be observed—that every individual Mason will continue to display his attachment to the Craft by implicit obedience to the constituted authorities, and that I shall have the gratification of once more greeting you all in this Hall, in the same state of peace and harmony in which I now leave you. Brethren, every pleasure has its pain; and although I am about to return to my native land after a long residence in India, I cannot leave it, and those with whom I have been so long and intimately associated in the bonds of peace and friendship, without many deep regrets. But I will say no more; and in bidding to one and each of you an affectionate farewell, I will drink to the health of the Prov. Grand Officers, past and present, and to the Lodges throughout the Province of Bengal.”

The R.W. Bro. Hoff then rose, and, on behalf of all the Brethren, returned heartfelt thanks to the Prov. G.M. for having drunk to their health, as well as for all the kindly feeling which he had evinced for the Lodges, and all the deep interest which he had taken in everything which had concerned the Craft in Bengal. Bro. Hoff added, that, from his constant correspondence with the Brethren in the Mofussil, he knew that the Prov. G.M. was regarded with affection and esteem throughout the Province.

R.W. Bro. J. Cameron, W.M. of Lodge St. David in the East, said that it had fallen to him to propose a toast which presented to him unusual difficulties. He had never in his life felt so anxious to give utterance to expressions worthy of the subject before him, and yet so perplexed as to how he could best illustrate it, or what point or feature he could bring to notice which was not already well known. The toast which he had the honour to propose was “The Prov. G.M.” It would be needless to speak to the Brethren of the R.W. Brother’s estimable qualities of character, or of the success which had attended his rule in Bengal. But there was one circumstance on which he (Bro. Cameron) must dwell with peculiar satisfaction. It was under Bro. Ramsay’s rule that the “partition wall” between the English and Scotch Masons in Calcutta had been broken down—partially, not quite. Since that time, it was pleasing to reflect, that the English Brethren had supported Lodge “St. David” in a small way, and that the Lodge had been able to hold up its head among them. He hoped that the Prov. G.M. would be able to visit the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and to bring back to India some marks of Scotch Masonry. The Prov. G.M. had much to see in his native country, of which, probably, he was as yet ignorant. He would find that the connection between the Masons in England and Scotland was stronger than was supposed in India. The Earl of Zetland himself was a member of a Scotch Lodge. Why, the Brethren ought to be afraid to let their Prov. G.M. go to Scotland where he might imbibe strange notions. At any rate, he might be sure of a right hearty welcome there; and it was to be hoped that he would meet the members of his family in perfect health.

The Prov. G.M. rose amid much cheering, and thanked the Brethren, not only for the honour they had done him this evening, but for the kindness which they had evinced towards him on every occasion on which they had met him. With regard to what Bro. Cameron had stated about the “partition wall,” he (the Prov. G.M.) was not aware that any portion of it existed. If it did, it was neither his fault, nor Bro. Cameron’s fault. The Prov. Grand Lodge had, by a formal resolution, recognized the Scotch Lodge; and, whenever opportunities might offer, he (the Prov. G.M.) would exert the weight of his authority and example to promote a free intercourse between the Brethren. At present, however, he must confess that he was bent on a little mischief to the Scotch Chapter. He was aware that it possessed a rule which induced many English Brethren to join its columns. On reaching England, he would use his endeavours to have the English Chapters in Calcutta placed on the same footing; but he would exert himself with no feelings of hostility. He offered Bro. Cameron his hearty good wishes, and said that he hoped to be able to visit the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and to become acquainted with the G.M. He should be delighted to rule over both the bodies of Masons in Calcutta, and he would do his utmost to promote harmony between them. He once more thanked the Brethren, and felt himself



highly flattered by their attentions. If he had not expressed himself with the warmth which the fulness of his heart might have dictated, he begged that the Brethren would accept the will for the deed. Unfortunately, before coming to the Freemasons' Hall, he had received letters from home, which were of such a tenor, that they had taken away from him the capacity for enjoying himself at the banquet as fully as he could have desired. Other toasts having been given, the Brethren rose simultaneously, and having proceeded downstairs, drew themselves up in two lines, from the bottom of the staircase to the gate. The Prov. G.M. then passed through them, shaking hands with each one, right and left, and so reached his carriage. As soon as he had entered, and was being driven off, the Brethren cheered him lustily.

#### MADRAS.

*Lodge of Universal Charity.*—This good old Lodge which was originally established in 1795, and in its day of strength numbered no less than sixty members, still continues to work vigorously, notwithstanding that Freemasonry in the present day is slumbering in Southern India. Universal Charity now numbers thirty regular members, and under the able government of W. Bro. Greatorex, during the year just drawn to a close, it has sustained the honour and credit of Freemasonry, by its frequent meetings, its regular workings, its unimpaired efficiency, and undeviating adherence to the ancient landmarks of the Order. At daybreak, according to custom, on the day of their Patron Saint (St. John the Evangelist), the Brethren assembled at the Lodge Rooms. The installation of the Worshipful elect did not, however, take place; as Bro. Kenrick, the S.W., who has been elected to fill the Oriental chair, had not yet returned from his visit to England. Pending his arrival, and subject to his approval, the following Officers have been selected to assist in the government of the Lodge:—Bros. W. Sharlieb, S.W.; Walter Joyes, J.W.; George Lewis, Treas.; Thomas Adamson, Sec.; Charles Scott, D.C.; E. Leggett, S.D.; P. Wight, J.D.; W. Grant, and J. Gray, Stewards; J. P. Berlie, I.G.; and W. Axelby, Tyler.

In the evening, the Brethren, assisted by members of the Craft unconnected with Universal Charity, re-assembled at the Lodge-rooms, and grace having been said by the D.C., sat down to an excellent dinner provided for the occasion; thus reviving one of the time-honoured customs of the Fraternity, *viz.* meeting together at a social entertainment on the Festival of St. John, a custom which, in common with many other desirable ones, has unhappily been allowed to fall into desuetude at Madras. Those unconnected with the Lodge, who assisted at the entertainment, were principally members of the Lodge of Pilgrims of Light, with a few exceptions, these being Bros. Burt and Davices from Australia, Laville from Penang, and McMillan, the Commander of the *Chieftain*, now in the Roads. The evening was spent with great harmony and conviviality by the Brethren. The chair was filled by W. Bro. Greatorex; Bro. Sharlieb, the S.W., sat at the foot of the table in the west; Bro. Joyes, the J.W., occupied his place in the south; and Bros. Lewis and Adamson took their proper places as Treas. and Sec. in the north. W. Bro. Coultrup sat as P.M., to the left of W. Bro. Greatorex; and Bro. Leggett occupied his place as S.D., to the right. After the cloth was removed, a variety of toasts and sentiments were proposed and drunk with enthusiasm; some of the sentiments, from their nature, being received with uproarious plaudits. About 11 o'clock, W. Bro. Greatorex called the attention of the Brethren to the fact of their having then arrived at the threshold of the Sabbath, and to the propriety of their separating for the night. He proposed the last sentiment, and called upon the S.W. to close the evening's proceedings with grace after meat. The utmost cordiality and good feeling prevailed throughout the evening; and grace having been said, the Brethren departed in Universal Charity.

## BRITISH ARCHÆOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual congress of the Archæological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland commenced on Tuesday, July 21st, at Chester, and extended over seven days, during which, in addition to reading papers in various sections, several excursions took place.

The proceedings were opened in the Town Hall—Lord Talbot de Malahide in the chair. Amongst those present, in addition to the local visitors, were the Bishop of Oxford, Sir Chas. Anderson, Mr. Edward Hawkins, Mr. J. H. Barker, Mr. J. H. Markland, &c. When the noble president took the chair, accompanied by the Lord Bishop of Chester and the Mayor and Corporation in their civic robes, the Town Clerk read an address to the association welcoming them on their visit to the city. Lord Talbot, after warmly thanking the corporation for the address, said that since the society had been in existence it had visited many places of great interest, historically interesting, and interesting in many ways; but he ventured to predict that no place at which they had hitherto met would afford the members of the institute greater gratification than a visit to Chester and its neighbourhood. The Bishop of Chester next addressed the meeting, and welcomed the association to Chester. The Rev. Canon Slade, on behalf of the Dean and Chapter of Chester cathedral, invited the members to an inspection of the cathedral and its contents. Lord Talbot, on the part of the Archæological Institute, returned thanks for the kind welcome given to the society. The Bishop of Oxford said that, as an old member of the institute, and on behalf of his brother members, he begged to return thanks to the Bishop of the Diocese, and to the Dean and Chapter, for the kind manner in which they had offered to throw open the cathedral for their inspection, and he was quite sure that every member of the institute would gladly join in acknowledgment of their kindness. The peculiar feature which marked this society, and which perhaps marked their common country, was that, instead of building the present upon the past, and hiding the past, the special character of our country had been that it had conserved the old, and, more than any other country, invented the new. By the singular tact of our people, it had kept the old in a state of preservation, and yet had got ahead of any other nation in raising the new. The great Creator of this world had so ordained the affairs of man that things old were always returning in a perpetual cycle—the past coming back gradually as it was before—and therefore when people did set themselves to study the past, as it lived, and moved, and had its being, to see it in the circumstances of its inward life, these persons did get a sort of prescience of the future from the past. History proved that a profound knowledge of the past was necessary to the welfare and government of the future. Danger was prevented by “the man in whom old experience did attain,” and the power of understanding the danger depended upon investigating the old mischiefs, and the ability to separate from them and retain what was good. A discerning eye would see that, though there may have been errors, the old truths must have had something good to grow upon; and therefore, if we could get hold of the old truths, and cut off the old errors which were in them, then we should be preserving for the future what would be a blessing to our race. Sir C. Anderson and Dr. Markland having addressed the meeting, and a vote of thanks to the society for its visit having been carried, Lord Talbot again addressed the meeting, and in alluding to the practical character of the institute, said there was a subject which was one of considerable anxiety to the members. He alluded to the question of treasure trove. According to the present law any article of worth which was found in the earth became the property of the crown, and the consequence was that in a great many instances the most valuable articles were destroyed. They found their way into the crucible instead of into the British Museum. This was a great evil. In Denmark they had altered the law in this respect, giving to the finder of an article its value if he demanded it, and

he was sure that such a change might be made in this country without violating the rights of property. His lordship announced his intention of bringing the question before the House of Peers if no other member of the house did.

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#### THE LONDON AND MIDDLESEX ARCHÆOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

ON Tuesday, July 15, this society, which—although it has not been long in existence, displays a considerable amount of well-directed activity—assembled, by permission of the authorities, at the Tower of London. The number present, including ladies and visitors, amounted to several hundreds, who were divided into sections and conducted by the warders over the Tower, including many portions not shown to ordinary visitors. The White Tower, with the chapel (said to be the most perfect specimen of Norman architecture in the country), and the Council Chamber, were duly examined and explained. The former—namely, the chapel—has for many years past been used as a mere depository of records and state papers, and the walls and pillars were so blocked up with presses as to be quite obscured from all examination. We are glad, however, to be enabled to state that these unseemly obstructions have been for the most part removed, and the building rendered accessible to the inspection of the antiquary. So interesting a structure should be restored, and in future treated with the respect due to a consecrated building. The Council Chamber adjoins, and formerly had communication with the chapel. This chamber may be termed the most historical room in Britain, for in it have been held the most solemn councils and some of the most atrocious acts determined on which the history of the country records. To this chamber very few have gained access. It has been used as a depôt of arms for many years, and at this moment it is filled with chests, piled one upon the other, containing cavalry swords. Its dimensions are very large, and the roof, which is of rough oak timber, supported by roughly-hewn pillars of the same wood, is very lofty. Whether this massive timber-work is original, is doubtful, albeit its antiquity cannot be disputed. A heavy arcade, behind which is a passage, runs along one side of the room. Tapestry was probably suspended over the face of the arches, and the passage used by guards and attendants. The armouries, the Beauchamp and Wakefield towers, the walls, batteries, and regalia, were severally visited by the society, and the proceedings closed by a visit to the church, where the Rev. Mr. Boutell delivered an interesting address upon the historical events connected with that building. The company were generally much pleased with their day's amusement, and appeared to feel that they were much indebted for it to the zeal and energy of the London and Middlesex Archæological Association, through whom the authorities had most kindly thrown open this venerable fortress for their inspection.

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#### SUMMARY OF NEWS FOR JULY.

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##### THE COURT.

In connection with the court, the first thing we have this month to notice is an order in council, altering the style and title of Prince Albert, who is henceforward, in all legal instruments, to be designated the Prince Consort.

On the 25th of June, the Archduke Maximilian took his leave, on his return home; and on the 29th, the Queen, the Prince Consort, Prince Frederick William of Prussia, with the elder members of the royal family, started for Worsley Hall, on a visit to the Earl and Countess of Ellesmere, in order to visit the Manchester Exhibition, and remained until the 2nd of July.



On the 3rd, the King of the Belgians, accompanied by two of his children, arrived on a visit at Buckingham Palace. The same evening her Majesty gave a grand concert to her royal visitors, and a large number of the aristocracy. The next day there was a court to receive the Queen of Oude, and in the evening the whole of the royal family visited the private theatricals at the Gallery of Illustration.

On the 6th, the Prince of Wales started for a Continental tour, which is to continue until September. On the same day there was an investiture of the Order of the Garter, and another of the Order of the Thistle. The Marquis of Westminster and Earl Granville had the former honour conferred upon them, Lord Kinnaird the latter.

On the 8th, her Majesty held a grand review of the troops at Aldershot, and on the 9th, gave a magnificent ball to above 1,500 members of the aristocracy.

On the 11th, her Majesty laid the foundation-stone of the schools of the Royal Patriotic Fund at Wandsworth.

On the 13th, the Prince Consort opened the new schools belonging to the Society of Ancient Britons at Ashford; and on the same evening her Majesty was the guest of Earl Spencer and Countess Spencer, at a magnificent ball given by them at the family mansion, St. James's-place.

On the 14th, Prince Frederick William of Prussia left for the Continent, and the Queen of the Netherlands arrived in London on a visit to this country.

On the 15th, the Queen held a special court for the reception of his Majesty the King of the Belgians, accompanied by the Princess Charlotte; and the Count of Flanders left for Manchester to visit the Exhibition of Art-Treasures.

On the 17th, there was a grand field-day at Aldershot, in the presence of her Majesty. In the afternoon, the royal party visited the Bishop of Winchester at Farnham Castle.

On the 18th, the Court left the Pavilion, Aldershot, for Osborne, where the royal family is still residing.

On the 25th, the Prince Consort proceeded to Brussels to be present at the marriage of the Princess Charlotte, and returned on the 29th.

#### PARLIAMENT.

On the 25th, in the House of Lords, Lord Redesdale introduced a Bill to remove the objections which he entertained to the Divorce Bill.—In the House of Commons, on the same evening, the third reading of the Divorce Bill was carried by a majority of 291 to 168.

In the House of Lords, on the 26th, Lord Dungannon complained of partiality in some of the Kilkenny magistrates, in cases, in which the religious feelings of the people clashed. The Earl of Albemarle brought under the consideration of the House the subject of the Administration of Justice in India, and the Bill for the abolition of Ministers' Money in Ireland, was read a third time.—In the Commons, also, the subject of the Administration of Justice in India was brought forward, and the Bill altering the Law of Testamentary Jurisdiction was read a second time.

On the 29th, the Earl of Ellenborough called attention to the mutiny of the Sepoy troops, but was told that there was no real ground for alarm.—In the House of Commons, the Savings' Bank and Civil Service Superannuation questions were discussed without any practical result.

On the 30th, the Slave Trade was once more discussed in the House of Lords, and was, as of old, ably denounced by Lord Brougham, who ridiculed the idea of importing *free* negroes into the West India Islands.—On the same evening, in the Commons, Mr. Berkeley's annual motion in favour of the Ballot was defeated by a majority of 257 to 189.

On the 1st of July, the House of Commons was occupied during its entire sitting in discussing Medical Reform, Mr. Headlam's Bill, having that object, was read a second time by a majority of 225 to 78.

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On the 3rd, the time of the House of Lords was taken up in discussing the manner in which Irish Peers should be admitted to the right of voting for the election of the twenty-eight members of their body who represent Ireland in the Upper Chamber of the Imperial Parliament.—In the House of Commons, on the same evening, Sir J. Graham called attention to the compromise between the Crown and the Corporation of London, relative to the conservancy of the river Thames.

On the 6th, the House of Lords discussed the manner in which the Crown exercised its rights to the land on the sea-coast lying between high and low water mark.—On the same evening, in the House of Commons, the Probate and Letters of Administration Bill was proceeded with in Committee, when Government sustained a double defeat in the endeavour to limit the local courts of probate in the amount of property they might allow to pass their seal.

On the 7th, an attempt was made in the House of Lords to upset the Coal Whippers' Act of 1843.—In the House of Commons, on the same evening, Mr. Roebuck's motion for the abolition of the office of Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, was negatived by a large majority.

On the 8th, in the House of Commons, the Thames Conservancy Bill was read a third time and passed.

On the 9th, in the House of Commons, the Reformatory Schools' Building was passed through Committee, and the Court of Sessions (Scotland) Bill was read a second time.

On the 10th, in the House of Lords, the second reading of the Parliamentary Oaths Bill was defeated by a majority of 173 to 139.—In the House of Commons, on the same evening, Mr. Turner called the attention of the Government to the actual renewal of the Slave Trade by France, under the guise of free immigration of negroes to the Isle of Bourbon.

On the 13th, in the House of Lords, Lord Ellenborough complained that the country was by Government kept in ignorance of the real state of affairs in India.—In the House of Commons, on the same evening, Sir John Packington brought forward the same complaint. In both Houses Her Majesty's Ministers promised to use the promptest exertions to keep down the revolt.

On the 14th, Earl Granville laid on the table of the House the correspondence between Her Majesty's Government and the Board of Directors upon the question of the Sepoy mutiny. The complaints of the officers and soldiers of the Italian Legion were taken into consideration; eight Bills, having for their object the consolidation of the Commercial Law, were read a second time; and Lord Campbell's Bill for the suppression of the sale of obscene books, was read a third time, and passed.—In the House of Commons, on the same evening, Mr. Disraeli again called attention to the state of the Indian army, and a long discussion took place on the *regium donum*, which was continued on a vote of the House by a majority of 117 to 46. The Slave Trade, Civil Service Competition, and Privateering were also discussed.

In the House of Commons, on the 15th, the Judgments Execution Bill met with such opposition that it was withdrawn; the Married Women's Bill was read a second time, and Mr. Headlam withdrew his Bill for Medical Reform.

On the 16th, in the House of Lords, Lord Ellenborough insisted on Government helping the East India Government by a loan of £5,000,000 to meet the exigencies of the present crisis.—In the House of Commons, the policy of the Persian war was discussed in a long and animated debate.

On the 17th, the African Slave Trade was again discussed, and the Joint Stock Companies Bill was read a third time, and passed.—In the House of Commons, the Lunatics (Scotland) Bill was passed through committee. The House sat until half past four the next morning in an attempt to prevent the introduction of the new Oaths Bill by Lord John Russell.

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On the 6th, the Prince of Wales started for a Continental tour, which is to continue until September. On the same day there was an investiture of the Order of the Garter, and another of the Order of the Thistle. The Marquis of Westminster and Earl Granville had the former honour conferred upon them, Lord Kinnaird the latter.

On the 8th, her Majesty held a grand review of the troops at Aldershot, and on the 9th, gave a magnificent ball to above 1,500 members of the aristocracy.

On the 11th, her Majesty laid the foundation-stone of the schools of the Royal Patriotic Fund at Wandsworth.

On the 13th, the Prince Consort opened the new schools belonging to the Society of Ancient Britons at Ashford; and on the same evening her Majesty was the guest of Earl Spencer and Countess Spencer, at a magnificent ball given by them at the family mansion, St. James's-place.

On the 14th, Prince Frederick William of Prussia left for the Continent, and the Queen of the Netherlands arrived in London on a visit to this country.

On the 15th, the Queen held a special court for the reception of his Majesty the King of the Belgians, accompanied by the Princess Charlotte; and the Count of Flanders left for Manchester to visit the Exhibition of Art-Treasures.

On the 17th, there was a grand field-day at Aldershot, in the presence of her Majesty. In the afternoon, the royal party visited the Bishop of Winchester at Farnham Castle.

On the 18th, the Court left the Pavilion, Aldershot, for Osborne, where the royal family is still residing.

On the 25th, the Prince Consort proceeded to Brussels to be present at the marriage of the Princess Charlotte, and returned on the 29th.

#### PARLIAMENT.

On the 25th, in the House of Lords, Lord Redesdale introduced a Bill to remove the objections which he entertained to the Divorce Bill.—In the House of Commons, on the same evening, the third reading of the Divorce Bill was carried by a majority of 291 to 168.

In the House of Lords, on the 26th, Lord Dungannon complained of partiality in some of the Kilkenny magistrates, in cases, in which the religious feelings of the people clashed. The Earl of Albemarle brought under the consideration of the House the subject of the Administration of Justice in India, and the Bill for the abolition of Ministers' Money in Ireland, was read a third time.—In the Commons, also, the subject of the Administration of Justice in India was brought forward, and the Bill altering the Law of Testamentary Jurisdiction was read a second time.

On the 29th, the Earl of Ellenborough called attention to the mutiny of the Sepoy troops, but was told that there was no real ground for alarm.—In the House of Commons, the Savings' Bank and Civil Service Superannuation questions were discussed without any practical result.

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On the 15th, the London and Westminster Bank declared a dividend and bonus at the rate of 18 per cent. per annum. On the same day, the Union Bank declared for the half-year a dividend at the rate of 5 per cent., with a bonus of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. for the half-year, which, with the dividend and bonus paid in January last, make the dividend for the year 20 per cent.

On the 16th, the London Joint-Stock Bank declared a dividend at the rate of  $12\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. per annum, with a bonus of 10s. per share.

On the 17th, the Australian Agricultural Company divided 10s. per share.

On the 20th, the Union Bank of Australia met, and divided at the rate of  $9\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. per annum.

On the 21st, the Commercial Bank declared a dividend of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. for the past year.

#### PROVIDENT.

On the 10th ult. the annual general meeting of the proprietors of the United Kingdom Life Assurance Company was held, at the office of the company, No. 8, Waterloo-place, Pall-Mall, when a Report was read of the state of its affairs as at 31st Dec. 1856, showing a large increase of the last year's business, viz.:—490 policies issued, insuring £326,525, producing new premiums amounting to £11,819. 8s. 4d. The assets of the company, during the same period, were likewise greatly augmented, they now standing at £593,930. 8s. 9d., all of which is invested in Government and other approved securities. The annual income is upwards of £136,000.

On the 22nd, the Alfred Assurance Company met, and received the following statement:—The premiums upon new assurances, completed since the last Report, amounted to £2,195. 18s. 6d., being greater than those of the previous year by upwards of £300. The claims on decease of 17 lives amounted to £15,322. 1s. 1d., exclusive of the sum of £1,886. 4s. 1d. added to the sums assured by way of bonus. The amount carried to the surplus fund was £2,940, which, after deducting all outstanding claims and the bonuses to the shareholders and to the assured, allotted at the quinquennial valuation made last year, exhibited a balance of £62,774. 19s. 3d. The amount charged upon the annuity fund was gradually diminishing, and of 56 annuities granted 23 only were now payable. The original annual charge of £4,081. 12s. 9d. was thus reduced to £1,495. 11s.

#### BENEVOLENT.

On the 26th of June, the annual festival of the British Beneficent Institution was celebrated by a dinner at the London Tavern, the ladies and gentlemen sitting down together as at a private party. The chair was occupied by Mr. Sheriff Mechi. The chairman, in proposing the toast of the evening, stated that the society was established in 1848, to provide permanent incomes of £30 per annum for ladies who have moved in a superior station of society, being widows or unmarried orphan daughters of clergymen, military and naval officers, members of the learned professions, professors of the fine arts, bankers, merchants, &c. The amount paid away in pensions last year was £1,055, whilst the annual subscriptions only amounted to £580. The list of subscriptions amounted to close upon £700.

On the 27th, the friends and supporters of the Royal Caledonian Asylum dined together at the Freemasons' Tavern; but the muster was very far from being what was expected, or the merits of the charity demand. The chair was occupied by General Sir Colin Campbell, G.C.B. It appears that 62 boys and 50 girls—total, 112 children—now receive a plain, useful education in this asylum. The receipts from all sources during the past year amounted to £2,678. 14s. 11., and the expenditure to £3,243. 9s. 2d. Notwithstanding the heavy calls upon them, partly occasioned by the late Crimean war, the treasurers were enabled, owing to a balance in hand at the commencement of the year, to meet the current

expenses without further intrenching upon invested funds. The total subscriptions amounted to rather more than £1,000.

On the 28th, the annual meeting of the United Law Clerks' Society was held at the Freemasons' Tavern. About 300 sat down under the presidency of the Right Hon. Sir A. J. E. Cockburn, the Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas. After the customary loyal toasts had been drunk, the secretary read a Report, from which it appeared the number of members claiming the relief of the temporary benefit fund increases with the age of the society. Last year there were eighteen, this year there have been twenty-nine, and the amount paid to these twenty-nine members has been £247. 14s. The total amount received by members on account of illness has reached the sum of £3,738. 5s. 10d. The payment of the allowances to superannuated members must ultimately be borne by the interest of the society's capital. These investments, on the 20th day of May, 1856, amounted to £19,728. 8s. 5d.; on the 20th day of May, 1857, were £21,032. 16s. 11d. The Secretary read the list of subscriptions, which amounted to some £400.

On the 8th ult. the members of the French Charitable Association dined together. The subscription list for the evening amounted to about £1,400.

On the 22nd, the fifth annual meeting of the friends and supporters of the Cancer Hospital was held at the offices, Piccadilly; Mr. Oliver Farrer in the chair. The total receipts for the year, including a balance of £183. 6s. 7d. from the previous audit, and about £1,310 in donations, amounted in all to £3,196. 19s. 1d. The expenditure for the same period was £3,064. 13s. 8d., leaving in hands a balance of £132. 5s. 5d. The funded property of the institution at present amounts to £3,200 in the 3 per cent. Consols.

#### ACCIDENTS AND OFFENCES.

Under this heading we have this month to chronicle a larger number than usual of occurrences of the most lamentable character.

On the 25th of June, William Lemon, a servant of the South-Western Company, was crushed to death between the carriages at the Paddington Station. On the same day, a gentleman, in endeavouring to get on board one of the penny steamers at London-bridge Pier, missed his footing, and was carried away by the tide. On the same day, Alfred Rose's oil and varnish warehouses, Upper Thames-street, were consumed by fire. On the same day, in a *fracas* among some weavers at Reading, a man named Appleton killed a fellow-workman by striking him two violent blows upon the head.

On the 26th, a man named Davis fell from a waggon at Thames Ditton, when one of the wheels passed over his head. On the same day, a man named Berry attempted by stabbing to murder in Drury-lane a woman named Macarthy, with whom he cohabited. On the same day, a gentleman committed suicide by leaping from Southwark-bridge.

On the 27th, an excursion-train was run into by a luggage train between Liverpool and Wigan, when seventy persons were more or less injured.

On the 28th, a fearful collision of trains, resulting in the immediate death of eleven persons, took place at the Lewisham Station, on the North-Kent line. On the same day, a boy was drowned while bathing at Fulham.

On the 29th, a sailor fell overboard in the London Docks, and was, before aid could be afforded him, drowned. On the same day, the body of a gentleman was found drowned off Hungerford Pier.

On the 2nd of July, an American sailor at Cardiff, in a drunken quarrel, threw another man overboard, who was in consequence drowned. The same day, a young gentleman committed suicide by leaping into the Serpentine from off the Kensington-gardens bridge.

On the 3rd, a dreadful accident took place at Shrewsbury, on the occasion of the Shropshire Horticultural Society Show, when a large number of persons, on returning by a bridge of boats from the Island of Poplars, where Jullien had a musical *fête*, were, by the breaking down of the bridge, immersed in the Severn. Close upon twenty were drowned. On the same evening, as the captain of a

barge, on the Regent's Canal, was lowering the mast, it unfortunately fell upon the head of his wife, and killed her.

On the 9th, two young gentlemen were drowned while fishing in the river Erne at Ballyshannon, in Ireland.

On the 11th, a lunatic named Peon, confined in St. Martin's Workhouse, murdered one of the keepers by striking him upon the head with a poker.

On the 14th, the *Defence* convict ship, lying off Woolwich, was consumed by fire.

On the 15th, there was a boiler explosion at Chester, by which two persons, a father and his son, both engineers, were killed.

On the 16th, the proprietor of a public-house, New-street, Fetter-lane, drowned himself in a water-tank. The same day, a young woman threw herself into the Regent's Canal. The wife of a photographic artist in Holborn, in a fit of jealousy, swallowed cyanide of potassium. An architect's clerk residing in Lambeth, finding himself in pecuniary difficulties, cut his throat; and another man, at Hoxton, from the same cause, hanged himself; and to complete the list of horrors, a gentleman blew his brains out with a pistol on the banks of the Regent's Canal.

On the 17th, there was a serious collision upon the Cheltenham branch of the Great Western Railway. Both engines were destroyed, but the passengers escaped with a few slight bruises. On the same day at Gloucester, a hair-dresser, named Morley, drowned himself and his two children in the Gloucester and Berkeley Canal. At Ashford, the tidal express train ran into an ordinary train conveying prisoners to Maidstone for trial.

On the 18th, a destructive fire took place in Suffolk-street, Borough, by which the building premises of Messrs. Wilson and Co. were consumed.

On the 21st, a boat, in which several guardsmen were taking a row for pleasure, was upset in Dublin Bay, when three of the number were unfortunately drowned.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

On the 25th of June, on information given by his wife, a man named Spollen was arrested in Dublin for the murder of Mr. Little.

On the 26th, there was an important meeting of the Shipping Interest held at the London Tavern, for the promotion of the mercantile marine.

On the 27th, the Windsor R.C. Association met and distributed its prizes among deserving cottagers. On the same day, the Hon. and Right Rev. Dr. Pelham was installed Bishop of Norwich.

On the 29th, Mr. Ross Mangles, M.P. as chairman of the East India Company, distributed the prizes to the pupils at Haileybury College.

On the 4th of July, the Law Amendment Society had their annual dinner at Greenwich, Lord Brougham presided.

On the 8th, the Bishop of London presided at a public meeting for increasing church accommodation in Bethnal Green. On the same day, there was a meeting in furtherance of the Reformatory, Belvedere-road, held at that institution.

On the 9th, there was a public meeting in Marylebone Court House, to promote the erection of a monument to the late Mr. Hume.

On the 20th, Mr. Cardwell and Mr. Thackeray contested the representation of the city of Oxford. The election fell upon Mr. Cardwell. On the same day, the Agricultural Association held its annual meeting at Salisbury.

On the 24th, Lord Alfred Churchill was returned for Woodstock, in the room of the Marquis of Blandford, now Duke of Marlborough.

#### PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

On the 24th of June, Dr. Millman's tragedy of "Fazio" was produced in an Italian dress at the Lyceum, to give Ristori an opportunity of playing the part of *Bianca*. The great theatrical event of the past month, however, has been the revival of the "Tempest," with great magnificence, at the Princess's.

On the 24th ult., Mr. Wigan took farewell of the stage by a benefit at the Olympic Theatre.



## Obituary.

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### MAJOR-GENERAL BRO. THE HON. GEORGE ANSON.

Major-General Bro. the Hon. George Anson, Commander-in-Chief at Bengal, was the second son of Thomas, first Viscount Anson, and brother of Thomas William, the second Viscount Anson, and first Earl of Lichfield. He was born the 3rd October, 1797; he entered the army at an early age, and was present at the battle of Waterloo. He became a Colonel in 1838, and a Major-General in 1851. He was appointed to his high command in India in 1853. General Anson married, the 30th November, 1830, Isabella Elizabeth Annabella, second daughter of Cecil Weld, first Baron Forester, by whom he has had issue three daughters. The General was accompanied by his wife to India, where, at Kurnaul, this gallant and lamented commander died of cholera on the 27th June. General Anson was Clerk of the Ordnance from 1846 to 1852; and he sat in the House of Commons for three different boroughs successively, and lastly for South Staffordshire, from 1818 to 1853. Bro. Anson was initiated into Freemasonry in the Lodge of Friendship nearly a quarter of a century since, and was appointed Prov. G.M. of South Staffordshire in 1837, which distinguished office he held until he went to India, being succeeded by the present Prov. G.M. (Col. Vernon) in August, 1853.

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### BRO. JAMES PENTLAND.

Died, at his residence in Blenheim-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, July 15, 1857, Bro. James Pentland, aged 47 years, esteemed by all who knew him as a kind and amiable man, ever ready to do his utmost in furthering the happiness and comfort of his fellow-creatures; and his awfully sudden death has cast a gloom over those with whom he was in more immediate association. His remains were accompanied, on the 17th July, to Jesmond Cemetery, by a considerable number of influential members of the local Masonic Lodges, the pall being borne by Bros. Richard Medcalf, D. Prov. G.M.; William Punshon, P. Prov. G.J.W.; William Dalziel, P. Prov. G.S.W.; William Berkley, P. Prov. G.S.W.; Henry Bell, Prov. G.J.W.; and Richard Davies. In the *cortège* we observed Bros. J. R. Hodge, P.M. No. 24; W. Johnston, P.M. No. 24; G. Weatherhead, P.M. No. 24; J. C. Gibson, P.M. No. 706; J. M. Winn, P.M. No. 957; Kimpster, Spence, &c. &c.

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### BRO. JOHN LECHE ROWLAND.

On the 12th of July last, at Shrewsbury, aged 43, died the above worthy and talented Freemason, by which melancholy event the Province of North Wales and Shropshire has been deprived of its brightest and most useful ornament. Bro. John Leche Rowland was initiated into Freemasonry in the Salopian Lodge of Charity, No. 135, and has always devoted himself to the good of the Craft and the Lodges of which he was a member, with an earnestness and assiduity rarely met with in the annals of the Order. Born of good family, he was educated at Wadham College, Oxford; naturally possessed of a fine intellect, the powers of which he principally devoted to Masonry, combined with a kind heart and gentlemanly bearing, he was endeared to a large circle of Brethren, by whom he was highly esteemed and truly loved; and by his death a void is created in their hearts, never to be again filled. He proved by his actions in ordinary life that he was in heart a true and upright Freemason. Our departed Brother was P.M.

of the Salopian Lodge of Charity, No. 135; Secretary from 1852, to the time of his decease, of the Salopian Lodge, No. 328. In 1852, he was invested by the R.W. Prov. G.M., Sir Watkin Wynn, Bart., W. Prov. G. Dir. of Cer.; in 1853, V.W. Prov. G.J.W.; and in 1854, V.W. Prov. G.S.W.

“Requiescat in Pace.”

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BRO. JOHN FAWCETT, JUN.

The lamented and sudden death of the above named Brother, in the 33rd year of his age, which took place in Manchester on the 1st of July, has elicited feelings of deep and affectionate regret for the loss of one whose whole conduct as a man and a Mason, had won for him the highest esteem from not only the Brethren of East Lancashire, but of all who had the pleasure and honour of his acquaintance. Bro. Fawcett, who was a Musical Bachelor, Oxon. filled for several years previously, and up to the time of his death, the office of Prov. Grand Organist for the Eastern Division of Lancashire; was a P.M. of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 44, Bolton; and also a member of the Lodge of Integrity, No. 189, Manchester. His musical knowledge and attainments were solid and clear, and his compositions prove that he was fully capable of ascending the higher regions of his profession, all his works exhibiting purity of taste, deep conception, and originality of expression, clearly marking him out as one qualified to attain an exalted position as a professor of the melody of sound. In 1852, he composed a sacred cantata for five voices, entitled “Supplication and Thanksgiving,” as an exercise for the degree of Bachelor of Music, in accordance with the requirements of the Statutes of the University. This cantata, which was published by subscription immediately afterwards, and dedicated to W. S. Bennett, Esq., Musical Doctor and Professor of Music in the University at Cambridge, consists of nine solo and choral movements, with the full score for the organ or pianoforte; and on the 3rd November, 1852, was first performed in the University School, Oxford, before Sir Henry Bishop, the Vice-Chancellor, and a crowded audience, Bro. Fawcett himself conducting. The University press characterized this cantata as a highly finished composition, in the style of Mendelssohn, and on the following day Bro. Fawcett was honoured by the degree of Bachelor of Music being conferred upon him. From an early period of life, and almost up to its close, he sacrificed much labour and ability to train and develop the musical genius, and cultivate and refine the musical taste of Bolton, his native town. The labours he bestowed, and his diligence, earnest attention, and devotion to his duties as Prov. Grand Organist, in composing and selecting suitable pieces for the annual Masonic Festivals, and also in training and preparing the choirs at the various churches in which the Masons of this province, as a body, have annually attended for divine worship, have elicited the highest praise, whilst the elegance of his compositions, and the beautiful arrangement of his music, so admirably adapted for those interesting and important occasions, have always afforded the highest gratification. He is now, however, passed from among us, but his memory will still live in the affections of those who have been witnesses of his kindness of heart, urbanity of conduct, personal gracefulness, and harmonious accomplishments. The remains of our deceased Brother were interred at St. Saviour’s Church, Ringley, near Manchester, on Saturday, the 4th of July, and his funeral sermon was preached by the vicar of Bolton, on Sunday, the 12th July, in the Bolton Parish Church, at which the deceased had been Organist for the last fifteen years.

## 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.

"THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE."—Brethren having JANUARY numbers on hand, which they do not require, may receive the current number, or the full price for them, at the office, Red Lion Court, Fleet-street.

Correspondents are requested to address their communications direct to the Office, and not to the private house of any Brother.

"ALPHA."—A serving Brother (who has passed through the three Degrees), is entitled to his certificate.

"J. C." (No. 873).—We recommend to your notice Dr. Oliver's "Book of the Lodge," and Preston's "Illustrations of Masonry."

"S. W."—The holding the emergency meeting immediately after the regular Lodge was not correct. The name of the candidate could have been inserted in the summons calling the ordinary Lodge, by fiat of the W.M., if in sufficient time. If emergency meetings were to be allowed upon the same day as a regular Lodge, the provision of the Book of Constitution, which prevents the initiation of more than five candidates at each meeting, would be constantly evaded.

"THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE."—The history of this rite will be resumed next month. It has been temporarily suspended, owing to the severe illness of the writer.

"J. C." (No. 25) is thanked ; but his communication was too late, not coming to hand until the 29th.

"J. P."—We anticipate being in Ireland before the close of August, when we will endeavour to see our correspondent.

"D. C."—Certainly not.

"A NON-MASON."—We have seen the article alluded to. It is pure trash, thoroughly destitute of truth. The editor of the newspaper publishing it has been made the victim of a ridiculous hoax.

"AN OLD P.M."—We do not wish to enter into private disputes ; as an old member of the Craft, you ought to know your duties on the subject.

"A COUNTRY BROTHER."—It is Bro. Donald King who is in the habit of giving musical lectures on the songs of Dibun.

"OB."—Send us your private address. We cannot answer your question through the *Magazine*.

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