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MASONIC HISTORIANS.—No. 2.

BROTHERS JOHN SHEVILLE AND JAMES L. GOULD.

BY BRO. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

(Continued from page 61.)

For our first sketch of Masonic authors we selected our friend and brother, J. G. Findel, of Leipzig, the historian of Freemasonry; we now present to our readers two well-known Masons of the United States for our next notice of living worthies. Bro. John Sheville, P.G.H.P. of New Jersey, and Bro. James L. Gould, P.G.H.P. of Connecticut, established their reputation as Royal Arch Masons by writing the “Manual of the Chapter,” or a monitor for Royal Arch Masonry, containing the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch, together with the Order of High Priesthood, the ceremonies for installing the officers of a chapter, with forms of Masonic documents. We wish the work were more generally known in this country, and regret that the large and important firm entitled “The Masonic Publishing and Manufacturing Company, 432, Broome-street, New York, U.S.,” have not as yet appointed a representative at London, so that the Fraternity in the British Isles may be able to procure copies of the several excellent treatises on Freemasonry published by them. We have advised them to do so, because many of our friends have been unable to secure the various works through their booksellers. We think that the proprietor of THE FREEMASON, with the means at his command, might, with his usual enterprising spirit, obtain such an appointment for the benefit of British Masons generally, as also for the valuable work issued by the American Masonic Publishing

Association, 114, Main-street, Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S., viz., “The History of Freemasonry,” by Emmanuel Rebold, M.D. (translated by the Masonic scholar, J. Fletcher Brennan, editor of the *American Freemason*). But to return to the main subject of these remarks. So great was the support given to the “Manual of the Chapter,” that Bro. James L. Gould, in response to the oft-expressed desire for the publication of a similar work, only in a more extended form, decided to issue the “Guide to the Royal Arch Chapter, together with a Historical Introduction, Explanatory Notes, and Critical Emendations” (New York, 1868, 8vo., pp. 272, plates, &c.). It is of this work we intend more particularly to speak. Although it is *mainly* based on the *original Manual*, yet so much has been added, that it may now fairly be described as one of the best guides extant for every companion who is anxious to properly understand and appreciate the ceremonies and symbolism of the capitular degrees. The introduction is exceedingly well written. The author, after observing “that the Order does not depend on its antiquity for its value to the world: were it but the creation of yesterday, this fact would not impair the force of its solemn obligations, diminish its claims upon the good-will of mankind, nor lessen in any degree the sublimity and importance of its teachings,” remarks that “The intelligent Mason regards the Order as the custodian of great and sublime truths, and loves it for *what it is*, and not simply for what it may have been in the past. He follows its teachings because they lead him upward and onward to a higher and better condition.” It may be said that there never was so great a demand for *facts* and *light* on the important subject of Craft and Royal Arch Masonry; and certainly a few more of the character of this “Guide” would soon materially satisfy the cravings of many intelligent brethren who are anxious to really obtain something like a correct knowledge of the Royal Art. We are not fired with such enthusiasm as Bro. Gould is in reference to the superiority of the chapter degrees, as we give place to none in our admiration of the three *first* degrees, entitled pre-eminently “Craft Masonry.” Our brother considers that these chapter degrees have a higher claim to the title, because the symbolism of the *three last* in connection with the *three first* degrees, in regular and successive steps, bears the same relation to the grand omnific symbol of truth brought to light in the Royal Arch Degree—the *seventh* degree—that the shadow does to the substance. These remarks are followed by a concise history of the origin of the English Royal Arch, or “Dermott’s degree,” as it is designated at page 11. To our minds, however, there is no work comparable with the “Origin of the Royal Arch,” by the Rev. Dr. George Oliver (London: R. Spencer), on such a subject. This “Guide” is, nevertheless, the *complement* of Bro. Dr. Oliver’s “Origin;” and with these *two* no Masonic student can fail to obtain a rational view of the history, character, and importance of Royal Arch Masonry (as the *second* part of the Master Masons’ Degree, *now* unfortunately given separately, but *formerly* communicated to the Master Mason in a simple and less pretentious form than the present ritual). Bro. Gould rather confounds the destruction of valuable papers, in 1720, at London, with the old lodge at York city, and erroneously states that in 1717 the Masonic authority at York bore the title of “The Grand Lodge of *All* England.” Such a title was un-

known before the *latter* half of the last century, and the *first Grand Lodge* was not formed at York, but at London.

(To be continued).

FREEMASONRY IN ENGLAND.

BY THE SON OF SALATHIEL.

(Continued from page 476.)

At the same meeting (2nd September, 1752) it is recorded that the Grand Committee was “opened as in ancient form of Grand Lodge, and every part of real Freemasonry was traced and explained, except the Royal Arch.” On the 14th September the committee met again, and resolved that warrants and dispensations should in future be granted only by their sanction, (as per vote 17th July, 1751,) as previous to this period the Masters of lodges—and notably the W.M.’s of Nos. 1 and 4—had exercised the power of forming and chartering lodges at their own discretion. The committee meeting on the 3rd November was well attended, and Bro. Dermott again broached the subject of the Grand Mastership; a discussion ensued, and the names of Lords Chesterfield, Ponsonby, Inchiquin and Blesinton were suggested as those of fitting candidates for that high position. On the 6th December the Grand Secretary produced, for the inspection of the brethren, a very old Masonic MS. written or copied by one Bramhall, of Canterbury, in the reign of Henry VII. From this time forward, for the space of a twelvemonth, the records contain nothing but accounts of the strenuous but futile attempts of Dermott to establish a Grand Lodge under the patronage of some noble brother. At length, finding that his exertions were unsuccessful, on the 5th December, 1753, he moved that the Committee do organise themselves as a Supreme Body; and upon obtaining their assent, Bro. Robert Turner was at once elected the *first* Grand Master of the “Grand Lodge of England, according to the Old Institutions.” Bro. William Ranking was selected as Deputy, and Bros. Samuel Quay and Lachlan McIntosh had the honour of being chosen as the first Grand Wardens. The term “Grand Lodge” cannot therefore be applied to any meeting of the Ancients prior to the memorable 5th December 1753. It may be remarked, that at this period the Grand Secretary was an unpaid official, and that in consequence of the recalcitrant conduct of the Grand Tyler, Bro. Dermott himself had to deliver the notices of meetings to the members of the Committee; this work however, proved too onerous even for a willing spirit, inasmuch as many hours’ labour each day at his trade left Bro. Dermott but little leisure for the performance of such uncongenial duties. Upon representing these facts, the Committee, who began to appreciate their Secretary’s ability and zeal, at once relieved him from his irksome, but self-imposed task. During Bro. Turner’s Grand Mastership, the “Ancient” Fraternity advanced in numbers slowly but surely. On one occasion there were seventy members present in the Grand Lodge, and matters progressed very favourably until St. John’s Day, the 27th Dec., 1754, when the Hon. Edward Vaughan was installed as Grand Master, in succession to Bro. Turner. Having once obtained a scion of a noble house to rule over them, the course of the “Ancients” grew smoother, lodges increased, men of good position joined, and the exchequer began to exhibit convalescent symptoms. Bro. Vaughan’s reign extended over two years, and he appears to have been an active

and conscientious ruler of the Craft. He attended the meetings regularly, and comported himself with dignity and discretion.

On the 1st December, 1756, the Earl of Blesinton was elected Grand Master, thus giving an additional proof of the rapid advance of the Ancients in material prosperity. Soon after his election, namely, on the 2nd March, 1757, it was "ordered that the Masters of the Royal Arch shall also be summoned to meet, in order to regulate things relative to that most valuable branch of the Craft." It is therefore evident, that although the Royal Arch was then worked as a distinct degree, it was, nevertheless, intimately allied with Symbolic Masonry, and the above resolution indicates the germ of that separate organisation which was afterwards perfected by the establishment of a Supreme Grand Chapter.

(To be continued.)

Reviews.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland: Its By-Laws, History, and Roll of Members since 1775. By the R.W. Bro. WILLIAM KELLY, Provincial Grand Master.

We continue (from page 475) our extracts from this excellent work.

On the decease of Lord Rancliffe, in 1851, after having held the P.G. Mastership for nearly forty years, the M.W.G.M., to the great joy of the province, conferred this hard-earned and well-merited distinction on Sir F. G. Fowke, Bart., who had now performed the duties as D.P.G.M. for eighteen years.

Accordingly, on 23rd April, 1851 (St. George's Day), the P.G. Lodge assembled at the Bell Hotel for his installation. Bro. Dobie, Grand Registrar, and P.G.M. for Surrey, presided as P.G.M.; and Bro. W. H. White, the venerable Grand Secretary of the Order, as D.P.G.M.; whilst Bro. Lawrence Thompson acted as P.G. Director of Ceremonies; and Bros. Pettifor and Kelly as the Wardens, about fifty brethren being present.

The patent of appointment having been read by Bro. White, and the Grand Registrar having duly installed the P.G.M. in a very impressive manner, he was proclaimed and saluted. On being placed in the chair, Sir Frederick addressed the brethren, alluding to the gratifying manner in which, unsolicited, the Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M., had appointed him to that important office, after which he appointed the officers for the ensuing year, and the day's proceedings terminated with a banquet, at which the P.G.M., of course, presided.

In returning thanks for the toast of his health, which had been proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. Dobie, Sir Frederick said it would be affectation in him to say that he did not feel deeply the honour done to him that day. He had a few remarks to offer, which he had committed to writing, and he would, therefore, read them.

As the writer possesses a copy of this interesting narrative of Sir Frederick's Masonic experience, which contains several matters, not merely of local, but of general Masonic interest, he is glad of this opportunity of placing it upon record in these pages.

Sir Frederick said: "Brethren, I consider it to be my duty to give you a brief sketch of my Masonic career for a period of nearly forty years, and to lay before you, as it were, my credentials, which I trust you will think in some degree may qualify me for the office which by the unsolicited favour of the Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, I have now the honour to hold. Brethren, I shall commence by stating that I hold in my hand a document, the discovery of which first gave me the idea of becoming a Mason. It is my father's appointment as Provincial Grand Master for Leicestershire in the year 1774, by Lord Petre, the then Grand Master. I also found this square and Royal Arch jewel [Sir Frederick here produced them], emblems which excited in me a curiosity to know the meaning assigned to them; and I entertained at once a preconceived opinion of the usefulness of our Order. A relation of mine happening to be a member of the Prince of Wales' Lodge in London, I requested him to propose me as a candidate for initiation, and I was accordingly initiated in that lodge, in the year 1813, by Bro. Waller Rodwell Wright, a barrister, one of the greatest ornaments of our Order, and possibly the ablest and most accomplished Mason of his day. No wonder, then, when I was ushered

into the Order under such distinguished auspices, that I should be warmly attached to it, and endeavour to perfect myself in the various ramifications of its hidden treasures. I soon joined other lodges in the metropolis, and have served those minor offices, the duties of which every Mason should discharge in order to qualify himself progressively step by step for future advancement. (Applause.) Amongst these offices I was Junior and Senior Warden of that admirable lodge, the lodge of Antiquity, presided over by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, Grand Master, who twice offered me the Mastership, but I was obliged to decline taking the chair by my absence abroad. His Royal Highness, with his usual discrimination, observing that I was a tolerably industrious workman in the Masonic vineyard, and that I appeared to take an interest in its prosperity, was pleased to appoint me S.G. Deacon, and afterwards, in the year 1821, S.G. Warden. I was Acting Master of the Prince of Wales' Lodge for some time, and was Deputy Master of the Lodge at the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of York, in the year 1823, the arrangement of the whole of which ceremony devolved upon myself [the Prince of Wales's Lodge subsequently presented Sir Frederick with a splendid Masonic jewel, in commemoration of his services to the lodge]. This was truly a proud day for the lodge, and I may add for the whole fraternity. After the secession of Bro. Wright from the lodge, who had accepted an office under Government, that of Assessor of a Code of Laws at Malta, the lodge declined in numbers, when I proposed that it should memorialise the Duke of York to accept the chair, vacant by the accession to the throne of the Prince Regent, afterwards George IV. His Royal Highness acceded to our wishes, and it is truly gratifying to me to know that it is now one of the most respectable and thriving lodges in the metropolis. I was in due course a Grand Steward, and served the office at our annual grand festival. I was Steward at the anniversary of the Girls' School in 1820, and of the Boys' School in 1822, and became a Life Governor of each. Here, perhaps, I may be allowed to say (in order to encourage others "to go and do likewise") that I induced my better half to be in some measure useful to our Order (although she, in common with many of the fair sex, had no very great affection for our dark and mysterious secrets), by becoming a Life Governor, as well as myself, of the Girls' School. Though mentioned last, it is not least in my estimation, I joined St. John's Lodge in this town, in the year 1817; and have continued a subscribing member ever since; and I believe, at the present moment, I am Father of the lodge. Brethren, I cannot speak of St. John's Lodge (of which I was Master for two successive years) without expressing my grateful feelings for the many attentions I have received from its members; nor ever forget their kindness in presenting me with a beautiful cup as a testimonial of their regard, through the hands of my noble brother, the Past Deputy Grand Master, Lord Howe, whose absence I have now so much reason to regret. It also affords me great satisfaction to say that I am a member of the second lodge at Leicester, the John of Gaunt Lodge, which I trust will long continue to flourish in happy union and harmony with its elder brother of St. John's. I became a member of the Chapter of Observance and the Encampment of Mount Carmel, two lodges of Masonic Knight Templars, and am now Provincial Grand Commander of the Order in this county. I am also Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry for Leicestershire. Brethren, believe me, I have not mentioned these facts by way of boast, but that you may know them, and pronounce your own judgment as to whether you consider they are in any way qualifications for the office of ruler of this province; and to show you that I have not been merely a nominal member of the Order, but have worked my way to my present position, not only with a view to my own improvement, but, so far as in me lay, to serve the Craft at large. (Loud applause.) I have now to add a few words with respect to the relative position between the late lamented Provincial Grand Master, Lord Rancliffe, and myself, as regards this office. His lordship's father and my own were officers in the Guards together, and were equerries at the same time to H.R.H. the late Duke of Cumberland, the brother of George the Third, who was Grand Master for several years, and this, in all probability, was the reason of their both becoming Masons, and subsequently Grand Masters for Leicestershire. I may, perhaps, be allowed in this assembly of brothers to state that there was one peculiar coincidence in our family history. The Duke and Duchess of Cumberland were sponsors to Lord Rancliffe and to my sister, Mrs. Colonel Burnaby, both of whom took the Christian names of their Royal Highnesses—namely, *Henry Anne Parkyns*, afterwards Lord Rancliffe, and *Henry Anne Fowke*, afterwards Mrs. Burnaby, the gentleman taking the Christian names of a lady, and the lady a gentleman's. The Duchess of Cumberland was, I believe, the first Patroness

of the Girls' School, which was then called the Cumberland School, established, I fancy, originally by the Chevalier Ruspini, but afterwards encouraged and brought into note by the Duke of Cumberland. I have also here an old printed paper purporting to be a list of the shareholders in a tontine for raising £5,000 towards building Freemasons' Hall. My father was one of them, and there are here the printed receipts for his share. Amongst the names is that of the Bishop of Osnaburg, one of the lives in the Tontine (age 12), and was no less a personage than the late Commander-in-Chief, the Duke of York, although, at that time, he was only known as the Bishop of Osnaburg, wore the costume of a Bishop, and went to court in lawn sleeves. I should wish, before I conclude, to say one word in respectful memory of our late Provincial Grand Master, for whom I had a sincere regard. There was an openness, sociability, and liveliness, and I may term a *bon homme*, of character about him that made him popular amongst a large circle of friends and acquaintances, by whom he was much beloved, and especially so by those who best knew him. He had often said to me that he was conscious of his many deficiencies and omissions as Provincial Grand Master. Of this, however, I am certain, that he was proud of the honour, and anxious to do all in his power to perform the duties of the office. Peace to his *manes*! Brethren, in conducting the affairs of the Province I trust I shall be ever careful to observe that *suaviter in modo* which is so essentially necessary in every society; but it will be also my duty, in all cases where my authority may be required for the good of Masonry, not altogether to lose sight of the *fortiter in re*. Brethren, it cannot be expected now the verdure of earlier days has been succeeded by the sere leaf of three score years and ten, that the same activity in your service as formerly can be displayed—of this, however, I feel conscious, that I am animated by the same zeal for the Order I ever possessed, and I trust, with the aid of my Wardens and the other officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the province may continue to flourish; for I should indeed grieve if Masonry declined in it under my too feeble superintendence. (Loud and continued applause.)

The address being concluded, the Chairman gave the health of Bro. W. H. White, Grand Secretary, who recited some of his remembrances of Sir F. Fowke's early Masonic career, corroborating what was stated in his address, and mentioning the high estimation in which he was held by the Duke of Sussex, Grand Master of the Order.

SCOTLAND.

The R.W.S.G.M. Sir M. R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., Lord-Lieutenant of Renfrewshire, has been asked by Earl Dalhousie, G.M. of Scotland, to allow his lordship to nominate him (Sir M.) as Depute Grand Master for next year, which distinguished honour has been accepted.

THE CRAFT.

DUNDEE.—A meeting of the "Operative" Lodge was held within their own Hall, on Thursday, the 6th inst., the R.W. Master, Bro. John Logie, occupying the chair; Bro. Fenwick S.W., Bro. George Morris J.W. Two candidates were proposed for initiation, and agreed to. Having been admitted in proper form, the R.W.M. called upon Bro. James Berry, P.M. 375, to perform the ceremony of the first degree, which he did in his usual particular and impressive manner. The newly-initiated candidates having complied with the rules and nominated their instructors for preparing them for the further degrees, and their being no other business before the lodge, it was closed in due form. At the request of the R.W. Master, the brethren then adjourned to the "Vinc," where Bro. Robert Cowie, Past Master of St. David's Lodge, Dundee, in a speech of considerable length, highly explanatory of the degree, proposed the health of the newly-initiated, which having been duly pledged and responded to, the brethren retired.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

DUNDEE.—The annual meeting of the R.A. Chapter No. 6 was held at the Albion Hotel on the 23rd ultimo, at 8 p.m. From the annual statement, we find that this chapter is in a very prosperous state, 16 meetings and 29 exaltations having taken place during the year. The M.E.P.Z. declared the several offices of the chapter vacant, and the following were unanimously elected:—Comps. James Berry, P.Z.; John Fenwick, II.; Alex. Keet, J.; James Robertson, Past P.Z.; William Offices, S.S.C., Edinburgh, Proxy P.Z.; Wm. F. Longmuir, Treasurer; Alexander Henry, S.E.; James Dunn, S.H.; Logie, Reid and Macfarlane, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sojourners; Toild, Smyth and Roger, members of Finance Committee; Baird and Reid, Janitors. The companions then adjourned to hold the autumnal equinox festival under the presidency of the M.E.P.Z.

MESSRS. A. LYNES AND SON, the celebrated clothiers of Shoreditch, have issued, in "Smiles and Styles," a most amusing book, which will certainly create much talk in the tailoring world. Part 2, "Styles," contains a very handsome plate of winter fashions, and graphic descriptions of every garment of famed Kensington clothing.

The NEW CHAPTER of IMPROVEMENT.

The consecration of this chapter took place too late to be reported in our last impression. The ceremony was performed on the evening of the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, the Principals' Chairs being filled by Comps. Jas. Brett, as Z.; John Hervey, as H.; and R. Wentworth Little, as J. Some seventy other Royal Arch Masons also attended, and gave great spirit to the proceedings. The consecration was the usual well-known ceremony, and needs not formal recapitulation here. Every one who has visited a chapter on its first night knows what the ceremony is, and it is only necessary to record the fact that every item in the programme was studiously observed.

After the opening of the chapter and the admission of the companions, their attention was called by the Z. to the petition for the warrant, which prayed that the companions signing it might be constituted into a chapter, working under the famous Prudent Brethren Chapter (No. 145). Comp. George States, S.E. of that chapter, presented to the Z., Comps. Boyd, Last, Carter, and Warrington as founders, and the M.E. fluently delivered an eloquent oration on Freemasonry, which had been written by Comp. Little.

The chapter was then consecrated, and the companions who had been presented were constituted into a regular chapter. During this time Comp. West Smith acted as P.S., Comp. Gottheil as 1st A.S., and Comp. W. Green as 2nd A.S. The three clauses of the first section were next worked, Comp. Gottheil taking the first clause, Comp. West Smith the second, and Comp. W. H. Green the third. The great facility with which these companions delivered the lengthy R.A. ritual was the greatest recommendation that could be offered of the superiority of Comp. Brett's tuition, under which they had obtained their knowledge; and it was, at the same time, a fine proof of the intelligence, patience, and perseverance which had been exercised by them in the acquisition of it. Comp. Brett concluded the ritual business of the evening by delivering a lecture on the Platonic bodies, and gave an explanation of the banners and ensigns, at the termination of which he received the applause of the chapter, and the hearty congratulations of all the companions present.

New members were afterwards enrolled by Comp. Little, S.E., and this first meeting of the chapter was brought to a close, after Comp. Boyd had been elected M.E.Z. for the ensuing week; Comp. A. A. Richards, H.; Comp. West Smith, J.; Comp. Thomas W. White, S.N.; and Comp. W. H. Green, P.S.

A further meeting of the chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday last, and the work performed thereat was no way inferior to the ceremony of consecration and the working of the clauses recorded above.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. John Hervey, V.P., took the chair, and among the brethren present were Bros. W. Young, R. Spencer, John Udall, George Pymm, J. Boyd, Major Creton, W. Farnfield E. Cox, Samuel May, J. A. Rucker, J. B. Monckton, G. States, S. Rosenthal, John Symonds, A. H. Tattershall, John Savage, Thos. W. White, Jas. Terry, H. Massey, J. R. Stebbing, H. Muggeridge, W. Mann, W. H. Warr, J. W. Dudley, H. Empson, W. Hemsworth, George Cox, Raynham W. Stewart, John Watkin, Henry Smith, Wm. Birch, John Chadwick, A. Pratt, H. Bridges, S. Davidson, S. Rawson, Bery, Head, J. R. Sheen, H. Browse, J. T. Bowen, Rev. C. Woodward, W. Watson, E. S. Snell, H. Bartlett, Alf. Layton, S. Edersheim, Geo. King, W. Pulteney, Scott, Thos. Price, James Brett, John Thomas, and E. H. Patten, Secretary.

After the reading of the minutes of the meeting since the last Quarterly Court by the Secretary. Bro. John Symonds, V.P., brought forward the motion of which he had given notice.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart seconded the motion, and objected to brethren coming into Masonry only for what they could get out of it. He was sorry to say, that out of the hundred children in

this school, there were not thirty whose parents had contributed a shilling to it. If the new rule were strictly adhered to a great deal would be done for Masonry, by keeping out persons who looked upon it as a benefit society.

Bro. E. Cox supported the motion, and it was then put and carried.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart moved: "That the same Committee appointed on the 14th April, 1870 (and which has this day reported) be re-appointed—To consider the qualifications and privileges of Vice-Presidents, Life Governors, and Life and Annual Subscribers, and report to a Special Court to be held on Thursday, 8th December, 1870." His object (he proceeded to say) was that every province should be fairly represented. The privileges conferred on lodges and chapters were very great, and it became necessary now to consider the extent of those privileges. As the laws of the institution now stood, if a brother paid 50 guineas to it and died the day after, the qualification obtained by the payment was lost. But a lodge which made the same gift had the benefit of it in perpetuity. This he thought should be revised.

Bro. Chadwick seconded the motion, and Bros. Letchford and Stebbing supported it.

The Chairman put the motion, and it was agreed to.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart also moved: "That any member of the late committee unable to serve on this Committee as re-appointed, be at liberty to nominate a duly-qualified brother as his substitute."

Bro. Major Creton seconded the motion.

Bro. Edward Cox opposed on the ground, that it would take the Quarterly Court by surprise, and open the door wide to innovation.

Bro. Symonds said, he hoped the motion would be carried, and it was desirable to have the provincial brethren with them. The Committee could only report—the dealing with the report rested with the Quarterly Court.

Bro. Letchford, Snell, Browse, and Wike having made a few observations,

Bro. Bridges rose to order. A discussion now was not regular; it should be left till after the report had been made.

Bro. E. Cox wished to know whether the representative was to be nominated at the first meeting, and such representative be the only one afterwards allowed to attend?

The Chairman said yes, and he believed all the brethren had the same object in view—the good of the institution—though they differed in the way it should be attained.

The motion was carried.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart's other motion, "That the Assistant Clerk's salary be, from the 29th September last, at the rate of £100 per annum," was withdrawn, after some discussion, in which Bros. Udall, E. Cox, John Savage, John Symonds, and E. Snell took part, as it was found that, according to the laws of the institution, it should be brought before the General Committee, instead of the Quarterly Court.

Six scrutineers were then nominated, and the election of eleven children was proceeded with. The following was the result of the poll, which was declared during the evening:—

Alice Mary Tayler	...	1548
Rosa Jelley	...	1023
A. M. Titus	...	887
L. M. Nelson	...	853
C. E. Holland	...	842
M. A. Eastham	...	824
Rosalie Bowditch	...	809
F. K. Belcher	...	801
B. A. Seaton	...	787
B. E. Morris	...	760
O. C. Lee	...	529

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and the Chairman closed the day's proceedings.

MARK MASONRY.—A moveable Grand Lodge will be held at the Masonic Hall, Leicester, under the auspices of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19, on the 27th inst.

REPORT of Dr. Arthur Hill Hassall, Analyst of the "Lancet" Sanitary Commission, Author of "Food and its Adulterations," &c., &c., on Mayar's Semolina: "I have carefully tested, chemically and microscopically, the samples of Semolina sent by Messrs. L. Mayar & Co., 36, Mark Lane, London, E.C. I find them to be perfectly genuine, of excellent quality, and eminently nutritious. They contain a very large percentage of nitrogenous matter, chiefly gluten, and are far more nutritious than any other food, such as Arrowroot, Tapioca, Sago, Corn Flour, Farinaceous Food, ordinary Wheat Flour, or any of the Cereals in use as food in this country.—(Signed) ARTHUR HILL HASSALL, M.D., London."—Highly recommended by the Faculty for Infants, Invalids, &c. Makes delicious Pudding, Custards, Blanc Mange, &c. After a trial no family will be without Mayar's Semolina.

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METROPOLITAN.

Temple Lodge, No. 101.—The first meeting of the season of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, when the W.M., Bro. F. J. Cox, well-supported by P.M.'s J. H. Wynne, Farthing, Hastelow, S. May, Perrin, Beard, and W. W. Wynne; Bros. Grimsby, S.W.; Youle, J.W.; Bond, Treas.; Tanner, Hon. Sec.; Reynolds, S.D.; Prince, J.D.; E. Fathing, jun., I.G.; and about forty others, admitted Bro. Beck, to the second degree, and conferred in a most impressive manner the sublime degree on his brother, Bro. T. Cox. The lodge was on this occasion honoured by the presence of the R.W. Bro. Col. F. Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex, P.G.W. of England; the W. and Rev. Bro. Shepherd, P.G. Chaplain, Essex; Hartly, P.M. 25; Terry, P.M. 1278; Moogen 33, Alphonse 49, Toleman 181, and Scott 302. After a very superb banquet supplied by the Bros. Painter and their assistants, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were responded to, when the R.W. Prov. G.M. Middlesex in a short, eloquent, and elegant address, returned thanks for that of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, D.G.M. and the Grand Officers," the proceedings were enlivened by several excellent songs from various visitors and members, and after a most pleasant evening the brethren separated at 10 o'clock.

Lodge of Faith, No. 141.—This lodge assembled for the first regular meeting of the season at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Tuesday, September 27th. Bro. Jas. Hill, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Speed, S.W.; C. C. Taylor, J.W.; Green, S.D.; Themans, J.D.; and Mallett acted as I.G. There were also present Bros. Wm. Carter, P.M. and Hon. Treas.; Anslow, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Gottheil, P.M.; A. E. Harris, P.M.; N. Gluckstein, P.M.; and a strong number of brethren. The visitors were Bros. Turner (205), Barnes (205), P. Green (1150), H. Carter (228). The business of the evening included passing and initiation, both ceremonies being performed by the W.M. in his accustomed manner. This being the night for electing officers for the ensuing year, the choice of the brethren fell upon Bro. Speed as W.M.; W. Carter, P.M., Treas.; and Longstaff, Tyler. The brethren then adjourned for refreshment, and on the cloth being removed, the loyal and Masonic toasts were severally proposed and heartily responded to. To the health of the "Visitors," Bro. Turner returned thanks; the "Initiate" also responded. For the "P.M.'s" Bro. Geo. Hyde, I.P.M., responded, and Bros. C. C. Taylor and Green for the "Officers."

St. Luke's Lodge, No. 144.—A general meeting of the members of this lodge took place on Monday, the 3rd inst., at Bro. Golding's, the Pier Hotel, Chelsea, when there were present, besides others: Bros. Pullen, W.M.; Walbaucke, S.W.; Cadwite, J.W.; William Mann, S.D.; Jodd, P.M., Sec.; William Patient, J.D.; P. Kirke, Dir. Cer.; Past Masters Maples, Kirke, Burch, and Berry; and Longstaffe, Tyler. The visitors were: Bros. Cuthbertson, St. John of Wapping; Osborn, Zetland (511); Mott, W.M. of the New Concord (813); Wylie, I.G. Industry (186); Thomas Montlock, P.M. 186; Castell, Enoch; Neates, Neptune (22, 507); Draper (144); Griffiths, Royal Albert (907); Muller, Org. Royal Albert; and Charles E. Thompson, S.W. 1158, 177. The lodge having been opened in the usual solemn form, Messrs. Pulling, Unite, and Walter were initiated into the mysteries of the Craft in an impressive manner by the W.M., who afterwards raised Bro. Cuthbertson, of the St. John of Wapping Lodge, by kind permission of Bro. William Mann, W.M. The next business was the installation of Bro. Walbaucke, the S.W. of the lodge, who had been unanimously elected to that office of W.M. by his fellow-members. Having been presented, he was entrusted, and the brethren below the degree of a Past Master withdrew. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Walbaucke, who so well deserved the honour, was made Master of St. Luke's Lodge. This, and the remaining portion of the ceremony, including the beautiful addresses, were exceedingly well delivered by Bro. Pulling, who is much to be congratulated on the proficiency he has attained, and who received at the close well-merited and warm expressions of approval.—After the appointment of officers, the newly-installed W.M. said he had a very pleasing duty to perform. The lodge had unanimously voted a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Pullen for the very able manner in which he had conducted the lodge during the past twelve months. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) Addressing that esteemed brother in the name of the lodge, he said it gave him the greatest possible gratification to place upon his (Bro. Pullen's) breast the jewel alluded to, and he sincerely trusted he might live many years to wear it, as a token of the esteem in which he was held by them all. (Cheers.) And wear it he undoubtedly would with credit and honour to himself and satisfaction to the lodge. (Applause.)—Bro. Pullen, who appeared to feel much the honour conferred on him, replied in suitable terms. The W.M. then invested the officers in their regular order, Bro. Witts being made I.G. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet, served under the personal superintendence of Bros. Golding and Maples. The cloth having been withdrawn, the usual Masonic, loyal, and patriotic toasts were given by the W.M., and duly honoured. In speaking of the initiates, he said he trusted they would avail themselves of the Lodge of Instruction in connection with the lodge, and become good working craftsmen.—Bro. Pulling returned thanks in suitable language, and expressed the pleasure he felt at

what he had gone through.—Bro. Pullen, I.P.M., said the W.M. had entrusted him with the use of his gavel, and he was sure they all knew to what purpose he intended to apply it. Unhesitatingly he said the W.M. had tried to do his duty to the utmost. He (Bro. Pullen) had peculiar pleasure in installing him as his successor that evening, for they had been known to one another for many years; but their friendship was never so close, nor so firmly cemented, as when they became Masons. He called upon them to drink his health in a bumper. (Cheers.)—The W.M. said he was deeply grateful for the handsome manner in which he had been received, and to the Past Masters for the instruction they had given him.—Other toasts were given and responded to, and the company separated highly gratified with their fraternal reunion.

Caveac Lodge, No. 176.—This lodge met at Radley's Hotel, Blackfriars, on Saturday, the 8th inst. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Thomas Quikhampton, the lodge was opened by Bro. P. A. Nairne, P.M., assisted by Bros. C. T. Dorey, P.M., acting Sec.; C. Browne, P.M., D.C.; H. Dorey, P.M.; C. J. Berners Plestow, acting S.W.; H. Besley, J.W.; F. H. Godsell, S.D.; A. E. Tower, Steward, acting I.G.; and several other brethren of the lodge and visitors. There being no business on the paper, Bro. Nairne, P.M., at the request of the lodge, delivered the lecture on the first tracing-board. The banquet afterwards was in the usual Caveac style, at which Bro. C. Browne, P.M., D.C., presided.

Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.—The first regular meeting for the ensuing season was held on the 6th inst. at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Bro. E. Roberts, occupied the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. George Kenning, S.W.; J. J. Harris, J.W.; W. Goodyer, P.M., Treasurer; J. G. Marsh, P.M., Secretary; F. Trott, S.D.; Geo. Abbott, J.D.; A. J. Dickenson, I.G.; George Newman, Steward; G. Smith, Tyler; C. Ankell, T. Cohn, E. Jones, R. E. Bright, T. Fisher, T. J. Wheeler, G. Parker, F. Iselton, H. Davis, H. Griffin, W. R. Baker, W. Elliott, J. Kent, T. J. Marks, B. Marsland, H. Child, T. R. Sian, J. Harvey, C. Hopkins, J. McKiernan, S. Haynes, and Charles Cann. The lodge was duly opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. E. Jones being present as a candidate to be passed to the degree of F.C., underwent the usual examination. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and the said brother was duly passed. The lodge being resumed to the first degree, the ballot was taken for several initiates, and proved unanimous in each case. Messrs. Arthur John Garnett, Alfred C. Payne, and Walter Putnam being present, were regularly initiated into Freemasonry, the ceremonies being worked by Bro. E. Roberts, W.M., in an able manner. The lodge was honoured with the presence of the following visitors:—Brothers Frank Ridley (Bombay), Jos. Child (727, Melbourne), T. W. Haselgrove (475), T. C. Johnson (475), P. J. Marin (Amis de l'humanité), W. Worrell, H. Thomas, A. Bryant (P.M. 192 and S.W. 12), Charles Grillion (G. Steward, 26), George J. Kain (766), Philip Green, R. Harrison, and Ohren. The lodge having been closed in due form the brethren, numbering between 40 and 50, retired to a sumptuous banquet, excellently served by Bro. Spencer in the Pillar-room, at which Bro. Roberts, the W.M., presided, and gave the customary toasts, that of the Visitors being ably responded to by Bro. P. J. Marin (amis de l'humanité), followed by almost every visitor present, all expressing themselves highly gratified with the hospitality afforded to them by this old and influential lodge. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Past Masters, adverted to the loss the lodge had sustained by the decease of Bro. Henry Cates, an old member and P.M., in the most appropriate and feeling language; this was also touched upon by Bros. Goodyer and Marsh, the only P.M.'s present. Bro. Cates was much respected by all the members, who evinced their respect and esteem by wearing Masonic mourning. Several excellent songs from Bros. Harvey, Abbott, Harris, Ohren, and others much enhanced the evening's enjoyment, and which was, as is usual in this lodge, most pleasantly and satisfactorily spent. The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close at not a late hour.

Zeland Lodge, No. 511.—The election meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 5th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. Copus, P.M. Two brethren were passed to the second degree, and one brother raised to the third degree. Bro. Davy, W.M., initiated three gentlemen into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The ballot for Worshipful Master for the ensuing year was unanimous in favour of Bro. Birch, S.W., and by ballot Bro. Barfield, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Bro. W. Radford, Tyler, by a show of hands was re-elected. The Auditors were appointed. One poor brother (a foreigner) had one guinea given him from the Charity Fund, and other help from the members to assist him on his "safe return to his native country." Although two names were left on the paper of gentlemen anxious for initiation, the names of four other gentlemen were given in to the W.M., and by unanimous votes of the members all were accepted as propositions worthy to appear on the next lodge summonses that were about to be issued. The lodge was closed. Present besides those named, Bros. Scholfield, P.M.; Thomas, P.M.; Reid, J.W.; J. Wyld, and over fifty others. Amongst a distinguished set of visitors, very many hailing from foreign shores, we noticed Bros. F. Walters, W.M. 1309; Grant 766, and many others of high position in their respective lodges, whose names we were unable to ascertain. A banquet followed.

Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742.—The October meeting of this lodge was held at the Crystal Palace, on Thursday, the 6th inst., when Bro. Henry Finch, W.M., initiated Mr. J. J. Merriman, and passed Bro. Crook to

the second degree. After a proposition to alter the day of meeting, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bros. Bertram and Roberts. Bro. Seymour Smith, the Organist of the lodge, presided at the piano-forte and harmonium, the after-dinner proceedings being enlivened by some admirable music. After the W.M. had given the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Wm. Watson, by request of the lodge, proposed "The Health of the Secretary," presenting him at the same time with a beautifully emblazoned testimonial on vellum, as a memento of the sincere regard of the brethren, and particularly to mark their estimation of the valuable and efficient services rendered by him as Secretary to the lodge. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Chas. Horsley, P.M. 33, &c.; Wm. Johnson, W.M. 134; E. W. Mackney, 134, Maurice O'Conner, 636; &c.

Belgrave Lodge, No. 749.—On Wednesday evening the above lodge met again for the season at Anderton's Hotel, and the W.M., Bro. George Pymm, was in his place on the occasion to preside over the brethren. The work done on the occasion was of no easy character, as it occupied the president from half-past four to eight o'clock. Messrs. T. Arno, of Hoxton, A. F. Marchant, of Fulham, R. E. Booker, of 48, Lincoln's-inn-fields, and Wm. Burrell, of Hastings, were initiated. Bros. W. Okey, W. J. Darke, and C. Chandler were passed; and Bro. Donovan was raised. Bro. Hester, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next year; Bro. Froud was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Daly, T. Several letters on the business of the lodge were read by the Secretary, Bro. Garrod, and the election of the Audit Committee, which was then proceeded with, resulted in the nomination of Bros. Herbert and Harper as lay members of the lodge to serve as committeemen. The 26th instant, at Anderton's, at 6.30 p.m., was named as the hour of meeting. Bro. Bourne, I.P.M., proposed, Bro. Ough seconded, and the lodge unanimously voted, a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Pymm, as a testimony of the appreciation in which the lodge held his admirable mastership during the past year. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet which was most creditable to Bros. Clemow, and Bro. Smith, their manager, and the loyal and Masonic toasts, which Masons never forget, were duly given and honoured. Bro. Bourne proposed the W.M.'s health as W.M. for the last time, and alluded to his excellent working and the honour he had brought to the lodge. Bro. Hester, the W.M.-elect, by his two speeches in returning thanks for his election in lodge, and for his health at the table, gave promise of some eloquent speeches to be got from him when he is installed, and with mutual good feelings between the different members, the brethren adjourned till the second Wednesday in November. The P.M.'s who were present were, Bros. W. Ough, P.G.P., Nash, Bourne, Runting and Garrod. The officers who supported the Master were, Bros. Hester, S.W.; Peter Parsons, J.W.; Homewood, S.D.; Scott, J.D.; and Harper, I.G.

Hornsey Lodge, No. 890.—This lodge resumed its meetings on Friday, the 7th inst. at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. W. West Smith, W.M., presided, supported by his officers. One brother was raised to the third degree in a superior manner. The W.M., as usual, proving his superiority by the faultless manner in which he does all his work. The lodge was in deep mourning, in consequence of the death of their much esteemed and deeply-lamented Brother Job Austin, P.M., the late Secretary, who had died during the recess. He was a Mason beloved by all who knew him. The lodge was then closed. There were two visitors present from the Beacontree Lodge, No. 1228. Banquet was served, and the usual pleasant evening spent.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178.—The fourth installation meeting of this flourishing and well-established lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Gregorian Arms Tavern, 96, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey. At four o'clock precisely the lodge was opened by Bro. J. W. Avery, W.M., supported by his officers, Bros. J. Green, S.W.; H. Bartlett, J.W.; Dr. Dixon, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.M. Sec.; G. J. Grace, J.D.; J. W. Dudley, I.G.; J. H. Harmsworth, D.C.; J. H. Fudge, W.S.; and a large number of members. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee, showing that there was a good balance in the hands of the Treasurer, was read and unanimously received, and ballots were taken separately for Messrs. Swinburn, Wootton, Clacys, and T. Jones, which proved unanimous in favour of their admission. Each of those candidates being present, were introduced separately, and in a most impressive and solemn manner initiated into Ancient Freemasonry. The ceremony was never better rendered by anyone. Bro. F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., presented Bro. J. Green, S.W. and W.M.-elect, to receive from the Master the benefit of installation. The presentation was attended to, and Bro. J. Green was duly installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Green, W.M., appointed and invested as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. G. J. Grace, S.W.; J. W. Dudley, J.W.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Harmsworth, S.D.; J. H. Fudge, J.D.; T. W. Cox, I.G.; C. Deakin, D.C.; J. Ruse, W.S.; W. Y. Laing, P.M., Tyler. Bro. J. W. Avery, P.M., then, in a most correct and impressive manner, delivered the addresses, which completed the ceremony. Great applause was given when he finished his work, and he was presented with a Life Subscribership of the Girls' School by his own selection, in preference to a P.M.'s jewel from the funds of the lodge. But it is intended at the next meeting to give him a massive gold P.M.'s jewel, in addition to the subscribership, as a slight proof of the great estimation he is really held in by all the members; the same will be subscribed for by the voluntary contributions of his admirers. Bro. G. Drapper was accepted as the Steward to represent this lodge at the Royal Benevolent Festival to be held on

January 25, 1871; and Bro. J. W. Dudley, J.W., as the Steward for the Girls' School Festival. The lodge was then closed. There were present as visitors Bros. Tipton, 49; Powell, 73; R. H. Williams, 73; S. Frankenberg, 73; Sugg, 193; Simmonds, 1227; G. S. Wintle, 548; R. Croll, 49 (S.C.), &c. Banquet followed, and was served up in such a manner as to reflect the greatest credit on the proprietor, Bro. G. Drapper. The toasts usually given were repeated here, and Bro. Powell, an old Mason of twenty-five years' standing responded for the visitors. The brethren separated after having spent a pleasant evening.

PROVINCIAL.

LEICESTER.—*St. John's Lodge, No. 279.*—The brethren of this lodge assembled for their usual monthly meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, on Wednesday, the 5th instant, the chief business being the initiation of two candidates for admission into our mysteries. Accordingly, after the lodge had been duly opened and the minutes read and confirmed, a ballot took place for those gentlemen—Messrs. Samuel Shuttlewood and George William Stratham—and they, having been unanimously elected, were severally initiated by the W.M., who subsequently delivered the charge. Bro. William Pettifor, P.P.G.S.W., and an old and highly-respected Past Master of the lodge, being confined to his house by severe indisposition, it was proposed by the P.G.M., seconded by Bro. Clarke, P.M., and carried unanimously, that a copy of a resolution be forwarded to Bro. Pettifor, expressing the deep regret felt by the members at his affliction, and their fervent hope that it would please the Great Architect of the Universe speedily to restore him to perfect health. The P.G.M. announced two presents to the Masonic library of the hall, viz., copies of Bro. C. C. Whitney Griffith's interesting "Reminiscences of the Worcester Lodge, No. 280," and of the sermon preached in Peterborough Cathedral, in May last, by the Right Rev. Bro. the Lord Bishop of the diocese, before the Duke of Manchester and the Provincial Grand Lodge, which was presented by Bro. S. Inns, D.P.G.M. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Amongst those present, in addition to the W.M., Bro. Stanley, were Bros. Kelly (R.W.P.G.M.), Clarke, and Weare, P.M.'s; Stretton, S.W.; Crow, J.W.; Dr. Pearce, Sec.; Palmer, S.D.; Wuldowson, I.G.; Pembridge and Dunn, Tylers; Gurden, Blankley, and others. Among the visitors from the John of Gaunt Lodge were Bros. Buzzard, W.M.; Toller and W. B. Smith, P.M.'s; Partridge, S.D.; Rev. W. T. Fry, Rowlett, and Lange. The ceremony of initiation was accompanied by the musical chants, &c., Bro. Howlett presiding at the organ, and assisted by other brethren.

DARWIN, LANCASHIRE.—*Harmony and Industry Lodge, No. 381.*—On Monday evening, the 3rd inst., the regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Mr. Gregg's, New Inn. The following brethren were at their posts: George Hargreaves, W.M.; G. E. Stevens, S.W.; W. Almond, J.W.; L. Roberts, P.M., S.D.; G. E. Bell, J.D.; D. Ainsworth, I.G.; G. Hutchinson, P.M., Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed, when Bro. J. N. Isherwood, of Unanimity Lodge, No. 113, Preston, was balloted for as a joining member, which proved unanimous in his favour. Also during the evening Bro. Thomas Butterworth was presented by the W.M., in the name of the members, with a beautiful Master Mason's jewel, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Thomas Butterworth by the members of Lodge Harmony and Industry, 381, Darwin, as a memento of respect for his services as Host for the term of six years. Oct. 3, 1870." Bro. Butterworth replied in a very feeling speech. The lodge was finally closed in ancient form with solemn prayer.

HOLYHEAD.—*Hibernia Lodge, No. 597.*—On Monday evening, the 3rd inst., the above lodge held its regular monthly meeting at the Marine Hotel. There were present: Bros. John Peters, W.M. (in the chair); Edward F. Mellor, I.P.M.; William Reva, S.W.; John L. Griffith, J.W.; William Lewis, S.D.; John Ellis, J.D.; Robert Owen, I.G.; Samuel Hughes, O.G.; a goodly number of the brethren, and four visiting brethren, viz., Bros. Captain G. Shanks, W.M. No. 189, P.P.G.S.B. Devon; Wright, No. 13 (Ireland); S. Telitus, No. 525; and John Rowlands, No. 362 (Scotland). The lodge having been opened in the first degree, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. There being no candidate for initiation, the W.M. proceeded with the opening in the second degree, and Bros. William Evens, Evan Evens, and Edward M. Jones having given satisfactory proof of proficiency and attention, were duly passed and declared to be F.C.'s. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bro. Thomas Hughes was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the solemn ceremony being impressively performed by the W.M., Brother John Peters. After this the lodge was worked down to the first degree, when sundry measures, calculated to be of practical and permanent benefit to the lodge, were discussed. The lodge was then closed in due form.

TOTNES.—*Pleiades Lodge, No. 710.*—The annual meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held on Thursday last week in the beautiful lodge-room at Totnes, for the purpose of installing the W.M.-elect, Bro. Wm. Cuming, in the Master's chair for the year ensuing. Amongst the brethren present were the following:—Bros. J. Pridham, W.M.; W. Cuming, W.M.-elect; Capt. Bridges, P.M., P.G.S.B. of England, D.G.M. of Somerset (the Founder of Pleiades Lodge); Rev. J. Powning, Dr. Owen, Beachy, R. Watson, Marks, George Heath, John Heath, G. Glanfield, Rev. R. Bowden, Capt. Keddall, T. C. Kellock, and Bartlett, P.M.'s; Isaac Latimer, P.P.G. Sec. of Devon; J. Hains, the Worshipful Mayor of Totnes; Capt. Fowle, Chudley, Henry Presswell, Niner, Rowse,

W. H. de Schmidt, T. Chudleigh, E. L. Middleton, Mann, Taylor, C. Adams, &c., &c. The lodge was opened by Bro. Pridham in due form, and then Bro. Bridges proceeded to instal the Worshipful Master-elect. This he did in a most able manner, the V.W. brother showing a complete knowledge of the extensive duties which attach to this most interesting ceremonial. The W.M. having been duly installed, and having received the homage of the brethren, appointed the following officers of the lodge for the year ensuing:—Bros. John Pridham, I.P.M.; Arthur B. Niner, S.W.; W. H. Chudleigh, J.W.; W. H. De Schmidt, S.D.; Capt. G. W. Fowle, J.D.; and H. Colven, I.G. John Crocker was re-elected. It was stated that the funds of the lodge were in a very satisfactory condition, there being after all obligations had been discharged between £70 and £80 in hand. At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to the Seven Stars Hotel, where a most excellent dinner was provided by Bro. John Heath. The W.M. presided, and the S.W. acted as vice-president. There were eleven Past Masters present, and several visiting brethren from other lodges. After dinner, the W. Master, in a short and effective speech, proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, to which happy responses were given in appropriate speeches. Bro. Bridges was most warmly thanked for having come all the way from Bridgwater to instal the W. Master, and that worthy brother responded in an excellent address, in which he recalled circumstances that had happened thirteen years since, when he opened the Lodge Pleiades, which had originated with him. Other speeches were made by Bros. Pridham, Latimer, Dr. Owen, J. Heath, Niner, De Schmidt, Chudleigh, Rev. R. Powning, &c., and the party broke up early after a most agreeable day. Bro. Taylor presided both in the lodge and in the dining-hall at the harmonium. We ought to state that a Royal Arch Chapter had been held in the forenoon.—*Western Daily Mercury*.

ULVERSTON.—*Lodge of Furness, No. 995*.—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Theatre-street, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., when the following officers were present: John Case, W.M.; R. Pearson, S.W.; Jas. W. Grundy, J.W.; Robert James, Hon. Sec.; R. Dodgson, S.D.; J. Paxton, J.D.; R. Casson, Org.; F. J. Blacklock, Steward; J. Robinson, O.G.; and upwards of 20 other members. The visitors were Wm. Johnson and P. Derbyshire (1225), and F. H. Clarke (1021). The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., and the minutes of the last communication were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Mr. James Hudson, which proved unanimous in his favour, and he was then duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order by the W.M. Bros. Lockett and Charly having proved their efficiency as F.C.'s were entrusted and retired, and on being re-admitted, were raised respectively to the degree of M.M. by Bro. G. Remington, P.M. and D.C., and Bro. Dr. Barber, senior P.M. Bro. Harding, Tyrian Lodge, No. 253, was proposed as a joining member. The Treasurer's quarterly statement of accounts were read, and the lodge was finally and formally closed at 10.30 p.m.

LANCASTER.—*Rowley Lodge, No. 1051*.—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic-rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster. There were present, W. Bro. Hall, W.M.; W. Bro. J. Daniel Moore, as I.P.M. and Secretary; Bros. Mercer, S.W.; John Hatch, W.M. 281, as J.W.; C. E. Dodson, S.D.; W. Hall, as J.D.; R. Taylor, I.G.; E. Storey, P.M. 281; J. Conlon; Watson, Tyler. The lodge being opened the minutes of the preceding lodge were read and confirmed, and other business transacted. The W.M. then vacated the chair, and delivered in a highly creditable manner the lecture on the lodge tracing board of the first degree, for which a special vote of thanks was accorded. After the completion of the lodge business, a number of the brethren adjourned to the house of the W.M., and partook of an elegant repast which had been hospitably provided.

ABERYSTWITTH.—*Aberystwith Lodge, No. 1072*.—The first meeting of the season of this flourishing lodge was held at the Belle Vue Royal Hotel, Aberystwith, on Monday, the 3rd inst. Present, Bros. E. L. Cole, W.M.; C. Rice Williams, M.D., S.W.; J. W. Szlumper, C.E., J.W.; G. T. Smith, I.P.M., Prov. Grand Sec.; W. Williams, F.R.C.S., S.D.; Stanley J. Balcome, J.D. 1278, acting J.D.; John Vaughan, P. Prov. G. Supt. W., Treas.; Edward Hamer, Sec.; R. Hughes, I.G.; Inglis Bervon, Organist. Visiting brethren, Dutton 425, Philpot, and Jesse Baker. There were also 12 other members of the lodge present. In consequence of the non-attendance of Bro. M. L. V. Davis, who was absent shooting in Scotland, and was to have been passed to the second degree there was no ceremony, and the only business transacted after the minutes of the last meeting in June had been read and confirmed, was the proposing by Bro. Cole, the present W.M., of Bro. C. Rice Williams, M.D., the S.W., as W.M. for the coming year. Bro. Cole, in so doing, thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him in electing him the year before, and said he felt sure that by nominating Bro. Williams as his successor, the office would fall into able and worthy hands. Bro. G. T. Smith, I.P.M., Prov. Grand Sec., seconded, and bore testimony to the energy and ability displayed by Bro. Williams in the various offices he had filled in the lodge. For the three successive years, he (Bro. Smith) had had the honour of presiding over the lodge, he had always had an able and indefatigable coadjutor in Bro. Williams, and he had no doubt he would prove equally efficient in the chair. No other brother having been proposed, Bro. Williams briefly returned thanks for the honour proposed to be done him. Bro. Smith then requested the W.M. to allow him before the lodge was closed to draw the special attention of the brethren to the visit that evening of Bro. Stanley J. Balcome, the dear friend and brother who had been initiated amongst them, who had been one of their most

indefatigable workers, and whose loss from their number they all so much deplored. Bro. Balcome was J.D. of the Burdett Coutts, No. 1278, and knowing him to be a glutton for work, the W.M. had, in the absence of their own J.D., requested him to take his office for that evening. He (Bro. Smith) was sure he was expressing the unanimous feeling of the lodge, in assuring Bro. Balcome that they were highly pleased to have him once more amongst them, and that they greeted him with the heartiest and sincerest Masonic welcome.—Bro. Balcome having returned thanks in a few feeling and well-chosen words, the W.M. closed the lodge in due form and with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Pell, in his usual and well-known liberal manner.—This lodge was established in 1865, with Bro. J. D. Perrott, W.M., Brecknock 651, P. Prov. G.S.W., as its first, or instructing W.M. He was succeeded by Bro. G. I. Smith, who held the office for three years in succession, and Bro. Cole is the present W.M. whose year of office will expire in December next. Although but a young lodge it numbers over 60 members, all being of good social position, has contributed handsomely to the three principal Masonic charities and to some local ones, and has never been in debt, but has always had a respectable balance at its bankers.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—*Rutland Lodge, No. 1130*.—The first meeting of this lodge after the summer recess was held at the George Hotel, on Thursday, the 6th inst.—the W.M., Bro. Douglass, presiding. Present besides the W.M.: Bros. Rev. W. Langley, P.M.; J. J. Fast, S.W.; Claude L. Ferneley, Organist; W. Leadbetter, I.G.; Chester Newcome, John B. Leadbetter, John Selby, Rev. C. H. Coryndon Baker, and James King. Bro. John Bailey, of the Vale of Caithness Lodge, No. 1265, was present as a visitor to his mother lodge. Bro. James King was passed, and Bro. C. H. Coryndon Baker was raised by the W.M. in his usually perfect manner. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow of the late Bro. Dr. Ashforth, who was initiated in this lodge. Two candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and the brethren were called from labour to refreshment.

OAKHAM.—*Vale of Caithness Lodge, No. 1265*.—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th of October, but the attendance of the brethren was very small. In the absence of the W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. Rev. W. Langley, P.M. 1130, and W.M. 50. Bro. Duncomb acted as S.W., and Bro. Kew as J.W. Bro. Thomas Markham, J.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Morris, Treasurer; and the installation and annual festival was fixed for Wednesday, Nov. 2nd. A letter of condolence was ordered to be written by the Secretary, Bro. Bennett, to the widow of the late Bro. Dr. Ashforth, S.W. of this lodge. Two candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, when the lodge was closed at 8 o'clock, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

MARKET HARBOUROUGH.—*St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1330*.—The first regular monthly meeting of this lodge since its consecration on the 16th ultimo, was held at the assembly-room, Three Swans Hotel, on Friday, the 7th inst., when the following brethren were present: W. Kelly (P.G.M.), W.M.; Sir Henry St. John Halford, Bart., S.W.; Rev. J. F. Halford, J.W.; R. Waite, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Marris, P.M., Sec.; F. Kemp, S.D.; M. H. Lewin, W. Symmington, J. H. Douglass, T. Macaulay, Freestone, Lawrence, and Martin; C. Bembridge, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Partridge (as J.D.) and Rowlett (as Organist), of No. 523, Leicester. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the first meeting, on the 16th ultimo, and of a Lodge of Emergency, on the 30th ultimo (when eight candidates were initiated by dispensation), were read and confirmed. The by-laws adopted at the previous meetings were also confirmed. A ballot was taken for Messrs. John Whitehead and Jas. Edward Dixon, of Market Harborough, who were duly elected, and were afterwards regularly initiated into Freemasonry, as were also Dr. Fred. Grant and Messrs. Edward Fuiler and James Shovelbottom.—Bro. Rowlett conducting the musical chants on the harmonium. The W.M. then gave the lecture on the tracing board and the charge. Arrangements were made for the purchase of a handsome set of second-hand furniture for the lodge, and two gentlemen having been proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

ROYAL ARCH.

METROPOLITAN.

Temperance Chapter, No. 169.—The quarterly meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford. Comp. H. Moore, M.E.Z., presided. There was not any work before the chapter, which, after the usual formalities were gone through, was closed. Refreshment followed, and a happy evening was spent.

PROVINCIAL.

LIVERPOOL.—*Chapter of Liverpool, No. 292*.—The regular convocation of this Royal Arch Chapter was held on the 3rd inst. at the Masonic Temple, 22, Hope-street. There were present Comps. J. Mercer Johnson, M.D., M.E.Z.; R. Wylie, P.Z., II.; Jas. Hamer, P.Z., as J.; Thos. Wylie, P.Z. and Treas.; and Laidlaw, P.Z.; Pelham, P. Sej.; H. Iustwick, S.E.; Elliott, S.N.; &c. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, a ballot was taken for Bro. Dr. Adam, of Lodge 78 (S.C.), which proving unanimous; he being in attendance, was exalted according to the ancient usages of Royal Arch Masons, the ceremony being very impressively performed by Comp. Thos. Wylie, P.Z., who also delivered the mystic lecture, and Comp. Hamer, P.Z., the first historical

lecture. The latter companion also gave in his usual faultless style the explanation of the plate. After the proposition of a brother as a candidate for exaltation at the next chapter, the proceedings terminated in the usual manner, and the companions separated at an early hour. Visitors: Comps. Hughes and Woodchap, 1094.

EWELL.—*Grove Chapter, No. 410*.—The installation meeting of this old chapter was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Spring Hotel, Ewell. The chapter was duly opened by Comp. C. Dumas, M.E.Z. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Comp. C. Greenwood, in an able manner installed Comps. J. Hart, as M.E.Z., and J. Rosenthal, J. Comps. W. Heath and F. Walters, by desire, gave the H. and the Z. chairs. Comp. E. Kimber, Organist 619, was proposed as a joining member, and the chapter was closed. A good banquet was then served, and the usual toasts were given, and Comp. Heath responded for the "Visitors." The companions separated early and returned to town. Visitors: Comps. W. B. Heath, P.Z. 22; F. Walters, P.Z. 73; E. Kimber, Organist 619.

MARK MASONRY.

METROPOLITAN.

St. Mark's Mark Lodge, No. 1.—This Mark Lodge met on Monday, the 10th inst., at Bro. Gosden's, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street. Br. H. C. Levander presided as W.M., and advanced Bro. Thos. Burdett Yeoman, Panmure Lodge 715, and Bro. W. Dodd, W.M. 1194, Craft, to this degree. Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Secretary and P.M., afterwards obligated the following Mark Master Masons in the Ark Mariner degree, as acknowledged by Grand Mark Lodge of England:—Bros. John Hervey, R. J. Carey, F. Walters, H. Parker, T. B. Yeoman, W. Dodd and H. Massey. Bro. Levander then installed Bro. J. G. Marsh, as W.M., and the lodge was called off for banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. Gosden, under the superintendence of Bro. Nicholson. When the brethren returned to labour, the W.M. appointed and invested Bros. W. B. Church, S.W.; T. Cubitt, J.W.; George Kenning, M.O.; S. C. Davison, S.O.; J. McKiernan, J.O.; H. C. Levander, P.M., Treas.; R. Wentworth Little, P.M., Sec.; F. Walters, P.M., R. of M.; A. Perrot, S.D.; W. Dodd, J.D.; H. Parker, Organist; T. B. Yeoman, I.G.; R. J. Carey, D.C., and Gilbert, T. At the conclusion of these appointments the lodge was closed, and the customary toasts were proposed, honoured, and responded to. The brethren separated early, after having spent a most agreeable evening. The ceremonies in lodge, which were ably performed, were accompanied with musical additions, under the care of Bro. H. Parker. Besides the brethren named above as being present during the evening, Bros. the Rev. D. Shaboe and Thos. White attended, and the former as a visitor, responded to the toast with which the visiting brethren were honoured.

PROVINCIAL.

BIRKENHEAD.—*Joppa Mark Lodge, No. 5, S.C.*—On the 30th ult., the annual meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Chambers, Birkenhead, at 3.30 p.m., and was honoured by the presence of the Provincial Grand M.M., Bro. Entwistle, who entered with the officers as follows:—Bros. C. F. Matier 30°, Deputy P.G.M.M.; G. P. Brockbank 18°, P.S.G.W.; J. A. Whyatt, P.G.D. of C.; Hopkins, P.G.A.D. of C.; J. Mitchell, P.J.G.W.; J. P. Platt, P.G.M.O.; Friend, P.G.T.K., N. The minutes of previous meeting having been confirmed, the R.W.M., Bro. Levenson advanced Bro. R. Evans, of Lodge 1276 to the degree, and vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Matier, who at the solicitation of the brethren kindly consented to perform the ceremony of installation of R.W.M., which he did with his usual style in a highly efficient manner. Bro. Mills, S.W. and P.G.S.O., being the one whom the brethren had selected to rule over them for the ensuing year on the conclusion of the beautiful ceremony, Bro. Mills appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Ambley P.G.S.D., S.W.; Sillitoe, J.W.; Barclay, M.O.; Moore, S.O.; Lewis, J.O.; Williams, S.D.; Brett, J.D.; Sayer, Conductor; Bolton, T.K.; Friend P.G.T.K., Secretary. Bro. J. P. Platt, P.G.M.O., was re-elected and invested as Treas. The R.W.P.G.M.M. was requested to present the P.M. jewel voted by the brethren to Bro. Stevenson, and in the course of a very able address, congratulating the lodge on its state of efficiency, remarked that the brethren had good cause to be pleased with the manner in which Bro. Stevenson had performed his duties, and that it gave him much pleasure to present in the name of the Joppa Lodge the handsome jewel awarded to him, trusting he would long live to wear it, and by it be reminded of the good feeling borne him by the brethren whom he had so ably governed. After some business of ordinary routine, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment at the Woodside Hotel, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and some very good singing enlivened the proceedings, the brethren separating at an early hour. This meeting has been one of the most pleasant enjoyed by the Joppa Lodge for some time, and from the fact of the R.W.P.G.M.M., Bro. Entwistle and officers taking such an interest in their province we argue much success for this degree, and hope the time is not far distant when all Mark Masters will be able to mix with each other, whether English, Scotch, or any other designation.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—*The Howe Lodge, No. 21*.—The regular meeting of this lodge was held immediately before the Craft Lodge, on Thursday, the 6th ult. The W.M. Bro. Douglas presided. The attendance was very small, and no work being done on the business paper, the lodge was closed.

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DEATHS.

BARR.—On 25th ult., at Prescott-street, Liverpool, aged 25 years, Eliza, wife of Bro. W. Barr, Secretary of the Neptune Lodge, 1264.

MORTON.—On 21st ult., suddenly, Bro. John Morton, of 39, Foley-street, Kirkdale, Liverpool, P.M. Walton Lodge 1086, deeply regretted by a large circle of friends.

PETRIE.—On 6th inst., at 120, Dunbarton-road, Partick, Jean Houston, wife of Bro. John Petrie, M.M. Star Lodge, 219, aged 56.

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Letter from Bro. Jacob Norton, Reports of Consecration of a new Masonic Hall at St. George's, Committee of Royal Masonic Institution, Lodges United Strength (228), Sincerity (292), St. John the Baptist (475), Peckham (879), Amherst (1223), Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Temple Chapter, &c., we hope to be able to find space for in our next.

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MASONIC INSTRUCTION.

A PRACTICAL commentary on our last week's article has already been furnished to the brethren by the successful inauguration of the new Royal Arch Chapter of Improvement, at Freemasons' Hall. It is to the persistent efforts of Companion Brett and his associates that the Order is indebted for this great result; but the prosperity of the venture will mainly depend upon the personal attendance and cordial co-operation of Royal Arch Masons in general. There is now, at last, a chapter of instruction where the companions

can learn their duties without the accompaniments of the inevitable pipe and pewter. There is now a chapter of instruction where the ceremonies will be rehearsed with becoming solemnity, and where the beautiful illustrations of the Order can be communicated with appropriate dignity and effect. It would be a curious study to trace the origin of the modern Masonic academies of instruction. Doubtless, when the first meeting for mutual improvement was held in London, the brethren were almost compelled to assemble in public-houses, for the want of more suitable accommodation. Hence, the introduction of grog and tobacco; until, in process of time, the attainment of Masonic lore was only to be compassed by a long and patient sacrifice at the shrine of some local Bacchus. Now, we hold that the rehearsal or practice of our beautiful Masonic ritual ought to be conducted in lodges of instruction with equal precision and decorum as the work of a regular lodge; and this cannot be effected amid calls for "half-and-half," and pulls at the friendly pewter. At present, when we enter one of our noted schools of Masonic instruction, what an edifying spectacle it presents to a thoughtful Mason. Through the clouds of smoke proceeding from meerschaums and long "clays," we are enabled at length, perhaps, to distinguish the presiding officer, arrayed in all the badges of the Craft, and who magnanimously divides his attention between "deep, deep draughts" of some potent liquid and the ceremony of initiating a candidate. Is this calculated to impress a young Mason with favourable views of the exalted mission of Freemasonry? Can any one, after graduating in such a college, retain the same awe and veneration for the sublime doctrines of the Order with which he might hitherto have been imbued? It is manifestly impossible, and we therefore hail with the utmost satisfaction the establishment of the new Chapter of Improvement at the head-quarters of the English Fraternity, utterly unconnected, as it will be, with associations of such an incongruous character. There is a great deal to be learned in Royal Arch Masonry, both in the ritual and the lectures. The latter, as many of our readers are aware, are divided into three sections, with four clauses in each; and the instruction imparted comprises, not only the ceremony of exaltation in detail, but also interesting addresses upon the banners of the twelve tribes of Israel, the history of the rod of Moses, and the Platonic theories upon the nature of the four elements and the sphere of the universe. In the compilation and arrangement of these lectures many able minds have been employed since the union of the two Grand Chapters of England in 1817, and their labours have resulted in the supply of endless food for thought to all reflecting members of the Order. Royal Arch Masonry in England is now a compact and consistent whole, and its teachings are entirely in accordance with the precepts

of the Craft. It is, therefore, very remarkable that it is really so little studied, and so imperfectly comprehended by the Companions generally. Although a mine of symbolic meaning lies concealed in its depths, few are found to seek for the hidden treasure, or to take the soundings of its mystic sense. And yet the whole philosophy of life is unfolded in its principles; the duties of man to his God, to his neighbour, and to himself, are traced in shining letters throughout every page of its unequalled code of ethics.

It is time, therefore, that English Royal Arch Masons appreciated more sensibly the privileges they have obtained by being permitted to join in the rites of an Order at once so sublimely simple and so profoundly philosophical. Proficiency in the Royal Arch ritual can be acquired as easily as proficiency in the ritual of the Craft; and we contend that the Principals of Chapters ought to be as competent to exalt and instal as Masters of lodges usually are to initiate, pass, or raise. With the assistance of COMPANION BRETT and his able coadjutors in the new Chapter of Improvement, much will be effected in this direction; but a permanent reform can only be achieved by a general determination to render the ceremonies in a proper and dignified manner. We are glad to be able to record that this important movement has the sanction and approval of many leading Masons, and the fact that the Grand Scribe E., Comp. Hervey, himself an exemplar of perfect working, is identified with the recently formed Chapter as Treasurer, proves conclusively that the authorities of the Order will endeavour to promote its success.

It need only be added that the meetings will be held every Thursday evening at seven o'clock, from October to May, and that the ceremonies, lectures, and illustrations will be taught in regular succession. All moneys received, after the payment of working expenses, will be devoted to Masonic charitable purposes, and we trust the worthy Treasurer will soon have his coffers filled to repletion for so benevolent an object. We appeal, therefore, to the Royal Arch Masons, not merely of London, but of England, to support their new Chapter of Instruction by at once enrolling themselves as members. We appeal to them to aid in disseminating the genuine tenets of Freemasonry through the medium of thoroughly-qualified preceptors. And we do so with the utmost confidence that we shall not appeal in vain, because all must recognise the importance and the advantage of acquiring a correct knowledge of every branch of our noble Institution, and all must rejoice that our sacred rites can now be practised without the degrading accessories of strong liquors to recommend them to depraved tastes; in a word, that we now possess in our own temple a fitting home for that earthly Sanhedrim which pre-figures the assembly of the "just made perfect" in the celestial temples of a more glorious Jerusalem.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE SCHISM.

With reference to Bro. Yarker's observations in No. 81, page 465, of THE FREEMASON, I have no hesitation in explaining that I believe the so-called Ancients, or seceders, were chiefly Operative Masons, from the fact that Dermott himself, in the preface to his Ahiman Rezon, facetiously contrasts the usages of the "Gentlemen Masons" with those of the brethren ranged under his own banner. I have lent my copy, and cannot therefore quote the passage, which is, however, familiar to all who have read the Ahiman Rezon. Dermott's assertions are borne out by entries in the earliest minutes of the "Athol" Masons, which prove that most of the members were handi-craftsmen, a "gentleman" or an "esquire" being a *rara avis* before 1754. I adhere to my statement that the "Royal Arch Order" as it is now called, was "first worked as a separate section of Freemasonry in 1738," for the simple reason that there is not a particle of evidence either in the records of the "Grand Lodge of all England" at York, or in those of the two London Grand Lodges to prove the contrary. I do not say that it was *invented* in 1738, but hold it was then first promulgated as something *beyond* the Craft degrees. I shall be glad, however, to find that evidence exists to disprove this theory, and hope Bro. Yarker will soon bring forth the proof now in his possession.

THE SON OF SALATHIEL.

RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE.

We are very glad to notice the publication of "one of the documents relating to the Red Cross Order which were found in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of England," and hope soon to see *all* inserted in THE FREEMASON, that are suitable to be known by the Fraternity in general. We believe the excellent sketch of the *aims* and character of this Masonic chivalric degree, which appeared in these pages on Oct. 8th, is by a former Grand Master of the Order. If so, it is all the more valuable as an authorised epitome of the intentions of the promoters of that degree.

W. JAMES HUGHAN.

A considerable time has elapsed since your readers were informed that the annual report of this Masonic degree would contain particulars of certain MSS. which had been found in the archives of the Grand Lodge of England. I have not had the advantage of seeing the report in question, but I conclude your notice, at p. 497, contains an extract of all that is material from the document, (apparently without date or authority,) which was thus to be put forward as sustaining the then claims of this degree to be the only legitimate branch in existence of the Ancient Order, the title of which it had assumed.

These claims, your readers are well aware, I successfully controverted, and shortly afterwards a lucid sketch (by R. 33^o) of the Ancient Constantinian Order was published in a contemporary magazine. During my share in the discussion, I referred to the existence of a Masonic Red Cross Degree of old date, and said that I would not be surprised to hear that the present Red Cross of Rome and Constantine claimed to originate from Masons who were alleged to have attended the Crusades.

We now find that the document, which seems to have been guarded with so much mystery, belongs to the old Red Cross Degree to which I have referred, and that it did claim to originate in the Crusades; and yet my conjecture (accurate as it was) was treated by the possessors of the document at the time, as a myth. The distinction (badge) of the members of the Order to which the document relates was that of the Crusaders, which is well known to have been a plain red cross, precisely of the kind I have before described as worn by a venerable brother of the old Red Cross Order, who had possessed his decoration for more than half a century. The document contains plain proof that it has no reference whatever to the Ancient Constantinian

Order, and it is equally clear, from what we have been told by the promoters of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, that their new Masonic degree has no claim to the document now put forward.

I refrain from observations upon the other portions of the MS., as our brethren will estimate for themselves how far the character of our ancient Craft has deserved the imputations which are there put on record. LUPUS.

TEMPLAR PRECEDENCY.

I am obliged to R. W. L. for sending me the very interesting document regarding the "Mount Calvary." However, it by no means proves the time-immemorial antiquity of that respectable Encampment, even in 1842. The name, "Early Grand," is believed to be of Irish origin; that nationality introduced the name into Scotland, and it existed in Lancashire about 1820-30; and the Encampments were composed chiefly of Scottish and Irish Masons. All their proceedings were disavowed by the *regular* Encampments of England, and their members had to be re-installed before they could join other Encampments.

If this is all the "Mount Calvary" has got to show, I must ask, by what principle of justice they have obtained a position above the Jerusalem Encampment, which has worked legitimately since 1786? Perhaps Bro. Tinkler can inform me. JOHN YARKER.

MASONIC APPAREL.

White gloves should always be worn in lodge, because white is the emblem of innocence and purity. Lavender kids, though greatly affected by gentlemen at evening parties, are utterly out of place in a Masonic lodge. X.

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLARS IN IRELAND.

The principal seat of the Templars in Ireland was at a village called Kilmainham, in the vicinity of Dublin, where the prior resided with the leading Chapter of Knights.

On the site of this ancient priory a home or hospital for old soldiers has long stood, and at the Kilmainham entrance is placed a curious old gate tower which formerly commanded the approaches to the city at the Barrack Bridge, or "Bloody" Bridge as it is sometimes called, on account of certain dismal memories of rebels having been suspended therefrom in troublous times. The Knights Templars of Ireland were finally suppressed in 1311.

A QUERY.

Is there any degree now given in England in which the attempted re-edification of the Temple by Julian the Apostate is commemorated?

[Yes; in the third point of the Order of K.H.S. You cannot, however, obtain this degree without first becoming a member of the Red Cross Order, and even then it is restricted to a chosen few, who can best understand its spiritual affinity to the mysteries of the Royal Arch Degree.]—ED. F.

FREEMASONRY IN 1717 AND AFTERWARDS.

Speculative Freemasonry in 1717 may be compared to a ship newly launched, which although complete in all essentials, yet contains considerable space for adornment, which adornment in the shape of extra ornamental painting, gilding, &c., can be afterwards added at leisure, or otherwise, as the owner desires. Or, again, our Speculative Masonry, or "Craft Masonry" as it is sometimes *craftily* designated, in 1717 may be compared to some mediæval church which has just been erected, which although complete in all essentials—with its basement floor, triforium, and clerestory—yet affords scope for adornment, *and was so constructed as to admit of that adornment*; there are the rude or roughly cut stones *in situ* out of which beautifully carved capitals have yet to be formed; the walls have to be properly decorated, and so on, thus leaving scope for some able artist to set his mark upon it and prove himself a thorough "Master-Mason." So with our Speculative Freemasonry, the structure is the same now as it was when first erected

in 1717, only it has had some decorations added to it since then, in fact we sometimes perceive these decorations, or otherwise, just as the "guide" may happen to point them out, or omit them. Taking into consideration the object they had in view, we must allow that Desaguliers and Anderson ("Desaguliers and Co." is not meant in disparagement, but sometimes used because it comes handy) were not only successful, but also able architects, and likewise showed considerable knowledge of the workings of human nature. W. P. BUCHAN.

"RENDER AN ACCOUNT OF THY STEWARDSHIP."

A very pertinent enquiry by one of your contributors as to the disposal of a large sum of money collected in Scotland to assist in educating the daughters of decayed Masons, gives rise to the question—What has become of the moneys subscribed by English lodges and brethren for a Masonic Lifeboat? and which sums were sent to a brother in Salisbury-street, Strand?

No detailed account of the total amount received by this gentleman has ever been published, nor has the money—beyond a sum of fifty guineas—apparently found its way into the coffers of the National Lifeboat Society. I shall be glad of some information on this point, inasmuch as I transmitted a guinea from a lodge to the Masonic Lifeboat Fund and hold an informal acknowledgment of its due receipt from a Mr. Rust on behalf of "W. Smith." Does the £52 10s. represent the full amount subscribed? if so, let it be stated at once, and the brethren can then support the movement originated by Bros. Harris, Gottheil, and other zealous Masons. ONE WHO WRITES FOR INFORMATION.

HOSPITALITY.

The white stone mentioned in the Apocalypse appears to bear some relation to a particular custom among the ancients, with which they commenced and perpetuated a refined friendship. For this purpose the contracting parties took a small piece of bone, ivory, or stone, and dividing it into equal and similar parts, one of the persons wrote his name on one of these and his friend upon the other, and they made a mutual exchange. This little ticket or "keep-sake" was retained as a sacred pledge and remembrancer of an attachment the most sacred and inviolable, entire and permanent, that could be found. Including the word, sign, and token of an endeared fraternity, it was the means of ascertaining the heart's affections after many year's absence, and of securing for him a welcome to the privileges, and a share in the endearments, of hospitality and love. Of course the token was carefully preserved. Though, in itself, considered of the smallest worth, yet as the memorial of a *highly-esteemed friend*, as it renewed those kind emotions of which he was the object, and called up a history on which the heart delighted to dwell, its value became inestimable, and lest some one else should take the advantage of it, the possessor kept it with privacy, and cautiously concealed from every one the name or mark engraved upon it.—Harris.

HARODIM.

The mysteries of this Order are peculiar to the institution itself; while the lectures of the Chapter include every branch of the Masonic system, and represent the art of Masonry in a finished and complete form, different classes are established, and particular lectures restricted to each class. The lectures are divided into sections, and the sections into clauses. The sections are annually assigned by the Chief Harod to a certain number of skilful companions in each class, who are denominated Sectionists; and they are empowered to distribute the clauses of their respective sections, with the approbation of the Chief Harod and the General Director, among the private Companions of the Chapter, who are denominated clauseholders. Such Companions as by assiduity become possessed of all the sections of the lecture, are called lecturers; and out of these the General Director is always chosen.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE PURPLE.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—From the love of fair-play, which, I see, pervades the whole of your interesting paper, I am led to think you will give some consideration to what is, I believe, a just and reasonable complaint. I wish to draw your attention to the existing mode of election of P.G. officers in the P.G. Lodge of West Lancashire, and shall be glad to know if, within your experience, you can recollect of a similar practice being the rule?

I have often heard it remarked that the difficulty of obtaining an office in the P.G. Lodge of West Lancashire is greater than in any other county; but I could not account for such an astounding report until after perusing the notice of the last annual meeting at Southport, on the 5th inst., in a Liverpool paper. I find that nearly all the old officers were re-elected to their late or some other office, thereby excluding many deserving brethren from wearing the purple. From the following table you will readily perceive my meaning:—

Bro. Lord Skelmesdale, D.P.G.M.,	re-elected.
" Hon. Capt. Stanley, M.P., P.G.S.W.	"
" Schneider, P.G.J.W.,	"
" Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.G.C.,	"
" T. Hamer, P.G. Treas.,	"
" T. Wylie, P.G. Reg.,	"
" H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.,	"
" A. C. Mott, P.S.G.D.,	"
" H. B. White, P.J.G.D.,	"
" D. Moore, P.G. Sup. of Wks.,	retired.
" R. Wylie, P.G. Dir. of Cer.,	re-elected
" T. Marsh, A.P.G. Dir. of Cer.,	"
" S. Hobbs, P.G. Sword-bearer,	"
" Skeaf, P.G. Organist,	"
" Laidlaw, P.G. Purst.,	P.G. Sup. of Wks.
" G. Broadbridge, P.G. Steward,	re-elected.
" Rowson,	"
" Fowler,	"
" Pickering	P.G. Purst.

Now, sir, in my innocence, I fully believed that offices like these were conferred on brethren according to merit and ability, and that time and patience would enable every worthy brother to share in the honours of Masonry. The province of West Lancashire contains a large number of lodges, and I put it to you, in common fairness, what chance of gaining a purple collar is there for the numerous brethren of West Lancashire lodges—many of whom, in point of education, social standing, and knowledge of the Craft, are equal, if not superior, to the small knot of brethren in Liverpool who are almost constantly re-elected? The P.G.M. early saw the propriety of holding the P.G.L. at other places than Liverpool, and it is to be hoped that he will not another year cast a slur upon the Craft in his province by re-electing the old officers. It is strange that some others did not follow the honourable example of Bro. Moore, and retire in favour of other deserving Masons kept out in the cold. Is it a general rule that the offices of P.G. Sec., P.G. Reg., and others, should be held for life? Some lodges might as well be at the North Pole as in West Lancashire for the chance of ever seeing a brother of their lodge made a provincial officer.

I wish it to be understood that I am not complaining on my own account. I am satisfied with the fact that I belong to a lodge which has the most beautiful room (private building), in decoration and furniture, out of London—its working correct, hearty, and with music always cleverly introduced, according to authorised method—a regular and punctual attendance of members—and, considering its age, as many votes to the charitable institutions as any in the country. I do not desire the purple, but I am sorry to see men passed over who are well qualified and in every way eligible, because a few obstructions have not the grace to retire.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
M. M.

UNIFORMITY OF WORKING.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to the question of "W. M." at page 498 of your paper, I beg to offer him my humble opinion, that as we are informed the *sanctum sanctorum* was situated in the W., both in the Tabernacle and the Temple of Jerusalem, there could be no door on that side, and therefore N., S., and E. appear to be the proper situations for the three entrances.

Yours fraternally,
W. H. REED,
P.M. 1125, P.P.J.G.D. Devon.

Tiverton, Devon, Oct. 11, 1870.

RELIEF IN SCOTLAND.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the concluding letter from "A Brother in England to a Brother in Scotland," No. 80 of THE FREEMASON, there are certain remarks and statements he makes which astonish me. He states that several hundred pounds were collected some years ago for the purpose of founding a Freemasons' institution for the daughters of brethren. I should like to know where this money is, or where it went to? We have a right to demand an answer to the question, either from Grand Lodge or from Lodge Canon-gate Kilwinning, No. 2, seeing that the money was last known to be in the hands of Bro. Anthony Traill, W.S., a Past Master of that lodge. I hope there will be no evasion of the question, and not, as he wisely remarks, shelve it—there are too many things put aside in that manner. There are other remarks of his which, I am sorry to say, we cannot refute. He states: "In England we have an almoner in each town, who dispenses alms to needy brethren—thus preventing a universal raid on the members of the Craft. In Scotland we have no such system." This I disagree with, as in the province of Glasgow we have a benevolent fund, supported by a subscription or tax on each lodge of the sum of five shillings for every member initiated therein, and the proceeds of our annual festival, as well as a test fee from each of the P.G. Office-bearers, varying from three guineas down to five shillings. However, on examination of the financial statement of the P.G. Lodge at present before me, I find that only seven of the office-bearers have paid it, leaving the fees of eleven unpaid, and—"tell it not in Gath, neither publish it in the streets of Askelon"—one of that eleven received the sum of three pounds ten shillings and sixpence, as expenses for visits to Grand Lodge Committee! In our subordinate lodges we hold any one in arrears of their test fee disqualified to hold office, speak, or vote on any subject. I believe this is also the law in the Grand Lodge of England. Not so here. Those very parties are those who talk the loudest about reforming abuses, &c. Oh! Scotland, how art thou fallen; how unworthy of thy great patriots and Reformers! This benevolent fund has been established about ten years, and a great many have been relieved from it. It has been for a number of years under the able management of Bro. James Thomson, as Treasurer and Almoner, than whom a more indefatigable brother could not have been selected for the troublesome and, at times, disagreeable duties arising from the importunities of English and Irish, as well as Scotch, Masonic tramps. I observe that last year the disbursements were £77 17s., against £120 os. 7d. of income; balance in bank, £177 3s. 8d.; and in Treasurer's hands, £18 2s. 5d.—making a total of £195 6s. 1d. sterling. We predict a considerable advance this year, as it is now compulsory for all lodges to pay. We advise Bro. Thomson to publish yearly, through the columns of THE FREEMASON, his financial statement.

I should not have taken up so much of your valuable space, but as Scotch Masonry has been very hardly dealt with in the columns of your paper for some time back, it is only justice to ourselves to make this known, so that our English brethren may say there is at least one redeeming point in our Craft. The monetary items, I grant, are small, but if each province in Scotland would follow the example of Glasgow, a few years would bring about a change in our Masonic atmosphere as regards relief in Scotland.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
MONTRA.

AN EARNEST APPEAL TO THE CRAFT.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

SIR,—Will you kindly allow the enclosed appeal to be inserted in your newspaper. It is a case of a most painful description, and one that will, I feel sure, meet with the kind sympathy and assistance of the Freemasons.

By having this distressing case brought before the benevolent you will greatly oblige,

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE NODDLE, L.C.P., &c., &c.
East View House, Morecombe.

"An earnest appeal is made to the Freemasons of this country in behalf of a young lady by birth and education, who, from severe misfortune, will be deprived of her home very shortly, unless immediate aid is afforded her. She is the daughter of a deceased English officer, a Freemason, of the Mount Mellick Lodge, Ireland; is married, and has two little children (one partially paralysed), and daily anticipating an increase to their number. Continuous adversity, ill health, and severe privations caused this unfortunate lady to be deprived of her reason for many weeks, and has nearly lost the use of her right arm and hand from paralysis.

"The truth of this statement will be verified and

inquiries answered by the Principal of the Collegiate School, East View House, Morecombe, Lancashire, who has kindly consented to receive contributions."

THE SPHINX.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

SIR,—The want of an additional Freemasons' lodge in the increasingly influential neighbourhood of Peckham, Camberwell, and Dulwich having been felt by many, it is hoped that that requirement will now be supplied by the foundation of the one proposed to be consecrated on Saturday, October 15, at the Stirling Castle, Peckham-road, Camberwell. It is called the "Sphinx," and numbered 1329, although the matter of its future prosperity and the kindly welcome it has met with from the neighbouring lodges is no uncertain proposition.

The following brief sketch of the history of the Sphinx, so appropriate for the name of a Masonic lodge, may not be unacceptable to some of our elder brethren:—

Cadmus, who about the year 1580 B.C., being in search of his sister Europa, brought the letters and learning of Phœnicia and Egypt into Europe, founded the city of Thebes, in Greece, but was warned by an oracle that great misfortunes would attend his posterity. A certain one of his descendants, Laius, reigned over Thebes, and of his child the oracle predicted that he would become murderer of his father and spouse of his mother. Laius charged an officer to kill this infant, who, however, only hung him up by the feet in a wood. Thence a shepherd rescued and carried him to the king of Corinth, who brought him up, naming him after his injured feet—Œdipus, or "swelled foot" οἰδεω, to swell, and ποὺς, a foot. Œdipus, also warned by an oracle, left what he thought his native country, and his parents. In travelling through a defile he was hostilely stopped by his own father, whom unknowing he killed. After this incident, Œdipus betook himself to Thebes, and found it desolated by the ravages of the sphinx—a monster with the griffes of a lion, body and head of a woman, and wings of an eagle. It inhabited the road from Delphi to Thebes, where it proposed enigmas to passers-by and destroyed all those who could not unriddle them. The usual enigma was: "What is that animal which walks in the morning on four, at midday on two, and in the evening on three feet?" The old king Creon (who had resigned his crown in favour of his murdered son Laius) promised the widow and kingdom of his deceased son to whoever would explain the riddle, as the monster declared it would then destroy itself. Œdipus explained the riddle—"MAN," when the sphinx kept its promise and immediately destroyed itself. After having thus obtained the crown and espoused his mother, Iocasta, he had by her two sons, Eteocles and Polynices, and two daughters, Antigone and Ismene. On becoming aware of his double crime, Œdipus was horror-stricken, descended from his throne, and retired to Athens. Iocasta, his mother and wife, died of grief. Œdipus, on quitting his throne, had left it to his two sons on condition they should reign each year alternately, but Eteocles, once mounted on the throne refused to descend, and Polynices formed a grand confederation of seven kings against him. All these perished before the walls of Thebes with the exception of Adrastus, whilst the two brothers, who were said to have fought even in the womb of their mother, killed each other in fight. Ten years afterwards their sons renewed the fatal war, and the Thebans at length yielded; but, persuaded that the vengeance of the gods would always be attached to the seed of Œdipus, they established a republican form of government, and Thebes being rebuilt was finally ruined by Alexander the Great.

This story, although little referred to and only slightly known or treated of by the Romans, was a great theme with the Greeks, who adapted its various phases to their tragedies. Their tragedians Æschylus and Sophocles have both used it. The great Racine has also founded one of his chief dramas, the "Frères ennemis," on their civil wars. As for the Sphinx itself, it has a philosophical or metaphorical meaning, and now, as then, is always asking the yet unanswered questions: What is Man? What is God? What is Nature? What is Eternity?

I have the honour to be, Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

W. VINCER BEDOLFE, M.D.,
M.M. 1194, S.D. 1329.

Dulwich, October 7, 1870.

"A QUERY."

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was astonished to see the above in your issue of last week (p. 498). I would have thought that every P.Z. of a chapter would have known that no such thing as the Excellent Master's Degree exists in England, and for Comp. Ross's information I beg of you to insert—

1st Sec. of Regulations for the Government of the Craft; Laws Grand Lodge of England, page 16: "By the solemn Act of Union between the two Grand Lodges of Freemasons of England in December, 1813, it was declared and pronounced that pure Antient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more; viz., those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch." Neither the Chair, Excellent, nor Super-Excellent degrees being wrought as such. I may be mistaken, but I believe that the words used for the *veils* in America are the same as those used in Ireland, and formerly used in the charters issued by both the Duke of Kent's Royal Arch Knights Templar Encampment, as also those issued by Deuchar, I having been made a Royal Arch Mason, and also dubbed a K.T., in the former above twenty years ago, previous to joining the S.G.R.A. of Scotland, I shall be happy to be informed to the contrary. I know that we have had visits from Irish and American Royal Arch Masons, and while testing them they used the words I received formerly.

Yours fraternally,
P.P.Z. H. ANDREWS, No. 69, S.C.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

SIR AND BROTHER,—In your report of the proceedings of the Warren Lodge, No. 1276, Cheshire, you state after the ballot, &c., "The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and afterwards in the third degree, and Bros. Taylor, Pennington, Jones, and Price severally raised to the sublime degree of M.M.," thereby leaving your readers to infer that the work had been done by the W.M., Bro. Hill; whereas the ceremony of raising the brethren was done, as it had hitherto been, by Bro. Thomas Shepard, P.M., a hard-worker in the Craft.

Now, I submit, Mr. Editor, that whoever supplied you with the report ought to have been honest enough to give honour to whom honour is due.

I am, &c.,
VERITAS.

Liverpool, October 12th, 1870.

THE FREEMASONS' LIFE BOAT.

The monthly meeting of the Committee took place at Bro. Forster's, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 6th inst. Bro. T. Mortlock, P.M. 186, occupied the chair. There were also present Bros. S. Davis, Hon. Treasurer; Gottheil, Hon. Secretary; Mann, Kennett, Gluckstein, and H. M. Levy. Visitors, Bros. D. Davis, 141, D. D. Beck, J.W. 1306.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the following further subscriptions were announced:

	£	s.	d.
Prov. G.L. Warwickshire	10	10	0
Noah's Ark Lodge, 347	2	2	0
Bro. John Boyd, P.M. and P.Z. 145	1	1	0
" D. Beck, J.W. 1306	1	1	0
" H. M. Levy, P.M. 188	1	1	0
" E. J. Page, W.M. G.S. Lodge	1	1	0
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, 144	1	1	0
Bro. Mark Joseph, 156	0	2	6
Per Bro. Gluckstein	0	2	6
Cash already acknowledged in THE FREEMASON	139	6	0
Subscriptions received since Oct. 6th:			
Upton Lodge, 1227	1	1	0
Prosperity, 65	1	1	0
Per Bro. H. M. Levy	0	2	6
Total	£159	12	6

Bros. E. J. Page, W.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, P.M. of 23 and 860, and D. Beck, S.W. 1306, were proposed and accepted as members of the Committee. A vote of thanks to Bro. Mortlock terminated the proceedings.

The next meeting of the Committee takes place on Thursday, Nov. 3rd, 1870, at 8 p.m.

ARTIFICIAL BUTTER.—Apparently astonishing as the idea is, the manufacture of artificial butter (*huile artificielle*) is seriously contemplated in France. A Parisian contemporary states that M. Meye, of Paris, has taken out a patent for the manufacture of artificial butter, which, according to the journal in question, is to be used as a substitute for that ordinarily exported to England and Russia. The description of the process is, that animal fat is subjected to great pressure, by which the stearine is extracted for making candles or *bougies*; an oily material being at the same time obtained, the composition of which is identical with that of butter. The question then arises, how is the taste of this "composition" to be rendered similar to that of butter? M. Meye is quite equal to the occasion; he says that he subjects the animal oil to a succession of scientific processes and manipulations, the nature of which he explains at great length and with marvellous ingenuity. He traces the relations of unsophisticated grease to sophisticated fat, and crowns the edifice in rare style, by showing the precise identity of each with what he calls "butter," and indulges in the most sanguine anticipations about the success of his "invention."
—Food Journal.

MASONRY IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

(From the Australian Freemason's Magazine for July.)

Robert Burns Lodge, No. 817, E.C.

This lodge held its regular meeting for July on Monday, the 11th. Two brethren were passed and one accepted as a joining member. Bro. Edward Masters was invested with the collar of J.D. Afterwards a discussion on financial matters ensued, which terminated satisfactorily. W.P.M. Dr. Brown continued his lecture on "Masonry, Past and Present." At its conclusion a vote of thanks, on the motion of the W.M. (Bro. Cassidy), seconded by W. Bro. Montagu, was unanimously accorded to the able lecturer. Lodge closed a few minutes past 10 p.m.

Zetland Lodge of Australia, No. 655, E.C.

The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 12th July. The lodge was duly opened by the W. Master, W. Bro. Nicholas Hopson, in ancient and solemn form, in the first degree, at 7.45 p.m. A gentleman who had been previously balloted for, and declared duly accepted, being present, was then initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. Past Master Moss Israel, P.D.G.S.W., delivered the charge to the newly admitted brother. An Entered Apprentice who was eligible to be passed to the degree of a F.C., was subsequently duly passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft, according to ancient usage and established customs of the Order. The lodge was then formally closed in the second degree, and resumed in the first, when the E.A.'s were re-admitted. Past Master Moss Israel proposed that the sum of two guineas (£2 2) be contributed from this lodge towards defraying the expenses incurred by furnishing the District Grand Secretary's Office. Past Master E. Bennett seconded the proposition, which was put and carried unanimously. The revised code of by-laws, compiled by W. Bro. J. J. Ryall, I.P.M., were then read for the last time, previous to their being submitted to the R.W. District Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Arthur Todd Holroyd, for sanction and approval. P.M. M. Israel warmly supported them, and moved their adoption; P.M. Leveson seconded, and the motion was put and carried. W. Bro. J. J. Ryall, I.P.M., having taken up his residence at Bathurst, was placed on the list of country members. Bro. E. Mason volunteered to act as Hon. Sec. for the remainder of the year, and was appointed and invested. This office had hitherto been ably filled by W. Bro. J. J. Ryall. A communication was then read from Bro. Moore, S.W., Robert Burns Lodge, inviting the officers and members to attend a preliminary meeting, with a view to establish a Masonic club. There being no further business, the lodge finally closed in peace, love, and harmony at 10 o'clock.

The Australian Lodge of Harmony, No. 556, E.C.

This lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 13th ultimo. The Treasurer's quarterly accounts were read and passed; one joining member was proposed for affiliation; two Entered Apprentices were passed to the second degree; a sum of money subscribed for a widow with two orphans; some routine business was gone through, and copies of the Book of Constitution distributed to such members as had not previously got one. Notice was given to discontinue the use of the present harmonium from the end of the year, a much better one having been offered at less price. The lecture on the tracing board in second degree, by a Past Master, closed the evening's work.

Unity Lodge of Sydney No. 1169 E.C.

This lodge held its monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, 16th inst. (July). The W.M. opened the lodge at a quarter past 7 o'clock. Four gentlemen were balloted for, accepted, and (being present) initiated. Two brethren from the country were admitted as affiliating members. The Bye-laws for the Benevolent Fund, in connection with this lodge, have received the approval and sanction of the R.W.D.G.M. Propositions were handed in for candidates, &c. Lodge closed about 10 o'clock, when the brethren adjourned for a slight refreshment, and finally dispersed about 11.30, till their next happy meeting.

Goulburn Lodge of Australia, No. 577.

Two Emergency Meetings of this flourishing lodge, and one regular monthly, were held since our last notice. The former (or Emergencies) occurred on the 28th June, and the 5th July, respectively, and the latter on the 12th July. On the last occasion three brethren were raised to the sublime degree, and two accepted candidates were initiated. For the August meeting there are no less than six raisings, three passings, and one initiation on the business paper—more work than the W.M. (Bro. Maybury) with all his zeal can possibly get through in a single night. We congratulate our Goulburn brethren on their glorious progress.

P o e t r y .

THE STAR IN THE EAST.

Betwixt the slumbering midnight and the dawn
I gazed upon the blind and pulseless shadow
That round the subtle feet of Time is drawn,
And from the East I saw a ray of light
Pierce through the darkness of the weary night

Like one white flower in a whole wide meadow,
And a sad voice shook softly at my ear:
"Behold a star shall in the East appear
To tell that day is nigh at hand, and then
Peace and goodwill among thy fellow-men
Shall be proclaimed, and wars and troubles cease,
And tyrants die, and prisoners have release,
And they who now may stumble in the way
By reason of the night shall see the day,
And from the tomb the lifeless shall arise
To shine as stars for ever in the skies;
But till that time the faithful shall be vexed
With trials, and with sore hindrances perplexed."
I looked again, and lo! the ray had fled,
And silence reigned, and light and joy were dead.
H. M. G.

FADING FLOWERS,

A Freemason's reflections during an autumn afternoon's ramble in the country.

Fading Flowers! at close of summer,
Meet the eye on every side:
Where are now the beautiful blossoms
Which have form'd a garden's pride?
Scatter'd by the breath of autumn,
Lying strewn upon the ground,
Mingled with the leaves that falling
Shower upon us all around.

Fading flowers! a shade of sadness
Autumn ever seems to bring,
Different from the joy and gladness
That's so delightful in the Spring.
As we view the wreck of beauty
Strewn before us everywhere,
Seems it not to warn us gently,
We should for a change prepare?

Yes! as autumn days remind us
Of our own approaching end,
May their calm, sweet influence bind us
To a never-failing Friend.
Fading flowers! O may they teach us,
Every year, at summer's close,
So to live that we may, like them,
Pass away in calm repose. S.

THE SACRED CORD.

Much is made in Hindoo mysteries of "The Sacred Cord," thrice twisted with secret ceremonies, and thrice wound about the neophyte's person. These lines were suggested by this.

Bind it *once*, that in his heart
He may surely hold
All the mysteries of the Art,
As in the Craft of old;
Bind it *once*, and make the noose
STRONG, that time shall not unloose.

Bind it *twice*, that Mason's law,
Faith and Charity,
Ever may his spirit draw
In resistless tie;
Bind it *twice*, and make the noose
STRONGER—death alone shall loose.

Bind it *thrice*, that every deed,
Virtuous and chaste,
On the Heavenly page be spread,
Worthy of the best;
Bind it *thrice*, and make the noose
STRONGEST—death shall not unloose.

—N.Y. Dispatch.

FAITH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—The above Lodge of Instruction is held every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, in the spacious and commodious rooms at Bro. Fisher's Restaurant, Metropolitan District Railway Station, Victoria, S.W. Ceremonies and lectures worked every Tuesday, except the fourth Tuesday in the month, when the ceremonies alone are rehearsed. The DOMATIC CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION is also held in the above rooms every Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, from October until April inclusive.

BREAKFAST. — EPPS'S COCOA. — Grateful and Comforting. — The very agreeable character of this preparation has rendered it a general favorite. The *Civil Service 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." Each packet is labelled—JAMES EPPS AND CO., Homeopathic Chemists, London. Also, makers of Epps's Compound, a very light, thin, evening beverage.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF
WEST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lancashire was, by command of the R.W.P.G.M., Lieut.-Colonel Sir Thomas G. Fermor-Hesketh, Bart., *M.P.*, held at the Town Hall, Southport, on Wednesday last week. The attendance of brethren was very large, from 250 to 300 being present, showing that the interest in the Craft, instead of diminishing, continues to increase in every part of the province. A large number of brethren from the lodges in Liverpool were in attendance, and there was a good representation from other districts. As a whole, the meeting in point of numbers was considered, even by veterans, one of the most successful gatherings in connection with this province, and one likely to add largely to the prestige of the Craft in this and other parts of the country. Besides the R.W.P.G.M., the other officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, and others present, were: Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.P.G.M.; H. W. Schneider, P.J.G.W.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.G.C.; James Hamer, P.G.T.; Thomas Wylie, P.G.R.; C. Sherlock, P.P.G.R.; H. L. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; A. C. Moss, P.S.G.D.; H. B. White, P.J.G.D.; J. D. Moore, P.P.G.S. of Works; R. Wylie, P.G.D. of C.; Thomas Marsh, A.P.G. D. of C.; Samuel Ibbs, P.G.S.B.; Joseph Skeaf, P.G.O.; W. Laidlaw, P.G. Purst.; Capt. J. T. Bourne, P.P.J.G.W.; H. Holbrook, D.D.G.M., British Colombia; Colonel Birchall, P.P.G.J.W.; T. Armstrong, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Molineaux, P.P.G.O.; J. B. Lambert, P.P.G.S.T. East Lancashire; W. C. J. Bannister, P.G.S.B. of England; F. Binckes, P.G. Steward of England; Broadbridge, Pickering, Rowson, and Fowler. Amongst the more prominent brethren present from the different lodges in the province were: Bros. T. Jones, W.M. 594; J. Cobham, W.M. 241; J. Atherton, W.M. 1002; J. Sellar, W.M. 220; W. Smith, W.M. 314; J. Hatch, W.M. 281; J. Worsley, W.M. 333; J. Birchall, W.M. 86; W. Cowden, W.M. 1213; J. K. Smith, P.M. 1094, and W.M. 249; E. Slee, W.M. 155; W. H. Grimmer, P.M. 155 and 216; E. Harbord, W.M. 477; W. Crane, W.M. 1299; J. Pemberton, W.M. 1264; A. H. Whitehead, W.M. 113; W. Vines, P.M. 220; J. W. Baker, P.M. and Treas. 220; R. Jones, S.W. 220; R. H. D. Johnson, P.M. 1094; W. T. May, P.M. 673 and 155; James M. Radcliffe, 477; M. Johnson, P.M. 1094; J. Cook, P.M. 220 and J.W. 1299; J. Jackson, P.M. 823; J. H. Johnson, 477; J. Baxendale, P.M. 580; J. G. Butterfield Sec. 320; J. Wood, 249 and Treas. 1094; &c.

Among the brethren present we noticed the following who are connected with the Southport lodges:—Bros. Arthur Mayhew, W.M. 613; J. Platt, I.P.M. 613, and W.M. 1313; E. W. Stocker, Thomas Williams, C. H. Coddington, R. Jeffries, and Robert Sharrock, P.M.'s 613; W. Dodd, S.W. 613, and Treas. 1313; T. Parker, J.W. 613; J. Wainwright, S.D. 613; H. E. Cullingworth, J.D. 613; T. P. Griffiths, Sec. 613; J. Corry, I.G. 613; J. Hartley, T. 613 and 1313; Dr. Elias, S.W. 1313; J. Wilkinson, J.W. 1313; J. A. Thompson, S.D. 1313; Richard Sharrock, J.D. 1313; B. L. Green, Sec. 1313; Dr. Shaw, W. H. Smith, R. Heap, W. Clark, J. Hatch, W. Robson, F. Brown, J. B. Statham, G. Hesketh, J. Barnes, George Bailey, S. Kershaw, J. Witham, K. Walton, 613; and F. Hermann, 1313.

Shortly after eleven o'clock, the Craft lodge was opened in the several degrees by Bro. A. H. Whitehead, W.M. of Lodge 113 (Preston), assisted, among others, by Bros. John Sellar, W.M. 220; Cobham, W.M. 241; and Hatch, W.M. 281. After a "wait," which proved more lengthened than pleasant, the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge by Bro. Robert Wylie, G.D. of C., and the R.W.P.G.M., attended by his officers, was received in due Masonic form.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened by the R.W.P.G.M. in due form, and with solemn prayer by Bro. the Rev. H. Vernon, *M.A.*, Provincial Grand Chaplain. The anthem, "How good and pleasant a thing it is for brethren to

dwell together in unity," was admirably rendered by the brethren, led by the P.G. Org.

The Prov. Grand Secretary read the roll of lodges within the province, and the result showed that 49 lodges were represented, with the exception of four. Bro. T. Wylie moved that the rule with regard to fines for non-representation should be put in force with regard to these four lodges. The matter was left over.

The minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodges held at Liverpool and Rufford during the previous year were read, and unanimously confirmed.

Bro. Hamer, Prov. Grand Treasurer, presented his balance-sheet, which showed that 47 lodges in the province had contributed £109 1s. to the Educational Fund; the Provincial Grand Lodge fees amounted to £272 11s. 2d.; the Fund of Benevolence to £946 10s. 1d.; total £1,328 2s. 3d. The disbursements from the Grand Lodge fees were £40 18s.; from Fund of Benevolence, £143 10s. 6d.; total, £293 9s. 6d. The accounts had been duly audited and found correct by Bros. J. T. Birchell, W.M. 86; Edwin Slee, W.M. 155; and Ebenezer Hughes, W.M. 203.

The R.W.P.G.M. said the statement of accounts was highly satisfactory. There was a balance in hand of £134 12s. 9d., and in the bank £900; total, £1,034 12s. 9d.

The accounts were unanimously confirmed.

Bro. T. WYLIE moved that the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. Hamer be respectfully requested to continue in office another year.

Bro. MOTT, P.G.J.D., seconded the resolution and said he trusted Bro. Hamer would, although at some inconvenience to himself, again accept the office he had filled so well.

Bro. HAMER said he could only accept the office on two conditions; first, that he should not again be solicited to take it, and secondly, that the P.G.R. and the P.G. Sec. for the time being, should be associated with him in lodging the funds of the P.G.L. in the Liverpool Savings' Bank.

The R.W.P.G.M. said, in putting the motion, that Bro. Hamer had served the province long and faithfully, and he felt certain it would give general satisfaction to the Craft if Bro. Hamer would again consent to act. The conditions attached by Bro. Hamer were, he thought, very reasonable, and should be acceded to.

The motion, together with the conditions referred to, was at once agreed to.

The following brethren were then chosen Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, the new officers being invested by the R.W.P.G.M.:—

R. H. Lord Skelmersdale	...	D.P.G.M.
Hon. Frederick Stanley, <i>M.P.</i>	...	P.G.S.W.
W. H. Schneider	...	P.G.J.W.
H. G. Vernon	...	P.G. Chaplain.
T. Wylie	...	P.G. Reg.
H. S. Alpass	...	P.G. Sec.
Long	...	P.G.S.D.
White	...	P.G.J.D.
Laidlaw	...	P.G. Supt. of Wks.
R. Wylie	...	P.G. Dir. of Cer.
Marsh	...	A.P.G.D. of Cer.
Ibbs	...	P.G. Swd. Bearer.
Joseph Skeaf	...	P.G. Organist.
Pickering	...	P.G. Pursuivant.
Broadbridge	...	
Rawson	...	
Fowler	...	
M. Johnson	...	P.G. Stewards.
Robert Sharrock	...	
Baxendale	...	
P. Ball	...	Senior P.G. Tyler.
W. Ball	...	Asst. P.G. Tyler.

Bro. ROBERT WYLIE, P.G.D. of C., drew attention to the fact that great inconvenience had frequently arisen from the want of proper vessels at the consecration of lodges in the province, and moved that a sum not exceeding £21 be expended in furnishing the requisite vessels.

Bro. BANNISTER, Past Grand Sword Bearer of England, said he entirely concurred in the remarks of Bro. Wylie, and seconded the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord SKELMERSDALE, D.P.G.M., said he hoped Provincial Grand Lodge would allow him the privilege and the pleasure of making a present of the necessary vessels to the P.G. Lodge.

The brethren at once rose and saluted the R.W. the D.P.G.M. with the honours due to his rank.

Several petitions for charity were brought forward; they were from widows principally, and ranged from the daughter of a baronet to the wife of an artisan. In every case a grant was made, and an equal amount voted to each of the applicants.

Bro. T. WYLIE, P.G.R., gave notice that at the next Provincial Grand Lodge he would move that the laws of the Benevolent Fund be so altered that the Grand Lodge might vote sums not exceeding £15 to applicants, and also that the by-laws, when altered, shall be printed and circulated amongst the lodges in the province at the cost of production. He made the latter suggestion because he thought that many brethren were not aware of the existence of the Fund of Benevolence.

The Prov. G. SECRETARY reported that during the past year two new warrants had been granted—viz., one for the Pembroke Lodge, to meet at West Derby, and one for the Fermor Lodge, to meet at Southport. The lodges in the province were generally in a satisfactory state. Through the active exertions of Bro. Robert Wylie, P.G.D. of C., and with the assistance of the West Lancashire and Cheshire Lodges, Bro. W. Robinson had been elected an annuitant on the Institution for Aged Freemasons. At the same election the Cheshire brethren secured the election of their candidate. This pleasing result, it was hoped, would on future occasions induce all the lodges in the province to co-operate in voting for the candidate whom the majority of the brethren at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge should decide to support.

The Provincial Grand Lodge then resolved itself into a Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution for the Education and Advancement in Life of the Children of Distressed and Deceased Freemasons. The minutes of the meetings held during the year were read by Bro. Mott, Honorary Secretary, and confirmed. He also submitted the report, which stated that 34 children were receiving the benefits of the Institution, being an increase of nine during the past year. The cost of educating these children amounted to £238 6s. 8d. The financial condition of the Institution was most satisfactory, the amount now standing to the credit of the Institution being £7,400 invested, and £390 in the bank, against £6,600 invested, and £504 in the bank at the end of last year, thus showing a clear addition to the fund of £686. The Committee have noticed with much satisfaction that several lodges and chapters have adopted a suggestion made in their report of 1867, and the subscriptions of the brethren have in a number of instances been paid in the name of their respective lodge or chapter to constitute some brother a Vice-President or Life Governor. Such a plan, if more extensively adopted, cannot fail, the committee believe, to prove a benefit to the institution and a source of satisfaction to all. It tends to establish the Vice-Presidency and Life Governorship of the institution as recognised honours in the province; it brings the claims of the charity more prominently before the brethren generally; it creates a spirit of healthy emulation among the lodges and chapters, and in many instances proves the means of directing to the funds donations which would not otherwise reach them. The committee commence the labours of another year with renewed encouragement and hope, feeling assured that the object of this noble institution is one which commends itself to every Mason, and whilst doing their utmost for the accomplishment of the purposes of the charity, they earnestly pray and humbly hope that He who is "A Father to the Fatherless" will bless and prosper their efforts.

The minutes were confirmed and the report and accounts adopted. The several grants proposed were unanimously confirmed.

The committee for the ensuing year having been appointed, Bro. Mott was cordially re-elected Secretary, and Bro. Broadbridge, who had enjoyed the confidence of the Provincial Grand Lodge for some years, moved that Bro.

Wilson, P.M. 244, be elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. S. P. Brabner was re-elected Solicitor, and Bro. M'George, Surgeon, for the ensuing year.

Bro. BIRCHALL, P.G.S.W., said a great debt of gratitude was due from the Court of Governors to the committee and officers of the institution for the past year, and especially to Bro. Mott, whose indefatigable labours had materially increased the value of this grand charity. A resolution of thanks was unanimously and cordially agreed to.

The Provincial Grand Lodge then resumed, when, on the application of Bro. Binckes, P.G.S.B. of England, the sum of 100 guineas was voted from the funds in aid of the Boys' Institution, London.

The Provincial Grand Lodge and Craft Lodge were afterwards closed in due form. The effect of the proceedings was greatly heightened by the excellent musical services kindly given by Bros. Joseph Busfield, 1299; D. Jones, P.M. 155; J. Jones, 216; and T. Armstrong, P.P.J.D.; the organist being Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., whose anthem, "Behold how Good and how Pleasant"—a composition of rare merit, and admirably suited to the occasion—was rendered with striking effect.

After labour came refreshment, and the brethren accordingly adjourned during the afternoon to the Queen's Hotel, Southport, where a banquet was provided by Bro. Ballard, the proprietor. Upwards of one hundred brethren sat down to an excellent repast, under the presidency of Bro. Birchall, P.P.J.G.W., who took the chair in the unavoidable absence of the R.W.P.G.M. After dinner, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed (the latter being responded to by Bros. Mott, Moore, Wilson, and the W.M. of Lodge 613)—"The Earl de Grey and Ripon, M.W.G.M.;" "The Earl of Carnarvon, R.W.D.G.M., and the other officers of Grand Lodge;" "Lieut.-Colonel Sir T. G. Fermor-Hesketh, R.W.P.G.M. West Lancashire;" "Lord Skelmersdale, W.D.P.G.M., and the P.G. Wardens;" "The Prov. G. Masters of the adjoining Provinces;" "The Prov. Grand Officers, past and present;" "The P.G. Organist, Musical Brethren, and the P.G. Stewards," were amongst the other toasts on the list. Harmony of a highly enjoyable nature was furnished by Bros. Busfield, D. Jones, and J. Jones, Bro. Skeaf presiding at the pianoforte.

We have been requested to publish the following letters and report as to the Albany Lodge, Graham's Town, Cape of Good Hope:—

[COPY.]

Provincial Grand Lodge, Office of Board of General Purposes, Cape Town, Saturday, 30th October, 1869.—To Bro. M. T. King, the Vice-Chairman of the Board of General Purposes.

Dear Sir and Brother,—In accordance with the instructions given to me, I waited upon Bro. J. R. Saunders, P.M. Southern Cross Lodge, on Wednesday; but not being able to see him then, I called upon him this morning, and brought to his notice—

That the Board, wishing to be as courteous as possible to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, had deputed me to wait upon him in preference to writing, as I had now done, and to represent—

That the Board of General Purposes understood a warrant had been granted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the Albany Lodge, Graham's Town.

That the said lodge was at the time under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England.

That, for reasons I could not then give, the lodge had been, and was still, suspended by the Provincial Grand Lodge; but I would be able to let him know them, if necessary.

That, under these circumstances, it was hoped Bro. Saunders, through whose hands the warrant must pass, would take such steps as might be necessary to prevent interference with the harmony and proper working of the respective Constitutions; and that I was to inquire whether the warrant had been sent on to Graham's Town. I also reminded him that the notice of suspension was sent to the several lodges in due course.

Bro. Saunders at once stated that the Grand Lodge of Scotland, by the representation of the Albany Lodge and his influence at home, had granted a warrant to the said lodge.

That the books for it had come, but that the warrant, with others for the frontier, was on its way out to the Cape.

That it had been asked for by the said lodge, and in reply to the applicant, before writing to Scotland, he, by telegram, informed them that unless they were recommended by the other lodges in Graham's Town, he could not forward the petition. Upon which they sent him the recommendations of about twenty B.B. resident there, including those of the then W.M. and members of the St. John's Lodge.

That no time should be lost in communicating to the petitioners that I had waited upon him, and the object of my visit; but that he would write by the post leaving this day, and ask for some explanations.

Yours fraternally,
(Signed) CHARLES COWEN.

[COPY.]

Provincial Grand Lodge of South Africa and the adjacent Colonies, Board of General Purposes, Cape Town, 30th October, 1869.—To the Worshipful Bro. John Saunders, P.M., &c., Southern Cross Lodge, Cape Town.

Cape Town, 30th Oct., 1869.

Dear Sir and Brother,—As the board has learnt that a warrant has been granted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland for the Albany Lodge, Graham's Town, which works under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, and is, and was, suspended at the time the application was made for the above warrant, I am requested to ascertain the circumstances which led you to obtain it, and whether it is your intention to proceed in the matter. I am also to, as I hereby do, remind you and give you notice that the said Albany Lodge and members thereof are still under suspension for contumacy.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) M. T. KING.

[COPY.]

Provincial Grand Lodge of South Africa, and adjacent Colonies, Board of General Purposes, Cape Town, 4th November, 1869.—The Right Worshipful Bro. John Hervey, Secretary, Grand Lodge, London.

Dear Sir and Brother,—By reference to a letter from this lodge date 30th January last, you will see notice was sent to the Grand Lodge, that the Albany Lodge, No. 389, Graham's Town, was formally suspended by the Grand Lodge of this Province.

The Board of General Purposes is now directed to request the immediate attention of the Grand Lodge of England to that letter, and the subject of the enclosed abstract of correspondence which speaks for itself.

Up to the present time Past Master Saunders has not replied to the letter sent him (of which the copy is sent herewith.)

It is urgently requested that you will be good enough to take such measures as can promptly be taken to enable the Grand Lodge of Scotland to set aside the proceedings that have been adopted by it, that there may not be any cause for interruption in the harmony and working of the respective Masonic Constitutions in this Colony, no infringement of each other's right, no violation of the due landmarks of the Order.

In the case of the Albany Lodge, Bro. Saunders made no application to this Provincial Grand Lodge, and we did not know that any measures had been, or were being taken, to sever it from the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, or that there was to be an application for a Scotch warrant until a copy of the *Freemason's Magazine* received by the last mail from England published the fact.

I remain, &c., &c.,
(Signed) M. T. KING.
Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes.

[COPY.]

Provincial Grand Lodge of South Africa and adjacent colonies, Board of General Purposes, Cape Town. To the Most Worshipful Bro. Lawrie, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Scotland, Edinburgh.

4th November, 1869.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I am directed by this lodge to forward the enclosed memoranda to your Grand Lodge, and call its particular attention to the great irregularities to which these memoranda refer. In the meantime, the matter is being investigated by this Provincial Grand Lodge. We have reason to believe, through matters which have transpired within the last few days, that applications for other warrants have been made to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, without previous notice being given to this Provincial Grand Lodge, or to the Provisional Grand Lodge working under the Grand East of Scotland, which, if allowed to be put in force without due enquiry, will lead to grave complications.

Desiring to maintain the harmony and prosperity of the Craft in this colony, and a full appreciation of and respect for the authority of each Grand Lodge, we are sure that the Grand Lodge of Scotland will lose no time in doing all that is requisite to prevent a lodge, under suspension by this Provincial Grand Lodge, from escaping from Masonic discipline and submission, by allowing it to have a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Scotland to supersede the charter it already holds from the Grand Lodge of England.

I remain, &c., &c.,
(Signed) MICHAEL T. KING,
Vice Chairman of Board of General Purposes.

[COPY.]

Board of General Purposes, Cape Town,
9th August, 1870.

The following notice has this day been sent to the undermentioned lodges in this colony:—

To the W.M. of the Angel Lodge, No. 1300, Philippolis; British, 334, Cape Town; British Kaffraria, 853, King William's Town; Colesberg, 1142, Colesberg; Joppa, 864, Cape Town; Midland, 882, Graaff Reinet; Goodwill, 711, Port Elizabeth; Good Hope, 863, Port Elizabeth; Hope, 365, Cape Town; Rising Sun, 1022, Bloemfontein; Royal Alfred (S.C.), 420, Simon's Town; St. John's, 828, Graham's Town; Star in the East, 918, Queen's Town; St. Paul's, 989, Adelaide; Union, 883, Knysna; Zetland, 608, Fort Beaufort. To the R.W.D.G.M. N. of the Netherlands (Sir C. J. Brand, Kt.), R.W.P.M. James Fairbairn, and Bro. H. J. Feltham, C.R.A. Chapter (S.C.).

Dear Sir and Brother,—In October, 1869, it was reported to this D.G. Lodge that the Albany Lodge, then under suspension, had applied to the Grand Lodge of Scotland for a warrant to enable them to work under that Constitution.

On the 30th October, 1869, the District Grand Lodge communicated with the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in this colony, and in reply were informed by Bro. Saunders that the application for a warrant had been forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

On receipt of said reply, the following notice was sent to Bro. Saunders (see of the 30th October 1869).

To this communication no reply has been received up to date.

It has now been reported to this D.G. Lodge that the warrant from the Grand Lodge of Scotland has arrived in Cape Town, and since forwarded to the Albany Lodge, and that they are now working under said Constitution.

It is therefore ordered that no communication be held with any lodge or chapter working under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in this colony, and it is particularly requested that the Masters, officers, and members of lodges, will advise this P.G. Lodge of any infringement of this Order.

I remain, &c., &c.,
(Signed) MICHAEL T. KING.
Vice-President Board of General Purposes.

[COPY.]

District Grand Lodge of South Africa, and the Colonies adjacent thereto, Cape Town, 3rd September, 1870.—To the Most Worshipful Brother, W. H. Laurie, Secretary, Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Wishing to pay every respect to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and, fearing that the original per "Cambrian" might not have reached you, I respectfully beg to forward per "Briton" duplicate of Report of Proceedings in connection with the suspended "Albany" Lodge, No. 389, Graham's Town.

You will perceive from the dates of various communications that Bro. Saunders, had *special* notice from this D.G. Lodge in time to have enabled him to communicate his error to your Grand Lodge, before the charter for the suspended brethren of the "Albany" Lodge was dispatched by you to this Colony.

I remain, dear Sir and Bro., yours fraternally,
(Signed) M. T. KING,

Vice-President Board of General Purposes.
N.B.—Bro. Saunders is the representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in this Colony.

[The Report will appear in next week's number.]

STAR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—The fifteen sections will be worked at this lodge, which is held at the Marquis of Granby Tavern, New Cross-road, on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m., Bro. James Brett, G.P., in the chair. We are sure this meeting will be a great success and a real treat to all who like to hear and see superior working. We anticipate that several eminent workers in Masonry will be present at this meeting.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending October 22, 1870.

MONDAY, OCT. 17.

Quarterly Meeting Boys' School, at 12.
Lodge 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 185, Tranquility, Radley's, Blackfriars.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
" 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 901, City of London, Guildhall Coffee House.
" 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
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. Gottheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile End, at 7 for 8.

TUESDAY, OCT. 18.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 435, Salisbury, 71, Dean-street, Soho.
Chap. 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
" 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
Domestic 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.
Sydney Lodge of Instruction (829), Cambridge Hotel, Upper Norwood, at 7.30.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19.

General Committee of Grand Chapter, at 3.
Lodge of Benevolence, at 7 precisely.
Lodge 30, United Mariners, George Hill, Aldermanbury.
" 140, St George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
" 619, Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich.
" 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
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.
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.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.

THURSDAY, OCT. 20.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 49, Gihon, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-st.
" 55, Constitutional, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 1139, South Norwood, South Norwood Hall.
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 Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.

FRIDAY, OCT. 21.

House Committee Boys' School.
Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
" 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes.
Rose Croix Chapter, Invicta, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 7.30; Bro. W. Watson, Preceptor.
Stability Lodge of Instruction, Guildhall Tavern, 33, Gresham-st., at 6; Bro. Henry Muggeridge, Preceptor.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Pier Hill, Chelsea.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Domestic Chapter of Instruction, Metropolitan Railway, Victoria Station, at 8; Comp. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hill, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.

United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Shepherd's-lane, Brixton.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hill, 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.
Charterhouse Club of Instruction, Hat and Feathers Tavern, 25, Goswell-road, at 8; Bro. J. Mather, P.M. 65, Preceptor.

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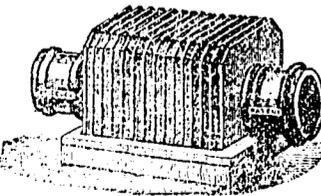
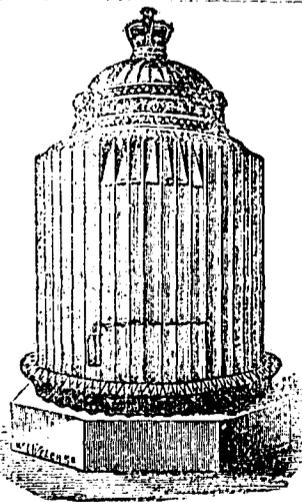
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