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THE INAUGURATION OF FREEMASONS' HALL LONDON.

THE approaching inaugural ceremonial at the Freemasons' Hall is one which is contemplated with great interest by many brethren, and we believe that every arrangement for the celebration of so auspicious a solemnity will be found worthy of our great fraternity. It may not, however, be amiss to remind our readers that the original *Masonic Hall*, which was dedicated in 1776, was not included in the work of demolition and reconstruction in which the authorities of Grand Lodge have been recently engaged; but it has been so splendidly re-gilded and re-decorated that few would recognise the old hall in its new and gorgeous garb. It is now a fitting temple of the Craft, and will be kept religiously sacred to the rites of Freemasonry.

The emblems portrayed on the centre of the roof of Freemasons' Hall illustrate the zodiacal signs as shown in the planisphere of Dendera, and according to learned writers these hieroglyphics not only bore an astronomical interpreta-

tion, but were figurative of important religious truths.

The revolution of the heavens taught the immutable truth that the life of man is alternated by scenes of sunshine and gloom; and in the dawn of the world's history all learning was expressed in equally simple yet majestic symbols. Every sign of the zodiac had its appropriate name in the Coptic tongue, derived in many instances from a Hebrew root, the signification of which names we find was interwoven with the science and philosophy of Egypt, as well as with the typical ceremonies of the Jewish nation. In fact, the more we investigate this subject the more apparent it will be that in the days of old, as well as now, the “heavens declared the glory of God” to all earnest enquirers after truth and knowledge, and we shall then perceive that the display of these heavenly emblems in the chosen temple of Freemasonry is beautifully appropriate.

Around the walls of Freemasons' Hall are also placed the portraits of seven Grand Masters,—namely, Lord Petre, who laid the foundation-stone, the Duke of Atholl, Henry Edward Duke of Cumberland, George Prince of Wales, the Dukes of Kent and Sussex, and the Earl of Zetland. The armorial bearings of these Royal and illustrious chiefs have likewise been recently painted above their portraits, by order of the Building Committee. The magnificent chairs used formerly on great occasions, having been elaborately re-gilded, will also contribute to the splendour of the spectacle at the forthcoming ceremony, and we may safely rest assured that the 14th of April, when the “Inauguration” of Freemasons' Hall will take place, will long be remembered as a red-letter day in the chronicles of the Masonic Order.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. SCHMITT, OF JERSEY.

A complimentary dinner was recently given at the “Pomme d'Or” hotel, St. Heliers, Jersey, in honour of our esteemed brother, Albert Schmitt, P.M. and P.Z., at which Bros. De Carteret, P.G.M.; Major J. Gallienne, P.D.P.G.M., Guernsey; Colonel Miller, Dr. Le Cronier, P.D.P.G.M., Jersey; E. D. Le Cousteur, Major Young, J. T. du Jardin, Capt. Woodall, Dr. Smith, H. L. Manuel, P. W. Benham, W. Adams, and about sixty other eminent Masons were present.

A perfect ovation was accorded to Brother Schmitt, who was presented by Dr. Le Cronier (the chairman) with a jewel, voted to our excellent brother by the Provincial Grand Lodge, in which Bro. Schmitt for several years fulfilled the onerous duties of Grand Secretary.

A special ode, written in French and eulogistic of the worthy guest, was recited during the evening.

NEW METROPOLITAN LODGE.

The M.W. Grand Master has granted a warrant to Brothers C. A. Cottebrune as W.M., C. Mognie as S.W., G. Gee as J.W., and other brethren, to hold a lodge at the Victoria Railway Station, Pimlico. The name of the new lodge, we understand, is the “Grosvenor,” No. 1257.

MASONIC PREFERMENTS.

The M.W. Grand Master has appointed Brother Edward C. Malet de Carteret, Lieut.-Colonel of the 1st or North-West Regiment of Jersey Militia, Seigneur of St. Ouen's Manor, and P.M. of the St. Aubin's Lodge, No. 958, as Provincial Grand Master for the Channel Islands. His lordship, in making this appointment, has acceded to the general desire of the Craft in Jersey, with whom Colonel de Carteret is deservedly popular.

We are informed that Lord Kenlis has conferred the Grand Cross of the Order of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine upon Major-General Munbee, of Weston-super-Mare, and has also appointed Captain Francis George Irwin, Inspector General for Bristol.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. GEORGE RAYMOND, COMP. R.A.

Lodge No. 379, Tralee, Ireland.

The brethren of this lodge have experienced a severe loss in the death of their J.W., Bro. George Raymond, Comp. R.A., which melancholy event took place, as stated in our last, on the 11th inst. at Dublin, whither he had gone for medical advice.

His remains were brought to Killarney for interment, and on Sunday a special train left Tralee for the former place conveying a large number of the members of the lodge, and other friends of the deceased, anxious to pay a last tribute to departed worth. On arrival at Killarney they were met by many others, and immediately formed into procession on the platform of the railway station, the coffin being borne by the brethren, the officers of the lodge supporting the pall, and all wearing hat bands, with rosettes marking the colours of their degrees.

When at the churchyard, the brethren arrayed themselves in their insignia, wearing crape rosettes on their aprons—the apron, sash, and collar of the deceased having been placed on the coffin—the melancholy cortege moved on, preceded by the Rev. Thos. Moriarty, Rector of Wales who (in the unavoidable absence of the chaplain to the lodge, Rev. Raymond Orpen, officiated. On reaching the grave the brethren formed round, and as the words of the burial service, “Ashes to ashes, dust to dust,” fell with deep meaning on their ears, cast their rosettes into the dark abyss which yawned beneath.

The ceremony over, all returned to their homes regretting the sad occasion which had called them together, yet glad of the opportunity of bearing this public testimony to the many endearing qualities of one who will always be remembered for his sterling integrity and steady attachment to the Order of which he was an esteemed member.

Knowledge is a world of unlimited meaning. It is a circle of boundless diameter and includes all creation. The wisdom of God is the centre that diverges like a glowing sun in every direction. Systems are lesser circles within the greater; and so of the theories of a man for man's use and benefit, when true and complete according to the laws of nature.—*Ellis*.

Reports of Masonic Meetings.

[The Editor will be happy to receive Reports of Lodge Meetings at the earliest possible moment, to insure their insertion.]

THE CRAFT.

METROPOLITAN.

Lodge of Israel, No. 205.—Under the very able and efficient Master, the W. Bro. Chamberlain, this remarkably prosperous lodge met on Tuesday last, at Radley's (Bro. Hart's), when the W.M. initiated three gentlemen; passed to the second degree Brothers Waylett, Ayden, Kitching, and Asher Isaacs; and in a most efficient manner conferred the honour of the third degree upon Bro. Boileau. The brethren of this lodge have to be very thankful in having such an efficient Master to preside over them, and his officers will, we trust, follow his bright example. After various lucid statements regarding the affairs of the lodge by the W. Bro. the Secretary, the brethren separated in perfect harmony.

PROVINCIAL.

MARGATE.—The Union Lodge, No. 127.—This ancient lodge again met on Friday, the 19th instant, the W.M., Athelston Harvey Boys, in the chair. Among the brethren present were John Harvey Boys, P.M., and P. Dep. Prov. G. Master of the Province of Kent, and Thos. H. Grove Snowden, P.M. and P. Prov. J. G. Warden, Kent. The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last regular lodge read and confirmed, Bros. E.A.'s Saunders and Bird were examined and entrusted, and, having retired, the lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Wm. P. Saunders was passed to the degree of F.C. by Bro. P. M. Charles D. Dixon; and Bro. Wm. Bird, was passed to the same degree by Bro. the W.M. The charge in this degree was delivered by immediate P. M. Townsend, and was followed by an able discourse upon the tracing-board by Bro. P. M. Hayward, the Treasurer and Preceptor of the lodge.—The W.M. closed down to the first degree, and then, after an eloquent address, presented a P.M.'s jewel to the immediate P.M., Bro. Townsend. In the course of his address W. M. Boys, observed that the jewel had been unanimously voted by the brethren of the lodge in consideration of the services of the immediate P.M. in the chair during the past year, and that, as the acting secretary of the lodge for many years past, he had by his attention and courtesy, and the correct manner in which he had performed his sometimes arduous duties, earned the esteem and good will of all the brethren.—The W.M. expressed a hope that the immediate P.M. might live many years to wear that jewel, with the gratifying assurance from the W.M. that in so wearing it, he would verify the old maxim of "Palman qui mernit ferat."—The immediate P.M., on receiving the jewel, observed that for the gift he truly and sincerely thanked all the brethren. To the W.M., and to P.M.'s Brasier and Hayward (the proposer and seconder of the testimonial) he felt deeply grateful for the kind manner in which they had been pleased to allude to his humble services. He wished them to believe that the honor they had thus conferred upon him, and the handsome manner in which they had shown it, were infinitely more prized by him than was the jewel for its intrinsic worth. It was a pleasing reflection to him that during his year of Mastership there never was the slightest dissension in the lodge, for the brethren all displayed that unanimity and good feeling so essential to the welfare, prosperity, and happiness of every community. Might that unanimity and good feeling long continue among them, and might the beautiful precepts of Masonry be extended until there should be "peace upon earth and goodwill among men."—The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was enlivened by some excellent playing on the lodge harmonium (in the absence of Bro. Louis Wright, Organist), by Bro. Saunders, and several appropriate songs were sung.

SCARBOROUGH.—Old Globe Lodge, No. 200.—This lodge met in the lodge room, on Wednesday, the 17th March, the following officers and members being present:—Bros. W. Peacock, W.M.; W. F. Rooke, P.P.G.J.W., P.M.; H. A. Williamson, P.M.; H. C. Martin, P.P.G.D. Cers., P.M., Hon. Sec.; R. R. Peacock, S.W.; D. Fletcher, J.W.; G. H. Walshaw, S.D.; J. Parker, J.D.; G. Ruddock, I.G.; Ash, Tyler; Verity, Hardgrave, Breray, Garnett, Drake, Walker, Milner, Fairbank, Mervin, Groves, Chapman, J. Thompson; Horsfull (130) and Evans (139), visitors. The lodge was opened at 7:30 p.m., and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Walker passed an examination in the first degree, retired, and was readmitted and passed in the second degree. The working tools and tracings were explained, and the charge given by Bro. D. Fletcher, J.W., in a very effective and able manner. Bro. Evans (139) was proposed as a joining member, after which the lodge

was closed in due form. The brethren retired to refreshment, when the usual loyal toasts were given, and some excellent songs sung by Bros. Walshaw, Grover, Drake, and others.

LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge No. 279.—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemason's Hall, Leicester, on Monday, the 15th instant, and was well attended, between thirty and forty brethren being present. The business for which the lodge was summoned was to ballot for, and to initiate, three candidates, and to receive propositions. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. Kelly, D.P.G.M., at seven o'clock, and the lodge having been opened, a ballot was taken for George Pearce, Esq., M.D., and Messrs. Henry Thomas Porter and Tarratt, who were unanimously elected, and, being in attendance, were severally initiated into Freemasonry. During the ceremony the musical chants of the degree, as arranged by Bros. Charles Johnson (now of Leicester) and Dr. Hopkins, were performed under the direction of Bro. Crow, Sec. and Organist, and added greatly to its impressiveness. The candidates having returned to the lodge at the completion of the ceremony, the W.M. delivered the lecture on the tracing-board, and the charge on initiation. A gentleman having been proposed as a candidate for initiation at the next meeting, the W.M. proposed as an honorary member Bro. J. F. Kleim, P.M. of No. 21, and a Past Grand Steward, an octogenarian brother who for upwards of thirty years had been a frequent and welcome visitor to the lodge. Bro. Pettifor, P.M. and P.P.G.S.W., seconded the proposition. Bro. Kleim expressed his appreciation of the compliment paid him, stating that as he generally spent the winter in Leicester, he attended the lodge there more frequently than he was able to attend his own lodge in London. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and spent an hour or two very pleasantly in social intercourse and harmony, Bro. Crow especially delighting the brethren by his admirable performance on the piano of "The Last Rose of Summer," with variations.

LEICESTER.—John of Gaunt Lodge, No. 523.—A monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Tuesday, the 18th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. A. M. Duff, P.M., 166, and Prov. G.J.D. There were also present P.M.'s Kelly, D.P.G.M.; Brewin, P.P.S.G.W., and P.G. Treas.; and Charles Johnson, P.P.S.G.W., Jersey, and P.G. Org.; Bros. Toller, S.W.; Buzzard, J.W.; Sculthorpe, Secy.; Sergeant, S.D.; Bethrey, P.P.G. Org., as J.D.; G. B. Atkins, Stew.; Wardle, I.G.; Bearbridge, Tyler; Morley, Hodges Lewin, and W. Harrison Lewin. The visitors present were Bros. Wm. Ratcliff Bryan, of the Herve and Charnwood Lodge, Loughborough (who attended to obtain the second degree in this lodge), and Hart and Palence, of St. John's Lodge, 279. The lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. R. Bryan, having passed a satisfactory examination, was entrusted, and, having retired, the lodge was opened in the second degree, and he was duly passed as Fellow Craft, after which the W.M. delivered the lecture on the tracing-board. A candidate was due for the third degree, but he not being in attendance the lodge was closed to the first degree, and, after the transaction of some financial business and arrangements being made for the work to be done at the April meeting of the lodge of instruction connected with this lodge and St. John's Lodge 279, the lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

HARTLEPOOL.—St. Helen's Lodge, No. 531.—A Lodge of Emergency and Master's Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hartlepool, on Thursday, the 18th inst., when there were present Bros. T. Forbes, W.M.; Emra Holmes, I.P.M.; J. Groves, J.P., P.P.S.G.D., P.M.; S. Armstrong, P.M.; W. J. Sivewright, P.M.; J. J. Armstrong, S.W.; R. Ropner, J.W.; E. Alexander, Secretary; &c., &c. The lodge having been opened in the usual form, Bros. King, Pearson, and Attley, candidates for the degree of F.C., were severally examined, entrusted, and passed to that degree, the lodge being previously opened in the second degree. In accordance with the lodge notice, the W.M. proposed that the sum of £5 5s. should be given towards the Zetland Testimonial; but, on the amendment of Bro. S. Armstrong, it was decided that £3 3s. only should be given from the funds of the lodge, as it was understood that private subscriptions would also be collected from the members. After an animated discussion upon the subject, Bro. J. Groves, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Emra Holmes, P.M., seconded a motion that £10 10s. be given from the funds of the lodge towards the restoration of the chancel of St. Hilda's church, Hartlepool; which sum was generously voted for that worthy and truly masonic object. No other business being before the meeting the lodge was closed in ancient form and with solemn prayer, and the brethren retired for refreshment.—Our archaeological brethren are probably aware that the parish church of St. Hilda, at Hartlepool, is one of the oldest in the county of

Durham, having been built by one of the De Brus, who were Lords of Hartness from the time of the Conqueror till 1314, when their descendant, Robert de Brus, fought the battle of Bannockburn and won the crown of Scotland. St. Hilda's church is supposed to have been erected about A.D. 1120. The foundation charter of the monastery of Gisburn, in the year 1129, recites that Robert de Brus, moved by the advice of Pope Calixtus II. and Thurstine, Archbishop of York, founded a monastery of regular canons, and gave to the church of the same the whole of Gisburn and the churches of Hart and Stranton. In the year 1195, Hugh Pudsey, Bishop of Durham, granted to the church of the Blessed Mary, at Gisburn, the church of Hart and chapel of Hartlepool. In the year 1308 Anthony Bek, Bishop of Durham, and Patriarch of Jerusalem, as a mark of his special favour, granted to the Prior and Convent of Gisburn the indulgence that in the church of Hart and chapel of Hartlepool, where the cure of souls had previously been exercised by a secular vicar, divine service should after that time be perpetually performed by a canon of Gisburn. A brief was granted by George I. on the 5th February, 1719, to collect the sum of £1732 and upwards, for repairing and rebuilding the church. By the minutes of a meeting of Sir John Eden with some of the commissioners for the brief September 22nd, 1721, it was agreed that "in respect to ye glory of ye antiquity of sd. church what repairs ye windows may want they shall be wrought after ye same model as they now are; and as for ye chancel, yt. is referred until ye Earle of Scarborough's consent is got in writing; and yt. ye steeple both in and outside be repaired." In 1724, the chancel, which was 70 feet long, was shortened to about 15 feet. About two years since, the nave and aisles were restored by public subscription at a cost of £2406, and a movement is now on foot to restore and enlarge the chancel to something like its original size and grandeur, at a cost of £1500, of which nearly £900 has been promised. So good an object cannot fail to recommend itself to the charitably disposed Freemasons, whose ancestors no doubt built this and many other of our grandest structures, and we cordially recommend our brethren to imitate the Masons of Hartlepool and subscribe a mite towards the restoration of the old Collegiate Church. [We are indebted to the late Bro. Sir Cuthbert Sharpe (sometime Herald of the Royal Kent Encampment of Knights Templar, at Newcastle) for the notes on St. Hilda's church, which are taken from his interesting "History of Hartlepool."]

WHITEHAVEN.—Lewis Lodge, No. 872.—The adjourned monthly meeting of 872 Lodge was held in the Lodge Rooms, College-street, Whitehaven, on Monday, the 22nd, at 7:30 p.m. Present the W.M., Bro. Spittal in the chair; Bros. C. Morton, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Barr, P.M., Sec.; Hughes; W. Whittle, S.W.; R. Foster, J.W.; H. Ellis, S.D.; W. Gill, I.G. The lodge being opened, the minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed. Notice was given of the intended visit of Lord Kenlis, on the 7th April next, and all were earnestly requested to attend. Brothers Rodgers, Dabyl, and Gregory were passed to the second degree. Bro. C. Morton, P.P.S.G.W., gave in a most impressive style the lecture on the first tracing-board in a manner which commanded the attention of all. A large number of Brethren were present belonging to lodges 119 and 872. The lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to the refreshment-room and enjoyed themselves in a pleasant and agreeable manner. Some harmony having been rendered by several brethren, the musical part being effectively conducted by Bro. Cooper, a well spent evening was brought to a happy and fraternal close.

IVYBRIDGE.—Lodge Erme, No. 1091.—The annual festival of this flourishing young lodge was celebrated at the King's Arms Hotel, Ivybridge, on Wednesday last week, under the presidency of Brother John Harris, who was on that day installed W.M. for the ensuing year. After the ceremony of installation, which was ably and impressively performed by Brother Chapple, P.M., assisted by Brothers Littleton, P.M.; Bird, P.M.; and Hawton, P.M.; the W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Brothers W. Littleton, I.P.M.; Percival J. N. Jarratt, S.W.; W. H. Ley, J.W.; J. Hawton, Treasurer; Patterson, S.D.; W. Sawyer, J.D.; J. Hamley, I.G.; A. White, D.C.; J. E. Morgan, Steward. The banquet, at which about 30 sat down, did great credit to Brother Toms. After the usual and loyal toasts, Brother Littleton proposed the health of the W.M., Brother Harris, who suitably replied. Brother Percival J. N. Jarratt then presented the I.P.M., Brother W. Littleton, with a beautiful P.M. jewel and a life subscribership to the Masonic Boys' School, in recognition of the able manner in which he performed the duties of the office just vacated by him. Brother Littleton, in a very neat speech, returned thanks.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

LANCASTER.—Consecration of the Rowley Chapter, No. 1051.—The Rowley Lodge, although it has been

established but a very few years, has already earned itself a well-merited reputation, and holds a high position amongst the lodges of the province of West Lancashire. We have now to record the formation and consecration of a Royal Arch Chapter, to be called the Rowley Chapter, in connection with the lodge. This ceremony of consecration took place on Monday, the 15th March, at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster, and was conducted, by appointment of the M.E. Superintendent, by Companion A. C. Mott, of Liverpool, P.M., P.Z. 241, Prov. G.S.B., who occupied the chair of Z; assisted by Companion E. Busher, of Kendal, P.M., P.Z. 129, as H., and Companion Kearne, of Liverpool, P.M., P.Z. 241, as J. There were also present, Companion R. Wilson, J., 241, Companions J. W. Baker, 241; J. C. Baker, 241; Welch, 241; Whimpray; John Bell, 129; and the Companions of the New Chapter, viz:—Companion, J. Daniel Moore, P.M., 1051; William H. Bagnall, P.M., 281; Thomas Mason, W.M., 1051; Hall, S.W., 1051; Mercer, J.W., 1051; and Barker, Treas., 1051. The Chapter having been opened, Companion Mott, as Z., called upon Companion Dr. Moore, the acting S.E., to state the wishes of the Companions and the proceedings they had taken with respect to the Chapter, and also to read the Petition and Warrant. The Companions, at the instance of the M.E.Z., then signified their approval of the officers named in the Warrant to preside over the Chapter, and Companion Kearue, in an admirable manner delivered the oration. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the principals designate carrying the corn, wine, and oil. Companion Welch presided at the organ. Immediately after the ceremony of consecration, Companion Mott proceeded to install the principals, as follows:—Companions Dr. Moore as M.E.Z., Bagnall as H., and Mason as J.; and the following officers were also appointed; Companions Hall, Scribe, E.; Whittle, Scribe, N.; Dr. Mercer, P.S.; Barker, Treas. The M.E.Z. then proposed a vote of thanks to Excellent Companion Mott for his services as consecrator, and to Companions Busher, Kearne, Wilson, and others who had assisted in the ceremony. The M.E.Z. then proposed as honorary members of the Chapter, Companions Mott, P.Z. 241; Busher, P.Z. 129; W. B. Smith, P.Z. 74, and Bowes, P.Z. 129; and as joining members, Companions John Bell, of Lancaster, 129, and John L. Whimpray, late of 350, Lancaster. He also proposed as candidates for exaltation, Bros. J. M. Moore, 1051; Fred. Dean, P.M., 281; W. Storey, P.M., 281; J. Fenton, P.M., 281; E. Storey, W.M., 281; and, by dispensation from the M.E. Pro. G. Supt., Bro. R. Taylor, 281; as serving Companions. There being no other business before the Chapter, it was closed in due form. The furniture of the new Chapter was of an excellent description, and was chiefly supplied by Companion G. Kenning, of London. We augur great success to the Rowley Chapter, from the names with which it is connected, several of whom are well known to the Craft, and venture to predict that the officers will, by the amount of work that will devolve upon them, find that the appointments they have received will be no sinecure.

RED CROSS OF ROME & CONSTANTINE.

METROPOLITAN.

Plantagenet Preceptory of Instruction.—At an assembly of this preceptory held on the 18th inst. at the Lyceum Tavern, Strand, it was resolved by the members present to form a "Masonic Charities' Association" in connection with the Order, upon the plan of the "South Eastern Association," which has effected so much good for the Masonic Institutions. Bro. Little was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Walters Secretary of the new association.

PROVINCIAL.

GUERNSEY.—*The Doyle Conclave.*—The regular assembly of the Doyle Conclave No. 7, took place on Friday, the 19th inst. Present, Illustrious Sir Knt. Gallienne, Inspector-General of the Guernsey Division, M.P.S., in the chair; Illus. Sir Knt. Millington, P.S., as Eusebius; Illus. Sir Knt. Hutchinson, K.G.C., P.S., Treasurer; Illus. Sir Knt. Clarke, P.S., Recorder; Sir Knts. Guilbert, J.G.; Stickland, H.P.; Willecocks, as Herald; Rowe, Organist; Lucas, Carey, and Muntz. The Conclave was opened in usual form, after which a consultation arose respecting the regalia. Patterns of aprons, sashes, swords, and jewels had been received from Sir Knt. Kenning, which were exhibited, but the feeling of the Conclave appeared to be that a tunic was the more becoming regalia for a Military Order, and they therefore desired to avail themselves of the option offered in the general statutes to obtain permission from the G. Sovereign to wear the tunic. The Recorder was consequently requested to put himself in communication with the Grand Recorder on the subject. After a few minor items of business were got through, the Conclave was closed in form, and the Knt. Companions repaired to the banquet-hall, where they spent a most agreeable evening.

JERSEY.—*Concord Conclave, No. 8.*—An assembly of this Conclave was held recently at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, when the following brethren were installed as Knights of the Order:—Bros. Philip G. Gaudin (877), John R. S. Giles, W.M. (1003), H. Barrett (244), E. Conolly (478), and Wm. Marshall (244). The ceremony was ably rendered by the M.P.S., Sir Kt. Benham, the V.E. Michael Tracy, and the other officers.

PAPERS ON MASONRY.

BY A LEWIS.

I.—MASONRY AND REFRESHMENT.

It is strange to see with what greediness this ayric chameleon, being all lungs and wind, will swallow a recite of newes, as if it were physical! Yea, with what frontle-se insinuation he will screw himself into the acquaintance of some knowing *intelligencer*, who, trying the cask by his hollow sound, do familiarly fule him.—*Whimzies.*

The only way in which a rough ashlar can be properly understood is by regarding the object as capable of improvement. The only object for which a labourer can be supposed to work is reward. Perfection in his work renders him authorised to receive it. Hence, that rough ashlar, properly subordinated in the human heart, gives the workman a title to reward, which is the guerdon of his labours, and consists in the ease which refreshment brings. That all men ought to be happy is no reason that any should be exempt from labour. Hence, again, we find it necessary to state the conditions on which the ease resulting from refreshment depends. And this can only exist in perfect activity, such as T.G.A.O.T.U. alone has the property and privilege to exercise.

Were no wages to be paid, no man would be perfectly warranted in having refreshment; therefore the refreshment authorized by Masonic laws becomes the wages, justly due, of the Masonic labourer. When, according to Masonic tradition, the Temple was built, the bearers of burthen received subsistence at least; and it is not to be supposed that the F.C.'s and M.M.'s, now so charitable, would be less generous from the liberal resources assigned them by K.S. towards their humbler and not freeborn associates. The very fact of there being a series of degrees ultimating in charity towards the human race, implies a liberality towards early Cowans. The Hebrew State having so great an object could not justly be ungenerous. If, then, in these papers by an earnest critic of Masonry there be, as there must be, many errors, it is anticipated that the dog will be allowed an unmolested bark, caution being given that, so far as his opinion will allow, his aim will be, not "to bay the moon," but to afford from the generous resources at his disposal some semi-shadows refracted from the Great Light.

There is a large field of Masonic literature open to the general student of associative enterprise; and from these the present writer will cull a few morsels for the banquet, in a manner at once digestible by Brother and Stranger.

The very fact that refreshment notoriously forms a portion of Masonic labour has been construed, for a century and a half, to the disadvantage of those associating themselves with the Masonic body. It would seem as if there existed a famine in the land eaten up by one body of men only; the fact of their paying being an item out of the balance-sheet. Nobody thinks of blaming aldermen, vestrymen, and philanthropists who meet to guzzle and make charitable collections under the ægis of a popular man. That being non-masonic is popular, and men rush to buy tickets for independent dinners—or take them gratis, when they can get them—or in guilds assume them as right of livery. The first description of banquet is upheld as an English mode of begging, the last as a proper way of encouraging dyspepsia; and in the last the guilds of non-masons forget that their indentures recite for their apprentices "arts and mysteries," as the Masons did in a time of Operative Masonry. If the guild of Barbers dine they do not give a thought to soapbuds, while they regard the Masonic rule of refreshment as bubbling everybody. The Masonic body institutes some temperate refreshment, as the Church commemorates a certain supper, and in the ancient Christian "love-feasts" it is nowhere thought to be insisted that there should necessarily be any degree of intemperance.

This having been charged by the uninformed, becomes desirable of disproof, and though there may have been excess, the Masonic rules of all ages reprove anything of the kind.

In what is the Mason more justified in expending the wages he receives than in re-edifying the corporeal frame, by the instrumentality of which he is enabled to perfect his incorporeal essence for admission into the Grand Lodge not made with hands and where the sound of no working tool is heard? The German writer, Novalis, says, "You touch Heaven when you lay handson a human body;" and the apostle Paul says (Romans xiv. 7), "He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not." And while he says (Romans xiv. 20), "For meat destroy not the work of God,"

he adds, "All things, indeed, are pure, but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence," thus enjoining temperance at meat. Again he says (1 Cor. iii. 16) "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you?" Man thus being the temple of God, and the Masons especially being labourers towards its re-edification, the mortal frame requires of us the same sustenance that spiritually is received by the manna coming from above, of which each received his due measure, whether he gathered little or much.

In the ancient published Constitutions, patent to all the world, the Free and Accepted Mason was not only enjoined temperance, but punctuality in the payment for what he consumed, such ensuring an adequate provision in the future, by inspiring confidence and husbanding the resources at command. Hence we find all lodges of Masons conclude the celebration of their work with refection, in a joyful manner according to the circumstances of the individuals forming the lodge, the law of hospitality being extended to the visitor who brings the proper tessera. The banquet at a lodge, therefore, may be regarded as doubly symbolical, and the change in our national manners has enabled Masons to apply it more fully and purify its essential meaning.

It appears hard to the writer, therefore, why on the part of the general public this charge of profuseness of living should be constantly reiterated. "Ah! but," some will exclaim, "it is well known that Masons are profuse in their banquets!" as if they—Cowans—had been present, which is impossible. It also naturally follows that Freemasons must be charged with similar intemperance in their own homes and elsewhere when not masonically engaged, and that the whole Craft must consequently be a hypocritical affair—in which men known as the greatest benefactors to their race, noble in intellect, patriotic in effort, devout in bearing, and generally charitable to their fellow-men, universally coincide for the mere purpose of guzzling and swilling together some few times a year! a manifest absurdity, carrying its own refutation.

The writer has selected this point as the first to be brought forward because it is an universal imputation, even in the mouths of good and sincere non-masons, and one which, if persisted in, must always remain an objection in the minds of thoughtless opponents.

One of the cardinal principles of Masonry consists in its non-proselytizing character. No man can be directly asked to join the Masonic guild; a protective rule in itself of some importance, both as a shield and an incentive. As a shield, because it admits to its feast of charity only those who feel sincere inclination to join, thus being a double test of steadfastness; as an incentive, because equality and humility are the Caudine Forks under which the aspirant passes to obtain a real victory over self, and by which an actual spirit of charity is generated.

Freemasons properly say that there are a vast number of men who are true Masons though uninitiated, and this they echo in their songs. Some of these songs are the spontaneous tribute of minds ordinary, perhaps, in themselves, but instinct with the appreciation of good for the sake of good. While general literature remains a portion of their general inheritance they invoke their own muse in the interest of the gentlest of the Graces, and if many songs sung in Masonic lodges evince no great degree of talent, they evoke a spirit of kindly emulation not lightly to be passed over.

In all organizations some join from interested motives, but these cases are not numerous. In Masonry an allotted time is given for due inquiry into the lives and motives of candidates, and a man who can pass the ordeal has much to congratulate himself upon. Admission into a Masonic lodge is, in most cases, a certificate of character; and a fearless bearing in initiation confers a nobility on the initiate nowhere else, in so large a degree, to be obtained. To be a Mason, properly speaking, the individual must bear a stainless character, and to be an earnest one is alike a privilege and an advantage. This the public does not weigh in its verdict. May it do so!

At Masonic banquets, creed, political opinion, and personal ambition must be laid aside, and the stability of any State may be judged by the number of admitted Masons. I do not wish to say that views of diverse kinds may not be held, but they are out of place on this platform of broad humanity and catholic kindness. The Masonic policy, as that of every Christian should be, is universal Love and Aid.

I speak thus freely because the magnanimity and openness with which illustrious Masons have spoken in their philosophical and historical works has rendered it possible for a large class of students to master a general idea of the objects of Masonry. Of that class of students the present writer is one, and his wish in the short course of papers he offers to the readers of THE FREEMASON is to acquit himself of some of the obligations he owes to those many writers who have treated of Freemasonry reasonably and without animosity to detractors.

Masons and non-Masons, whether Lewises (as is the writer) or Cowans (as he still is), let us seek for the Light in Him in whom is no darkness at all!

CRYSTONYMUS.

Masonic Miscellanea.

LODGE OF HOPE, NEWBURY, No. 574—A Council Chamber of the above lodge will be held on Friday, the 2nd April, at 8 o'clock.

We are informed that Bro. Dundas, the nephew and heir pre-umptive to the Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M., was passed to the second degree in the Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 259, at Willis's Rooms St. James's, on the 23rd inst.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[Announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths relating to the Craft, or their families, will be inserted, free of charge, if properly authenticated.]

BIRTH.

THWAITES.—On March 13th, at the "Old Hall," Cocker-mouth, the wife of Bro. S. Thwaites, of a daughter.

DEATH.

GLADWIN.—On the 19th March, at his residence, Rugby House, Warwick-street, Regent-street, William Gladwin, aged 62 years, much respected and regretted by all who knew him.—[Bro. Gladwin was initiated in the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25 on the 2nd October, 1854, served the office of Master in 1859-60, and continued a member up to the time of his death.—Ed. F.]

Answers to Correspondents.

SPHINX.—Thanks for your good opinion; your suggestions shall have due attention. The brother to whom you allude has no connection with THE FREEMASON, and as we cheerfully recognise all lawfully-constituted authority, both in and out of the Craft, we are not likely to engage such a moral Ishmael.

ASHLAR.—We doubt much if you will ever find a "fair and candid" statement of the charges brought by the Roman Catholic priesthood against Freemasonry. The bulls of various Pontiffs will give you an idea of their hatred of the Craft, and the works of the Abbé Barruel and of Professor Robertson, of Dr. Cullen's Dublin Catholic University, will prove how "fairly" they estimate the Order. Cardinal Cullen invariably classes Freemasonry with Fenianism and Ribbonism to the disgust of all unprejudiced Roman Catholics. The works of Oliver, Ragon, Mackey, and Findel being expositions of the principles of the Craft, contain sufficient answers to the malignant falsehoods of the priesthood, but the best answer is to point to the works of mercy and charity in daily practice amongst the members of the Order.

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ALLEGORICAL TEACHINGS.

THERE are few subjects less understood, even by Freemasons, than the allegorical science of Freemasonry. We must travel back through the mist of ages—through the accumulated dust of centuries—before we arrive at the first triumphs of that divine architecture, which had its impress from the hand of God. We must trace, as it were, step by step, the advance of that noble art which has substituted the marble palace for the mud-built habitation. We must follow it through its successive developments—under the ban of slavery, in the glimmering dawn of freedom and the radiant sun-rise of civilization—and we shall then realize its spiritual as well as its material aspects. Even at the present day, we can contrast the hut of the Zulu, or the clay-built domicile of the Bosjesman, with the palatial and luxurious houses of the great; we can compare the barn with the cathedral; and it is in this spirit that we must contemplate the moral victories of Freemasonry.

What grander allegory of the life of man can be imagined than the wonders achieved in the domain of architecture. From those rude and savage caves we have emerged into the lofty domes of pillared temples—a symbol of our

growth in knowledge, a type of our progress in wisdom. And as the mansions which we rear upon this sublunary sphere—however beautiful, however perfect—will bear no comparison to the everlasting abodes which Jehovah has prepared for the least of his servants, let it be our constant aim, so to purify the moral edifice of our souls as to be able to realize that pure and incomparable Freemasonry which exists in the mysterious depths of those unknown regions where the light shines for ever and "darkness is not."

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Lodge of Benevolence held its monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, the 24th inst., when 29 cases were investigated, of which 27 were relieved to the extent of £397; one was dismissed and one deferred.

The chairman of the evening was Bro. H. Browse, J.G.D., supported by Bros. J. Mason, P.G.S.B. as S.W.; and W. Ongle, A.G.P. as J.W.; and a large number of Grand Officers, Masters, and Past Masters of various Lodges in the Metropolis, were also present.

The Editor's Portfolio.

A RED CROSS SONG.

By R. WENTWORTH LITTLE.

Let's rally round the standard
Which blazed on high of yore,
A symbol of our dearest hopes—
A sign for evermore.

Beneath that starry banner
Our fathers fought and bled,
And we will bear it still aloft
As did the glorious dead.

Then rally round the standard, &c.

That Red Cross flag has ever waved
Above the brave and true,
Whose swords were drawn in honour's cause—
For Faith and Freedom, too.

Their mighty deeds are now enshrined
In Fame's resplendent dome,
And ages yet unborn shall bless
Those noble Knights of Rome!

Then rally round the standard, &c.

And now beloved brethren
Let this be understood,
Them who seek to join our band
Must be both wise and good—

All who are Masons in their hearts
And filled with zeal divine,
Most gladly will be welcomed by
The Knights of Constantine!

Then rally round the standard
Which blazed on high of yore,
That symbol of our faith and love
We'll prize for evermore.

Masonic Jurisprudence.

[Under this head, in future, we purpose answering correspondents on Masonic law.]

Mackey defines the laws of Masonry as being of two kinds—local and universal. The local laws are those enacted by Grand and subordinate lodges for the government of their members. These, of course, may be altered or annulled at the pleasure of the bodies who originally framed them. The universal laws are those handed down by universal consent from times immemorial, and which govern the fraternity throughout the world. These are irrevocable, for they constitute a part of the ancient landmarks.

The Officers of all lodges in Dublin must be "passed" by a Committee of Inspection, and the names of all candidates for initiation must also be submitted for the approval or rejection of the same Committee. These are also very salutary regulations and must tend to promote the true interests of the Order in the Sister Kingdom.

DELTA.—Upon the non-confirmation of the minutes relating to the election of a Master, a fresh election cannot take place on the same evening, nor can the election be held at a Lodge of Emergency. The Book of Constitutions is perfectly clear upon these points.

P.M.—You have been misinformed; the G.M., in the exercise of his prerogative, has a right to nominate any Master Mason as the first W.M. of a new lodge, notwithstanding the fact that the brother may never have held office in a lodge. In like manner, any companion, provided he be an I.M., may be the first Z. of a new chapter.

Mulum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

Cagliostro, the charlatan, lodged at the house of one Reilly, an innkeeper, in Great Queen-street. This house, I have reason to believe, is the tavern now called the "Hercules Pillars," nearly opposite Freemasons' Hall.—VIATOR.

The Dove.—This is the emblem of the Deacon's office in English Freemasonry; the dove, or "Noah's Messenger," aptly representing diaconal duties. The *Columba Noachi* is also one of the constellations.—VIATOR.

The Serpent.—The serpent has ever been considered an emblem of wisdom, and, with its tail in its mouth, it symbolizes eternity. Mosheim informs us (*Eccles. History*, vol. I, page 189) that a sect of Christians arose in the second century called Ophites, or Serpentinians, who maintained that the serpent by which Eve was tempted was either Christ himself, or Sophia (the eternal wisdom), concealed under the reptile's form; and consequently they nourished a number of serpents, which they regarded as sacred and to which they paid a secondary degree of divine honours.—R. W. L.

Rosic Rite.—Care must be taken not to confound the Red Cross Degree with the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine; my impression is that the latter was unknown in this country last century, but the Red Cross banner of the Templar was fathered upon the Order of St. Constantine, and the motto appeared upon the Templars' seal of 1791, and its pass word was one of the Templar secrets in the Dunckerley ritual.—JOHN YARKER, Manchester.

LODGE REPORTS.—Hint to Reporters.—What interest can provincial brethren possibly take in long lists of attendants at lodges, or in knowing who drank Brother Blank's health or how he replied? This bore has always stood in the way of success to the Masonic Press, and the small space at your disposal might be much better occupied than in self glorification. Why should lodges trouble us to read what has no interest?—DELTA.

The Age of Christ.—The number "33" is adopted in many Orders connected with Freemasonry as the correct number of the years of Christ's sojourn on earth. The exactness of this period having been disputed, the following astronomical calculation may be interesting. The great founder of Christianity was crucified on the day before the Jewish Sabbath, and the crucifixion must have taken place on Friday, the 3rd April, in the 33rd year of his age, as that was the only Friday on which a passover full moon fell from the twentieth to the fortieth year of our Lord, reckoning from the vulgar era of his birth.—ANTIQUARIUS.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.—Many thanks for Brother Yarker's letter relative to the Rose Croix degree. Few better than that well-known Brother are capable of writing on the subject, but I beg still to disagree with him in some respects. Will he kindly favour me with a copy of any certificate mentioning the Templar degree which connects the 17th or any other chivalric degree with Masonry before A.D. 1770? Bro. Yarker cannot produce any evidence of "high grade" Masonry being mentioned A.D. 1705 by Philip of Orleans. At that date even modern Freemasonry was unknown, and even the term "Grand Master" was not used. It is to be wished that Bro. Yarker would continue his most interesting history of the Jerusalem Encampment, Manchester, in the columns of THE FREEMASON.—ROSE CROIX.

Mystic Numbers.—Living in a land which is full of mysteries, my desire is to obtain knowledge. Will some learned Frater explain the secret of the undermentioned mystic numbers in their present position?

3	9	27	81
81	27	9	3
9	3	81	27
27	81	3	9

B. C.

Perhaps some of your readers could explain why the five-pointed star is placed on the top of the Italian coin (centimes)—is King Victor Emmanuel a Mason?—COCKERMOUTH.

JUBILEE MEETING OF THE DOMATIC CHAPTER, No. 177.—This influential Chapter, which was opened on the 14th March, 1819, celebrated its jubilee meeting on the 25th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the presidency of Companion R. W. Little, the M.E.Z., who delivered an appropriate address on the occasion. [We shall give a full report of the interesting proceedings in our next issue, including the historical address referred to above.]

Masonic Antiquities, Records, and Bibliography.

SPECIMENS FROM A MASONIC QUARRY.

By Wm. James Hughan, P.M., No. 131 TRURO,

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SPECIMEN No. 1.—OPERATIVE MASONIC LODGES.

ST. JOHN'S, BANFF, SCOTLAND.

(Continued from last week.)

Some of the foregoing laws of A.D. 1765 are certainly singular, while others seem framed with due regard to order and sobriety. It will be seen that at that date, as well as subsequently, the lodge was still of an operative character, and was in reality a Benefit Society, only of a secret nature. It continues so even to this day, although of course now, the BENEFITS are separated from the lodge Masonically. But more of this hereafter. The method of admission by petition, mentioned in Lav 6th prevails in Scotland, and cannot be highly commended.

The Petitioner has to sign the following declaration, addressed to the Master for the time being.

Sir,—Having a desire to be initiated into the Mysteries of Freemasonry, in connection with the Lodge over which you preside, if agreeable to that body, I shall feel obliged by your appointing a suitable time for that purpose, and I hereby bind myself to conform to their Rules and Regulations.

My age at last birthday was

I am yours, &c., Name..... Designation..... Address.....

This petition has to be signed in addition by two members to the following effect:—"We, the undersigned, do recommend Mr., as a candidate for admission into Membership, and hereby vouch for him accordingly."

But we will again introduce a few more records to our readers, believing them to be equally valuable with the last:—

"Resolved that hence forward a Meeting shall be called ten days or so Before the Annual General Meeting to Settle a Dinner, and that all the Members in a Publick way shall have it by Rotation, beginning at the First whose name stands in our Books.

"That no Geometrical mason shall be Entered, Passed, or Raised without Readie-money.

"That an Operative master's Apprentice shall have Credit until St. John's day first after their entry upon good Security, But that all the Members in Banff and Down shall be called, so that if any Objections shall hapen the Petitioner shall be rejected.

"That John Stewart is to get Five Pounds Ster. for this year in mouthly proportions.

"That William Laurence shall Ten Shillings Ster. as was usewally given befor, but it is not to be Continued for the future. But if the Deput Master of Aberdeen Shall be put to extraordinary expenses in attending this meeting he has still access to apply.

"Every member who's name is not Inroled in the Grand Lodge Books shall be Searched out and Inroled.

"That no master of the Lodge of Banff shall employ any Cowans, unless he make it appear it was a Case of Necessity. Otherwise he his liable to the Cognisance of the next General Meeting.

" J. ROBERTSON, Master."

"Att a Meeting held in the Operative Lodge of Banff, upon the 14th day of December, one Thousand seven Hundred and seventy-three years. It is Resolved to have two new Hearses, and the Master impoured to give derrections about them, as likewise to have three Sashes, and William Stephen was appointed to make a Cushon for the Bible

"As also agreeable to the Resolution of last St. John's day, Robert Laing is appointed to provide a Denner for the Brethren against St. John's day next, and the number agreed upon to be Sixty, and in case of a deficiency of that number Robert Laing to be indemnified out of the fund.

"J.A. ROBERTSON, Master."

"Att the Annual Meeting of the Operative Lodge of Banff 7 January, 1774, Resolved that as George Faith had mis-managed the Deputation Bearing date at Banff, 5th October, 1773, Deputing him to Enter Alex Grant and Willm Farskin at Turriff. He is hereby deserned by the meeting to pay in Five Shillings to the fund by way of Fine.

"It is Resolved by the Lodge that after that date no Bills, to be taken for Entering, Passing, or Raising butt all readie-money.

"It is Resolved that no Brother that is not Raised to the degree of a Master Mason is not to undertake or Carrie on work.

"Resolved that there is to be a Procession at founding some of the Peirs of the Bridge of Banff, and that a Guinea shall be given to the Workmen out of the Fund, but that the Expence of the Meeting shall not affect the fund, but the persons present shall Defray the Charges thereof.

"Resolved that every person Entered to our Lodge, and Every Brother passed a Fellow Craft, or Raised to the Degree of Master shall at their Entry, Passing, or Raising, treat the Brethren present to the rate of Three Shillings Ster."

"Resolutions of the Annual Evening meeting, 8th January 1776.

"Resolved That for the Future that there should be a Clearance of the Books of the Operative Lodge every year, the night before St. John's day.

"Resolved that every Member who enters to this Lodge shall have a receipt for their Entry money, likewise them that is Passed or Reaced.

"Resolved that George Smith and Andrew Wilson, shall be Stewards for the ensuing year, and was elected unanumus at St. John's days evening meeting, to provide a denner for the Members at the Expence of the Lodge and each Member is to pay eight pence for his denner, at he paying of his Quarter pennice.

" JOHN RHIND, Master."

"Att at Meeting held in the Operative Lodge of Banff, 7 May, 1776. It was unanumusly agreed that the Office Bearers should employ Quarriers and Carters, in order to lay in materials for building an addition to the Lodge, the whole length of the Front to the West, and to be built the hight of the present Lodge, and that the Office Bearers shall borrow what sum of money they think will be wanted for that purpose.

" JOHN RHIND, Master."

"Att a Meeting of the Operative Lodge of Banff, 27th May, 1776. In Consequence of the Above Resolution to build a Front House on our Few on the Seatown, have now Agreed with John Marshall, on the Following terms, viz:—

That he is to build each rood of Scunseon measure at Fourteen pound scot and to furnish himselfe with water casks, spails, Barrows, Troacks, Clear the foundations, take down the old Gavel, and sour the lime, And to Execute the mason work fully and sufficiently, according to a plan given him by the Master. And James Robertson is to furnish all the Freestone wanted for the house at five pence halfpennie pr foot, exclusive of the stair, likewise, it is agreed upon by the meeting to borrow Twenty Pound Ster, more besides the Twenty six pound formerly Borrowed.

" JOHN RHIND, Master."

P o e t r y .

THE RAISING OF THE BEAUSEANT.

By PROFESSOR AYTOUN,

And recited at a Festival of the Knights Templars of the Metropolitan Priory of Scotland.

Fling out the Temple banner as of old! Age hath not stained the whiteness of its fold, Nor marred the ruddy cross, Salvation's sign. Once more we lift the sacred standard up— Companions, fill the cup— We pledge the Beauseant in this sparkling wine!

Oh! what a valiant host have fought and bled Beneath that banner to the wind outspread, Since first it moved against the infidel! Who knows not how it waved on Salem's towers, When Acre, Ramla, Nazareth were ours, And at Tiberias fell?

Fell with the Knights who bore it to the field, When foulest treason broke the Christian shield, And bade the Turkish crescent-sign advance!— Fell but to rise again with triple pride, When, bounding o'er the tide, The armies came of England and of France!

And who is he, the leader of that band, Who first sets foot upon the Holy Land? Move on, unrival'd champion that thou art! Shout, Brethren, shout! aloft your banners fling— 'Tis he, the Christian's hope, the island king— Richard, the Lion-heart!

Then Acre fell—the Moslem foe went back, And still our brethren followed on their track, And ever in the van of battle flew The sacred Beauseant, like a meteor star Shedding its wrath afar Upon the foul and unbelieving crew.

Unvanquished still—till fraud, not force, combined With basest envy in a despot's mind, Dragged from its staff that glorious emblem down And poured, like water, forth the guiltless blood, When Jacques Molay, the valiant and the good, Received his martyr-crown.

Then perished all—Yet no; on Scottish ground Some remnant of the Templars still was found, Whom even treason did not dare to quell. Walter de Clifton! honoured be thy name! Who, braving death and shame, Didst vindicate thine Order's truth so well.

Years passed away, ere yet the warring-world Beheld again the Templar's flag unfurled; But England saw the Rosy Cross return Once more to light, and scattering dismay Within their ranks upon that glorious day When Bruce won Bannockburn!

Then raise it up, Companions, once again, Though now it wave not in the battle plain; True hearts are here to guard its spotless fold, For ever honoured be the Templar's name, For ever dear their fame— Fling out the Beauseant banner as of old!

Original Correspondence.

[The Editor is not responsible for the opinions expressed by Correspondents.]

PAST MASTERS AS PRECEPTORS.

"Perhaps a defect of the Order may be some day found in the exuberant wealth of human material at its disposal. There are so many good and active spirits ready to give up time and money to the cause, that its principal honours are almost necessarily confined to those immediately known to the Grand Master and his advisers. The result is that the energetic Mason finds his circle of usefulness and distinction confined to the lodge or coterie in which he works; and that he, as a rule, becomes less actively zealous when the highest honours of his lodge have been earned. A Past Master who has filled the chair satisfactorily will, as a rule, fold his robe and fall with decency—in other words, content himself with the passive performance of the almost nominal duties left him. As a permanent member of Grand Lodge—the Parliament of the Craft—he may, it is true, mingle in debate four times a year, but the chances of obtaining rank or position there are far more remote than they would be to an energetic member of St. Stephen's. This is, as it seems, unavoidable, but the effect is that the men who are the most energetic up to the time of their passing the chairs of their respective lodges become comparatively supine when that honour has been achieved. Their career terminates then and there, and as they have all subscribed to the charities, there is no Masonic opening to them, except to subscribe again. This, to do them justice, they generally do, but the man who hits upon a method of keeping alive in the great body of Masonic Past Masters the zeal which has given them their rank will deserve better of the Order than any dignitary since King Solomon."

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

Sir,—The above remarks are to be found in an article which lately appeared in the Daily News, under the heading of "The Prince of Wales a Freemason." They are worthy of the earnest consideration of every lover of Freemasonry, and it is not unlikely that a full discussion of the means whereby the active energies of those Past Masters who have the welfare of the Craft at heart may be continued, will result beneficially. It may be presumptuous in me to think that any suggestions I might offer would avail to that end, as I can have but little, if any, influence. Nevertheless, I have a desire to ascertain whether my ideas on the subject are in accord with those of other brethren, and with that view ask from you the favour of a space in THE FREEMASON.

If I intrude a brief history of my Masonic career, it is not in any spirit of self-laudation. The objection to the personal pronoun first person singular is shared by me in common with many others. The editorial "we" is far preferable. But desiring to show that at least I write with some knowledge of the Masonic science, I think it right to state that in the course of eleven years I have been a subscribing member of three lodges, have served the various offices from I.G. to W.M., and a three years' subsequent secretaryship in one; have founded one metropolitan lodge of increasing repute; have founded, and passed the principal chairs in, a chapter; have taken degrees beyond those denominated Craft; and am still as enthusiastic in the cause of Freemasonry as at any period during those eleven years. Hence my present letter.

It has struck me that a very wide field for the exercise of the unused-up energies of well-informed Masons might be opened by the establishment of a lodge having for its members those only who are skilled in the working of Craft Masonry, who should be recognised throughout the Order as duly qualified authorities, and form in their collective capacity a Court or Lodge of Appeal, to whom all questions of working and ritual should be referred.

There is no doubt that at present a very great diversity in the mode of working the ceremonies exists, and that in many cases the ritual is very imperfectly observed. Although it may be admitted that the opinion of the then M.W. Grand Master at the Quarterly Communication in December, 1819, "That so long as the Master of any lodge observed exactly the landmarks of the Craft, he was at liberty to give the lectures in the language best suited to the character of the lodge over which he presided," cannot be objected to; still it will certainly be conceded that if perfect uniformity could be attained, it would not only enhance the impressiveness of the several ceremonies, but would greatly conduce to the more correct transmission of the ritual to those who have to follow us.

It is by no means unusual to find that a zealous brother, anxious to make himself acquainted with the beautifully figurative and expressive language of our lectures and sections, has at considerable expenditure of time and attention committed to his memory the teachings of an able instructor, and when desirous of transmitting such instruction to others learns, to his dismay, that he has been taught according to "So-and-so's" system, whereas his new associates practice the system of another equally celebrated past or present member of the Order. To unlearn is more difficult than to learn, and consequently doubts as to what is really correct, and what is probably otherwise, arise to disturb his mind, and instead of becoming himself a

confident and able preceptor to others, timidity and hesitation confound him. To such an extent is this the fact, that the production of many witnesses to the dire confusion and consequent failure of many Masters to proceed with a ceremony—despite their thorough knowledge and able oratory, but solely resulting from intrusive correction, frequently of the most unimportant character—would be by no means difficult. This applies equally to the ordinary labours of the lodge as to the working of the sections in lodges and lodges of instruction.

Now, there should be but one ritual—one method of working the ceremonies—one uniform mode of conducting each lodge; and how can this be best secured? There are differences of opinion as to whether this or that system is the best and most perfect; there are individual likings and attachments to the respective teachings which have been received, and it would be both impolitic and useless to attempt to induce the adherents of one system to abandon it and to adopt the other, unless it can be done under such authority as no good Freemason would call into question. That authority is to be found only in the Grand Lodge.

The necessity acknowledged and the authority forthcoming, by what means can the principle of uniformity be carried out? Certainly by no better means than that of exercising the knowledge of those members of the Craft who having taken the highest honour in the power of a lodge to confer, yet retain their acquirements, and have not diminished their zeal, in the science. And how can this be brought about? By aggregating individual perfection, and giving the body so composed a status and reward which should be a crowning glory to all their former labours. It cannot be denied that much of what is very good in Freemasonry, is the result of personal ambition—honourable, and even estimable, ambition, doubtless, yet still ambition. The same desire which animates a man placed on the lowest steps of the social ladder to ascend step by step as far towards its summit as he can, is in the breast of every brother who takes an early liking to Freemasonry, and he eagerly longs for the advanced positions and their accompanying indications. His first aspirations are for the position of a W.M., and when having obtained it and received that emblem of past rank which he can henceforth proudly wear, he must of necessity, if a true Freemason, be still further ambitious. For such should a career be provided, which would at once keep his zeal undiminished, his energies employed, his memory retained, and his ambition exercised.

Cannot this be done by the formation, under the authority of Grand Lodge, of a Special Lodge to be called "The Lodge of Preceptors," not bearing any number, but to be perfectly distinctive. It should be composed only of such Past Masters as could prove to the satisfaction of a Board of Examiners their ability to work in a masterly manner the ceremonies, lectures, and sections throughout. It should be recognised as the sole authority in all matters affecting the landmarks of the Order, and the proper observance of ritual and Masonic working. Its members should be required to agree amongst themselves as to the withdrawal or retention of portions of the rituals, and to adopt such a uniform system as would best conform to a reasonable interpretation of the language of our predecessors. They should also be delegates to the several lodges throughout the country, and as such be enabled to enforce the due performance of the agreed ritual. As such delegates, they should be entitled to a position of honour and respect in the Lodges attended by them in that capacity. The collective body of members should be a Court of Appeal, to which all questions of ritual or ceremony should be referred, and their decisions should have the fullest effect. A seat amongst their body should not be too easily attainable, and certainly should not be open to rank, position, or purchase, but solely to merit and ability. And to incite the desire and ambition of those who would attain a place amongst its members, whatever of honour and dignity could be conferred by supreme authority should be awarded. In fact, it should be so constituted, entrusted, and rewarded, that to the energetic and enthusiastic Mason nothing short of membership therein should satisfy him with his Masonic labours.

I believe the formation of such a Lodge would have a marked effect upon the Order of Freemasonry, and certainly it would stir up to further exertion many of its Past Masters, who now sigh for "fresh fields and pastures new." If any of your readers would take up this subject, and through your pages make suggestions in furtherance of the proposal, or adduce reasons against it, I shall not regret that I have now addressed you, and shall not hesitate to trouble you again.

Yours fraternally,
P.M., P.Z., &c.

Worldly good, to deserving persons requiring aid, does not come by any seeming supernatural power. It comes by means that are perfectly natural. Favourable circumstances occur. It comes from a friendly disposition, a desire to serve, an inclining of the heart—when an angel whispers no word is spoken, but a thought comes most heavenly.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWO GRAND LODGES OF ENGLAND IN RATIFICATION OF THE UNION, 1813.

We have the pleasure of presenting our readers with a reprint of the above proceedings, which we feel confident will be perused with interest.

At an Especial Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, according to the Old Institutions, held at the Crown and Anchor Tavern, Strand, on Wednesday, the 1st December, 1813.

PRESENT.

The M.W., H.R.H. the DUKE OF KENT, G.M., on the throne;

The R.W. Thomas Harper, D.G.M.; R.W. James Perry, P.D.G.M.; R.W. James Agar, P.D.G.M.; R.W. Archibald Herron, S.G.W.; R.W. Jeremiah Cranfield, J.G.W.; R.W. Robert Gill, P.S.G.W.; R.W. Thomas Scott, P.S.G.W.; R.W. Malcolm Gillies, P.S.G.W.; R.W. Thomas Mahon, P.S.G.W.; R.W. William Oaks, P.S.G.W.; R.W. Robert Leslie, G.S.; R.W. William C. Clarkson, G.T.; R.W. Rev. Edw. Barry, D.D., G.C.; W. Edwards Harper, D.G.S.; W. Rev. Henry Knapp, D.G.C.; W. Robert McCann, G.S.B.; the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of the 58 Lodges in and adjacent to London.

The Grand Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and in ample form.

The minutes of the Especial Grand Lodge of 8th November, and of the Stewards' Lodge, 17th November, were read and confirmed.

The following Right Worshipful and Worshipful Brothers were severally elected Grand Officers, for the year ensuing or until they should be relieved from the duties thereof; viz. :—R.W. Jeremiah Cranfield, S.G.W.; R.W. Robert McCann, J.G.W.; R.W. Robert Leslie, G.S.; R.W. W. C. Clarkson, G.T.; R.W. Rev. Edw. Barry, D.D., G.C.; W. Jonathan Parker, G.S.B.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master then announced that in consequence of the appointment which he had received from the Grand Lodge upon the 1st of September, in conjunction with the Right Worshipful Brother Harper, Deputy Grand Master, and the R.W. Bros. Perry and Agar, Past Deputy Grand Masters, they had held several conferences with H. R. Highness the Duke of Sussex, Grand Master of the other Fraternity, who was also assisted by three of his Grand Officers—The R.W. Brother Waller Rodwell Wright, Provincial Grand Master of the Ionian Isles, the R.W. Brothers A. Tegart and J. Deans, Past Grand Wardens; the happy result of which, was that articles of Union between the two Grand Lodges of Masons of England were signed and sealed in duplicate at Kensington Palace, on the 25th November last, and His Royal Highness laid the same before the Grand Lodge. The announcement of this great event was received with masonic acclamation, and the said articles were read.

After which the R.W. Brother Perry moved the following resolutions, which were carried in the affirmative unanimously:—

1. That the articles of union now read be Ratified and Confirmed.
2. That the Most Worshipful His Royal Highness the Grand Master be requested and empowered to affix the great seal thereto, and to exchange the same with His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, Grand Master of the other Fraternity.

3. That brotherly application be made to the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, enclosing them a copy of the above articles so ratified, and entreating them to delegate two or more enlightened members of their respective bodies to be present at the Assembly of Union, on Monday, the 27th December inst., pursuant to Article IV.

4. That the Grand Master do nominate nine worthy and expert Master Masons, or Past Masters, to discharge the duties set forth in Articles V. and XV.

5. That a special dispensation, under the great seal, be issued to those nine Brothers, and their Secretary, to hold a Lodge of Reconciliation, in conjunction with an equal number to be appointed and empowered by His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, to fulfil the duties set forth and enjoined in the said Articles of Union.

6. That the Masters, Wardens, and past Masters, of the warranted Lodges, do attend the said Lodge of Reconciliation, according to notices to be addressed to them, for the purpose of being obligated, certified, and registered, to entitle them to be present at the Assembly of Masons for the Union of the two Grand Lodges of England, on Monday, the 27th December instant.

7. That the Secretary of the said Lodge of Reconciliation shall keep a book, in which shall be entered the names of all regular Members of Lodges belonging to both Fraternities, so obligated and certified, that they may be registered, without fee or reward, in the books of the two Grand Lodges, and be thereby entitled to tickets of admission to the said Assembly of Union; and that a correct return of the whole be made to the Grand Secretary on or before the 23rd December instant.

At an Especial Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, under the Constitution of England, holden at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 1st December, 1813.

PRESENT.

The M.W., H.R.H. the DUKE OF SUSSEX, G.M., on the throne;

The R.W. and Hon. W. Shirley, P.S.G.W., as D.G.M.; R.W. Simon McGillivray, J.G.W., as S.G.W.; R.W. Arthur Tegart, P.J.G.W., as J.G.W.; R.W. John Dent, P.S.G.W.; R.W. Sherborne Stewart, P.S.G.W.; R.W. Robert Brettingham, P.J.G.W.; R.W. Forssteen, P.J.G.W.; R.W. Alexander S. Gordon, P.J.G.W.; R.W. John Elliot, P.S.G.W.; R.W. James Earnshaw, P.J.G.W.; R.W. James Deans, P.J.G.W.; R.W. Rev. John Austin, P.S.G.W.; R.W. The Earl of Pomfret, Prov. G.M. for Northamptonshire; R.W. William Wix, Prov. G.M. for Essex; R.W. William Henry White, Prov. G.M. for Wiltshire; R.W. Andrew D. O'Kelly, Prov. G.M. for Bedfordshire; R.W. H. J. Da Costa, Prov. G.M., for Rutlandshire; R.W. His Exc. the Count La Gardje, G.M. of the First Lodge of the North; R.W. William Henry White, G.S.; R.W. Rev. Lucius Coghlan, D.D., G.C.; R.W. William Shadbolt, Master of Grand Stewards' Lodge, as G.S.B.; W. Samuel Wesley, G. Organist; W. C. Bonner; W. the Wardens and Assistants of the Grand Stewards' Lodge; and the Masters and Wardens of 58 other Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and the Laws relating to the conduct of Masons in Grand Lodge were read.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication, holden on Wednesday, the 24th November last, were read and confirmed.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master then announced that by virtue of power delegated to him by the Grand Lodge on the 23rd June last, he had selected the R.W. Brother Waller Rodwell Wright, Provincial Grand Master for the Ionian Isles, and the R.W. Brothers Arthur Tegart and James Deans, Past Grand Wardens to assist him in the negotiation for an Union with the other Fraternity of Masons in England; that they had had several conferences with His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, assisted by three Grand Officers—the R.W. Brother Thomas Harper, Deputy Grand Master, and the R.W. Brothers James Perry, and James Agar, Past Deputy Grand Masters, the happy result of which was that Articles of Union between the two Grand Lodges of Masons of England, had been signed and sealed in duplicate at Kensington Palace on the 25th ult.—His Royal Highness the Grand Master then laid the same before Grand Lodge. The announcement of this great event was received with masonic acclamations, and the said Articles were read by the Grand Secretary.

After which, upon motions severally made and seconded, the following resolutions were passed in the affirmative unanimously:—

1. That the articles now read be Ratified and Confirmed.

2. That the Most Worshipful His Royal Highness the Grand Master be requested and empowered to affix the great seal thereto, and to exchange the same with His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, Grand Master of the other Fraternity.

3. That brotherly application be made to the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, enclosing them a copy of the above articles, so ratified, and entreating them to delegate two or more enlightened members of their respective bodies to be present at the Assembly of Union, on Monday, the 27th December instant, pursuant to Article IV.

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(To be continued.)

A grand Masonic gathering (see advertisement in next column) will be held in Chippenham on the 31st of March, when a handsome testimonial, purchased by subscription amongst the different lodges in the province of Wiltshire, will be presented to Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., on his vacating the office of Deputy Grand Master of that province, in consequence of his having been appointed Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks. The meeting is expected to be one of the largest ever held in Wiltshire, and will demonstrate the well-deserved popularity of the worthy baronet.

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Wednesday, March 31.

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Thursday, April 1.

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