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ANCIENT AND MODERN MYSTERIES.

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After the establishment of Hassan Sabah at Alamoot, the power and prestige of his followers increased daily, and the Ismailites soon began to practice those murderous tactics which gained them the distinctive title of Assassins.

The daggers of the society accomplished what their numerical strength was unable to effect, and fear fell upon all the emirs and governors of the East. Thus

In 1119, as Bedii, the governor of Aleppo, was journeying with his sons to the court of the Emir Il-Ghazi, they were fallen upon by two assassins; Bedii and one of his sons fell by their blows; his other sons cut the murderers down; but a third then sprang forth, and gave the finishing stroke to one of the young men, who was already wounded. The murderer was taken, and brought before Togteghin and Il-Ghazi, who only ordered him to be put in prison; but he drowned himself to escape their vengeance, from which he had, perhaps, nothing to apprehend.

The following account of the residence of the "Old Man of the Mountain," as the Ismailite Chief was generally called, is given by Marco Polo, the Venetian traveller.

"In a beautiful valley," says he, "enclosed between two lofty mountains, he had formed a luxurious garden stored with very delicious fruit and every fragrant shrub that could be procured. Palaces of various sizes and forms were erected in different parts of the grounds, ornamented with works of gold, with paintings, and with furniture of rich silks. By means of small conduits contained in these buildings streams of wine, milk, honey, and some of pure water, were seen to flow in every direction. The inhabitants of these palaces were elegant and beautiful damsels, accomplished in the arts of singing, playing upon all sorts of musical instruments, dancing, and especially those of dalliance and amorous allurement. Clothed in rich dresses, they were seen continually sporting and amusing themselves in the garden and pavilions, their female guardians being confined within doors, and never suffered to appear. The object which the chief had in view in forming a garden of this fascinating kind was this: that Mahomet having promised to those who should obey his will, the enjoyments of paradise, where every species of sensual gratification should be found in the society of beautiful nymphs, he was desirous of its being understood by his followers that he also was a prophet, and a compeer of Mahomet, and had the power of admitting to paradise such as he should choose to favour. In order that none without his licence should find their way into this delicious valley, he caused a strong and inexpugnable castle to be erected at the opening of it, through which the entry was by a secret passage. At his court, likewise, this chief entertained a number of youths, from the age of twelve to twenty years, selected from the inhabitants of the surrounding mountains, who showed a disposition for martial exercises, and appeared to possess the quality of

daring courage. To them he was in the daily practice of discoursing on the subject of the paradise announced by the Prophet and of his own, of granting admission, and at certain times he caused draughts of a soporific nature to be administered to ten or a dozen of the youths, and when half-dead with sleep he had them conveyed to the several apartments of the palaces in the garden. Upon awakening from this state of lethargy their senses were struck with all the delightful objects that have been described, and each perceived himself surrounded by lovely damsels, singing, playing, and attracting his regards by the most fascinating caresses, serving him also with delicious viands and exquisite wines, until, intoxicated with excess of enjoyment, amidst actual rivers of milk and wine, he believed himself assuredly in paradise, and felt an unwillingness to relinquish its delights. When four or five days had thus been passed, they were thrown once more into a state of somnolency and carried out of the garden. Upon their being introduced to his presence, and questioned by him as to where they had been, their answer was, 'In paradise, through the favour of your kindness;' and then, before the whole court, who listened to them with eager curiosity and astonishment, they gave a circumstantial account of the scenes to which they had been witnesses. The chief thereupon addressing them said, 'We have the assurance of our Prophet that he who defends his lord shall inherit paradise, and if you show yourselves devoted to the obedience of my orders, that happy lot awaits you.' Animated to enthusiasm by words of this nature all deemed themselves happy to receive the commands of their master, and were forward to die in his service."

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LEAVES FROM MY LIBRARY.

BY MARMADUKE MAKEPEACE.

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The orphan blushed with confusion. "Alaméde," she continued, in a severe tone, as if to try his mind, "do not plume yourself upon your birth; among your nearest relations were many mere artizans, and your grandfather was a peasant. For your future destinies, if, as you seem to think, rank, fortune, and titles are necessary to pursue a glorious career, I can only pity you—for you have not even a name."

"Well, then, I can achieve one," cried the impetuous Alaméde; "to acquire what I am deficient in, a sword and my honour shall suffice. Without titles I may become great, without fortune I may be happy. Since the capricious deity, Renown, sheds her favours indifferently upon all conditions of men, I may, as well as those other obscure persons, whom she takes out of the very dust, and places in the temple of fame, see myself one day crowned with laurels in the midst of the astonished multitude."

"Thank Heaven!" cried the Lady of St. Chrisogone, enthusiastically, "he is such as my fervent prayers have wished him. Worthy child of my adoption! seat yourself on yonder grey stone near the torch. The hour of revelation approaches; soon shall you comprehend me. Your eye is made to bear the light; your soul is formed to receive the truth; your destiny shall be glorious. It shall be opened to you when you knock; if you seek you shall find."

These figurative expressions, this oracular prediction, were doubtless exceedingly profound; but though the unknown of the marsh was a sort of sphinx, Alaméde was no Œdipus; and the mystery remained unravelled.

The obedient youth took his seat against a bench on the outside of the building, and continued to listen attentively to Ipsiboé. Pointing to her dwelling—"Alaméde," she continued, "your curious glances have, I know, penetrated the recesses of this building. Answer me, rash youth—what have you seen?"

"Some symbolical instruments in a gloomy room, a statue, and a black curtain."

"How do you explain those objects?"

"I have scarcely distinguished them. If my eyes have been curious, they have been the only offenders. I have not passed the grate—I respected your secrets."

"Have you seen no one in this place?"

"Yes; a Templar and some soldiers quitted it just after I arrived."

"And what do you think of these mysterious assemblies in the Morass of St. Chrisogone?"

"Young and inexperienced as I am, I do not venture to pronounce an opinion."

"I permit you; nay, more, I order you to do so."

"Well, then, I think that there is a political and religious society, which meditates the fall of the throne."

"Its restoration rather."

"Which would overthrow?"

"No; which would build up."

"Which at least would seize the crown?"

"Which would restore it to the legitimate king."

"You expect then to excite the people to arms?"

"We expect to enlighten mankind."

"That is to destroy?"

"No; to create."

"I am bewildered."

"You will be convinced."

"Your plans are hazardous and bold. The world is a large space to enlighten!"

"The world's limits are known. There are none to man's genius."

"And you flatter yourself that you have the power to change?"

"Yes;" cried Ipsiboé eagerly, "to change the face of the world.—Listen, young page of a castle, to hopes of freemen: the age of barbarism has ceased; that of civilization has commenced. The people are tired of tyranny, and Christians wearied with impiety. The mists of error are dispersing; the fetters of slavery are broken; bounds must be fixed to the powers of the throne, and reform must purify the church. Too long has the earth been an immense sanctuary, bloody and dark where the great have been the sacrificers, and the common people the victims. Degradation of humanity!—I have seen two men and three women paid by a bishop as the price of a steed, after a hard bargain! In a religious ceremony I have seen the ass of the pagan rites of Vesta braying at the foot of the altar! I have seen, on the pavement of our temples, choristers, armed with whips, pursue the personification of the Allelujah, twirling before them in the shape of a top! Here, in France, a council has been found to hold that women were not of the human species! May such absurd laws, such disgraceful fetters, be annihilated for ever! May the veil of ignorance fall—and thou, holy and sublime Liberty! dawn of regeneration, beam of eternal truth, appear to gladden the world! Arise ye fallen nations—Hail to the liberated earth!"

Her energetic voice echoed around like a divine prophecy. She rose as she finished speaking. Her face was turned to the east, and a moon-beam falling upon it, it shone with a mysterious light. The orphan was filled with awe; his sight was fascinated, his soul captivated; he thought he was on holy ground; and ready to prostrate himself, he gazed upon her with enthusiasm.

"Alaméde," she pursued, "if the legitimate monarchy shall be restored by our efforts, the various powers of the state will be balanced, and it will be established upon a solid basis by an august compact. The protection of the Princes' rights will be the security of the people's. Such is the hope, and such is the purpose, of the noble order of the Invisibles. That grand assembly of all the virtuous and independent hearts in the community is already as immense as its views, as firm as its principles. It is a new column, which has arisen slowly and in secret, but on which already those who can think, and dare believe, rely implicitly. It is a holy tree, which no power can uproot; whose branches will one day cover Europe, and afford protection to its people. The members of this new body are, without showing themselves, everywhere; they labour without seeming to act; they know all things, but they utter nothing; they see all, but they are not seen."

The Lady of St. Chrisogone suddenly paused. The moon had retired behind a thick cloud, and the torch had nearly expired. "I have said enough," she cried: "Page of the Marquis d'Aiguemar, swear never to reveal the words which have passed my lips."

"I swear," said Alaméde.

"Stormy wind," cried she, with vehemence, and as if she had the power of commanding the elements, "still waters, aged cypresses, and thou wild solitude, be silent."

Then turning to the orphan, she said—"I quit you with regret."

The expression of her figure was no longer the same. By a strange and sudden transition, a profound calm had succeeded to the impetuous transport which had lately possessed her. She extended her hand towards him. "Away! away," she cried, "the dawn is about to break. May my prayers be heard; may all human beings so present a fraternal hand to each other. May I yet see united, and in harmony, kings, priests, and people—those divided powers who struggle for the mastery on the earth."

Alaméde could not repress a laugh; he remembered the vain attempt which Ipsiboé had made, a short time previously, to collect around her, to keep in harmony and to fraternise, a goat, a falcon, and some squirrels; being not less difficult to make accord than peasants, priests, and princes.

A subterranean bell now emitted a low and lengthened sound. "Three hours have struck," cried the Lady of St. Chrisogone, "the appointed time will have passed. I am summoned—Adieu!"

In her haste, as she wrapped the shawl around her, she threw it over the flambeau and extinguished it—an almost palpable darkness immediately prevailed; the grate shut to with violence, and Ipsiboé had disappeared.

(To be continued.)

## PROV. GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

CONSECRATION OF TREGENNA LODGE,  
No. 1272.

On Friday last week, this lodge was consecrated at St. Ives, by the R. W. Bro. Reginald Rogers, D. P. G. M. of Cornwall, assisted by Bros. T. Chirgwin, P. P. J. G. W.; W. Tweedy, P. G. Treas.; Bro. W. J. Hughan, P. G. Sec.; and others. The members of the lodge, with a large number of brethren from lodges in the province, assembled in the lodge-room (which was tastefully decorated) at 12.30 p.m., and received the presiding officer and the other P. G. officers.

On the presiding officer taking the chair he appointed Bros. Jenkyn and Tweedy his Wardens, and in opening the lodge in the proper degrees, addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting.

After this the P. G. Secretary read the petition from the members of the new lodge and the warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, signed by the Deputy Grand Master, Earl de Grey and Ripon, on behalf of the Grand Master of England, the Earl of Zetland.

An excellent oration was then delivered by the Presiding Officer, on the nature and principles of the Order; and was listened to with the deepest interest. The lodge was consecrated according to ancient form and usage.

At the close of this most interesting and solemn service, the Presiding Officer called upon Bro. Chirgwin, the Installing Master, to instal Bro. Martin Dunn, the Worshipful Master named in the warrant. This ceremony was also performed. The W. Master, Bro. Dunn, afterwards invested his officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. John Coombe, P. M.; John Richards, S. W.; Geo. Richards, J. W.; Martin Dunn, Treas.; John Coombe, P. M., Sec.; John Tregarthen Short, S. D.; H. D. Edwards, J. D.; Thos. Stevens, I. G.; Philip Uren, Tyler. The R. W., Bro. Reginald Rogers, the Presiding Officer, and Bro. Chirgwin received a hearty vote of thanks for the manner in which they had conducted the ceremonies. Bro. Bullen, P. G. Org., rendered efficient assistance throughout by presiding at the harmonium.

At three o'clock p.m. the brethren, about fifty in number, adjourned to the White Hart Inn, kept by Bro. George Richards, where an excellent banquet was provided. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Dunn, presided, and was supported on his right by the R. W., Bro. Rogers, D. P. G. M.; Bros. Tweedy, P. G. Treas.; and Chirgwin, P. P. G. J. W.; and on his left by Bro. Jenkyn, P. P. G. S. W.; W. J. Hughan, Prov. G. Sec.; Dr. Mudge, P. P. G. J. W.; Frank Hervey, P. G. S.; J. P. Smith, P. P. G. S. D.; &c., &c. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the brethren separated at an early hour, after spending an agreeable day, and one which will be long remembered in connection with Masonry in this province.

## PROVINCE OF DEVON.

CONSECRATION OF A ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER  
AT HONITON.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry was consecrated on the 21st ult., at the Lodge-room Harmony, Honiton. The Rev. J. Huyshe, G. Supt. of Devon, supported by Comp. L. P. Metham, as G. H. and Comp. W. Cann, as G. J., were punctual in attendance at 12 o'clock.

Among the companions present were the following, representing the Chapter of the Province:—M. E. Comps, John Huyshe, G. J. Grand Superintendent of Devon; L. P. Metham, G. H.; W. Cann, P. G. H.; J. Tanner Davy (P. Z. 251), Robert Brent (650), Bartholomew Dickes (P. Z. 112), John Spettigue (P. M. 106), Samuel Jones (P. S. 112), Alfred Booley (S. E. 112), Jethro Tucker (112), J. S. Gundry (Z.-elect 847), W. H. Banfield Fortesque (847), John Murch (H.-elect 847), J. Ingleby Mackenzie (Z. P. S. 106), Benjamin T. Hodge (P. Z. 106), H. B. Stark, (O. 106), N. R. Gillingham (494), E. Chapple (F. 494), W. G. Rogers (P. G. S. E. 112), Webb Elphinstone Stone (106), C. Cramond Dick (P. Z. 484), T. W. Webber, (P. L. 494), T. W. Lane (325).

The beautiful ceremony of this degree was performed by the Grand Superintendent with his usual impressiveness, and after Comp. J. S. Gundry had been installed as Z., Comp. Captain Dick as H., and Comp. J. Murch as J., the lengthened proceedings were brought to a close by Ex. Comp. L. P. Metham, G. H., delivering an oration.

A WARRANT has been issued for a Mark Masters' Lodge to be held at Newport (Mon.), to be called the "Keystone Lodge," and we understand the first meeting will take place in the course of ten or twelve days.

**THE BLOOD IN OLD AGE.**—As age advances the blood becomes thin and cloudy—or, in a full habit, thick and cloudy. The failing of the powers of life requires extra nutrition and support, and the blood yielding the excess required is soon overcharged with carbon, which gives to it the cloudy appearance. Being then impure, day by day the vitiated matter increases, and the body suffers from a thousand ailments. "The Blood Purifier," old Dr. Jacob Townsend's Sarsaparilla, supplies the extra nutrition to the blood and restores to it its florid hue, and then the progress of decay is arrested and the ailment disappears—man lives out his days, and the sunset of life is unattended with suffering. Testimonials with each bottle from the Hon. the Dean of Lismore, General Wm. Gilbert, of the Indian Army; and Rev. Francis Monck, of "The Gospel Evangelist." Ordered also for Apothecaries' Hall, London. Sold by all druggists, in bottles 2s. 6d., 4s., 4s. 6d., 7s. 6d., 11s. Pills and Ointment, each in boxes 1s. 1½d., 2s. 9d., 4s. 6d.—Caution: Get the red and blue wrappers, with the old Doctor's head in the centre. No other genuine.—[Adv.]

## Reports of Masonic Meetings.

## THE CRAFT.

## METROPOLITAN.

*Tuscan Lodge, No. 14.*—This red apron lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., under the presidency of Bro. Frank Richardson, the I. P. M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Frederic J. Cornwell, W. M. Bros. Wm. Bristow, S. W., and Geo. Hillyer, J. W., when Bro. Sadler was raised to the third degree, in a manner which was much approved of by the brethren, and after labour, the lodge and visitors adjourned to the tavern, and spent a happy and harmonious evening over banquet and dessert, the I. P. M. presiding.

*Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65.*—This excellent lodge met on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, Bro. J. L. Mather, W. M., in the chair, supported by his Wardens and Officers. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the former lodge read and confirmed. Bros. Wright and Oliver were raised to the third degree by the W. M., in a very impressive manner. Bro. Cook the W. M.-elect was then presented to the lodge, and the ceremony of installation was perfectly and beautifully rendered by the Acting W. M., Bro. J. L. Mather, who elicited the warmest encomiums from every brother present. The W. M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. D. Forbes, S. W.; E. C. Mather, J. W.; J. Bellerby, P. M., Hon. Sec.; Stevens, S. D.; Carruthers, I. G. The newly-installed W. M. then initiated Mr. J. M. Harris into the Order. A sum of five pounds was then voted to the Masonic Charities, and two pounds were voted to a distressed brother. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, "à la Russe," supplied by Bro. Crawford, that gave great satisfaction to every brother and visitor present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed. The toast of the "Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. J. Emmens, P. G. P. Bro. J. L. Mather, I. P. M., proposed the toast of "The W. M.," and in the course of a very eloquent speech, adverted to the excellent qualities of the W. M. as a thorough Mason, and also for his efficiency as witnessed by his performing the ceremony of initiation, which augured well for his future career. After the toast of "The Newly-Initiated" having been responded to, the W. M. in a very feeling speech, proposed the toast of "The I. P. M., Bro. Mather," and alluded to the admirable manner in which he had conducted the duties of that lodge, and also to his efficiency in working the ceremony of installation; and he said he felt a great amount of pleasure in presenting him, in the name of the lodge, with a magnificent silver tea-service and a Past Master's jewel. (Cheers.) Bro. Mather in a very feeling and appropriate manner returned thanks. The toast of "The Visitors" was then given, who were, Bros. John Emmens, P. G. P.; Jas. Terry, P. M.; T. Bartlett, W. M. New Concord; J. J. Wilson Newton, P. M. 174; Morton, W. M. United Strength; Lacey, P. M. 174; McDavitt Ashdown, S. W., Capper Lodge, Hart, 174; and several others. The toast of "The Officers" followed, some excellent singing was rendered by the brethren, and a very agreeable evening was passed.

*Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.*—This flourishing lodge met on Monday week at Radley's, under the presidency of the very efficient W. M., Bro. Dr. Hermann Beigel, who—well supported by Bros. L. Barnett, S. W., Bloomfield, J. W., W. Abrahams, S. D., N. Moss, J. D., Peartree, Treas., P. Levy, Hon. Sec., Knapper, Org., with P. M.'s Holbrook, Harfeld, N. Harris, Israel, M. Harris, and Alex. Levy—in a most impressive manner initiated into our mysteries Messrs. Dr. Heinemann, Burg, and Simmons, and conferred the second degree on Bros. Makower, Graedel, Schnitzler, Beck, King, and Harvey. In each ceremony the Organist introduced appropriate music, which added materially to the solemnity of the rites. Bros. Schweitzer (late of 171), Lazarus (941), and the Chevalier Antoine de Kontski (Lodge Chateau Thierry, France), were unanimously elected members.—The W. M. then called upon Bro. Phillip Levy, the respected Hon. Sec., to present, in the name of the lodge, a splendidly-chased silver tea and coffee service, value fifty guineas, to his highly-esteemed colleague, Br. Peartree, as some small acknowledgment for his efficient services as Treasurer during the last ten years. This the worthy Secretary did in a most eloquent and brotherly address, adding that a very handsome Treasurer's jewel was intended to have accompanied the present, but, unfortunately, it had not arrived from the maker's.—The whole of the proceedings of the evening appeared to give the highest satisfaction to the numerous visitors, amongst whom were the V. W. Bros. John Hervey, G. Sec., and Jabez Hogg, P. G. D.; Bros. Robbins (W. M. 231), Shuckett (W. M. 837), H. M. Levy (P. M. 188), Littaur (P. M. 205), Goned (Kilwinning), S. Lewis (869), Ashley (I. G. 1060), Benjamin (205), Beer, &c., &c.—The W. M., visitors, and brethren then adjourned to the banquet-room, where an elegant repast was well served by that esteemed brother, Bro. Hart's nephew, and his assistants, after which the W. M. proposed the usual toasts, dwelling especially upon the merits of the G. M., the G. M.-elect, and the Grand Secretary. The latter, in an able and eloquent speech, returned thanks; and on behalf of "the initiates," Bro. Dr. Heinemann responded in a most appropriate address. During the proceedings several excellent songs were sung by the W. M. and others, accompanied on the piano by the worthy Organist.

*Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158.*—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge, was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at Montpelier Tavern, Walworth, and was numerously attended by members and visitors. Bro. R. Clarke, W. M., presided, supported by Bros. Bayfield, S. W.; Chas. E. Thompson, J. W.; Towers, S. D.; Page, J. D.; Varrell, I. G.; H. Thompson, P. M. and Treas.; Pulsford,

P. M. and Sec.; Potter, P. M.; Thomas, P. M.; Dr. Goldsboro', P. M., &c. The lodge was opened soon after four o'clock, when the officers were all in their places. The minutes of the last regular lodge and the lodge of emergency, were read and confirmed. There was a large amount of business to be transacted, there being six candidates for initiation, seven for passing, and six for raising, besides other important matters, including the election of a W. M. for the ensuing year. A ballot was taken, and Mr. John Carter, Mr. Thomas Greaves, Mr. Thomas Lewis Allen, Mr. Henry Painter, and Mr. Samuel Moore, who were candidates for admission to the Order, being in attendance were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bros. Parr, Clayton, and Bolton were passed to the second degree. Having undergone a preliminary examination, the lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bros. Radford, Andrews, and Oldfield were impressively raised to the degree of M. M. The whole of these ceremonies were well performed by the W. M. The lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Bro. Pulsford, the Secretary, read the revised bye-laws, which were approved. The next business was the election of a W. M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Bayfield, S. W., was unanimously elected to that office. Bro. H. Thompson, P. M., was also unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. Laing as Tyler. It was proposed and carried unanimously, that a jewel of the value of ten guineas be presented to Bro. R. E. Clarke, on his retirement from the office of W. M. On the proposition of the W. M., it was agreed that the sum of £5 be presented to the Royal Benevolent Institution for the Widows of Freemasons, this sum completing and making the lodge Life Subscribers to all the Masonic Institutions. Bro. H. Thompson, P. M. and Treas., proposed, and Bro. Bayfield, S. W., seconded a motion, that the sum of two guineas be voted from the funds of the lodge towards the "Masonic Life Boat," to be presented to the National Life Boat Institution. The motion was unanimously carried, showing that the lodge is now ready to listen to any worthy appeal that may be made to it. The W. M. then said that he had a very pleasing duty to perform, in a proposition he was about to make. The brethren all knew the ready and valuable services Bro. Dr. Goldsboro' had rendered them in the infancy of the lodge, and he was at all times willing to do anything that lay in his power to promote its prosperity. He therefore had great pleasure in proposing that Bro. Dr. Goldsboro' should become an Honorary Member of the Southern Star Lodge, as a recognition of his services. Bro. C. E. Thompson, J. W., seconded the motion, and said he knew Bro. Dr. Goldsboro' as a good man and a good Mason, and all times ready to render assistance, whether in or outside the lodge, and carry out the great precepts of the Order. The motion was unanimously agreed to, and Bro. Goldsboro' in very feeling terms expressed his sense of the high honour conferred upon him, which he should always remember with feelings of gratitude to the end of his life. Several propositions for initiation for the next meeting having been made, the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet table, at which fifty-one sat down, and their "creature comforts" were well taken care of by mine host, Bro. Allatt, who was most assiduous in doing all in his power to give them satisfaction, and it was unanimously admitted that he had succeeded in doing so. After the cloth was drawn, the customary loyal toasts were given, and afterwards Bro. Allen returned thanks for the newly-initiated brethren. The health of the W. M. was drunk with great cordiality; and the visitors severally responded, expressing the pleasure they had experienced in visiting the Southern Star Lodge, not on account of the hospitality extended to them, but for the Masonic treat they had enjoyed in the working of the lodge, which was done in a manner that left nothing to be desired, trusting again to have the opportunity of visiting them to receive a renewed pleasure in doing so. Bro. Henry Thompson, P. M. and Treasurer, responded for the P. M.'s, and alluded to the great success which had attended the lodge ever since its formation. It had not been three years in existence, and now numbered upwards of eighty members. As the founder of the lodge, it was needless to say the gratification he experienced in seeing its prosperity, hoping it might long enjoy the distinguished position in the Craft that it now occupied, and that it would ever keep alive those grand principles upon which their Order was founded. The health of the W. M.-elect, (Bro. Bayfield,) was given and responded to, and some other toasts followed, interspersed with songs and a recitation, by Bro. Joyce, "The Balaklava Charge," (not Tennyson's,) and the entire evening was spent in that happy way so characteristic of the Southern Star Lodge.

*Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178.*—An emergency meeting of this young and prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, at Bro. George Drapper's, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Bermondsey. At the appointed hour of six the lodge was opened. Bro. J. W. Avery, W. M., occupied the chair of K. S. There were also present: Bros. F. H. Elsworth, P. M. as S. W.; H. Bartlett, J. W.; Dr. Dixon, P. M., Treas.; F. Walters, P. M., Sec.; J. W. Dudley, I. G.; J. H. Harmsworth, D. C.; J. H. Fudge, W. S.; G. Drapper, J.; A. Axtell, and some others. The visitors were Bros. W. Endors, 73; A. Avery, W. M. 619; J. Hawker, P. M. 871; H. F. Dawe, 871, and others whose names we were unable to ascertain. A ballot for the candidate for initiation, Mr. G. D. Baker, was unanimous in his favour. But being abroad, his admission was deferred until the next meeting. In a masterly, impressive, correct and faultless manner, Bros. G. Mabbs and W. May, introduced separately, were passed to the Fellow Craft degree. Bro. G. J. Ellis, was raised to the degree of a Master Mason. All the lodge proxies were given to support the local case of the poor orphan girl, Caroline Hart, (whose father was a member of 765.) It is considered to be a most deserving case. Business ended, the lodge was duly closed. Refreshment was

served after the labours of the evening were ended. Songs and recitations followed.

PROVINCIAL.

**HULL.**—*Humber Lodge, No. 57.*—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, on Tuesday, 15th March, the Worshipful Master, Bro. William Needler in the chair. There were also present P.M.'s Bros. Wilson, Henson, Walker, and Heyworth; Bros. Bee, S.W.; Haberland, J.W.; Middlemist, Chaplain; Cohen, Treasurer; Backwell, Secretary; Toozes, S.D.; Vivian, J.D.; Spikins, D.C.; Thornton, I.G.; Walker and Preston, Stewards; Johnson, Tyler; Gawthorp, Assistant Tyler; visitor, P.M. Bro. Holden, of the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, Hull. The lodge having been opened on the first degree in due form and with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed, when Bro. Benjamin Medley was balloted for, accepted and initiated in the first degree of Freemasonry. The lodge was then opened on the second and third degrees, when Bro. Henry Orrell Vaughan was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The lodge having been closed on the third and second degrees, richly illuminated testimonials, beautifully executed, on vellum, considered highly creditable works of art, were presented to P.M. Bro. John Wilson, and Bro. John Chapman; and for the former for many services rendered the lodge, and for the gift of a splendid Masonic gilt frame; and the latter for the gift of a full-length portrait of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, painted by himself, and copied from one by Gant, now in the Trinity House. The portrait and frame now hang in the Entrance Hall of the lodge. The Worshipful Master in making the presentation, said that he had much pleasure in presenting to Bro. Wilson, on behalf of the members of the lodge, this further memento of their esteem and regard, a memento entirely deserved at their hands for the attention he had given, and the ability he had displayed in guiding the affairs of the lodge for the past year he was sure had been exceeded by none of his predecessors in the chair. On the 18th January last, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire (Bro. Dr. Bell) presented, on behalf of the lodge, to Bro. Wilson, a very handsome and valuable testimonial, consisting of a Senior Provincial Grand Deacon's Jewel with suitable inscription, and a full suit of Provincial Clothing, and now, he (the W.M.), only two months later had to perform the pleasing duty of making the second presentation. He hoped that Bro. Wilson would long be spared to look upon and value the testimonials.—P.M. Bro. Wilson thanked the brethren for their valued gift. His year of office had been a happy one, it did not require a testimonial to remind him of that. He should always be ready to do his utmost for the benefit of the lodge. He promised when elected to do so, and now felt sure that he had redeemed his promise.—P.M. Bro. Walker then presented the other testimonial to Bro. Chapman, remarking that though Bro. Chapman was but a young Mason, he had already given proof that he had Masonry at heart, and loved and delighted in its time-honoured institutions. Bro. Chapman had also given proof of his talent as an artist, some affirming that the copy was a work of far greater merit than the original picture. He hoped they would long have the pleasure of seeing Bro. Chapman amongst them.—Bro. Chapman said he thanked them for their kindness to him, and as his gift had given them so much pleasure and called forth so candid and hearty a vote of thanks it would stimulate him to still further efforts for the benefit of the lodges. Bro. Tesseyman, the Secretary of the Ball Committee, reported that from the proceeds of the late Ball, £5 5s. had been sent to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in the name of the W.M., and £2 2s. as a donation; £5 5s. in the name of the G.W.; £2 2s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and £1 1s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for aged Freemasons and their Widows.

**PENZANCE.**—*Mount Sinai Lodge, 121.*—A number of the brethren of the lodge assembled on Wednesday last week, to show their high esteem to their W.M., Bro. S. Higgs, junr., on his leaving this country for Wallaroo, Australia. Bro. E. S. Boyns, I.P.M., stated that on the part of the brethren and himself, it was his privilege to present to Bro. Higgs a handsome jewel, as a feeble token of the high esteem in which he was held by the brethren of his lodge. After dilating upon the valuable and varied services rendered by Bro. Higgs to the lodge, by the upright and manly conduct which had characterised the whole of his life, and his being about to leave old England, to find "fresh fields and pastures new" in a foreign clime, he concluded by hoping that he might live long to look upon the jewel, and that, when it pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to remove him from the world, it might descend as a heirloom to his children, and stimulate them to a cause which had won for their ancestor the praise and respect of his fellow-men.—Bro. F. Boase, P.M., also eulogised the noble and daring deeds of Bro. Higgs, who had repeatedly risked his own life to save those of his fellow-creatures, and whose praiseworthy conduct during the memorable wreck of the "North Britain," would never be effaced from their memories; such active life would command universal esteem, and all heartily wished him success in his future labours at Wallaroo.—Bro. Higgs having acknowledged the presentation in the most feeling manner, said he had also a pleasing duty to perform before he left his lodge. All had noticed the great energy of their Organist, Bro. Richard Carter, and they had resolved at their last festival to procure for him a collar and jewel. Bro. Carter was the first to receive this honour from this old and respected lodge, and he felt honoured to be in the chair that night to invest him with it.—Bro. Carter, in returning thanks, trusted that as long as he continued to wear that collar and jewel, he should do so with honour to the Craft, and that the brethren would ever remember Bro. Higgs with feelings of pleasure, whenever that insignia should be worn in the lodge. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment at

Bro. W. Mitchell's, where a supper was served on a liberal scale, the W.M., Bro. Higgs, in the chair, the S.W. in the vice chair. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were followed by good wishes for the health and prosperity of Mr. and Mrs. Higgs.

**SHEERNESS.**—*Adam's Lodge, No. 158.*—This lodge met on Thursday se'nnight, when Bro. J. Bagshaw was duly installed as W.M. The brethren, to the number of about fifty, assembled at four o'clock at the Britannia inn. Among the brethren present were several members of the De Shurland Lodge, namely, Bros. J. R. Macdonald, W.M.; Dr. Prescott, P.M., Royal Artillery; W. Pannell, Secretary; with several others, together with several brethren from the Isle of Grain, Sittingbourne, &c. The lodge having been opened in the several degrees by Bro. Spears, P.M., the W.M.-elect was prepared for the installation ceremony. This was very impressively performed by Bro. Isaac Townsend, P.P.G.R., P.Z., P.M. 158; the musical portion of the observance being performed by Bro. E. T. Barling, Organist of Adam's Lodge. The newly-installed W.M. selected as his officers the following brethren:—Bros. W. R. Fabian, S.W.; W. J. Carpenter, J.W.; M. Christie, S.D.; T. J. Ferminger, J.D.; H. R. Johnson, I.G.; E. T. Barling, Organist; and H. Forster, Tyler. The I.P.M. is Bro. T. Hughes. Bro. Dr. J. S. Keddell was re-appointed Treasurer, and Bro. Isaac Townsend, Secretary.

**STONEHOUSE.**—*Lodge Metham, No. 1205.*—A meeting of this lodge was held at Stonehouse, on Monday last week, for the purpose of installing the W. Master-Elect, and the transaction of other business. The preliminary work was very beautifully performed by Bro. Col. Elliott, the W.M. and founder of the lodge. Bro. Leigh, R.V., was duly installed into the office of W.M., after which he made the following appointments:—Bros. Fennell, S.W.; Russell, J.W.; Blake, Treasurer; Elliott, Hon. Sec.; Powell, S.D.; Wise, J.D.; Hicks, D.C.; Taylor, I.G.; Arberry and Sullivan, Stewards.

**PONTYPOOL.**—*Kenard Lodge, No. 1258.*—The usual monthly meeting took place on Monday last, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Bartholomew Thomas. The business consisted solely in raising Bros. Prosser, Herbert, and Fowler, which ceremony was rendered in a very able and effective manner, by the W.M. Owing to the absence of several members, various other matters were adjourned till the next meeting, and the lodge was closed in harmony at eight p.m.

**LIVERPOOL.**—*Pembroke Lodge, No. 1299.*—This lodge held its first monthly meeting on Thursday, the 17th ult., at the West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool. The lodge was opened in due form by Bros. William Crane, W.M.; J. Cook, S.W.; J. Sillars, J.W.; Macmaldrow, S.D.; Henry Clayton, Treas.; Joseph Clegg, Sec.; Edwin Hughes, J.D.; Jones, I.G.; and Bartlett and J. English, Stewards. The ballot was taken for Mr. J. Busfield and Mr. H. Sturzecker, and duly elected. Mr. Busfield, being in attendance, was duly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., in a very impressive style, which did him great credit, every officer being well up to his work, which speaks well for the working of this new lodge. A committee was appointed to enquire into the character of every proposition for initiation and joining members to the lodge. It would be well if every lodge would do the same, and thereby prevent very many from entering the Order who are afterwards found to be unworthy. Bro. Thos. Marsh, P.G.A.D.C., was elected a member of the lodge. The visitors were: Bros. Hy. Pearson, Treas. 249, 1094; D. W. Winstanley, S.D., 1094; R. R. Martin, 1094; R. Washington, 1094; J. Treas. 1094, &c., who all expressed themselves with the very marked, impressive and perfect manner the work of the evening was done.

SCOTLAND.

**GLASGOW.**—*Glasgow Thistle Lodge, No. 87.*—The 108th anniversary of this lodge was commemorated on the 16th ult., in a manner compatible with the prestige, practice, and morale of the ancient Order of Freemasonry. Every one felt at ease in their usual place of meeting, which partook of a truly gala air, through fresh paint, banners and flags, and the snowy tables, and savoury viands of the purveyor. Countenance lent light to countenance with a hearty reciprocity, unmarred by a single instance of unbrotherly conduct. The R.W.M., Bro. John Fraser, presided, supported by his Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. John Grieve and John Dobbie. A blessing having been invoked by Bro. the Rev. T. B. W. Niven, Chaplain of St. John's Lodge, No. 3 bis., and minister of the Tron parish, an excellent supper was enjoyed, after which the 133rd psalm was sung by the brethren, accompanied on the harmonium by Bro. Lang, who exerted his talents both vocal and instrumental in the flow of melody and harmony during the evening. Bros. James Perston, Robt. McCulloch, John Fraser, Robert Gibson, and others likewise lent their voices in glee and song with much acceptance. The preferential toasts were given from the chair, and duly honoured. "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers" found a spirited response from Bro. Whitlock, who later on acknowledged that of "Our Medical Brethren," propounded by Bro. J. V. Henderson, D.M. Bro. A. R. Wilson, Chaplain of St. Mungo Lodge, No. 27, in his wonted happy style announced the toast of "Prosperity to the Glasgow Thistle Lodge," to which the R.W.M. replied, and was followed by the "Thistle 87," being sung by Bro. Preston, the brethren joining in chorus. Bro. Lawson was allotted the "Clergy," whom he qualified by an apt quotation from the bard of Avon as the inculcators of gentleness, whose ministrations were, in the happy times rendered more accepted, through a charitable and liberal interpretation of the Book of Law, and the sinking of sectarian differences.—The Rev. Bro. Newman, acknowledges the kindly terms in which his profession had been spoken of, and concluded by some pleasing allusions to Glasgow in 1762, and wondered in what aristocratic close

in the Saut Market or Bridgegate the members of the Thistle Lodge held their first meeting.—The Senior Warden called for a bumper to the Past Masters of the lodge, and was responded to by Bro. Thomas Paten, who remarked that four such were present, viz., Andrew Mackie, John Miller, Thomas Cavan, and himself, whose united reigns extend over sixteen years. Labour was at this stage called to enroll as Honorary Members the Rev. Bro. Niven and Lang, Bro. Paton, officiating as Obligator. The toast list being resumed Bro. John Miller called for a recognition of the "Office-bearers of the Lodge," who being duly honoured, were answered for by Bro. I. V. Henderson, D.M. By request, the Rev. Bro. Niven in truly charitable and discriminating terms, presented for acceptance "The memory of Robert Burns," which was received with silent honours. Next came "Our Absent Brethren by sea and land," pathetically submitted by Bro. Robert Gibson. "The Ladies" were amongst our happiest pledges, the harmonium rolling out, "Green grows the rushes o'," which with "The deputations from Sister Lodges," and other interchanges from the chair, a most felicitous festivity was brought to a close with "Happy to meet and sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

WEST INDIES.

**TURKS ISLAND.**—*Forth Lodge, No. 647.*—The 27th December being the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, was duly observed by the Masonic Fraternity of this place. The brethren of Turks Island Forth Lodge, No. 647 E.C., were assembled at their hall, at an early hour, and having installed the various officers for the ensuing year, partook of a banquet which reflected great credit on their Stewards for the occasion. Office-bearers for 1870:—Bros. W. C. Moxey, P.M., W.M.; C. R. Hinson, P.M., S.W.; John T. Astwood, J.W.; N. T. Godet, P.M., Treas.; Joseph A. Gardiner, Sec.; Zaccheus Frith, S.D.; Edwin J. Astwood, J.D.; J. W. Milburn, I.G.; A. Francis, (S.B.) Tyler; J. T. Godet and Jas. Astwood, Stewards.

A COMPLIMENTARY benefit will be given to Bro. W. J. Hurlstone and Jas. Francis, at the Lecture Hall, Greenwich, on Saturday, April the 9th. An attractive programme will shortly issue, including the names of various London actors and actresses of celebrity. Bro. Hurlstone was acting manager at the Holborn, Globe, and Greenwich theatres, and has earned a well-merited reputation as an actor. His courtesy and talents have gained for him a host of friends who, no doubt, will well support him on this occasion.

LET every Mason ask himself, if he be of the esoteric or of the exoteric school of Masonry? Has he studied its hidden beauties and excellencies? Has he explained its history, and traced out the origin and the crude meaning of its symbols? Or has he supinely rested content with the knowledge he received at the pedestal, nor sought to pass beyond the porch of the Temple? If so, he is not prepared to find in our ritual those lessons which adorn the path of life, and cheer the bed of death; and for all purposes, save those of social meeting and friendly recognition, Masonry is to him a sealed book.—*Dr. Mackey.*

A DODGER DONE FOR.—Mr. Wm. Wotherspoon, of Glenfield, the famous starch maker, was successful last week in the Vice-Chancellor's Court, Lincoln's Inn, in obtaining an injunction to restrain a party named Currie from applying the word "Glenfield" to or in connection with starch made for or by him. It appeared that Currie, the defendant, had taken a small cottage or building at Glenfield, for the express purpose of inducing people to believe that his starch was the article made by the plaintiff. His Honor's opinion was that in this case the defendant had pursued this course with the deliberate and fraudulent intention of palming off his starch upon the public as the starch of the plaintiff, and acquiring a sale of his starch by means of the connexion and reputation of the plaintiff. He never had seen a case in which defendant had been guilty of more reprehensible conduct as a tradesman. He should, therefore, grant the injunction in the terms asked by the bill.—*Bradford Daily Telegraph.*

GALVANISM.—Pulvermacher's Monthly Record of Cures is now ready for the benefit of Sufferers, containing documentary evidence of remarkable Cures effected by Pulvermacher's Improved Patent Self-applicable Volta-Electric Chain-Bands and Pocket Batteries, and may be had on application to the Sole Inventor and Patentee—J. L. Pulvermacher, 200, Regent-street, London, W. A Test on Loan sent gratis if required. *Caution.*—Spurious Electric Appliances being advertised by Quack Doctors, Patients should consult Pulvermacher's Pamphlet on that subject (free by post), embodying other most interesting matter for those suffering from Rheumatic and Neuralgic Pains, Functional Disorders, &c., &c.—[Advt.]

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Decline Arrested.—Wherever weakness exists in the human body the chances are it will be developed by winter. Chest complaints are especially liable to intrude unless early symptoms be met and checked. No more lamentable sight presents itself than the daily sinking of the young through consumption. At the very outset of this disease these Pills are most effective in purifying the blood, preventing its stagnation in the lungs, and removing the hacking cough. Holloway's Pills should be taken on the first warning of constitutional delicacy. Their invigorating properties will soon re-establish tone and regularity throughout the system, amend the digestion, regulate the liver, and rouse the kidneys and bowels to natural and salubrious action.—[Advt.]

## PROV. GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

CONSECRATION OF TREGENNA LODGE,  
No. 1272.

On Friday last week, this lodge was consecrated at St. Ives, by the R. W. Bro. Reginald Rogers, D. P. G. M. of Cornwall, assisted by Bros. T. Chirgwin, P. P. J. G. W.; W. Tweedy, P. G. Treas.; Bro. W. J. Hughan, P. G. Sec.; and others. The members of the lodge, with a large number of brethren from lodges in the province, assembled in the lodge-room (which was tastefully decorated) at 12.30 p.m., and received the presiding officer and the other P. G. officers.

On the presiding officer taking the chair he appointed Bros. Jenkyn and Tweedy his Wardens, and in opening the lodge in the proper degrees, addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting.

After this the P. G. Secretary read the petition from the members of the new lodge and the warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, signed by the Deputy Grand Master, Earl de Grey and Ripon, on behalf of the Grand Master of England, the Earl of Zetland.

An excellent oration was then delivered by the Presiding Officer, on the nature and principles of the Order; and was listened to with the deepest interest. The lodge was consecrated according to ancient form and usage.

At the close of this most interesting and solemn service, the Presiding Officer called upon Bro. Chirgwin, the Installing Master, to instal Bro. Martin Dunn, the Worshipful Master named in the warrant. This ceremony was also performed. The W. Master, Bro. Dunn, afterwards invested his officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. John Coombe, P. M.; John Richards, S. W.; Geo. Richards, J. W.; Martin Dunn, Treas.; John Coombe, P. M., Sec.; John Tregarthen Short, S. D.; H. D. Edwards, J. D.; Thos. Stevens, I. G.; Philip Uren, Tyler. The R. W., Bro. Reginald Rogers, the Presiding Officer, and Bro. Chirgwin received a hearty vote of thanks for the manner in which they had conducted the ceremonies. Bro. Bullen; P. G. Org., rendered efficient assistance throughout by presiding at the harmonium.

At three o'clock p.m. the brethren, about fifty in number, adjourned to the White Hart Inn, kept by Bro. George Richards, where an excellent banquet was provided. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Dunn, presided, and was supported on his right by the R. W., Bro. Rogers, D. P. G. M.; Bros. Tweedy, P. G. Treas.; and Chirgwin, P. P. G. J. W.; and on his left by Bro. Jenkyn, P. P. G. S. W.; W. J. Hughan, Prov. G. Sec.; Dr. Mudge, P. P. G. J. W.; Frank Hervey, P. G. S.; J. P. Smith, P. P. G. S. D.; &c., &c. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the brethren separated at an early hour, after spending an agreeable day, and one which will be long remembered in connection with Masonry in this province.

## PROVINCE OF DEVON.

CONSECRATION OF A ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER  
AT HONITON.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry was consecrated on the 21st ult., at the Lodge-room Harmony, Honiton. The Rev. J. Huyshe, G. Supt. of Devon, supported by Comp. L. P. Metham, as G. H. and Comp. W. Cann, as G. J., were punctual in attendance at 12 o'clock.

Among the companions present were the following, representing the Chapter of the Province:—M. E. Comps, John Huyshe, G. J. Grand Superintendent of Devon; L. P. Metham, G. H.; W. Cann, P. G. H.; J. Tanner Davy (P. Z. 251), Robert Brent (650), Bartholomew Dicks (P. Z. 112), John Spettigue (P. M. 106), Samuel Jones (P. S. 112), Alfred Booley (S. E. 112), Jethro Tucker (112), J. S. Gundry (Z.-elect 847), W. H. Banfield Fortesque (847), John Murch (H.-elect 847), J. Ingleby Mackenzie (Z. P. S. 106), Benjamin T. Hodge (P. Z. 106), H. B. Stark, (O. 106), N. R. Gillingham (494), E. Chapple (F. 494), W. G. Rogers (P. G. S. E. 112), Webb Elphinstone Stone (106), C. Cramond Dick (P. Z. 484), T. W. Webber, (P. L. 494), T. W. Lane (325).

The beautiful ceremony of this degree was performed by the Grand Superintendent with his usual impressiveness, and after Comp. J. S. Gundry had been installed as Z., Comp. Captain Dick as H., and Comp. J. Murch as J., the lengthened proceedings were brought to a close by Ex. Comp. L. P. Metham, G. H., delivering an oration.

A WARRANT has been issued for a Mark Masters' Lodge to be held at Newport (Mon.), to be called the "Keystone Lodge," and we understand the first meeting will take place in the course of ten or twelve days.

**THE BLOOD IN OLD AGE.**—As age advances the blood becomes thin and cloudy—or, in a full habit, thick and cloudy. The failing of the powers of life requires extra nutrition and support, and the blood yielding the excess required is soon overcharged with carbon, which gives to it the cloudy appearance. Being then impure, day by day the vitiated matter increases, and the body suffers from a thousand ailments. "The Blood Purifier," old Dr. Jacob Townsend's Sarsaparilla, supplies the extra nutrition to the blood and restores to it its florid hue, and then the progress of decay is arrested and the ailment disappears—man lives out his days, and the sunset of life is unattended with suffering. Testimonials with each bottle from the Hon. the Dean of Lismore, General Wm. Gilbert, of the Indian Army; and Rev. Francis Monck, of "The Gospel Evangelist." Ordered also for Apothecaries' Hall, London. Sold by all druggists, in bottles 2s. 6d., 4s., 4s. 6d., 7s. 6d., 11s. Pills and Ointment, each in boxes 1s. 1½d., 2s. 9d., 4s. 6d.—Caution: Get the red and blue wrappers, with the old Doctor's head in the centre. No other genuine.—[Advt.]

## Reports of Masonic Meetings.

## THE CRAFT.

## METROPOLITAN.

*Tuscan Lodge, No. 14.*—This red apron lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., under the presidency of Bro. Frank Richardson, the I. P. M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Frederic J. Cornwell, W. M. Bros. Wm. Bristow, S. W., and Geo. Hillyer, J. W., when Bro. Sadler was raised to the third degree, in a manner which was much approved of by the brethren, and after labour, the lodge and visitors adjourned to the tavern, and spent a happy and harmonious evening over banquet and dessert, the I. P. M. presiding.

*Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65.*—This excellent lodge met on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, Bro. J. L. Mather, W. M., in the chair, supported by his Wardens and Officers. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the former lodge read and confirmed. Bros. Wright and Oliver were raised to the third degree by the W. M., in a very impressive manner. Bro. Cook the W. M.-elect was then presented to the lodge, and the ceremony of installation was perfectly and beautifully rendered by the Acting W. M., Bro. J. L. Mather, who elicited the warmest encomiums from every brother present. The W. M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. D. Forbes, S. W.; E. C. Mather, J. W.; J. Bellerby, P. M., Hon. Sec.; Stevens, S. D.; Carruthers, I. G. The newly-installed W. M. then initiated Mr. J. M. Harriss into the Order. A sum of five pounds was then voted to the Masonic Charities, and two pounds were voted to a distressed brother. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, "a la Russe," supplied by Bro. Crawford, that gave great satisfaction to every brother and visitor present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed. The toast of the "Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. J. Emmens, P. G. P. Bro. J. L. Mather, I. P. M., proposed the toast of "The W. M.," and in the course of a very eloquent speech, adverted to the excellent qualities of the W. M. as a thorough Mason, and also for his efficiency as witnessed by his performing the ceremony of initiation, which augured well for his future career. After the toast of "The Newly-Initiated" having been responded to, the W. M. in a very feeling speech, proposed the toast of "The I. P. M., Bro. Mather," and alluded to the admirable manner in which he had conducted the duties of that lodge, and also to his efficiency in working the ceremony of installation; and he said he felt a great amount of pleasure in presenting him, in the name of the lodge, with a magnificent silver tea-service and a Past Master's jewel. (Cheers.) Bro. Mather in a very feeling and appropriate manner returned thanks. The toast of "The Visitors" was then given, who were, Bros. John Emmens, P. G. P.; Jas. Terry, P. M.; T. Bartlett, W. M. New Concord; J. J. Wilson Newton, P. M. 174; Morton, W. M. United Strength; Lacey, P. M. 174; McDavitt Ashdown, S. W., Capper Lodge, Hart, 174; and several others. The toast of "The Officers" followed, some excellent singing was rendered by the brethren, and a very agreeable evening was passed.

*Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.*—This flourishing lodge met on Monday week at Radley's, under the presidency of the very efficient W. M., Bro. Dr. Hermann Beigel, who—well supported by Bros. L. Barnett, S. W., Bloomfield, J. W., W. Abrahams, S. D., N. Moss, J. D., Peartree, Treas., P. Levy, Hon. Sec., Knapper, Org., with P. M.'s Holbrook, Harfeld, N. Harris, Israel, M. Harris, and Alex. Levy—in a most impressive manner initiated into our mysteries Messrs. Dr. Heinemann, Burg, and Simmons, and conferred the second degree on Bros. Makower, Graedel, Schnitzler, Beck, King, and Harvey. In each ceremony the Organist introduced appropriate music, which added materially to the solemnity of the rites. Bros. Schweitzer (late of 171), Lazarus (941), and the Chevalier Antoine de Kontski (Lodge Chateau Thierry, France), were unanimously elected members.—The W. M. then called upon Bro. Phillip Levy, the respected Hon. Sec., to present, in the name of the lodge, a splendidly-chased silver tea and coffee service, value fifty guineas, to his highly-esteemed colleague, Br. Peartree, as some small acknowledgment for his efficient services as Treasurer during the last ten years. This the worthy Secretary did in a most eloquent and brotherly address, adding that a very handsome Treasurer's jewel was intended to have accompanied the present, but, unfortunately, it had not arrived from the maker's.—The whole of the proceedings of the evening appeared to give the highest satisfaction to the numerous visitors, amongst whom were the V. W. Bros. John Hervey, G. Sec., and Jabez Hogg, P. G. D.; Bros. Robbins (W. M. 231), Shuckett (W. M. 837), H. M. Levy (P. M. 188), Littaur (P. M. 205), Goned (Kilwinning), S. Lewis (869), Ashley (I. G. 1060), Benjamin (205), Beer, &c., &c.—The W. M., visitors, and brethren then adjourned to the banquet-room, where an elegant repast was well served by that esteemed brother, Bro. Hart's nephew, and his assistants, after which the W. M. proposed the usual toasts, dwelling especially upon the merits of the G. M., the G. M.-elect, and the Grand Secretary. The latter, in an able and eloquent speech, returned thanks; and on behalf of "the initiates," Bro. Dr. Heinemann responded in a most appropriate address. During the proceedings several excellent songs were sung by the W. M. and others, accompanied on the piano by the worthy Organist.

*Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158.*—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at Montpelier Tavern, Walworth, and was numerously attended by members and visitors. Bro. R. Clarke, W. M., presided, supported by Bros. Bayfield, S. W.; Chas. E. Thompson, J. W.; Towers, S. D.; Page, J. D.; Varrell, I. G.; H. Thompson, P. M. and Treas.; Pulsford,

P. M. and Sec.; Potter, P. M.; Thomas, P. M.; Dr. Goldsboro', P. M., &c. The lodge was opened soon after four o'clock, when the officers were all in their places. The minutes of the last regular lodge and the lodge of emergency, were read and confirmed. There was a large amount of business to be transacted, there being six candidates for initiation, seven for passing, and six for raising, besides other important matters, including the election of a W. M. for the ensuing year. A ballot was taken, and Mr. John Carter, Mr. Thomas Greaves, Mr. Thomas Lewis Allen, Mr. Henry Painter, and Mr. Samuel Moore, who were candidates for admission to the Order, being in attendance were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bros. Parr, Clayton, and Bolton were passed to the second degree. Having undergone a preliminary examination, the lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bros. Radford, Andrews, and Oldfield were impressively raised to the degree of M. M. The whole of these ceremonies were well performed by the W. M. The lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Bro. Pulsford, the Secretary, read the revised bye-laws, which were approved. The next business was the election of a W. M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Bayfield, S. W., was unanimously elected to that office. Bro. H. Thompson, P. M., was also unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. Laing as Tyler. It was proposed and carried unanimously, that a jewel of the value of ten guineas be presented to Bro. R. E. Clarke, on his retirement from the office of W. M. On the proposition of the W. M., it was agreed that the sum of £5 be presented to the Royal Benevolent Institution for the Widows of Freemasons, this sum completing and making the lodge Life Subscribers to all the Masonic Institutions. Bro. H. Thompson, P. M. and Treas., proposed, and Bro. Bayfield, S. W., seconded a motion, that the sum of two guineas be voted from the funds of the lodge towards the "Masonic Life Boat," to be presented to the National Life Boat Institution. The motion was unanimously carried, showing that the lodge is now ready to listen to any worthy appeal that may be made to it. The W. M. then said that he had a very pleasing duty to perform, in a proposition he was about to make. The brethren all knew the ready and valuable services Bro. Dr. Goldsboro' had rendered them in the infancy of the lodge, and he was at all times willing to do anything that lay in his power to promote its prosperity. He therefore had great pleasure in proposing that Bro. Dr. Goldsboro' should become an Honorary Member of the Southern Star Lodge, as a recognition of his services. Bro. C. E. Thompson, J. W., seconded the motion, and said he knew Bro. Dr. Goldsboro' as a good man and a good Mason, and all times ready to render assistance, whether in or outside the lodge, and carry out the great precepts of the Order. The motion was unanimously agreed to, and Bro. Goldsboro' in very feeling terms expressed his sense of the high honour conferred upon him, which he should always remember with feelings of gratitude to the end of his life. Several propositions for initiation for the next meeting having been made, the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet table, at which fifty-one sat down, and their "creature comforts" were well taken care of by mine host, Bro. Allatt, who was most assiduous in doing all in his power to give them satisfaction, and it was unanimously admitted that he had succeeded in doing so. After the cloth was drawn, the customary loyal toasts were given, and afterwards Bro. Allen returned thanks for the newly-initiated brethren. The health of the W. M. was drunk with great cordiality; and the visitors severally responded, expressing the pleasure they had experienced in visiting the Southern Star Lodge, not on account of the hospitality extended to them, but for the Masonic treat they had enjoyed in the working of the lodge, which was done in a manner that left nothing to be desired, trusting again to have the opportunity of visiting them to receive a renewed pleasure in doing so. Bro. Henry Thompson, P. M. and Treasurer, responded for the P. M.'s, and alluded to the great success which had attended the lodge ever since its formation. It had not been three years in existence, and now numbered upwards of eighty members. As the founder of the lodge, it was needless to say the gratification he experienced in seeing its prosperity, hoping it might long enjoy the distinguished position in the Craft that it now occupied, and that it would ever keep alive those grand principles upon which their Order was founded. The health of the W. M.-elect, (Bro. Bayfield,) was given and responded to, and some other toasts followed, interspersed with songs and a recitation, by Bro. Joyce, "The Balaklava Charge," (not Tennyson's,) and the entire evening was spent in that happy way so characteristic of the Southern Star Lodge.

*Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178.*—An emergency meeting of this young and prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, at Bro. George Drapper's, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Bermondsey. At the appointed hour of six the lodge was opened. Bro. J. W. Avery, W. M., occupied the chair of K. S. There were also present: Bros. F. H. Elsworth, P. M. as S. W.; H. Bartlett, J. W.; Dr. Dixon, P. M., Treas.; F. Walters, P. M., Sec.; J. W. Dudley, I. G.; J. H. Harmsworth, D. C.; J. H. Fudge, W. S.; G. Drapper, J.; A. Axtell, and some others. The visitors were Bros. W. Endor, 73; A. Avery, W. M. 619; J. Hawker, P. M. 871; H. F. Dawe, 871, and others whose names we were unable to ascertain. A ballot for the candidate for initiation, Mr. G. D. Baker, was unanimous in his favour. But being abroad, his admission was deferred until the next meeting. In a masterly, impressive, correct and faultless manner, Bros. G. Mabbs and W. May, introduced separately, were passed to the Fellow Craft degree. Bro. G. J. Ellis, was raised to the degree of a Master Mason. All the lodge proxies were given to support the local case of the poor orphan girl, Caroline Hart, (whose father was a member of 765.) It is considered to be a most deserving case. Business ended, the lodge was duly closed. Refreshment was

served after the labours of the evening were ended. Songs and recitations followed.

PROVINCIAL.

**HULL.**—*Humber Lodge, No. 57.*—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, on Tuesday, 15th March, the Worshipful Master, Bro. William Needler in the chair. There were also present P.M.'s Bros. Wilson, Henson, Walker, and Heyworth; Bros. Bee, S.W.; Haberland, J.W.; Middlemist, Chaplain; Cohen, Treasurer; Backwell, Secretary; Toozes, S.D.; Vivian, J.D.; Spikins, D.C.; Thornton, I.G.; Walker and Preston, Stewards; Johnson, Tyler; Gawthorp, Assistant Tyler; visitor, P.M. Bro. Holden, of the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, Hull. The lodge having been opened on the first degree in due form and with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed, when Bro. Benjamin Medley was balloted for, accepted and initiated in the first degree of Freemasonry. The lodge was then opened on the second and third degrees, when Bro. Henry Orrell Vaughan was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The lodge having been closed on the third and second degrees, richly illuminated testimonials, beautifully executed, on vellum, considered highly creditable works of art, were presented to P.M. Bro. John Wilson, and Bro. John Chapman; to the former for many services rendered the lodge, and for the gift of a splendid Masonic gilt frame; and the latter for the gift of a full-length portrait of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, painted by himself, and copied from one by Gant, now in the Trinity House. The portrait and frame now hang in the Entrance Hall of the lodge. The Worshipful Master in making the presentation, said that he had much pleasure in presenting to Bro. Wilson, on behalf of the members of the lodge, this further memento of their esteem and regard, a memento entirely deserved at their hands for the attention he had given, and the ability he had displayed in guiding the affairs of the lodge for the past year he was sure had been exceeded by none of his predecessors in the chair. On the 18th January last, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire (Bro. Dr. Bell) presented, on behalf of the lodge, to Bro. Wilson, a very handsome and valuable testimonial, consisting of a Senior Provincial Grand Deacon's Jewel with suitable inscription, and a full suit of Provincial Clothing, and now, he (the W.M.), only two months later had to perform the pleasing duty of making the second presentation. He hoped that Bro. Wilson would long be spared to look upon and value the testimonials.—P.M. Bro. Wilson thanked the brethren for their valued gift. His year of office had been a happy one, it did not require a testimonial to remind him of that. He should always be ready to do his utmost for the benefit of the lodge. He promised when elected to do so, and now felt sure that he had redeemed his promise.—P.M. Bro. Walker then presented the other testimonial to Bro. Chapman, remarking that though Bro. Chapman was but a young Mason, he had already given proof that he had Masonry at heart, and loved and delighted in its time-honoured institutions. Bro. Chapman had also given proof of his talent as an artist, some affirming that the copy was a work of far greater merit than the original picture. He hoped they would long have the pleasure of seeing Bro. Chapman amongst them.—Bro. Chapman said he thanked them for their kindness to him, and as his gift had given them so much pleasure and called forth so candid and hearty a vote of thanks it would stimulate him to still further efforts for the benefit of the lodges. Bro. Tesseyman, the Secretary of the Ball Committee, reported that from the proceeds of the late Ball, £5 5s. had been sent to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in the name of the W.M., and £2 2s. as a donation; £5 5s. in the name of the G.W.; £2 2s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and £1 1s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for aged Freemasons' and their Widows.

**PENANCE.**—*Mount Sinai Lodge, 121.*—A number of the brethren of the lodge assembled on Wednesday last week, to show their high esteem to their W.M., Bro. S. Higgs, junr., on his leaving this country for Wallaroo, Australia. Bro. E. S. Boyns, I.P.M., stated that on the part of the brethren and himself, it was his privilege to present to Bro. Higgs a handsome jewel, as a feeble token of the high esteem in which he was held by the brethren of his lodge. After dilating upon the valuable and varied services rendered by Bro. Higgs to the lodge, by the upright and manly conduct which had characterised the whole of his life, and his being about to leave old England, to find "fresh fields and pastures new" in a foreign clime, he concluded by hoping that he might live long to look upon the jewel, and that, when it pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to remove him from the world, it might descend as a heirloom to his children, and stimulate them to a cause which had won for their ancestor the praise and respect of his fellow-men.—Bro. F. Boase, P.M., also eulogised the noble and daring deeds of Bro. Higgs, who had repeatedly risked his own life to save those of his fellow-creatures, and whose praiseworthy conduct during the memorable wreck of the "North Britain," would never be effaced from their memories; such active life would command universal esteem, and all heartily wished him success in his future labours at Wallaroo.—Bro. Higgs having acknowledged the presentation in the most feeling manner, said he had also a pleasing duty to perform before he left his lodge. All had noticed the great energy of their Organist, Bro. Richard Carter, and they had resolved at their last festival to procure for him, a collar and jewel. Bro. Carter was the first to receive this honour from this old and respected lodge, and he felt honoured to be in the chair that night to invest him with it.—Bro. Carter, in returning thanks, trusted that as long as he continued to wear that collar and jewel, he should do so with honour to the Craft, and that the brethren would ever remember Bro. Higgs with feelings of pleasure, whenever that insignia should be worn in the lodge. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment at

Bro. W. Mitchell's, where a supper was served on a liberal scale, the W.M., Bro. Higgs, in the chair, the S.W. in the vice chair. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were followed by good wishes for the health and prosperity of Mr. and Mrs. Higgs.

**SHEERNESS.**—*Adam's Lodge, No. 158.*—This lodge met on Thursday se'night, when Bro. J. Bagshaw was duly installed as W.M. The brethren, to the number of about fifty, assembled at four o'clock at the Britannia inn. Among the brethren present were several members of the De Shurland Lodge, namely, Bros. J. R. Macdonald, W.M.; Dr. Prescott, P.M., Royal Artillery; W. Pannell, Secretary; with several others, together with several brethren from the Isle of Grain, Sittingbourne, &c. The lodge having been opened in the several degrees by Bro. Spears, P.M., the W.M.-elect was prepared for the installation ceremony. This was very impressively performed by Bro. Isaac Townsend, P.P.G.R., P.Z., P.M. 158; the musical portion of the observance being performed by Bro. E. T. Barling, Organist of Adam's Lodge. The newly-installed W.M. selected as his officers the following brethren:—Bros. W. R. Fabian, S.W.; W. J. Carpenter, J.W.; M. Christie, S.D.; T. J. Ferminger, J.D.; H. R. Johnson, I.G.; E. T. Barling, Organist; and H. Forster, Tyler. The I.P.M. is Bro. T. Hughes. Bro. Dr. J. S. Keddell was re-appointed Treasurer, and Bro. Isaac Townsend, Secretary.

**STONEHOUSE.**—*Lodge Metham, No. 1205.*—A meeting of this lodge was held at Stonehouse, on Monday last week, for the purpose of installing the W. Master-Elect, and the transaction of other business. The preliminary work was very beautifully performed by Bro. Col. Elliott, the W.M. and founder of the lodge. Bro. Leigh, R.N., was duly installed into the office of W.M., after which he made the following appointments:—Bros. Fennell, S.W.; Russell, J.W.; Blake, Treasurer; Elliott, Hon. Sec.; Powell, S.D.; Wise, J.D.; Hicks, D.C.; Taylor, I.G.; Arberry and Sullivan, Stewards.

**PONTYPOOL.**—*Kennard Lodge, No. 1258.*—The usual monthly meeting took place on Monday last, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Bartholomew Thomas. The business consisted solely in raising Bros. Prosser, Herbert, and Fowler, which ceremony was rendered in a very able and effective manner, by the W.M. Owing to the absence of several members, various other matters were adjourned till the next meeting, and the lodge was closed in harmony at eight p.m.

**LIVERPOOL.**—*Pembroke Lodge, No. 1299.*—This lodge held its first monthly meeting on Thursday, the 17th ult., at the West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool. The lodge was opened in due form by Bros. William Crane, W.M.; J. Cook, S.W.; J. Sillars, J.W.; Macmaldrow, S.D.; Henry Clayton, Treas.; Joseph Clegg, Sec.; Edwin Hughes, J.D.; Jones, I.G.; and Bartlett and J. English, Stewards. The ballot was taken for Mr. J. Busfield and Mr. H. Sturzecker, and duly elected. Mr. Busfield, being in attendance, was duly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., in a very impressive style, which did him great credit, every officer being well up to his work, which speaks well for the working of this new lodge. A committee was appointed to enquire into the character of every proposition for initiation and joining members to the lodge. It would be well if every lodge would do the same, and thereby prevent very many from entering the Order who are afterwards found to be unworthy. Bro. Thos. Marsh, P.G.A.D.C., was elected a member of the lodge. The visitors were: Bros. Hy. Pearson, Treas. 249, 1094; D. W. Winstanley, S.D., 1094; R. R. Martin, 1094; R. Washington, 1094; J. Treas. 1094, &c., who all expressed themselves with the very marked, impressive and perfect manner the work of the evening was done.

SCOTLAND.

**GLASGOW.**—*Glasgow Thistle Lodge, No. 87.*—The 108th anniversary of this lodge was commemorated on the 16th ult., in a manner compatible with the prestige, practice, and morale of the ancient Order of Freemasonry. Every one felt at ease in their usual place of meeting, which partook of a truly gala air, through fresh paint, banners and flags, and the snowy tables, and savoury viands of the purveyor. Countenance lent light to countenance with a hearty reciprocity, unmarred by a single instance of unbrotherly conduct. The R.W.M., Bro. John Fraser, presided, supported by his Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. John Grieve and John Dobbie. A blessing having been invoked by Bro. the Rev. T. B. W. Niven, Chaplain of St. John's Lodge, No. 3 bis., and minister of the Tron parish, an excellent supper was enjoyed, after which the 133rd psalm was sung by the brethren, accompanied on the harmonium by Bro. Lang, who exerted his talents both vocal and instrumental in the flow of melody and harmony during the evening. Bros. James Perston, Robt. McCulloch, John Fraser, Robert Gibson, and others likewise lent their voices in glee and song with much acceptance. The preferential toasts were given from the chair, and duly honoured. "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers" found a spirited response from Bro. Whitlock, who later on acknowledged that of "Our Medical Brethren," propounded by Bro. J. V. Henderson, D.M. Bro. A. R. Wilson, Chaplain of St. Mungo Lodge, No. 27, in his wonted happy style announced the toast of "Prosperity to the Glasgow Thistle Lodge," to which the R.W.M. replied, and was followed by the "Thistle 87," being sung by Bro. Preston, the brethren joining in chorus. Bro. Lawson was allotted the "Clergy," whom he qualified by an apt quotation from the bard of Avon as the inculcators of gentleness, whose ministrations were, in the happy times rendered more accepted, through a charitable and liberal interpretation of the Book of Law, and the sinking of sectarian differences.—The Rev. Bro. Newman, acknowledges the kindly terms in which his profession had been spoken of, and concluded by some pleasing allusions to Glasgow in 1762, and wondered in what aristocratic close

in the Saut Market or Bridgegate the members of the Thistle Lodge held their first meeting.—The Senior Warden called for a bumper to the Past Masters of the lodge, and was responded to by Bro. Thomas Paten, who remarked that four such were present, viz., Andrew Mackie, John Miller, Thomas Cavan, and himself, whose united reigns extend over sixteen years. Labour was at this stage called to enroll as Honorary Members the Rev. Bro. Niven and Lang, Bro. Paton, officiating as Obligator. The toast list being resumed Bro. John Miller called for a recognition of the "Office-bearers of the Lodge," who being duly honoured, were answered for by Bro. I. V. Henderson, D.M. By request, the Rev. Bro. Niven in truly charitable and discriminating terms, presented for acceptance "The memory of Robert Burns," which was received with silent honours. Next came "Our Absent Brethren by sea and land," pathetically submitted by Bro. Robert Gibson. "The Ladies" were amongst our happiest pledges, the harmonium rolling out, "Green grows the rushes o'," which with "The deputations from Sister Lodges," and other interchanges from the chair, a most felicitous festivity was brought to a close with "Happy to meet and sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

WEST INDIES.

**TURKS ISLAND.**—*Forth Lodge, No. 647.*—The 27th December being the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, was duly observed by the Masonic Fraternity of this place. The brethren of Turks Island Forth Lodge, No. 647 E.C., were assembled at their hall, at an early hour, and having installed the various officers for the ensuing year, partook of a banquet which reflected great credit on their Stewards for the occasion. Office-bearers for 1870:—Bros. W. C. Moxey, P.M., W.M.; C. R. Hinson, P.M., S.W.; John T. Astwood, J.W.; N. T. Godet, P.M., Treas.; Joseph A. Gardiner, Sec.; Zaccheus Frith, S.D.; Edwin J. Astwood, J.D.; J. W. Milburn, I.G.; A. Francis, (S.B.) Tyler; J. T. Godet and Jas. Astwood, Stewards.

A COMPLIMENTARY benefit will be given to Bro. W. J. Hurlstone and Jas. Francis, at the Lecture Hall, Greenwich, on Saturday, April the 9th. An attractive programme will shortly issue, including the names of various London actors and actresses of celebrity. Bro. Hurlstone was acting manager at the Holborn, Globe, and Greenwich theatres, and has earned a well-merited reputation as an actor. His courtesy and talents have gained for him a host of friends who, no doubt, will well support him on this occasion.

LET every Mason ask himself, if he be of the esoteric or of the exoteric school of Masonry? Has he studied its hidden beauties and excellencies? Has he explained its history, and traced out the origin and the crude meaning of its symbols? Or has he supinely rested content with the knowledge he received at the pedestal, nor sought to pass beyond the porch of the Temple? If so, he is not prepared to find in our ritual those lessons which adorn the path of life, and cheer the bed of death; and for all purposes, save those of social meeting and friendly recognition, Masonry is to him a sealed book.—*Dr. Mackey.*

A DODGER DONE FOR.—Mr. Wm. Wotherspoon, of Glenfield, the famous starch maker, was successful last week in the Vice-Chancellor's Court, Lincoln's Inn, in obtaining an injunction to restrain a party named Currie from applying the word "Glenfield" to or in connection with starch made for or by him. It appeared that Currie, the defendant, had taken a small cottage or building at Glenfield, for the express purpose of inducing people to believe that his starch was the article made by the plaintiff. His Honor's opinion was that in this case the defendant had pursued this course with the deliberate and fraudulent intention of palming off his starch upon the public as the starch of the plaintiff, and acquiring a sale of his starch by means of the connexion and reputation of the plaintiff. He never had seen a case in which defendant had been guilty of more reprehensible conduct as a tradesman. He should, therefore, grant the injunction in the terms asked by the bill.—*Bradford Daily Telegraph.*

GALVANISM.—Pulvermacher's Monthly Record of Cures is now ready for the benefit of Sufferers, containing documentary evidence of remarkable Cures effected by Pulvermacher's Improved Patent Self-applicable Volta-Electric Chain-Bands and Pocket Batteries, and may be had on application to the Sole Inventor and Patentee—J. L. Pulvermacher, 200, Regent-street, London, W. A Test on Loan sent gratis if required. Caution.—Spurious Electric Appliances being advertised by Quack Doctors, Patients should consult Pulvermacher's Pamphlet on that subject (free by post), embodying other most interesting matter for those suffering from Rheumatic and Neuralgic Pains, Functional Disorders, &c., &c.—[Advt.]

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Decline Arrested.—Wherever weakness exists in the human body the chances are it will be developed by winter. Chest complaints are especially liable to intrude unless early symptoms be met and checked. No more lamentable sight presents itself than the daily sinking of the young through consumption. At the very outset of this disease these Pills are most effective in purifying the blood, preventing its stagnation in the lungs, and removing the hacking cough. Holloway's Pills should be taken on the first warning of constitutional delicacy. Their invigorating properties will soon re-establish tone and regularity throughout the system, amend the digestion, regulate the liver, and rouse the kidneys and bowels to natural and salubrious action.—[Advt.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION  
FOR BOYS.

The seventy-second Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held, on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall and Tavern, and was the most numerous-attended charitable festival known. The company numbered over 1200 persons, 700 of these being Brethren of the Order. It was acknowledged on all hands to be a great day for Freemasonry, HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES having consented to take the chair, thereby giving the Craft the support of the Royal Family's sanction. The enthusiasm displayed by the brethren was immense, and the reception given to the newly-made brother most gratifying in every respect. His Royal Highness seemed quite at home in his position of chairman, and, to the thinking of the whole company, thoroughly enjoyed himself. The Craft felt infinitely flattered by his condescension in so readily accepting the post of president, and his affability on this, his first appearance at their charitable dinners, endeared him to the hearts of all his brother Masons.

His Royal Highness was supported by the following Present and Past Grand Officers of Grand Lodge:—

Earl De Grey and Ripon, Deputy G.M., and M.W.G.M.-Elect; R. J. Bagshaw, P.G.M. Essex; V. Bradford, P.A.G.D.C.; H. Browse, P.G.D.; Col. Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex; B. Baker, P.G.D.; J. Brett, Asst. G. Purst.; W. W. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; Rev. J. E. Cox, P.G. Chaplain; Sir Michael Costa, P.G.O.; George Cox and Major Creaton, P.G.D.; Lord De Tabley, P.G.M. Cheshire; Conrad C. Dumas, Asst. G.D.C.; Wm. Farnfield, P.A.G.S.; Thos. Fenn, P.A.G.D.C.; C. H. Gregory, P.G.D.; G. Greenall, P.G.W.; Sir Geo. McPherson Grant, Bart.; J. Grissell and W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.D.; J. Hervey, G. Sec.; Marquis Hartington, P.G.M. Derby; Marquis Hamilton; Colonel Henderson; Benjamin Head, P.G.D.; Rev. J. Huyshe, P.G. Chaplain, and P.G.M. Devon; Earl of Jersey, P.G. Sec. Oxon.; Lord Kenlis, P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland; Duke of Manchester, P.G.M.; Jas. Mason, P.G.S.B.; Rev. Chas. J. Martyn, G. Chap.; W. Ough, G. Purst.; E. H. Patten, P.G.S.B.; Geo. W. K. Potter, P.G.D.; Algernon Perkins, P.G.W.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Earl Percy, S.G.W.; Geo. Plucknett, P.G.D.; R. J. Spiers, P.G.S.B.; John Savage, P.G.D.; Augustus Smith, P.G.M. Cornwall; Rev. Robt. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Bentley Shaw, P.G.D.; Samuel Tomkins, G. Treas.; Capt. Tudor, D.P.G.M. Staffordshire; J. Udall, P.G.D.; Sir Albert Woods, (Garter) G.D.C.; Jos. Wittey, D.P.G.M. Wilts; Wm. Young, P.G.S.B.; Colonel Whitwell, M.P., D.P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland.

Want of space prevents us naming many of the distinguished brethren we noticed around us.

When the cloth was drawn, grace "For these and all Thy mercies," was sung, and the business of the evening was commenced in the following words by

The CHAIRMAN: Brethren, the first, which is a loyal toast, that I have the honor of proposing to you this evening, requires but little preface from me; it is "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen." (Applause.) I have particular pleasure in proposing this toast on this occasion, because in giving it I give you also the health of the Patroness of this Institution. (Cheers.) As you are doubtless aware, the Queen has been our Patroness ever since the year 1852, and it affords me great pleasure to announce to you that besides her annual subscription, she has on this day given £100. (Cheers.) Brethren, I call upon you to drink "The Health of the Queen."

The toast having been drunk with the greatest enthusiasm was followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

The CHAIRMAN: Brethren, the next toast that I have the honor of giving, is one which I give you with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow. I am going to propose to you "The Health of the Grand Master the Earl of Zetland." (Hear.) I

propose his health with sorrow, because he is shortly going to resign that post which he has held for so many years; and I drink his health with joy, because I know how popular he has been during his many years of office, and because I feel sure it is with deep regret that he is forced to relinquish that post. (Cheers.) I give his health not only as Grand Master, but also as President of this Institution, to which he has been a subscriber for the space of twenty-six years. (Hear, hear.) It is needless for me to make any remarks about him, as all you, brethren, that are assembled here to-day know what benefits he has conferred upon the Craft; how much he has done to uphold it in every point of view, and how deeply you will regret that he will be no more in the position of your chief. I call upon you now, brethren, to drink "The Health of the Grand Master of Freemasons, the Earl of Zetland."

The brethren drank this toast with the usual heartiness, and Bro. Geo. Perren sang in splendid style, "Come into the Garden, Maud."

The EARL DE GREY AND RIPON (who was received with deafening cheers, and who was for some time prevented on that account from speaking, at last obtained silence) said: May it please your Royal Highness, before I propose the toast which I am confident will be received with the utmost enthusiasm by every brother in this room, I must request your greatest attention. I rise for the purpose of asking you to drink "The Health of our Brother His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales (cheers), the Chairman of this Festival, and Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." Brethren, it has ever been the custom in assemblies of Freemasons, who are proverbial, I am happy to think, in this country for their loyalty, to drink the health of the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family; but on this occasion I do not invite you to drink that health merely as citizens of this country, as men who are proud of the illustrious race which has so long presided over our destinies, but I ask you to drink it with a closer and warmer feeling, if I may say so, to drink the health of His Royal Highness as a Brother Mason. (Cheers.) It is not long ago, brethren, since we had the honor of welcoming His Royal Highness in Grand Lodge when he came for the first time among his English brethren (cheers). We rejoiced then that we should be able to number once more in our ranks a member of the Royal family of England (hear, hear). But, brethren, I think we have yet greater cause to rejoice to-night, when we find that His Royal Highness when he became a Mason did not do so from any mere curiosity, from any desire merely to penetrate those secrets with which the outer world is apt to taunt us, but that he came among us determined to discharge the duties of a Mason, and to act up to the principles of the Craft (cheers); and what proof could we have more distinct and convincing of that determination on the part of His Royal Highness than that he should have thus seized the earliest opportunity to preside at the festival of one of our best charities? (cheers). Brethren, it was with pride that we welcomed the Prince of Wales among us (hear, hear). Let us to-night show that we are deeply grateful for this proof of his interest in all that concerns the real welfare of the Craft, and let us give to him on this, as I trust we shall upon many future occasions, a hearty reception. I give you, brethren, "The health of the Prince of Wales."

This toast, like its predecessors, was received with the greatest demonstrations of hearty goodwill.

The CHAIRMAN: Brethren, I feel deeply touched by the excessively kind manner in which this toast has been received by you all; and let me take this opportunity of thanking you from the first for the kind reception that you have given me this evening. Especially let me express the pride I feel in being heartily received as a Brother Mason. (Cheers.) I feel deeply grateful for the kind words which have fallen from the lips of the Deputy Grand Master; and I can assure him, and I can assure you, the whole company here present, that my wish is to walk in the footsteps of my grand-uncles who were so long connected with the Craft. Brethren, much has been said, by those who do not know what Masonry is, against it. People naturally say that they don't approve of secret societies, and we hear that the Craft has frequently been reproached with being disloyal and irreligious. I am sure that that is not the case, and that you will support me in that assertion. I feel convinced that her Majesty has no more loyal and religious subjects than the Freemasons of England. I may, perhaps, recall to you, brethren, that now about 70 or 75 years ago, when it became necessary for the Government to put down secret societies, your then Grand Master, my late grand-uncle the Duke of Sussex, in Parliament stated that he thought Masonry should be exempt from the law that was about to be made suppressing those societies, and that was granted. (Hear, hear.) Granted, because at that time, as in this, Freemasonry was devoid of political significance.

(Cheers.) It has but one object, and that a great Christian one, for its basis—charity; and one end—the relief of distress. (Cheers.) Brethren, there are still several toasts to be given and drunk this evening, and I will therefore not prolong my remarks; but let me now thank you once more, and deeply from my heart, for that kind welcome you have given me, and let me assure you that I don't think you will find the interests of Freemasonry will not be respected and upheld in my hands. (Cheers.) Let me also thank you in the name of the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family, for the excessively kind way in which you have received their names. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN: Brethren it is now my pleasing duty to propose to you a toast, which I feel certain will be most cordially and unanimously received by you all. I beg to propose, "The health of the Most Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, who is also Provincial Grand Master of Yorkshire, and President of the Board of Stewards of this Festival." Brethren, it is always a difficult thing to praise a person when he is present, or rather it is not difficult, but it puts one in an awkward position. At the same time, I feel sure there is nothing I can say in favour of your Deputy Grand Master that will not be accepted by you all. (Hear, hear.) He is now your Grand Master-Elect, and will in about a month be installed your Grand Master—(cheers)—and I hope that if I am in London, I may have the pleasure of supporting him on that occasion. (Hear, hear.) Deep as your regret I am sure is at the loss of the present Grand Master, still that loss will be diminished by knowing who his successor is—(hear, hear)—and you may be confident that the Craft is safe in his keeping. (Applause.) Let me now, brethren, propose to you his health as "Deputy Grand Master, also as President of the Board of Stewards," and as representing that body, will you allow me to congratulate him for the success of this exceedingly well arranged and beautiful festival—(cheers)—and to tell you all, brethren, as you are all doubtless aware, that they defray all the expenses. Let me propose to you "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl de Grey and Ripon."

The brethren drank the toast with the utmost cordiality.

EARL DE GREY AND RIPON: Brethren, I beg to return you my hearty thanks for the manner in which you have been pleased to receive the toast which you, Sir, have so graciously proposed in terms so much too flattering. I can assure you, brethren, that I am deeply grateful for this further proof of your confidence and your friendship, and it will bind me yet closer, if anything of that description were needed, to the Craft to which I have been so long attached. Before, however, brethren, I say anything with reference to the great occasion which has called us together to-night, it is my duty to express to you, on behalf of my Most Worshipful friend, Lord Zetland, his great regret that it has not been possible for him to be present on this occasion, an occasion so marked as that when His Royal Highness for the first time occupies the chair at a great Masonic Charitable Festival. It was Lord Zetland's most earnest desire to be able to be present; but, brethren, he is now in Yorkshire, and at his age, and in such weather as we have had lately, I am confident that you will think that I and his other friends did rightly when we advised him not to risk a journey to London for this purpose. Brethren, the occasion that has called us here to-night is one which must for ever be memorable in the history of our Masonic Charities. (Hear, hear.) It is a great fact in that history, that the Prince of Wales should have taken the chair, and should thus have marked his deep interest in the objects which we have so much at heart. But, brethren, it is not merely on account of our illustrious chairman, that this occasion is one of interest in the history of this charity. As you are well aware, the present moment is a critical one in the financial condition of that charity. It is not my intention to detain you by entering into any account of the circumstances in which the Boys' School is now placed. When I took the chair last year, a great effort was made by the Craft—and proud, was I indeed, to find myself occupying the presidency of a festival when I believe the greatest exertion that ever was made for a Masonic Charity took place. (Cheers.) But, brethren, the present is an occasion greater still—(hear, hear)—and I should indeed lament if I thought it would be possible that the Craft should not now exceed largely the efforts that were made last year. And, I am confident of this, that if any stimulus were wanting to the zeal of our brethren in the great cause of this Institution, that stimulus would be found in the eloquent terms in which your President has spoken of the object which has brought us here to-night. (Hear.) Brethren, so convinced am I that it would indeed be to be lamented, if by any unfortunate accident this effort of to-night were not to be the greatest that was ever made—I will not say for any Masonic Charity—but for any charity in this great city, that I have determined since I came

into this room to double the subscription which I had intended to give. (Renewed cheers.) The occasion is one worthy of a great exertion. It is not too late for any man to come forward yet more largely than he had intended, to secure the success of this evening, which should be such as every one of us should desire. Well, brethren, I stand before you to-night, not merely in the capacity of Deputy Grand Master, but also as President of the Board of Stewards. In returning thanks for that toast I find myself placed in some difficulty, because I am sorry to say that my presidency of that Board has been of a purely ornamental character; but I am happy that that circumstance, which might have placed me in some embarrassment, has relieved me of a difficulty in another direction, of thanking His Royal Highness, and the rest of the distinguished company, for the manner in which you have received the toast of "The Board of Stewards." I can bear my testimony to the excellent arrangements that have been made, and to the great exertions which that Board have employed, under circumstances of no ordinary difficulty. Sir, we esteem it a great honor to have been associated together on this occasion to receive your Royal Highness in this Masonic Hall; and we beg—and I think I may venture, as Grand Master-Elect, to speak in this respect on behalf, not of the Board of Stewards alone, but of the whole Craft—to tender to your Royal Highness my warmest and most grateful thanks. But, sir, if I felt embarrassed at speaking of the Board of Stewards, the command which your Royal Highness has laid upon me, according to this programme, places me in a greater difficulty still, because it appears to me that the task which I have now to undertake is to propose—certainly in very good company, but still to propose—my own health. (Laughter.) Still, although that is a very awkward and peculiar position, the first duty of every Mason is obedience and loyalty (hear), and I shall not shrink from proposing the toast that has been placed in my hands: "The Provincial Grand Masters and the Past and Present Grand Officers." And, brethren, as a Provincial Grand Master myself I can speak from personal experience of the vast importance to the Craft to secure a good body of Provincial Grand Masters. The influence they exercise in the Craft, each in his own locality, is justly and necessarily great; and when they discharge those duties, as those duties are now discharged throughout the length and breadth of the land, they do deserve the gratitude of every true-hearted Freemason. I give you, brethren, "The Health of the Provincial Grand Masters and the Past and Present Grand Officers," and I couple with it the name of Lord de Tabley, Provincial Grand Master for Cheshire. (Cheers.)

LORD DE TABLEY: May it please your Royal Highness, Deputy Grand Master, and Brethren, I find myself most unexpectedly called upon to return thanks for the toast you have just received in so friendly a spirit. There are senior Grand Officers present, who would have returned thanks in more eloquent terms than I am able to do; but as your Grand Master-Elect has said, it is not right to shrink from any duty imposed upon us, and I do not shrink from thanking you, in the name of the Provincial Grand Masters and the Past and Present Grand Officers of England. The task is comparatively a simple one, for the works which we furnish are sufficient proof of our sincerity. I can assure our Most Worshipful Grand Master-Elect that in his forthcoming career he may rely on the co-operation of the Provincial Grand Masters, and on the support and assistance of the Grand Lodge, in the same manner as has distinguished the rule of a quarter of a century during which the Earl of Zetland has presided over the Craft. Let us hope that the Grand Master-Elect may enjoy a similar reign, and may we date from this day, when we are honored by the presence of the illustrious prince who has presided over us to-night, a new epoch in Freemasonry.

Bro. BINCKES then presented to His Royal Highness, Francis Treleaven, from the province of Cornwall; James Herbert Powell, from the province of Warwickshire; and Edwin Price Jones, as scholars of the Institution, to receive prizes at the hands of the Royal Chairman.

Having distributed these prizes,

The CHAIRMAN rose and said: Brethren, it is now my pleasing duty to give you the toast of the evening; the toast which I know will be most heartily received by you, and which will be drunk, I trust, in bumpers. It is "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." Brethren, I find some difficulty in giving this toast, as I am only the successor on this occasion, presiding at this dinner, of many others who have no doubt given you much better explanation than I can of all the merits of this institution ("No, no"). At the same time, if you will allow me, I will just make a few remarks and a very short statement concerning this Institution. As I think we Masons all freely admit, Freemasonry recognises above all others the great importance of education (hear, hear). That subject of education which is now going to be dealt with so largely, and which occupies the public mind so greatly, I think first arose in the heads of Freemasons, and the great schools that were first founded, which have now been followed by so many others, were

founded by the Freemasons. As you are aware, brethren, this institution was established in the year 1798. Then only six boys were admitted, educated, and clothed. At that time they were placed at schools close to their homes. In the year 1810, when the jubilee, the fiftieth year of the reign of George the Third was celebrated, the numbers were increased to fifty. In 1814 the Duke of Sussex, then Grand Master, became a patron of this Institution, and continued so until his death, in 1840; and, as I had the pleasure of mentioning to you in the first toast I gave, the Queen became patroness in 1852, and has annually contributed to its funds. (Hear.) In that same year, 1852, the numbers were increased to seventy-two. In 1856, a school at Wood Green was purchased for £3500. In 1859 it was filled with more boys, and in 1863, the accommodation proving inadequate, the foundation stone of the present building was laid. In 1865 the building was opened and eighty pupils were admitted. In 1866 the number was increased to one hundred, and in 1868 to one hundred and ten, at which number they at present stand. The total cost of the new building was upwards of £47,000; of this amount £5000 is still owing, and there are liabilities making the amount £10,200. Now, brethren, I feel sure that I need not mention to you again what was so kindly put by the Deputy Grand Master, that on this occasion when we see such a distinguished and numerous assemblage before us, you will not hesitate to open your purses freely and try to pay of that sum which is weighing on the prosperity of this great institution. Its progress may be best judged of by the receipts. In 1866, they exceeded £6640; in 1868, they were £11,694; and in the last year, when the Grand Master-Elect was in the chair, the sum of £12,800 was collected. At the present moment 135 boys are accommodated in the building, and there are 59 candidates for the April election, with only 9 vacancies. Twenty additional boys could be admitted were the debts paid off. As you are doubtless aware, the scheme of education within its walls embraces English, French, German, Latin, and Drawing. The School is divided into two departments, the classical and mathematical. The pupils undergo the Oxford and Cambridge examinations, and several of the boys have received prizes for those examinations. One thousand and fifty-two boys have received the benefits of this institution since its establishment. I have made you this statement shortly, but you have before you a book which will give you all the details. Before giving you this toast—and I feel sure I shall be supported by all of you in what I am going to say—I tender my thanks to the Worshipful Bro. Binckes, for the zeal and devotion which he has displayed on all occasions for the benefit of this school. To him we owe our most cordial thanks. With this toast I have the honour and pleasure of associating the name of the Right Worshipful Bro. Algernon Perkins, upon whom the Most Worshipful Grand Master devolved the duty of laying the foundation-stone of the new building, and who has since been a most munificent donor to the funds of the institution. Let me propose to you "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," associating with it the name of the Right Worshipful Bro. Algernon Perkins.

Bro. PERKINS responded, but in so low a tone of voice as to be quite inaudible to any but his immediate neighbours.

Bro. BINCKES: May it please your Royal Highness, I will only trespass on your time to say a single word, and that shall be in thankful acknowledgment of the honour your Royal Highness has done me, by thinking my name worthy of being associated with this toast. I can only say, that as my services have been most cheerfully rendered in the past, they are so now, and I hope will be in the future.

The DUKE OF MANCHESTER: Your Royal Highness, Most Worshipful Grand Master-Elect, and Brethren, I have to propose to you the health of persons who I think are not more eminently deserving than many those whose healths have been drunk, but greatly deserving of your praise and commendation. I propose to you "The health of the Vice Presidents, the Trustees, the Committees, and Auditors of the Masonic Institution for Boys." I should think you all know—I do myself—how highly that institution has been appreciated. I know it by the number of applications I receive from candidates for its benefits, numbers which I regret to say by the report we have before us, it is impossible anything like a due proportion can be admitted. His Royal Highness reminded me in one statement he made of a point in connection with this school, with which I think I may feel some degree of satisfaction. In the year in which I occupied the chair he so adorns, the number of pupils was raised to 100. His Royal Highness has stated that since then it has been raised to 110 and 120, and there are over, I think, 50 candidates for the next election. That, if it shows how great your exertions ought to be in supporting this institution, also proves how great the exertions of the officers have been in executing their duties. (A voice, "No.") I think I hear some gentleman say "No." I do not know whether it is the same gentleman I heard say "No" in reference to the subject of education. (Cheers.) It is of course impossible in so large a body of Freemasons of England that some will not have differences of opinion, and I appeal to you, brethren, whether you would not do your best for what is well administered. What meets with the approval of the majority considerably, does some good. You can see in the list of these boys, those who left within the last year or two, where they are placed and the kind of employment they are engaged in. I hope they are succeeding and distinguishing themselves. At any rate, you may feel certain that your charity is well administered, and to the best of the ability of those who are distributing it. I will not detain you further, but will propose to you "The health of the Vice-Presidents, the Trustees, and Committees and Auditors of the Masonic Institution," and I shall call on Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, to respond. The toast having been drunk,

Bro. HERVEY, who was most cordially received, said: May it please your Royal Highness and Brethren, I was

not at all aware that my name would have been selected by my noble brother, the Duke of Manchester, to respond to this toast, but as no Mason ought to hesitate when called upon, I do not hesitate to return you my cordial thanks for the Vice-Presidents, and the rest of the Officers of the Boy's Institution for the compliment which has just been paid to them. I will not detain you with any observations, as to the systems of education pursued at the present day; I will merely thank you for the toast which has just been proposed to you, and am sure you will receive my thanks as cordially as you would have done if they had been rendered in the best and most eloquent terms which could have been selected. (Cheers.)

The Marquis of HARTINGTON: Your Royal Highness, my lords, and brethren, I have great pleasure in rising to propose the next toast, which is that of "The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," and "The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution." We are met together this evening principally for the purpose of celebrating the festival—and I hope that we have done it in no unworthy manner—of the Boys' School. But that is no reason why we should neglect to do honour to the other two great institutions that are connected with our Craft. Brethren, I am aware that there are in this room many who are far more competent to speak to the merits of those institutions than I am, and at so late a period of the night I shall not venture to detain you longer than is necessary to tell you that I am assured on the best authority that those institutions are not less worthy of support, not less useful, and, I trust, not less prosperous than the one in the immediate honour of which we are met together to-night. Brethren, before I sit down let me say one word more, let me say that it is with great pleasure and with great satisfaction that I have assisted at the gathering this evening. There can be no doubt that Masonry has in this country taken a great hold upon the imagination and the sympathies of men (hear). It is not the time for me to discuss what are the causes of that sympathy which is now so widely felt for it, but I may say, I think, safely, that the noble charities which are connected with Masonry are one of the great causes of that sympathy. And, brethren, I am sure that it must be satisfactory not only to us, but to the people of England generally, to see an illustrious member of the Royal House associating himself with the Institution which has been, I must say, established so firmly and deeply on the sympathies of this country. Brethren, I call upon you to drink the toast which I have proposed.

Bro. E. H. PATTEN responded, and hoped that on the occasion of the Girls' School Festival, on the 11th of May, as many brethren would support his institution as Bro. Binckes had got that night. He was happy to say that the Girls' School not being in debt had not the same claims on the Craft as the Boys' School.

LORD KENLIS: May it please your Royal Highness, my Lords, and Brethren, it is my proud distinction to have the pleasure of proposing to you, I believe, the last, but at the same time not the least important, toast of this evening. I have the pleasure of introducing to your notice "The Health of the Ladies." In rising to propose it, I do so with pride and also with diffidence; with pride, because it must make every Mason's breast swell with enthusiasm to have his name coupled with that of the fair sex; and in the next place, because on this occasion—an occasion worthy to be remembered in the annals of Freemasonry—we have the proud distinction of seeing as our chairman His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; but I do so with diffidence, because I see around me so many Past and Present Grand Officers of England as well as Provincial Grand Officers, and I feel that among such a numerous body there must be some who could do more justice to this toast than I can. Although every day that we are associated with the ladies, we feel more admiration for them, still I must say with that admiration the feeling increases of our utter incompetence to do justice to their virtues and their influence. But let us, in drawing attention to their numerous virtues, drink their health with the greatest enthusiasm; but before doing so, I beg you to cast your eyes to the gallery, and, when you do so, I can only say look and adore, and drink their healths as Freemasons always do, with the greatest cordiality.

Bro. BINCKES then announced the subscriptions, which amounted to £9841, with twelve London lists and three provincial lists to come in.

During dinner a selection of music was performed by the Coldstream Guards' Band, under the direction of Mr. Fred. Godfrey, and after dinner the songs, under the direction of Bro. W. J. Fielding, were sung by Misses Emily Spiller, Blanche Reeves, and Julia Elton, with Bros. Geo. Perren, Theodore Distin, and F. L. Hutton. The Grand Hall during the evening was occupied by a concert party, under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, consisting of Mdlle. Carola, Madame Patey, Mr. Vernon Rigby, Bro. Frank Elmore, Miss Winward, Madame Thaddens Wells, Miss Berry Greening, and Bro. Chaplin Henry. Erard's Grand Pianoforte was used on the occasion.

The dinner, which was served by Bro. Dowsing, the Manager of the Freemasons' Tavern Company, gave general satisfaction, and reflected the greatest credit on the chef de cuisine, Mr. Hooper.

Bro. Spencer was toastmaster, and performed his arduous duties with great ability.

After dinner, the Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Earl De Grey and Ripon, the Marquis of Hartington, and the other distinguished visitors, adjourned to the Concert which was given in the Grand Hall, and stayed with his Masonic brethren till nearly midnight.

We must add that the beautiful Service of Plate, the various exquisite liqueurs and light refreshments in His Royal Highness' retiring-room were provided gratuitously by Bro. George Lambert, of Coventry-street, and that the liqueurs, especially, were nearly matchless, some having been in that worthy Brother's possession upwards of thirty years.

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 DODGSON.—On the 23rd ult., at Cockermouth, the wife of Bro. H. Dodgson, *M.D.*, (Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, P.M., and P.P.S.G.D. Cumberland and Westmorland,) of a daughter.  
 PUXLEY.—On the 18th ult., at the Vicarage, Cockermouth, the wife of Brother the Rev. H. L. Puxley (Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, P.P.G.C. Cumberland and Westmorland), of a daughter.  
 SMITH.—On 21st ult., at 23, Runwell-street, Liverpool, the wife of Bro. J. Kellett Smith (P.M. No. 1094, and M.E.Z.), of a son.

## DEATHS.

MOSS.—On the 13th May last, lost at sea in the "Matoaka," on her passage from Port Lyttelton to England, William H. Moss, second son of Mr. J. T. Moss, solicitor, of 38, Gracechurch-street, London.  
 RATTLE.—On the 15th ultimo, at Pound Cottage, East Greenwich, in her 35th year, Mary Ann Elizabeth, the beloved wife of Bro. Henry G. Rattle, of the Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871.

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## AN OLIVE BRANCH.

WE are much concerned to find that the breach between the Grand Orient of France and the American Grand Lodges widens daily, the cause being the recognition by the former body of a spurious Grand Council at New Orleans, which in defiance of all Masonic law continues to exercise jurisdiction over the symbolic degrees. We have before stated, clearly and unmistakably, the opinion of English Masons upon the points in dispute, and are now compelled to add that the action taken by the Grand Orient, however commendable as an abstract assertion, in reality evades the entire question, which may be compressed into a nutshell as follows. A Grand Lodge is established in Louisiana, having its seat at New Orleans; this supreme body is recognised as a just, perfect, and regular organisation by Freemasons generally

throughout the universe, and consequently they alone have the right to charter lodges, and to govern Craft Masonry within the limits of the State. A certain individual, however, Chassaignac by name, forms a Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and coolly creates lodges and chapters for every degree, from the first to the thirty-third. It is the invasion of her jurisdiction of which Louisiana justly complains, and it is in consequence of the recognition of Chassaignac's operations by the Grand Orient, that French Masons are now cut off from all fellowship with the brethren of the United States. This is a very serious matter, and one which involves very serious consequences.

It further appears, that in the lodges under Chassaignac's rule men of colour are freely admitted. This, we regret to say, is not the case in the lodges held under the regular Grand Lodge, neither are coloured men accepted as Masons in any other part of the United States, unless in lodges organised by themselves under what is understood to be, at best, somewhat doubtful authority. This, however, is not the issue before us, but it is nevertheless the one to which the Grand Orient of France persists in directing its exclusive attention. In this respect, the Grand Orient reminds us of the anecdote told of Lord Nelson, who, when the signal of recall was hoisted, clapped the glass to his blind eye, and *wouldn't* see it.

Our French brethren ignore *in toto* the fact, that the point in dispute is entirely a question of jurisdiction, in which the rights of black or white men, *as such*, distinctively, are by no means at stake. Instead of correcting the error into which they have fallen—instead of withdrawing at once from the false and untenable position they have assumed in recognising Chassaignac's spurious pretensions—the Grand Orient goes into heroics, and tells us that it is an outrage upon Masonry and humanity when men are prohibited from becoming Masons on account of their colour, race, or religion. As we have stated, this abstract sentiment is highly praiseworthy, and so far as we can judge, it will be echoed by our American brethren as one of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. We, that is to say, all the members of the Craft in the British Islands, are prepared to act upon this theory and to open the doors of the temple to every worthy man under heaven, without examining his hue or measuring his height. But it must not be forgotten, that slavery itself has only been recently abolished in the United States, and that the indiscriminate admission of the freedmen into an Order like Freemasonry might prove a great and permanent injury to the Institution.

Prejudices cannot be so easily rooted out, and it is scarcely fair to expect that the white brethren of America will at once allow their lodges to be swamped by a large infusion of the negro element, strong as may be the claims of the emancipated

slaves to equality and fraternity. We doubt not, however, that these not unnatural prejudices will fade away in time, and that as the men of colour prove their capacity for citizenship, they will also show that they are calculated to become good Masons and to reflect honour upon the Craft.

We are led to make these observations, more especially because the *Monde Maçon-nique*, a very able and luminous exponent of French Masonic ideas, contends that the point in dispute is one of "colour," and not "jurisdiction." This we are unable to concede, and as dispassionate spectators of the strife, we are constrained to say that our sympathies are entirely with our American brethren in the attitude they have assumed in defence of their national Masonic rights. Possibly to our Parisian contemporary, the spectacle of two conflicting jurisdictions in one territory may appear edifying and delightful; at least, everybody is aware that two Supreme Masonic Bodies now rule concurrently in France, and that two formerly existed in England.

Of the evils which result from such a state of affairs all history bears witness, "a house divided against itself cannot stand;" and we need only enquire how an attempt to establish a second Grand Lodge in England would be received by the Craft at the present time to enable our readers to realise the situation in Louisiana. For the humanitarian views of our French brethren we entertain a high respect, and we willingly accord the utmost praise to their unceasing efforts for the liberation of the world from the thrall of ignorance and superstition. But in the assertion of great principles, we must not overlook the just rights of any section of our fellow-men; we are not to loosen our opinions, like an avalanche from the mountain, to overwhelm and destroy the peace of a community, but rather, like the fertilising Nile, let our ideas of truth and justice overflow the earth with gentle wave, fructifying, and bearing the fruit of wisdom and harmony in the universal heart of man. Such is the mission of Freemasonry, and it is one of which all her children may well be proud. Let us therefore work in *unity* together in the prosecution of those studies which our mystic science enjoins, and in the performance of those duties to which we are called by our Maker. Liberty to fulfil this mission, and to proclaim that equality before God and fraternity amongst men are the watchwords of the Masonic Institution, comprise all that can be desired by the most enthusiastic Mason, and upon these points the Craft are so thoroughly agreed, that minor differences, however disturbing for the time, are sure to be swept away by the returning tide of brotherly love.

"I WAS suffering greatly a few weeks ago from severe pains about the kidneys, and excessive weakness in the back, accompanied with nauseous sickness, confined to my bed, when a friend, who had experienced great benefit from your Vegetable Pain Killer, brought me a bottle, which I used with the best results.—A SHIRREFFS, *Woodside, Aberdeen*, Oct. 24, 1867.—To P. Davis & Son, London."

Multum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE "RED CROSS" ORDER.

I have read the somewhat remarkable statement of "R. W. L." at page 151, which seems to herald the advent of a new phase in the history of this Masonic "Order." In another place I have ventured to make a few observations upon the subject, and had intended that they should be my last, beyond mere queries, when occasion arose. If, however, the "Order" is to take up fresh ground, I shall feel at liberty to return to the question when I have had an opportunity to see the nature of the claims upon which the new position is to be founded. We were once told by "R. W. L." that "the English Order has never boasted any connection with the Parmese-Neapolitan institution;" and we have been more than once distinctly informed that the English branch claims to have been founded by the Abbé Giustiniani, a Grand Cross of the original Order. As a preliminary step I would suggest that the forthcoming report may well commence by shewing that any Knight Grand Cross, of any Order that ever existed in Europe, possessed, at any time, the power to found a branch of an Order in his own or another country, or even to add a single member to any Order, beyond some mere subordinate appointment, of any essentially personal description. LUPUS.

I am glad to see that "Lupus," whose *nom de plume* I recognize as that of an honorable and zealous Masonic writer, has become a contributor to THE FREEMASON. The question he puts at page 151 is so pertinent that it deserves reproduction. "Is there any document in existence, of more than a few years ago, which allies the Masonic 'Red Cross' degree with the Constantinian name?" The most conclusive evidence on this point is naturally only to be found in the rituals of the Order, and these, of course, cannot be published; but other documents are in existence which will go far towards proving the connection. I may first refer to the "Histoire des Francs-Maçons," by J. P. Dubreuil, published at Brussels in 1838. At page 164, and the succeeding pages, a catechism of the Order may be found. The degree is called "Chevalier templier Ecos.: de la croix rouge, ou de Rome et de Constantin," and I may quote the following: "Le grand maitres' appelle *Constantin*; le député grand maitre, Eusèbe; les officiers sont un général ancien, et un jeune, un grand porté-tendant, un portier (janitor) ou tuileur. The opening is thus sketched:—

*Const.* Seigneurs chevaliers et compagnons, assistez-moi à ouvrir le conclave des seigneurs les chevaliers compagnons de la croix rouge de Rome et de Constantin.

Tous les chevaliers debout tirent leurs épées et se placent sur deux rangs.

*Const.* Seigneur chevalier Eusebius, quel est le premier devoir des compagnons de cet ordre?

*Euseb.* De voir si le conclave est composé de membres qui en ont le droit, si le couvreur est à sa place dûment armé et puis si le conclave est couvert.

*Const.* Seigneur chevalier Jeune général regardez s'il est à son devoir, et faites votre rapport dans les formes usitées.

Après ce rapport, le conclave est déclaré au nom du noble et royal fondateur Constantin. &c.

It may be noticed that Dubreuil gives the name of "templier ecossais" to the Order, and it is perfectly true that it has been conferred from time immemorial in the Scottish K.T. Encampments. This, however, does not militate against the legitimacy of the English branch, which has never, so far as can be traced, been other than an independent body working under its own peculiar laws and regulations. The next point to which I would direct the attention of "Lupus" is the recent discovery of Red Cross documents in a box at Freemasons' Hall. An inventory of its contents, of which the following is a literal copy, was found at the top of the box:—

- Ex Relatione Br. Baumer.
- Royal Arch.
- Knight Templar.
- Kadosh Harodim.
- Perfect Mason.
- Rosicrucian.

Ne plus ultra. Should be conferred by the Grand Master in person at the Temple Church upon Good Friday.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

The Priesthood.

In pencil, and scarcely legible, are the following memoranda under the above list:—

Now only to be had in Scotland.

Br.

MSS. of the degree was borrowed but never returned.

On the other side of the paper are the following words:—

Ex Relatione Br. Burckhardt. The Red Cross Knights of Palestine were to have had a warrant for conferring all the Lower Degrees; but not the Royal Arch or Knights Templars.

This will probably settle the question as to the identity of the 'Red Cross' Masonic Order with the Constantinian name. The document signed by the Duke of Sussex will be published in the Annual Report of the Red Cross Executive Committee, and, in all probability, afterwards, in the columns of THE FREEMASON. I give here, however, a copy of a summons addressed, in the handwriting of Waller Rodwell Wright himself, to the celebrated Da Costa:—

A.D. A.L.  
1810. 5814.

Order of the Red Cross, Division of St. George.

Sir Knight,

You are hereby required to attend a Grand Chapter of the said Order, to be holden at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, the 30th day of April precisely, at three o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to be installed a Knight of the Grand Cross of the said Order, in pursuance of your election at the last Grand Chapter thereof—and also for other Business relating to the said Order. Hereof fail not.

Given under my Hand and the private Signet of the said Order this 21st day of April A.D. 1810, A.L. 5814.

(Signed) WALLER RODWELL WRIGHT,  
(Seal) Gd. Master of the said Order.

To Sir Joseph Hippolyto Da Costa, a Knight Noviciate of the sd Order.

N.B.—You are requested to send an early answer directed to me, No. 1 Hans Place, Sloane Street.

The seal, it may be stated, is a double-headed eagle—the symbol of the union of the Eastern and Western Empires under Constantine—and it is borne at the present time by the Senators of the revived Order. R. W. L.

BRO. BUCHAN AND "ST. CLAIR."

The remarks on this subject by Bro Buchan are of value, and are well *worthy of examination*, especially when he says that St. Clair was made a Freemason before the Grand Lodge of Scotland was instituted, with the idea of electing him Grand Master. The belief generally is that he and his predecessors had been Masons long before the eighteenth century, and that "St. Clair" resigned his right as Grand Master, and then was elected to that office. The latter view I do not believe myself, as no record extant mentions the term *Grand Master* in Scotland, *bearing date before* the institution of Grand Lodge A.D. 1736. W. J. HUGHAN.

IS POPE PIUS IX. A FREEMASON?

Some two years ago I explained the fact that Pope Pius IX. was initiated into the order of Freemasonry. I shall, in the course of a very short time, send to THE FREEMASON further particulars. CHALMERS I. PATON.

THE HEREDITARY GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND.

Some matters of importance on this point are at present being discussed in Masonic publications. Let the Depute Grand Master Mason of Scotland look after the disgraceful and unfounded attacks. WARNER.

BRO. BUCHAN AND THE 812TH ANNIVERSARY, LATELY HELD IN GLASGOW.

Had Bro. Buchan attended this meeting and entered his protest against their calling it the 812th anniversary, he would only have done his duty. He would have gained respect to himself by many. EDINBURGH.

Is Bradlaugh, the infidel, a Mason?

BROS. "LEO," W. P. BUCHAN, AND "ONE WHO WISHES FACTS" ON MOTHER LODGE KILWINNING.

In the interesting communications by the above will be found much of value relating to "Mother Lodge Kilwinning," and other old lodges, with which if brethren generally were more familiar there would be little danger of their accepting as facts of history what after all is but fiction and pure imagination. With respect to Bro. "Leo," I still maintain that no one has ever stated "Mother Kilwinning is the mother lodge of Scotland, *all the others being offshoots from it.*" If my friend Bro. "Leo" will turn to THE FREEMASON for March 19th he will find the latter part of the sentence in italics, and it is to that part my remark applies, as no one to my knowledge has ever pretended that *all* the other lodges are offshoots from Mother Kilwinning. "All the others being offshoots from it" occurs in Bro. Leo's communication of the 12th March (page 127), and it is to that I take exception.

Bro. Lawrie, in "History of Freemasonry," &c., 1804, mentions *two* lodges which were the parents of other lodges—not *Mother Kilwinning alone*—and hence I am equally anxious with him and Bro. Buchan, of Glasgow, that the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) should receive its due share of antiquity and importance before the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland A.D. 1736. Thus my objection to Bro. "Leo" is simply that to *two* old lodges the statements of Bro. Lawrie and others refer, and not to *one only*.

I think that few Masons who read THE FREEMASON—and I am glad to find so many do read this valuable paper—will consider the Lodge of St. John and Kilwinning legends as *facts*, after the excellent letters on the subject by Brothers Buchan, "Leo," and others. I do not myself, nor have I at any time, believed them. "Mother Lodge Kilwinning" was even declared by Bro. Lawrie to have worked other than the three degrees of Masonry, but *that*, Bro. Lyon, the historian of the lodge, has disproved, and on the Continent the name of "Kilwinning," Scotland, has been the usual "City of Refuge" to account for the origin of about *one thousand degrees!*

We live now in an age when *facts* are preferred to *fiction*, and so much the better. My remarks are mostly derived from the history of the Lodge No. 6, by Bro. Lyon, and as Bro. Buchan has kindly mentioned where that excellent work is to be found, I will not stay to reiterate what Bro. Lyon has already done so well. Taking all the lodges that were offshoots from Mother Lodge Kilwinning before and since A.D. 1736 (see my statement in THE FREEMASON, page 139), I am not aware of any six other lodges existing before the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland having constituted so many. Of course if such can be found, it is only for their evidence to be produced to secure my acknowledgment of error, but at present facts point otherwise.

"One who wishes Facts" asks for a fact I cannot give him, nor do I know of any one who can, viz., as to when Mother Lodge Kilwinning first existed. It seems to me quite impossible to decide this matter—just as it is with the origin of Lodge St. John, No. 3 bis, and other old lodges. I do not speak of *charters* with respect to Mother Kilwinning, but simply as to its being the parent of a number of lodges before and since the year 1736, and though unable to answer some of the queries of "One who wishes Facts," I hope the publication of Bro. Lyon's histories of Mother Kilwinning and the Mary's Chapel lodges, will not be much longer postponed, as correct and authoritative information is much to be desired on the subject.

From a private letter received from Bro. Lyon lately, I fear we shall have to wait a few months yet for the latter; so we must try to exercise patience, and admire the diligence and masonic zeal of the historian, until the *issue* of the histories of both lodges will enable us practically to judge of the merits of the discussion as to the priority or greater antiquity of these two old Scotch lodges.

In Brother Buchan's answer to enquiries (page 152) will be found evidence of how brethren will keep to old dates although their errors have long since been shown. The 813th anniversary will likely enough be held of St. John's Lodge No.

3 bis, and pass off as agreeably as that of the 812th! Certainly, as Bro. Lyon never stays away from Mother Kilwinning, notwithstanding the *stuff* that has been written about it, Bro. Buchan need not absent himself from Lodge of Glasgow St. John, No. 3 bis, as all he has written on the subject has been done in the best spirit for its true position and prosperity.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Bro. W. P. Buchan's letter and explanation is simply confirmatory of what he has already said, "That the lodge called Mother Kilwinning is neither the oldest lodge in Scotland, nor yet is the other lodges throughout Scotland offshoots from it." On this I am satisfied, and wish it to rest in this way. ONE WHO WISHES FACTS.

On reference, I find that this lodge granted three charters previous to its joining in the formation of Grand Lodge of Scotland, and during its time of holding its independence after its receding from Grand Lodge, during a period of sixty-four years, granted twenty nine.

ONE WHO WISHES FACTS.

#### THE "MASONIC TOBACCO BOX."

I have just had the pleasure of receiving a photo. of the above, containing three good views of the valuable little box. The photograph is well worth the half-crown, as a matter of curiosity, and as it is sold for the benefit of the Children's Wing of the Convalescent Home, Weston-super-Mare, it is to be hoped many brethren will procure copies of the same, and thus aid Bro. Dr. Swete in his good work. W. J. HUGHAN.

Bro. Swete having sent Bro. Buchan a photograph of his old box, I had the pleasure of examining it, and consider it to be very interesting; yet, withal, I must adhere to my remark at page 57, January 29th, viz., "The engraving is nearer 1770 than 1670," and the style will suit the 18th century. Jacobite relics were manufactured, as witness several specimens of one relic. The arms are improperly blazoned, but that is nothing uncommon, when parties not acquainted with the subject adopt them, as, e.g., certain stained glass windows of Glasgow cathedral, which, as I understand, had to be taken out and altered at the command of the proper owners. Persons of the same surname have no title to steal the arms of the head of the house. The date "1670" is not upon the same side of the box as the Masonic emblems, but on other side, below the Drummond shield, and had this been really cut to a Drummond's order in 1670, we would have expected him to have been able to know and explain his own coat of arms properly. However, the engravings are very interesting, and as Bro. Swete is able to sell the photographs at 2s. 6d., such brethren as take an interest in such matters ought to get one and judge for themselves. Bro. Swete says: "Masonic Tobacco Box—was given by the Earl of Perth at the defeat of the Pretender, in 1745, to a relative who became afterwards the great grandmother of the owner, Mrs. —; this lady's grandfather died at the age of 82, more than 40 years ago. It has thus been a Masonic heir-loom, in one family, for more than 130 years." "5½ inches × 2½ × 1½ thick." Now we should be told the name of this "great-grandmother," and also that of her husband. Supposing the lady had this box in 1745 or 1746, it may have been her husband who got the arms and Masonic emblems engraved afterwards. However, where's the *proof* the lady got the box (a tobacco-box, mind you) from "the Earl of Perth at the defeat of the Pretender in 1745?" and tell the circumstances under which it was given—when did she get it, and where? Seeing it was Bro. Swete himself who introduced this subject to the readers of THE FREEMASON, he is certainly entitled to give us "more light."

LEO.

#### TRADE TOUCHES, MARKS AND SYMBOLS.

In former times every trade had a touch, by which members recognized each other. Many of these have descended to modern times, and among operative masons not only is the ancient touch known, but the tool and stone mark has

come down lineally from sire to son. The present system of trade marks is simply an extension of the operative stone-mason mark. The late David Roberts brought home from Egypt with him, among other curiosities, a mould for casting bricks, which bore upon it the mark of the overseer of the makers. Ancient buildings have many examples of the mark, as is known to every one, and there is little doubt that *touches* of trades and societies are of equal antiquity. Among modern trades, we find the blacksmiths having the lewis grip, formed by linking the thumbs and little fingers of the right hands. The gardeners have a similar grip, only the points of the thumb and finger touch. The engineers lock the thumbs, the butchers the forefingers. The cadgers of the Scottish border, generally gypsies, have a regular system of initiation. After various ceremonies, such as passing under a donkey's belly and jumping over a *crack*, the candidate is sworn "to lie, cheat, and steal as best he can, but never to wrong a brother cadger." He is then blind-folded, his mouth filled with salt, after which he takes a bath, being precipitated into a tub of lime. The smiths, during the middle ages, were considered of the utmost importance, and took precedence of the other trades. I remember many years ago of reading an account of the ceremonies used in receiving members into this guild, but forget what book it is to be found in. It would repay the trouble if some competent person would give us an account of the trades, from the archives of the London guilds. The records must be rich in every kind of lore, and might also throw no inconsiderable light upon history. The breaking of rings and sixpences between lovers, and the exchange of white stones bearing a peculiar mark among friends, are evidences of the bent of man to create symbols emblemizing love, friendship, and truth. The white stone was, with a ring, the symbol of trust, and the voucher of an envoy.

ANTHONY O'NEAL HAYE.

#### BRO. BUCHAN AND HIS 1717 THEORY.

Bro. Buchan has endeavoured to maintain in a variety of ways that Freemasonry dates from 1717. I think he has already admitted that the Mother Kilwinning Lodge was in existence, and granted a charter, in 1677, to the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, to hold their meetings at Edinburgh. What explanation can he give of this?

ONE WHO WISHES FACTS.

#### HIRAM, CHIEF OF THE METAL-WORKERS AT THE TEMPLE.

The following is from Dr. William Smith's "Dictionary of the Bible":—"Jewish legends relate that, because he was a God-fearing man and built the temple, he was received alive into paradise; but that, after he had been there a thousand years, he sinned by pride, and was thrust down into hell!" That's a nut for Freemasons to crack. W. P. B.

#### ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY OF ENGLAND.

Allow me to thank Bro. Hughan for the information he so readily gives at page 151.

LEO.

#### SCOTCH MASONS.

Some say that Scots Masons is the proper way to spell the word. Apart from this, the brother making an enquiry as to this, has only to refer to a speech lately made, by a Scotsman who has travelled nearly over all the world, in Dundee, and he will see the reason Scots Masons are not respected so much as they ought to be.

CIPES.

A CONCLAVE of Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine is about to be held at Pontypool.

BREAKFAST. — EPPS'S COCOA. — Grateful and Comforting. — The very agreeable character of this preparation has rendered it a general favourite. *The Civil Servant Gazette* remarks: "By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately-flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills." Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold only in tin-lined packets, labelled JAMES EPPS & Co., Homoeopathic Chemists, London.—[Advtd.]

### Original Correspondence.

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#### UNIFORMITY OF WORKING.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — I have been so severely ill since the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on the 2nd of March, that I have had no care nor consideration for the subject upon which I and others have expended so much time and trouble with the intent of effecting a reform in the present system of working. It appears from the correspondence in your columns during the interval, that an impression has arisen that the entire question is "shelved" in consequence of the manner in which the proposition of certain names as members of the Committee of Enquiry was dealt with by Grand Lodge on that occasion. But, notwithstanding the unanimity with which the further consideration of the appointment of a committee was deferred, the principle that reform in working is necessary has been declared, and the resolution of the Grand Lodge thereupon confirmed. It can hardly be supposed that Grand Lodge would stultify itself by neglecting to carry out in its integrity a decision so deliberately made, and therefore there can be no doubt that a committee will be appointed. It is really a matter of minor importance to those who have promoted this movement as to whom shall be deputed the carrying out of the "enquiry into the merits of the various systems of working, with a view to report thereon." For my part, although the proposer, at the request of others, of the thirty-three names selected at a meeting of above forty brethren as fit and proper members for the committee, it is very immaterial to me who may be appointed, provided the enquiry is entered upon earnestly and with a determination to arrive at some practically good result. It is equally immaterial whether few or many are concerned in the enquiry, although as a matter of fact there is a work of considerable magnitude, and one requiring the assistance of members of the Craft in both metropolitan and provincial districts, to be performed.

Now permit me, with the utmost respect to the members of Grand Lodge, to ask whether on the last occasion of meeting, the proceedings in reference to this question of "Uniformity of Working" were altogether dignified, or worthy of that assembly? The former meeting—the largest we have ever had—resolved that a Committee of Enquiry should be formed; at this meeting that resolution was confirmed. The agenda paper provided for the appointment of the committee.

Whether in the exercise of good judgment or the lamentable want thereof, a large number of the Craft had selected what they thought might be considered a fair list of names, and looking to the amount of work to be done had named thirty-three brethren of greater or less rank in Freemasonry, but all Past Masters. The proposition of these names was, on the number being mentioned, received with much laughter. Why, I am even now obtuse enough not to be able to understand! When Bro. Matthew Cooke, in his usual would-be facetious manner exaggerated the number and made 33 represent 39, in order that he might, with true fraternal delicacy and good taste, designate worthy and respected brethren as "the thirty-nine articles," I could understand the laughter which greeted his miserable attempt at a joke. But it being quite in the power of the Grand Lodge to reject that proposition in a business-like manner, and to decide upon other names for the committee, and it being really a part of the business for which, according to the agenda, Grand Lodge was convened, it does appear surprising that, with but one dissentient, (myself,) the appointment of the committee should have been deferred. And may I not also fairly ask why, there being nearly all of those brethren present who had prepared the list of names proposed, and had expressed themselves so earnest in the movement, I was left in "the glorious minority of one" on that question?

However, without a direct vote of Grand Lodge erasing the resolution already made and confirmed, "Uniformity of Working" is *not* shelved, and it will of course be expected by the Craft generally that the required committee shall be appointed. I am sure that if only true Masonic charity, forbearance, and unselfishness were brought to bear upon the subject, what is really meant by the term "Uniformity of Working" would be better understood; but it requires great oratorical ability, most powerful lungs, and a seat on the dais, to secure such a hearing as could fully explain what is sought for, and how to do it. Neither of these qualifications have I, and therefore must, with others, patiently endeavour to obtain the sympathy of the Craft with the movement by other means. In the meanwhile I shall consider it my duty to ask for the committee at the proper seasons, and if ultimately it be determined that the resolution and its confirma-

tion were errors of judgment on the part of the Grand Lodge itself, I think I shall be fully entitled to call upon the "minority of one" to enjoy a quiet laugh "all to himself" as a makeweight against that which met his proposition at the last meeting.

Believe me, dear Sir and Brother,  
Yours truly and fraternally,  
JAMES STEVENS,  
P.M. and P.Z., S.W. 1216.  
Clapham-common, March 31st, 1870.

MASONIC WORKING.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think your correspondent, Bro. Gompertz has hit the mark, in THE FREEMASON of March 19th, when, giving up the idea of uniformity of working, he insists upon the necessity of accuracy of working. For my own part, I care no more whether all Masons work alike than all men praying alike. So long as there are rituals, Masonic or religious, there will be diversity. And it is as well, perhaps, that it should be so. Why should we all move in one straight groove, instead of having something diversified in our way to the common goal? Paul desired that Christians should pray with "the understanding," I should like to see Masons work with the understanding. This being secured, we need trouble ourselves about little beyond it. I should certainly like to find accuracy of diction marking the recital of our ceremonials, for, to educated ears, the slaughtering of the Queen's English is very painful. If an uneducated brother works his way up to the ruling of a lodge, (and why should he not?) he should certainly feel himself laid under an obligation to evince his sense of the honour conferred upon him, by at least making himself Master of his p's and q's, or his h's and i's. Self-respect, indeed, if nothing else, should induce him to set himself assiduously to work to overcome such solecisms of language as cannot fail to challenge observation. Surely, very little reflection and watchfulness would guard him against giving utterance to such barbarisms as "*Hin who do you put your trust?*" "*Right glad han hi to find,*" &c., "*no hevill can hensoo.*" But one finds an exchange of words made; in some cases arising out of ignorance of the meaning of a word, in other cases for want of a little reflection. Of the former kind is the substitution of *hail for hale*, which makes nonsense of the passage. To hail is to salute, or to call out to one; whereas *hale* is to cover or hide. The latter will apply to a secret; the former, of course, cannot. Fancy the hailing of a secret! As an example of an exchange of words for want of thought or reflection, I may mention the substitution of *and for but*, in the charge in the second degree. "*But as I trust that the import*" &c., is necessary to introduce the reason for abstaining from an extension of the charge; whereas, "*and as I trust,*" &c., has just the opposite effect. It makes what follows not only inconsequential, but silly. A moment's reflection would prevent such a blunder.

Another thing that imperatively calls for attention is distinctness in utterance and impressiveness in manner. Without these, a ritual, however beautiful and appropriate, becomes wearying, because the due sense of feeling and propriety on the part of the officiator is lacking. No man can properly deliver a charge or anything else, however, if he do not fully comprehend its meaning and purpose. On the contrary, misplaced emphasis, or a formal and leaden monotony will characterize his performance, and it will be tedious and barren of usefulness, instead of interesting and impressive.

It is a little disagreeable to point out faults; but if we were faithful to each other, and when we observe a fault, mention it to a brother in private, we should generally find it taken kindly, and we should all be the better for it.

WILLIAM CARPENTER.

AN APPEAL TO THE CRAFT.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you kindly allow me to make an appeal to the Craft, through your columns, on behalf of an unfortunate brother, who through unforeseen circumstances, and over which he had no control, lost in a short time his all—in amount to something over £3,000. He was much respected in his lodge, Domestic, No. 177, as a Mason, and also in the trade, as a Licensed Victualler. He was the support of an aged father and mother for many years, and up to the time of his loss.

He has a wife and two children looking to him for support; he is now in great distress, having been unable to obtain any kind of employment for more than twelve months, and to save himself and his family from the union, he now wishes to emigrate to one of the colonies. We therefore trust that our appeal will not be in vain, to subscribe sufficient funds to enable him to take out his wife and family to other lands where we trust he may be successful.

We, the undesignated, shall be most happy to

receive subscriptions, and willing to give any information required.

- Bro. ELMES, P.M. 177,  
15, Rathbone-place.
- Bro. TANNER, P.M. 177,  
18, North-street, Westminster.
- Bro. R. E. CLARKE, 177 & W.M. 1158,  
York Hotel, Bramley-rd., Notting-hill.
- Bro. ARNOLD, 177,  
Robin Hood, 281, High Holborn.
- Bro. THOMPSON, 543,  
Black Horse, Haymarket.
- Bro. J. EMPSON, 141,  
Bedford Arms, Red Lion-st., Holborn.

THE TEMPLARS.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I read with much pleasure and satisfaction the able remarks of "Lupus," at page 134, March 19th. It seemed to me there was a good and substantial ring about them, which far too many of our Masonic articles want. It is to be sincerely hoped, however, that time will bring improvement.

I am, yours fraternally,  
LEO.

FREEMASONS' LIFE BOAT.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I read in your last edition the letter bearing the signature "Mica," which is only remarkable for being diametrically opposed to facts. I pass by his remarks as regards my wishing to let my friends know to what Order I belong, with the contempt it merits. I regret "Mica" cannot comprehend my thankfulness to the Almighty for having twice preserved me from a watery grave, and which has been the great incentive of my perseverance in endeavouring to obtain a life boat. Does he intend to insinuate that my want of success on one occasion should deter me from renewing my exertions for so desirable an object? "Mica" states that he found by the Declaration Book of the Lodge of Faith, that I was admitted into the mysteries of Freemasonry at the end of 1869. Sir, I was initiated in the March of that year. He is also mistaken as to the amount collected. He also says, that my name is not on the list of subscribers to the National Life Boat Society. That is not from want of sympathy or means, but from the wish, which I am proud to say has been realised, of forming a committee, and through its exertions, at no distant time may be able to present the society with a boat, the result of my movement.

I must protest against the tendency of such effusions as "Mica," and will only add, that at the proper time the subscribers will have the opportunity of judging how far the fund has been wasted in unnecessary expenses.

Yours fraternally,  
S. DAVIS, 141.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The mind of your correspondent W.M. seems to be a psychological curiosity. His mental vision is certainly oblique. A straightforward and unreserved answer to the only question in his former letter worth a reply he characterises as an evasion. The same question is reiterated in his second letter in the following ludicrous sentence:—"I simply asked what he [meaning myself] proposed doing with the money which has already been subscribed towards a Masonic Life Boat, inasmuch as he repudiated any connection with those who had received subscriptions for that purpose." He might quite as reasonably have asked me what I proposed doing with a fund collected for the purpose of liquidating the National Debt. W.M. is very anxious to know why we did not communicate with the committee already existing. Is there another committee? If so, where? Their place of meeting, where is that? The fund that has been collected, in whose possession is that? The individuals W.M. speaks of are to me only shadowy possibilities, I know not of their existence, the very sound of their names is as much a mystery to me as the appearance of the other side of the moon. Instead of writing senseless letters, why does he not furnish us with a clue as to the probable whereabouts of the fund. Who is that brother whom, as we are informed in his first letter, he did not personally know, but with whom he corresponded, and declares in his second letter, he not only corresponded with, but subsequently saw him. Perhaps he might put us in the way. We shall be only too happy to amalgamate the two funds. It is, however, first necessary to have possession of the fund, before we shall be able to gratify the enquiring mind of W.M. respecting the disposal of it.

But may I enquire, what is the aim and object of W.M.'s letter? What does he propose to effect, or what advantages does he hope to obtain for the Craft or mankind in general by his attempt to throw cold water upon a movement applauded by every

well-disposed brother? Does he consider it incompatible with the principles of Freemasonry to endeavour to extend a helping hand, however feeble, to an institution which has effected so much real, practical good, and whose invaluable services are universally acknowledged? Does he wish us to cease our exertions, dissolve the committee, and still allow it to be said that Freemasons have done nothing in aid of so excellent an institution, whilst other bodies of less pretensions have done so much? Or, does he merely write, which is at least probable, to display his ability, to string a few sentences together in the form of an epistle? If so, he deserves to append to his name, besides W.M., which he seems entitled to, the three initials of which Dr. Pangloss is so proud, and is never weary of repeating. Again, I demand what is the purpose of W.M.'s letters? and what result does he dream to gain by his Quixotic championship? W.M. laments that we have no "illustrious" names on the committee—need he be reminded that the history of mankind is replete with instances of wonderfully great events resulting from exceedingly small beginnings? A very few obscure fishermen introduced a religious system amongst men, sufficiently grand to effect the civilisation of the world. Had W.M. lived in those days, he would, I have no doubt, have opposed that movement, on the ground that amongst the movers there was not a single "illustrious" name.

How is it W.M. does not vouchsafe to give us the benefit of his name in full? An honest face requires no mask. It would be more frank and English; besides which, if he were willing and found worthy, we may perchance at last be so happy as to have one "illustrious" name on our list of committee!

In the event, however, of our being so unfortunate as to be unable to obtain W.M.'s assistance, we will still persevere in our efforts to secure that success a movement of such importance is entitled to.

Yours fraternally,  
E. GOTTHEIL, P.M. 141,  
Hon. Sec. to the Committee.

MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was very much surprised at the acrimonious reply (if such it can be called) to my remarks in THE FREEMASON of Feb. 5. I should have hoped that any bad feeling that might have been felt at the moment of reading would have cooled down after waiting weeks, and instead of charging me with "rushing into print with what is not true," and calling me an "anonymous libeller," it would have been more like a friend of the institution if he had answered the statements. I believe the interest of the institution to be forwarded by discussion. I did not complain of or blame any individual; my remarks were intended to stimulate Masons to greater activity, and if possible to make it as popular as the Boys' School. I made no positive statement except I felt a difficulty in getting information, and Bro. Udall does nothing towards supplying that want. I have attended a large number of lodges in different parts, and I find extensive efforts are being made to get up thousands and tens of thousands of pounds for the Boys' School, and I honour the brethren who take active part in doing the work. I only want a similar effort to be made with the Aged Benevolent Institution, and I am sure it would meet with a similar result. I consider it a disgrace that an aged Mason and his wife should only have two-thirds allowed for the two that one boy costs, and that several of a family may be in the school at the same time belonging to a deceased brother who had not been a member of a lodge half the time it is necessary for an applicant for the Aged Asylum. I hope Bro. Udall will put me right, if wrong, and remember we are not all *vain* enough to wish to have our names in print.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother,  
Yours fraternally,  
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## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending April 9, 1870.

MONDAY, APRIL 4.

- Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 69, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.  
 ,, 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 ,, 90, St. John's, Radley's Hotel, Blackfriars.  
 ,, 144, St. Luke's, Pier Hotel, Chelsea.  
 ,, 183, Joppa, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 ,, 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Opening of Domatic Chapter of Instruction, at Victoria Station, Pimlico; Comp. Cottebrune, Preceptor.  
 Kent Mark Masters' Lodge of Instruction, Lyceum Tav., 354, Strand, at 7.30; Bro. C. Swan, Preceptor.  
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.  
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8.  
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotheil, Preceptor.  
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile End, at 7 for 8.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.  
 Lodge 7, Royal York, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.  
 ,, 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 ,, 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 ,, 765, St. James's, Market Tavern, New Westons-street, Bermondsey.  
 ,, 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, New Globe Hotel, Bow-road.  
 ,, 1261, Golden Rule, Great Western Htl., Bayswater.  
 Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 169, Temperance, Victoria Tavern, Deptford.  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, George Hotel, Aldermanbury, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.  
 Domatic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 7.30.  
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction (382), Hotel de Cologne, 60 and 61, Haymarket, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
 Faith Lodge of Instruction, Metropolitan Railway, Victoria Station, at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.  
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.  
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753) Knights of St. John's Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.  
 Prestonian Club of Instruction (for M.M.'s only), Lyceum Tavern, Strand.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6.

- Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 ,, 1044, New Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Tav., New Wandsworth.  
 ,, 1216, Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Brunswick-road, Camberwell.  
 Mark Lodge, Samson and Lion, Freemasons' Tavern, Greenwich, at 8.  
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8.  
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), Bull & Gate, Kentish Town-road, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.  
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.  
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction (193), Railway Tavern, Railway-place, Fenchurch-street, at 7.  
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, The Grapes Tavern, Duke-street, Manchester-square, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.  
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8; Bro. C. H. Pedler, Preceptor.  
 Sydney Lodge of Instruction (829), Cambridge Hotel, Upper Norwood, at 7.30.  
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7.

- Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 ,, 45, Strong Man, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 136, Good Report, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.  
 ,, 227, Ionic, Ship & Turtle Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
 ,, 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 ,, 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.  
 ,, 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.  
 ,, 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.  
 Chap. 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 9, Moriah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.  
 ,, 733, Westbourne, New Inn, Edgware-road.  
 ,, 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.  
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Goat and Compasses, Euston-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
 Finsbury Club of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, 42, Bath-street, City-road.  
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.  
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.  
 Burdett Counts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 7.30; Bro. J. Terry, Preceptor.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8.

- Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 ,, 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Rose + Chapter, Mount Calvary and Observance, Freemasons' Tavern.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Pier Htl., Chelsea.  
 Stability Lodge of Instruction, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-street, at 6.

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, George Hotel, Aldermanbury, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.

United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction, Horns Tavern, Kennington, at 7.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Htl., Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Br. Pulsford, Preceptor.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.

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

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 9.

Lodge 108, London, Freemasons' Hall.

,, 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.

,, 176, Caveac, Radley's, Blackfriars.

Mark Lodge (104), Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Brunswick-road, Camberwell.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7.

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