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The "RECTANGULAR REVIEW," on  
"Freemasonry: its Use and Abuse."\*

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As much mischief has been wrought, I suppose, under the veil of "good intentions," as by undisguised, overt hostility. If it is allowable to argue from results, and to judge of acts by their consequences, to me it appears of small matter to enquire as to the influences which guide the operator. I fancy that the writhing worm on the fish-hook derived no spark of consolation—that the exquisite pain it suffered in the requisite manipulation was in no respect mitigated—owing to the angler doing his best to obey old Izaak's instruction to impale it "tenderly, as if you loved it." Nay more, I will go so far as to say, spite of what we are told as to "kissing the rod," that a blow comes upon us with tenfold severity when dealt by "a friendly hand," as home truths never sound so harsh and unpleasant as when urged by your "dashed good-natured friend." It cannot be believed but that in the case of the mighty Roman, the pang of assassination was intensified by the sight of the dagger of the "well-beloved," and found utterance in the wail of anguish evidenced in the exclamation, "Et tu Brute!" and numerous instances may be quoted to prove that that enmity is hardest to be borne which proceeds from those of your own household. Without, however, proving further these and other kindred obvious considerations, I will at once address myself to a notice of the article to which my attention has been forcibly drawn, and more particularly to section 12, "Masonic Charities," p. 255.

In dealing with these Institutions the writer states that it is in connection with them "that reform is as (*sic*) urgently needed" (though he does not say as what), and then proceeds most disingenuously thus: "The questions, whether most is made of them? whether they are so systematically and fairly distributed as to be most conducive to the objects of the donors, and the benefit of the recipients? may be briefly answered thus: What remains for distribution is what remains after paying expenses, and these expenses amount to a *very large per centage*. We could name several other societies that *equally* waste the funds *thus* entrusted to them, &c. One society, with an annual income of £3000 spends £1650 on salaries, allowances to officers, &c.; another spends £4000 on salaries, and not quite so much on the objects of relief."

Now, I ask any candid reader what is his impression on perusing this paragraph? It can be no other than that the extravagance so minutely described as existing in certain charitable societies, exists "*equally*" (the italics in all cases are mine) in the Masonic Institutions. I know it is attempted to be made out that the succeeding paragraph, "but these, we should think, are extreme cases," &c., does away with any such impression, but how does the writer continue? After throwing blame on the *general public* as careless contributors, he proceeds, "with such a body ('as the Masonic') *this waste* of charitable funds ought never to be possible, nor submitted to for a day. But as in the world everybody's business is nobody's business, so in the Masonic Brotherhood, which is a world in itself, the same rule seems to obtain: *hence the abuses we complain of*." If this be not charging directly on the Masonic Institutions the extravagance "*equally*" existing in the other general societies of which instances are given, then I must invoke the aid of some Educational Board to instruct me in the meaning of English words. I have, however, not yet done with our *friendly* critic. He goes on, "We are well aware that no institution can efficiently be worked without expenditure" (frank, cheering confession), "but when a *large per-centage*" (here again comes the sting) "of the funds that ought to be spent on the education of our children, the relief of the distressed, and the support of our decayed aged members, *is absorbed by secretaries, clerks, tavern dinners, rosettes and other childlike tinsel, gratistickets for banquets, stationery, printing, &c.*, we have a right to complain of mismanagement, and to call on the Masonic Body to support our demand for immediate and thorough reform." Then follows a condemnation of Members of Committees, "who ought to be superseded by men more deeply impressed with the importance, nay the sanctity, of the duties they undertake," &c. (the writer of course being one of the "more deeply-impressed") and the section is thus concluded: That "tribe of people" (the *secretaries, clerks, &c.*, I presume) "who seem to make a living out of the sympathies of society, or any class thereof, for the poor, should have no representatives in the Masonic Brotherhood; nor should it, from want of proper supervision be possible for Auditors to make things pleasant, and gloss over the amounts squandered in such manner, and which would go far to assist those who really want aid."

"These be prave words," and without placing upon them any very exaggerated, or strained construction, must, at least to the timid and uninformed, give horrible ideas of malversation, "cooking" and fraud. Let me, however, examine somewhat

closely the startling periods of this very sensational writer, who, by the way, is, I believe, a very genial gentleman, endowed with ample means, relieved from the humiliating drudgery of bowing to the primeval curse, and, therefore, marvellously well-adapted to sit in judgment upon those not so fortunately blessed as himself, and to denounce as an unendurable evil the remuneration of "that tribe of people" who have to earn a living by their exertions.

It would doubtless be very desirable if all institutions, societies, &c., could be carried on "without expenditure," just as it would be very agreeable to every commercial company, or individual merchant, if business could be conducted without a "large per-centage" being required for the payment of those whose employment is a necessity, and by whose services the gross returns are produced. It is no more possible at a time when the claims of various institutions are being pressed upon the charitably disposed public, Masonic or general, to effect what is desired by any one particular institution without the assistance of efficient and competent officials, than, in these days of fierce commercial competition, for a house of business to maintain its position without well-organised, efficient employees, and in both instances, I believe, talent and ability are generally found to be worth paying for.

It is not my purpose now to do battle for others—of that I have had more than enough. Bro. Hervey (the Grand Secretary), Bro. Patten, and Bro. Farnfield (for all are involved—"the Board of Benevolence, the Masonic Institutions for Boys and Girls at Wood Green and Battersea, and the Aged Freemasons' Institution at Croydon" being alike cited to the bar of public opinion)—are well able to protect their own interests and to defend their own positions. I shall confine myself to the particular institution with which I am most closely associated, and give to my judges, the public, an opportunity of arriving at a verdict; and if, while attempting a vindication, I am betrayed into a savour of egotism, they are to be blamed who render a justification necessary.

The history of the Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green is tolerably well known. All that is needed for my present purpose are a few figures to show how far there is a foundation for the charges contained in the article under discussion—charges so serious as to give the writer a "right to complain of mismanagement, and to call upon the Masonic body to support his demand for reforms." In estimating the remuneration of "that tribe of people who make a living" out of—*i.e.*, who hold official, paid situations in—the Institution, I shall not include the staff and servants in the establishment at Wood Green, because the money paid to masters for education, to a matron for household supervision, for servants in ministering to daily wants, to gardeners for labour in cultivation of the soil for production of roots and vegetables, is just as directly spent for the absolute benefit of the boys under our care as that paid for the food they eat and the clothing they wear. The amount received during the last ten years is £75,289 (loans and dividends not included); expended, £9100; per centage, a trifle exceeding 12; average annual expenditure for office purposes, £910. I have not compared this statement with that put forth by other institutions; but, certainly, it must bear comparison with the instances adduced as samples of "extravagance," and prove convincingly that whatever may be the "extravagance"

\* "Rectangular Review," No. 2, pp. 246-274.

of our management, it is not "equal" to those instances. The published accounts of this institution will show what amount of the £9100 I have in the ten years *personally* received; and I leave it to the Craft to express their opinion as to its excess or moderation, merely observing that few have any idea of the incessant labour and anxiety imposed by the creation (for such it has been) of our Institution, with an extensive new building and entire re-organisation. Expected to fill various positions, all involving expenditure, and called upon to contribute to every appeal made, I can only testify that the margin is not so wide as the "Rectangular" would have it believed.

The charge brought against the members of committees really does not need refutation; but for the sake of those who have not the means of obtaining a knowledge such as are possessed by those more immediately or actively interested in the welfare of the school, I take this opportunity of bearing my testimony (whatever, in the eyes of the author of "Freemasonry: its Use and Abuse," that may be worth) to the singleness of purpose, absence of selfishness, generosity and liberality, honesty of desire to carry out the wishes of the Craft, by which all the members of the committees of this institution, since my connection with it, have ever been actuated. In the Audit Committee, I can truly say that, so far from ever evincing an inclination to "make things pleasant," I have occasionally thought them determined to make things as disagreeable as possible by the rigid manner in which explanation on every point, however trifling, has invariably been insisted on. In the judgment passed on all these brethren by our "pleasant" critic, verily, they have found their reward.

For myself, I can only say that I have endeavoured to labour efficiently and conscientiously—having devoted myself to an undertaking with which, without indulging in an empty boast or idle hope, I have a pride in believing my name will be associated. By friends I have been censured for not turning such poor abilities as I possess to better account. I have not given heed to their counsels, but have steadily persevered in the path I had chosen. In the judgment of the "pleasant" writer before referred to, verily, I have received my encouragement.

But there is one charge I find I have overlooked—that money which ought to be spent for the benefit of those in our various institutions, is absorbed by "tavern dinners, rosettes and other childish tinsel," &c. Is, or is not, the writer aware that these things are all decided on by each Board of Stewards as annually assembled, who amongst themselves agree to contribute to a special fund for their provision, and by that standing out in bright contrast with, as I believe, all other institutions. The festival expenses (for that is what the "dinners, rosettes and tinsel" mean) of the Masonic Institutions are defrayed entirely from this special fund, and not one farthing of the donations contributed to the funds of the Institutions is employed in payment for the articles quoted. Verily, brother Stewards, in the judgment of our "pleasant" writer, your liberality and exertions have their reward.

In the twenty sections into which "Freemasonry: its Use and Abuse" is divided, there are many subjects treated of with more or less ability, with more or less questionable taste—some with judgment, some with a sad lack of discretion. To certain of them I should like to direct attention,

and if leisure and opportunity serve, I will further trouble you with the results of my examination of the views and opinions of this new "Daniel come to judgment."

Bearing in mind the title of the new publication, I do not forget that Euclid defines angles other than "right;" and with a knowledge of the means of information possessed by our excellent brother, is it strange that I am reminded more vividly of the "obtuse" than the "acute"?

#### PROV. GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

##### INSTALLATION OF THE PROVINCIAL G.M. FOR EAST LANCASHIRE.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Eastern Division of the county of Lancaster, was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Free-Trade Hall, Manchester, for the purpose of installing Bro. Le Gendre N. Starkie as Grand Master of the Province (an office which had been rendered vacant by the death of Bro. Stephen Blair, of Bolton, in July last, after having filled it for a period of about sixteen years) and other Provincial Grand Officers. There was a large attendance of brethren, every lodge in the province being represented on the occasion, as well as the Grand Lodge of England, and various provincial lodges. Amongst those present during the proceedings were:—Bros. Lord Carnarvon, D.G.M. of England; John Hervey, G.S. of England; C. J. Bannister, P.G. Sword Bearer of England; E. Busher, P.G. Sword Bearer of England; A. H. Royds, Prov. G.M. of Worcestershire; John Hick, M.P., and the following Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire: Bros. J. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. G.M.; W. R. Callender, jun., R.W. Prov. D.G.M.; H. Hutchinson, Prov. S.G.W.; W. Birch, Prov. J.G.W.; the Rev. Thomas Radley, Prov. G.C.; W. Harrison, Prov. G.R.; John Tunnah, Prov. G.S.; R. Radcliffe, Prov. S.G.D.; J. W. Maclure, Prov. J.G.D.; E. A. N. Royds, Prov. G.S.W.; T. G. Gibbons, Prov. Acting D.C.; T. Clarkson, Prov. Asst. D.C.; J. M. Whitehead, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; W. Gouldthorp, Prov. G. Organist; John Duffield, Prov. Hon. Sec.; and Austin Shellard, Prov. Asst. D.C.

A Craft lodge was opened shortly before twelve o'clock by Bro. Gibb Smith, W.M. of the Friendship Lodge, 44 (Manchester), and the other officers of that lodge. The lodge having been opened in the various degrees, the Deputy Grand Master of England (Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon) and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge entered, and the Deputy Grand Master having taken the chair, and opened the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Prov. Grand Secretary stated that letters of apology for non-attendance had been received from the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. of England; the Marquis of Hartington, Lord de Tab'ey, Prov. G.M. of Cheshire; Earl de Grey and Ripon, M.W.G.M. of England; Sir T. G. Hesketh, and others.

The Noble Deputy Grand Master then said: Since you last met you have had to lament the death of your late respected Provincial Grand Master. Death has removed him from amongst you in an honoured old age, and with the respect of all his brethren. It has pleased the Grand Master to appoint a successor, and that successor I rejoice to think is one whom you will cheerfully and heartily welcome amongst you—one who has been long known to you by name and by family; by the ties of property, and still more by Masonic descent. Bro. Le Gendre Starkie is the Provincial Grand Master designate, and this Provincial Grand Lodge has to-day been summoned that you may be present at his installation, and that I may have the honour and the satisfaction of performing that ceremony. (Applause.)

The Grand Secretary then read the patent of appointment, after which Bro. J. Le Gendre N. Starkie, the Provincial Grand Master designate, was introduced by Bro. A. H. Royds, Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire, and was duly

installed by the Deputy Grand Master of England, who, after the ceremony was completed, addressing the newly-installed Provincial Grand Master, said that he would express his own hope, as well as the hope of that numerous Grand Lodge, that he might for many years continue to enjoy the grand honour and rank which the rule over that province conferred. The rule over such a province as this carried with it weight and weighty responsibilities. He would have to watch over the interests of this great province. The sight which he had before him at that moment might well satisfy him how great was the task which had been confided to him. In such a province there were great interests to watch over, and there would be difficulties from time to time to overcome, and this could only be done by investigating the matters complained of, and judging them calmly and temperately. He felt sure he would rule the province kindly, considerately, temperately, and in a conciliatory spirit, but at the same time in a firm one. Lastly, he had to remind him that the office which he had just undertaken, so far from superseding, or in any degree dispensing with the general obligations of Masonry, only enhanced them, and increased his responsibilities. Masonry embraced all classes. Masonry comprised the charities and virtues of private life; it comprised also the duties and the high qualities of social, public, and of civil life; it taught them on the one hand how to rule wisely, and on the other hand subordination to just and constituted authority, because they knew well in Masonry that those who could not properly obey were never fit to command. (Applause.) Masonry had a higher and a lower side, and he entreated him to take the higher and better side of Masonry, and so to live that his reign over this province might be long remembered, and that he as a Mason might be an example not only to the brethren as a Mason, but to the whole outer world beyond. (Cheers.)

The Provincial Grand Master said it was his pleasing duty to announce to them that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master would be one well known there—one highly and justly esteemed as a Mason and as a citizen of this great and important city. (Cheers.) The brother to whom he alluded, and whom he designated to the office, was Bro. W. R. Callender, jun. (Prolonged cheers.)

Bro. W. R. Callender, jun., then took the obligation as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. After which,

The Provincial Grand Master returned thanks for his appointment to the office in which he had been installed, and the reception which had been accorded to him. He then proceeded to reinvest the other Grand Officers of the lodge, the whole of whom he reappointed to their various offices.

The usual business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was then discussed and disposed of, after which the lodge was closed.

##### THE BANQUET.

In the evening a grand banquet was given in the Free-Trade Hall, at which more than five hundred of the brethren were present. The chair was taken by Lieut.-Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. R. Callender, jun., the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, being seated to his right, and the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Deputy Grand Master of England, and other Grand Officers, to his left. After the banquet, a number of ladies entered the gallery to witness the remainder of the proceedings. A glee party, consisting of Miss Winward, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Squier, Miss Thorley, Miss Tomlinson, and Bros. Edmondson, N. Dumville, W. Dumville, Bailey, Wrigley, Wroc, and Lovatt, were also in attendance, and sang a variety of pieces during the evening. Bro. W. Gouldthorp, P.G. Org., acting as pianist.

The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master gave the usual loyal toasts, after which he proposed "The Right Hon. the Earl de Grey and Ripon, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England," and afterwards "The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, M.W.P.G.M. of England."

The R.W.P.G.M. next gave "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said the memory of his coming

down would never be forgotten. Earl Carnarvon was able in council, good in speech, clear in design, and able to carry out his designs perfectly. He was one of their Order whom they all esteemed, valued, and highly regarded. It was at no small trouble that his lordship had come down to perform the interesting ceremony that day for the honour of that body and the benefit of Masonry, in installing himself as Provincial Grand Master of that province. He was heartily glad to see representatives of every lodge in the province present.

The Earl of Carnarvon, who was received with prolonged applause, said he always knew how warm the heart of Lancashire was to her friends; but he felt well nigh overpowered by the more than kind, the touching welcome that they had been pleased, in their very indulgent kindness, to lavish upon him. When he left them, he should carry away the warmest, the heartiest, the most constant recollection of that day's proceedings and of his Lancashire brethren—(cheers)—and as he trusted they never would hesitate to ask him for any share of Masonic trouble or labour that he could give, so, on the other hand, he never would hesitate to ask for any kindness or any good office at their hands. (Applause.) He had to thank them first for the kind manner in which they had drank the health of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, of whom he had the honour to be the representative. They were well sensible of the compliment they had paid them; they rejoiced to have been present on such an occasion. He would venture to say that none had ever seen any Masonic ceremony so full of interest, so full of true Masonic feeling, so remarkable, so dignified in all its proceedings, as that which had illustrated that great hall and gladdened their eyes that day. (Applause.) The Grand Lodge of England was a tangible and visible embodiment of English Masonry, and it was so only in so far as it reflected and represented the Masonry of every province in England. They could not from all parts of England be present on every occasion at the Grand Lodge, and therefore he rejoiced when members of the Grand Lodge of England were present in the provinces to judge how true the Masonic feeling was there, and how important it was that provincial interest should be fully represented. He rejoiced to have been allowed to take part in the proceedings of that day; he should carry away with him the liveliest and the heartiest recollection of that great and striking scene which passed before his eyes that morning. (Applause.) And how could it be otherwise in Manchester, one of the great centres of English commercial life and activity; in that great hall, the former scene of many an animated and perhaps not always friendly debate? (Cheers.) Lastly, here in Lancashire, where industry, energy, heartiness, resolve of purpose belonged to her sons, his heart would be cold, indeed, if he did not feel warmed with all that he had seen and heard. (Cheers.) They were sometimes told that, after a certain age, men ceased to make friends. He did not believe that miserable and odious doctrine! (Hear, hear.) For his own part, he had always found—and trusted so long as he lived he should find—that go where he would, friends were always to be found—(hear, hear)—and when he left them on the morrow, he hoped he might be allowed to feel that if he came amongst them yesterday as a stranger, he should no longer come as such. (Applause.) He should go hoping by their kindness and favour to be allowed to return. (Cheers.)

The R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. W. R. Callender, jun.), in proposing "The memory of Stephen Blair, Esq., late Prov. Grand Master of the Province," said the ancient Egyptians were a wonderful nation, who combined satire with their melancholy and instruction with their mirth, were accustomed on festive occasions to place before the guests the emblems of departed mortality, to convey those striking lessons of mutual dependence, of human nothingness and frailty, which were symbolically depicted in their lodges. The present occasion required no outward suggestion: the noble form, the stately figure, the snow-white hair, and kindly-

beaming face had passed away from the Craft, which he loved so well and served so faithfully, to, as they confidently hoped, the Grand Lodge above, where the World's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore. He might speak of their departed brother's character in a variety of ways; he might describe him as one beloved in the social circle, as a warm and constant friend, as a man of business whose commercial dealings were never sullied by dishonesty or speculation, as one looked up to and trusted by his work-people and fellow-townsmen, as a true and honest politician, who never obtruded his private opinion, and against whom party spirit never raised its voice; he performed his duties as a Christian, a gentleman, and a Mason, and they, as members of the Order of which he was the provincial head, had to mourn no ordinary loss, for Bro. S. Blair had governed that province for twenty-five years; and as to the manner in which he performed his duties, they might apply the epitaph of the builder of London's great cathedral, for they had only to look round. (Applause.) In the twenty-five years which Bro. Blair filled the offices, the lodges in the province increased from 38 to 75, and the number of subscribing brethren from 1,020 to 3,867—(hear, hear)—and the numbers were still increasing in a manner unknown in any other country. (The toast was drunk in silence.)

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, in proposing "The health of the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, said he often heard Freemasonry misrepresented and misunderstood by those who stood without the charmed circle. Of those sceptics he asked this question—Was it likely that any system would have endured so long and in such strength had it been founded on imposture? (Applause.) A great writer had said that the great public buildings of Europe, built long since by their Masonic forefathers, owed their decline to three causes: to the effects of time, to the revolutions of political or religious thought, and to passions and bad taste. (Hear, hear.) It was a perfectly true indictment, but he asked—Had Masonry, which had been subjected to all these three influences—had Masonry succumbed in the way and degree that the handiworks of Masonry had succumbed throughout Europe? Their works had felt the effects of time and passion, but the spirit of Masonry, the inner essence and life, had remained untouched and unassailable. It had not merely not affected Masonry, but in every part of the world Masonry had gone on spreading. In lands civilised, in lands barbarous, in lands near, in lands distant, still the same tale: each traveller who returned told them how great was the power of Masonry. In war men owed their lives to it, in sickness they received attendance and care, in desolate countries they were rescued, and he knew of an instance where a mission of high importance to the north of India attempted to pass in vain, until at last the officer in command of it gave certain signs and symbols known only to them as Masons, which at once secured his free passage to the country. (Cheers.) And if there was one part in the whole habitable world where Masonry had taken deep and firm root, he claimed for that part England; and if there was one corner of England where Masonry had taken deeper root than elsewhere, he thought they might claim it for Lancashire. It was said about three hundred years ago by one of the wisest men of the time that England was the place above all others where the love of truth prevailed, in conjunction with reverence for that which was old. (Hear, hear.) He believed that saying was equally true of Masonry. Those truths which had come through so many generations could not be without value, and it was for this that Masonry had received so much care and reverence in this country. There was another reason. We were said to be a practical nation, and Masonry had shown its true value in this, that it had manifested a wonderful adaptation to all the modern requirements and all the wants of our time. It was a law under which we lived that every institution in this country must show cause for its being, and must be prepared to stand its trial; and he was satisfied that all good, true, and genuine institutions would stand the

test, and would come out, like gold, more and more refined from the ordeal. (Cheers.) Masonry might gladly stand the test, for she would, he was convinced, come out of it; and the lessons of Masonry were not likely to grow old in our days, for they were as applicable to us as to our forefathers. They could never tire of the great cardinal principle of Masonry—charity—and should never forget that great bond that united them together. Lastly, they should never forget how Masonry represented the principle of good citizenship and social order. In other countries Masonry unfortunately had too often lent herself to other societies, who had taken advantage of her, and under the shadow of her great name had dared to foist upon society their own miserable doctrines and theories. They had allied themselves with political parties, they had mixed themselves up with revolution; but when they saw Freemasons abroad too often degrading and prostituting the principles of Freemasonry, let them be grateful for the forbearance and wisdom of those in this country who had clung to its ancient landmarks, and made Masonry the representative of private and of civil virtues, and made her in this ancient royal commonwealth one of the great pillars of order and liberty. He concluded by proposing the toast, which was received with the usual honours.

The Provincial Grand Master, in rising to respond, was received with great cheering, and in the course of his address reviewed the origin and progress of Freemasonry, and the assistance which it had been in advancing the civilisation of mankind; for it was found that wherever their societies existed, there the arts and sciences flourished. As to the office to which he had been appointed he should study their feelings and desires, and should seek to govern them to the best of his ability. (Cheers.) He then proposed "The health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. R. Callender, jun., and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in rising to respond, was received with prolonged cheers. He referred to his predecessors in office, whom he should seek to emulate in the discharge of the duties which pertained to him, adding that he had no greater desire than to receive their confidence, and he should be glad if they would accept the past as an earnest for the future.

Other toasts followed, and the proceedings were brought to a close.

#### PROV. GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

The following is the oration delivered by the R.W. Bro. Metham, at the recent Prov. Grand Lodge of Devon, and omitted in our report last week from want of space:—

Of the many claims made upon me from time to time there are none I more readily acknowledge than one like the present. It is an occasion on which inclination and duty go together. If, therefore, very worshipful sir, I fail to-day in the task you have set me, if what I say is feeble in matter as hesitating in manner, I must plead as my excuse that I am much engrossed in a labour which has engaged all my time and thoughts—a labour of love and patriotic effort which admits of no delay, a labour which will, I trust, for many years to come give comfort and relief to the destitute widows and orphans of a most deserving class of our brethren, and for whom I hope to be able, by-and-bye, to ask the cordial sympathy and aid of my brethren; not only in this province, not only in England, but also of all English, Scotch, and Irish Masons, in every part of those vast dominions of our beloved Queen, on which the sun never sets. Yet there is something in the extension of our Craft, as typified by the opening of a new lodge, which is peculiarly interesting to Freemasons at the present time. The scorching breath of war is burning the primeval curse deep into the history of our time in letters of fire, a million armed soldiers are holding their bayonets at each other's throats; the land is burdened with thousands of festering corpses of men and beasts of burden, the air resounds with the groans of the sick and wounded; the palaces of kings, the mansions of the noble, and the hovels of the peasant, are involved in one common ruin; the bread is snatched from the mouths of starving women and children, and their cries for pity are stifled for ever in the burning wreck of their once happy cottages. Day after day men ask each other



will it never come, the blessed dove of peace? Night after night, it seems as if the blood of brave men, helpless women, and innocent children, had mounted up to heaven in one scarlet stream, to testify before God against the atrocious and life-reckless ambition of Europe and kings. Is not the creation of every new lodge a protest against such deeds? Is it not a still small voice which, in the fulness of Jehovah's own good time, shall be heard above the roar of cannons, levelling the mightiest fortresses, pouring oil upon the troubled waters of war and violence, teaching the lion to lie down with the lamb, bending the sword into a ploughshare, and the spear into a pruning-hook? Not in our time—not in our time will such blessed fruits be gathered, but in every lodge, if Masons understand their mission aright, will the lesson be taught which the whole world shall, by-and-bye, learn; the seed shall be sown which shall, in years, happier years, to come, ripen into the harvest of universal peace. By every Mason in his lodge, and out of his lodge, should be laid the foundation of the great Temple of Peace and Love, each one doing all that the Great Architect of the Universe has given him power and talent to do, if it be but to make one inch of the road, if it be but to carry one handful of mortar, or a single stone to build up those sacred walls. And are we not encouraged to persevere when we see on every side of us evidences that the minds of the present generation are surely, although, alas! too slowly, imbibing the great principles of universal brotherhood? When, before our time, did men, and gentle women, too, all honour to them for their bravery and self-sacrifice! go forth with the cross of St. John on their arms, to dare even the horrors of the battlefield that they might mitigate the miseries of war? When, before our time, did a whole nation pour forth its treasures, and expend itself in labour, to send comfort and aid to sick and the wounded of an alien people? Are not these proofs that our principles are spreading themselves over the whole world? And how, too, has the theory of Freemasonry stood the crucial test of actual practice, between man and man, in this bitter war? Journalists who belong to the outer world, who themselves know nothing of, and care nothing for, Masonry, tell us that the uplifted arm has been arrested when prepared to extinguish a foe's life, that wounded soldiers lying on the earth, and still engaged in deadly strife, have had their passions lulled and their fraternal emotions awakened, by a single sign or word. They tell us how they have wondered, and the rough soldier-nurses have wondered, that some of the sufferers found, in those who had so lately been their bitterest enemies, the most assiduous watching and the tenderest nursing, never relaxing while there was need of care. These men, it is added, were Masons. At a time, too, when national animosities have been so intensely excited, it is encouraging to find that the liberal sentiments expressed by our exalted French brother, Mark Arles Dufour, when leaving Lyons in charge of an ambulance, were warmly responded to by the large audience. Quoting the well-known lines of Beranger, he said:—

Et sans regarder la bannière,  
Sous laquelle il succomba,  
Priez pour lui, c'est votre frere  
Et le bon Dieu vous benira.

He called upon them to forget the flag in their benevolent work, and to remember that they owed even a higher duty to humanity than to their country. Through the lurid sulphurous atmosphere of death and calamity which overlies beautiful France now, do such deeds shine forth like the silver lining which is said to be behind the darkest cloud—like a beacon warning us of danger, and showing the way of safety into a friendly port. They show us that our principles are true, although they are not yet generally accepted and adopted; they show us that Freemasonry

Spreads its beautiful images abroad,  
Which else lie furled and clouded in the cold.

I am confident, considering that its solemn obligations are self-imposed, that there is no teaching which demands more of its followers than Freemasonry, nor to the conscientious and honourable prosecution of which larger and nobler attainments are necessary. It is this conviction which has determined me always to persevere, however feeble and inadequate my attempts may be, in seeking to impart to my brethren my estimate of the kind of character essential to the completion of a perfect Mason. If I fail in this attempt, I shall at least have partially succeeded if I induce a single brother to reflect earnestly on the value and importance of a healthy and self-enjoined discipline when entering upon his Masonic career. Masonry is above sectarian divisions and political parties, but as the moral life of a man is inferior to his spiritual life, so is Freemasonry secondary to true religion. While, too, it bids us keep aloof from the petty heartburnings and jealousies of national or local politics, it commands us ever to yield a willing submission to constituted authority, and enacts a faith-

ful obedience to the claims of our native country. With these landmarks and safeguards, it proves itself to be based upon the noblest principles, and it is at once its strength and its glory to march in the advance guard of progress and to establish institutions which, in after ages, will become universal in the outer world, supporting in its bosom, not only a physical refuge for the destitute, but a moral refuge always open to free thought, and a nucleus round which all may gather who desire to promote either the bodily or mental welfare of their species. I trust that it will continue to know among its members no distinction of creed, person, or party, but that it will conserve its place as a noble, lofty, pure ground, on which all such considerations shall merge into the one universal Heaven-born and Heaven-sent aspiration of the human soul to be better and wiser ourselves, and to make all others better and wiser too. I trust and believe that it will always be expansive, for ever seeking to devise means of promulgating its doctrines, of attracting to itself the confidence of greater and still greater numbers, and never evincing any more disposition to stand still than time does, than life does, or than seasons do. On this onward course there is a beacon to guide us, in sight of which no Mason can err—charity. Through all and in all our actions, thoughts and words, let charity, like a silken and a golden cord, be seen running through the tangled web of life, binding man to his fellow-man in indissoluble bonds, and ushering in the dawn of the real golden age, which, if Masonry is true, lies before, rather than behind us.

Fellow Masons! lend your hand  
To your feeble, faltering brother,  
Bear in mind the sweet command,  
"Love ye one another."  
Sow ye seeds of kindly deeds,  
As on through life you're roaming,  
Think ye not 'twill be forgot,  
Harvest time is coming.

#### CONSECRATION of the DE TABLEY CHAPTER, No. 605.

Friday, 21st October, being the day appointed by the P.G. Superintendent, Lord De Tabley, to consecrate this chapter, at the Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire, the chapter was opened in ancient and solemn form by E. Comp. J. P. Platt as Z., E. Comp. William Bulley as H., and E. Comp. Ludham as J., after which the companions were admitted. E. Comp. Hy. Bulley, P.G.D.C., then announced the Prov. Grand Chapter, which was received and saluted in the usual manner. The Prov. Grand Officers took their respective chairs, when his lordship proceeded with the ceremony of consecration.

The Constitution having been read by the P.S.E. and the officers being approved of, the D.C. delivered the jewels and collars to the P.G.S., who presented the three Principals of the new chapter, and declared it duly constituted. The ceremony of consecration, by the Principals, with corn, wine, and oil, was then proceeded with, and the De Tabley Chapter was declared to be a duly constituted, consecrated, and dedicated chapter of H.R.A. The D.C. then presented the appointed Principals—Comps. Wade, Z., Horbury, H., and Jones, J.—and they were placed in their respective chairs, and assumed the government of the chapter. Bros. W. Theobald and J. W. Ratcliffe were then proposed for exaltation and duly seconded. Nothing further having been brought forward, the chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form.

Besides those mentioned, the following companions were present: Lord De Tabley, P.G.S.; Willoughby, P.G.J.; Birch, P.G.S.B.; Terry, P.G.S.E.; Sillitoe, S.E.; Hy. Davis, S.N.; John Stokes; Wilkinson, M.E.Z. 322; Twiss, P.G. Org.; Hy. Bulley, D.C.; William Bulley, P.G.A.S.; John P. Platt, P.Z. 477, 721; Thomas Platt, P.Z. 539; James Haer, 220; Ed. Harbord, S.E. 477; Charles Ludham, P.Z. 220; Thomas Armstrong, P.G.P.S. W.L., 263; Simon Lewis, 537; Yeatman, David Jones, Washer, Z. 221; William Cotterile, 823; Mark Noble, 823; James Hampson, J. 941; M'Lunt, H. 1086; Charles Hill, 241; W. O. Roberts, 537; and Edward Friend, 837.

The companions adjourned to the banquet-table, where a most *récherché* dinner awaited them. The M.E.Z. gave the usual toasts, and the evening was spent in a most agreeable manner, with the assistance of Comps. Armstrong, Yeatman, and D. Jones, who contributed to the vocal enjoyment.

A correspondent writes from *Hindson, March 19, 1870*:—"I find your Pain Killer is having a very large sale and good reputation here; and to the surprise of some of the chemists, the demand is largely among their 'carriage customers.' Mr. D., who does perhaps the largest business here, told me of many remarkable cures it had effected, and says it has been so uniformly successful that he can with confidence recommend it.—To Perry Davis & Son, 17, Southampton-row, London, W.C."

### Reports of Masonic Meetings.

#### THE CRAFT.

##### METROPOLITAN.

*Enoch Lodge, No. 11.*—The first meeting of the season of this lodge was held on Wednesday week, at the Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Edward J. Lewis, W.M., presided, and opened the lodge, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The usual business of a first meeting was very satisfactorily disposed of, and the brethren, twenty-five in number, adjourned to a banquet. The visitors were: Bros. Little, of Friendship Lodge, Great Yarmouth, No. 100; B. D. Kershaw, I.P.M. of Confidence Lodge, No. 193; and Spicer, of the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.

*Royal Althelstan Lodge, No. 19.*—On Thursday, the 10th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, this old lodge held its first meeting for the winter season. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. J. Savage, P.G.S.D., P.M., presided, and in his usual able, impressive and solemn manner, raised Bro. Scott to the last degree, all the ceremony being given. There were also present, Bros. S. Gale, G. Rice, M. Levinson, W. Pound, T. L. Fox, and Stone, P.M.'s; W. M. Bywater, P.M., Sec.; Williams, S.W., and the W.M. (who arrived before the lodge was closed), also many other brethren. The usual superior banquet followed business, and a very comfortable evening, agreeably spent, brought this reunion to a close. Visitors: Bros. F. Walters, W.M. 1309; &c.

*Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73.*—The regular meeting of this old lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Tuesday, 15th inst. Bro. F. H. Ebsworth, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. D. Rose, P.M.; M. A. Loewenstark, S.W.; G. Free, J.W.; E. Harris, P.M., Treas.; J. Donkin, P.M., Sec.; G. J. Grace, S.D.; A. L. Dussek, J.D.; S. Harman, I.G.; and others. Bros. Crawley, Lilley, and Stephens were raised; Sutton, Hager, and Graham passed; and Mr. W. Adams initiated, the work being well rendered by the presiding officer. Banquet followed. Visitors: Bros. W. B. Heath, P.P.S.G.W. Herts.; T. Clark, P.M. 22; J. Noak, P.M. 87; W. Lang, 860; Trotman, 834; Dalby, 879; &c.

*Lodge of Justice, No. 147.*—On Wednesday, the 9th inst., this lodge met at the White Swan Tavern, Deptford, Bro. J. Percival, W.M., presided. Bros. J. Whiffen, S.W.; H. Sadler, J.W.; J. Lightfoot, P.M., Treas.; G. Chapman, P.M., Sec.; H. Bartlett, S.D.; C. G. Dilley, J.D.; J. Roper, I.G.; G. Bolton, N. Wingfield, J. Cavell and R. G. Batt, P.M.'s; Goddard, P.M., as Tyler; and others were present. Bro. Blyton was raised, and Mr. Gibbs was initiated. The work, as usual here, was done in a creditable manner. The lodge was closed; there was not any banquet.

*Belford Lodge, No. 157.*—The regular meeting, under the presidency of Bro. John Smith, W.M., was held on Friday, 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. The lodge was opened and closed according to ancient custom; no work presenting itself, the proceedings were only of a formal nature. Present: Bros. Millis, T. Cubitt, S. Hill (Sec.), and G. Brown, P.M.'s; Selby, and others. Visitor: F. Walters, W.M. 1309. Banquet followed.

*Lodge of Confidence, No. 193.*—On Monday, 14th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, the election meeting of this prosperous lodge was held. Bro. Richard Lee, W.M., presided, and there were present Bro. J. W. Williams, S.W.; W. Thomas, J.W. (and W.M.-elect.); Vaughan, P.M., Treas.; J. Rogers, P.M., Sec.; H. Webb, S. Webb, Birch, and Kershaw, P.M.'s; and numerous other brethren. The work done was passing Bros. Sweetland and Wells to the second degree, accompanied by a lecture on the second tracing-board. Messrs. W. B. Ansell, H. Thompson, S. Hill, R. Howland, A. S. Godfrey, were duly initiated. The ceremonies and lecture were ably, correctly, and most impressively given by the W.M. The ballot for W.M. for the ensuing year was declared to be in favour of the J.W., Bro. Thomas, the S.W. declining to stand (in consequence of his being W.M. of 860) for that office. Bro. Vaughan, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The five-guinea P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. for his past services. Bro. C. G. Hill was again accepted as the Steward to represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Benevolent Institution, and five pounds were voted from the lodge funds to the Annuity Fund of that institution.—The W.M., in a feeling, telling manner, announced the death of the esteemed and lamented Bro. Rev. G. Joad, whom he had raised at their last meeting. The Rev. Bro. George Joad was initiated into Freemasonry in this lodge early this year, and took his third degree on October 10th. He was the curate of St. George's, Southwark, and was well known as a scripture reader at St. Saviour's. Bro. Joad was well beloved by all who knew him. He was a native of Deal, in Kent, and died, after a short illness, at the early age of 37 years, on the 22nd of October. He was a most promising member of the Order, and, had he been spared, it was intended to have conferred office upon him at the next installation meeting.—One gentleman was proposed for initiation, and another remains to be installed at the next meeting. Bro. Riley, P.M., was re-elected Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the usual good banquet was served up under the direction of Bro. W. Smith. The customary toasts were given, Bro. F. Walters responding for the visitors with his usual fluency. Good songs brought a termination to a happy evening. Visitors: Bros. F. Walters (W.M. 1309), M. Eidersheim (P.M. 957), Turner (55), Senior (86), Thompson (S.W. 1158), and others.

*St. Paul's Lodge, No. 194.*—On Tuesday, 15th inst.,

at the City Terminus Hotel, the regular meeting of this old lodge was held. Bro. Eaves, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Sparkes, S.W.; Aldridge, J.W.; Veal, P.M., Treas.; Fowler, P.M., Sec.; Fowler, S.D.; Weston, J.D.; F. G. Brown, I.G.; Wilson, Watson, Ford, H. Renshaw, S. Renshaw, Harper, and Randall, P.M.'s; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee adopted. A distressed brother (formerly a member of this lodge) had £50 voted from the Charity Fund of the lodge. His petition to the Lodge of Benevolence received the unanimous support of the lodge, and was duly signed. The result of ballots were the unanimous re-election of the W.M. and the Treasurer. The usual P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. Bro. Fowler, P.M. and Sec., was accepted as the Steward to represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Benevolent Institution. The lodge was then closed. Visitors: Bros. F. Walters, W.M. 1309, and Parker, 435. The usual good banquet was served; toasts were given, and music, ably rendered by Bro. Parker, whose well-known ability needs no comment, brought a happy evening to a close.

**Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860.**—At Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 10th inst., this well-established lodge held its usual meeting under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Williams, W.M. The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Bristo, P.M. Treas., took the chair, and in his accustomed admirable manner passed Bro. Allen, and initiated Mr. Wm. Guest, (L.V., Roman-road, Old Ford). There were present Bros. Hardy, S.W.; Thomson, J.W.; Littell, P.M.; S. Smith, Org.; Ingram, Sec.; Dalwood, J.D.; Wallington, D.C.; and others. Visitors: Bros. F. Walters, W.M. 1309; Cavalier, and Gilchrist. After the lodge was closed, Bro. Littell, P.M., with his accustomed grace and courtesy, presided over the festive board. Bro. Clemow provided his usual good banquet, and Bro. W. Smith attended with politeness and attentiveness to the comfort of all present. The cloth having been cleared, the usual toasts were given and responded to. During the evening several songs were well sung, Bro. Bristo, P.M. and Treas., gave in a faultless manner, "The Village Blacksmith," which was received with marked attention. Bro. Hermann sang an Irish comic song with success. Bro. Thomson gave "Miss Robinson," which was well received. Bro. Skinner sang "Who deeply drinks of wine." Bro. Seymour Smith, with his usual kindness and urbanity, presided at the piano; he also sang several songs, and amongst them an amusing "medley." Bro. Bristo responded for the P.M.'s; F. Walters for the visitors. Nearly £5 were collected at the banquet table in aid of the "George Tedder" and the Life Boat funds, proving that with all the enjoyments at this lodge, charity is not forgotten. After spending the usual happy evening the brethren separated.

## MIDDLESEX.

**Acacia Lodge, No. 1309.**—On Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Railway Hotel, Potter's Bar, Middlesex, this lodge was held. Bro. F. Walters, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. E. Sillifant, P.M. Treas., as S.W.; J. H. Batten, J.W.; G. Cattel, P.M., Sec.; E. W. Richardson, S.D.; J. Clemmans, J.D.; C. F. Hall, I.G.; T. R. Tustin, D.C.; Glave, Hilliard, West and Minctery. A ballot for a candidate for initiation was declared to be unanimous in favour of his admission. Bro. West was raised, and Mr. Minctery initiated, both ceremonies being ably performed, the lodge was closed. Visitors: Bros. C. Stahr (P.M. 871), and Selby 157. Refreshment followed labour.

## PROVINCIAL.

**HINCKLEY.—Knights of Malta, No. 50.**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 26th ult., the W.M., Bro. Rev. W. Langley, in the chair. The only business before the lodge was raising the Rev. Bro. P. H. Phelps, who was afterwards invested with the collar of Chaplain. The attendance was very good.

**BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—Lodge of Hengist, No. 195.**—At the regular meeting of this lodge, on the 3rd instant, the W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year were elected by ballot. Bro. Joseph Moore was examined, and afterwards raised to the sublime degree of a M.M., the charge being given by the Chaplain (the W.M.-elect), Bro. Newnham. Mr. Christopher Holloway, grocer, of the Arcade, Bournemouth, was also duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry, the charge being given and the working tools presented by Bro. Briant, P.M. The duties of W.M. were very ably performed by Bro. E. W. Rebeck, P.M. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Bellevue Hotel, after which the usual toasts were duly honoured.

**LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge, No. 279.**—The brethren of this lodge assembled for their regular monthly meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. E. S. Stanley, M.R.C.S. The business on the summons was two passages. Accordingly, on the lodge being opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the candidates (Bros. Shuttlewood and Statham) were called to the pedestal and examined, after which they retired, and the lodge having been opened in the second degree, the W.M. duly passed them as F.C.'s, and afterwards gave the lecture on the tracing board. The lodge having been closed in the second degree, Bro. Kelly, P.G.M., presented, through the lodge, to the library of the hall a copy of "The Kingston Masonic Annual," just published, and in particular drew attention to a very valuable and interesting article by Bro. Hughan, "A History of Freemasonry at York," quoting a passage from one of the old Constitutions, there printed, showing that in the lodges or guilds of Operative Masons in ancient times women as well as men were made Masons.—Thanks having been voted to

Bro. Kelly for his present, on his proposition, seconded by Bro. Clarke, P.M., a copy of Mr. J. Toulmin Smith's work on "The Ancient English Gilds" was ordered to be purchased for the library out of the lodge funds.—Bro. Deane, P.P.G. Reg., on behalf of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge, No. 1007, Loughborough, announced that the annual festival of that lodge and the installation of the W.M.-elect would take place on Tuesday, the 27th inst., and he invited the brethren of the two Leicester lodges to be present on the occasion, promising them a hearty welcome.—Two gentlemen were proposed as candidates for our mysteries, after which the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. In addition to the P.G.M. and W.M., there were present: Bros. Clarke and Weare, P.M.'s; Stretton, S.W.; Rev. Dr. Hayercroft, as J.W. (in the absence of Bro. Crow); George Toller, P.G. Sec., as Sec. (in the absence of Bro. Dr. Pearce); Palmer, S.D.; Wulldowson, I.G.; Matts, Statham, Shuttlewood, Blankley, M'Allister, and Deane. Visitors: Bros. W. B. Smith and Duff, P.M.'s; Revds. J. F. Holford and Fry; S. S. Partridge, No. 523; and Preston, No. 301.

**LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude, No. 281.**—The regular meeting of this old-established lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 9th Nov., at the Masonic-rooms, Athenæum. Present: W. Bro. John Hatch, W.M.; W. Bro. Stanton, as I.P.M.; Bros. C. Hartley, S.W.; John Barrow, J.W.; E. Simpson, P.M. and Sec.; W. Heald, S.D.; B. Mills, as J.D.; W. Hall, I.G.; W. Bros. G. Kelland, P.M.; W. King, P.M.; W. H. Bagnall, P.M.; J. Daniel Moore, P.M. and Past Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; Bros. Tilley, Dickenson, J. Harrison, E. Airey, Taylor, Stanley, Beeley, and Watson. The lodge was opened, minutes confirmed, and other business transacted. The ballot was taken, and proved unanimously in favour of Bros. Robert Sander Bateson (of Charity Lodge, No. 563, Umballa, India, surgeon in the Indian Army), Richard Coupland, Rev. T. B. Hinde, M.A., and Rev. Adam Wright, M.A. (all of the Rowley Lodge). A ballot was then taken for Mr. William Hayes, of Lancaster, as a candidate for initiation, who was duly elected. The W.M., in accordance with notice given at the last meeting, proposed that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the lodge funds for the Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows. This was seconded by Bro. Edmund Simpson, P.M. and Sec., and carried unanimously. Applications for votes for admission into the Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots at Lancaster were presented, and the appropriation of the votes deferred until the publication of the list of candidates, and then vested in a committee to consist of the W.M., Wardens, and Past Masters of the lodge. Bro. Dr. Moore, P.M., presented to the lodge a handsome album, to contain portraits of all the Past Masters of the lodge, and a unanimous vote of thanks was awarded to him, on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Simpson, P.M. and Sec. It was announced that a Lodge of Emergency would be held on Friday, the 11th inst., when the first and third degrees would be conferred, and the lodge was closed in due form.—The Emergency Meeting was held on the 11th inst., as announced, and was attended by W. Bro. Hatch, W.M.; Bros. Storey, I.P.M.; Hartley, S.W.; Barrow, J.W.; Simpson, P.M., Sec.; Harrison, as S.D.; Budd, as J.D.; Hall, I.G.; P.M.'s Whimpray and Dr. Moore; Bros. Greenall, Mills, Stanley, Taylor, Dickenson, Tilley, and Watson. The lodge was opened, and the circular convening the meeting of emergency read. Bros. Dickenson and Tilley having given proof of their proficiency as Craftsmen, were raised to the degree of M.M. by the W.M. Mr. William Hayes was also duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., the working tools being presented by the S.W. There being no other business before the lodge it was closed in due form.

**WATFORD.—Watford Lodge, No. 404.**—This well-established lodge held its regular meeting on Friday, the 11th inst., at which there was a good attendance. Bro. G. H. Cottame, W.M., presided. A ballot was taken for the admission of Messrs. W. H. Blenkinsop and F. J. Sedgwick, and the result being unanimous in their favour, they were duly initiated. Present besides those named: The R.W. Bro. Wm. Stuart, Prov. G.M.; R.W. Bro. George Francis, D. Prov. G.M.; Bros. Stevenson, S.W.; Fellowes, J.W.; C. H. Finch, P.M.; J. Sedgwick, P.M., and several others. A lodge of instruction has recently been formed in connection with this lodge, Bro. How, P.M., being the preceptor.

**IPSWICH.—Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 959.**—At the regular monthly meeting of this lodge, held on the 7th inst., a large number of the members met together, with several visitors from lodges in the town and the neighbouring province of Essex, &c. The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed, after which Bros. Osmond and Dennis were examined and retired, and the lodge being opened in the second degree, these brethren were passed to the degree of F.C. The lodge being opened in the third degree, Bro. Abbott was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The lodge having closed in third and second degrees, Mr. Jeffries, ballotted for and accepted at a previous lodge, was regularly admitted and initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. Several communications were read by the Secretary, and two brothers proposed as joining members. One gentleman was proposed for initiation, and there being no other business before the lodge, it was closed in ancient form.

**LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge, No. 1051.**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening week, at the Masonic-rooms, Athenæum. The chair of K.S. was occupied by the W.M., Bro. William Hall, who was supported by the following brethren: Bros. J. D. Moore, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., as I.P.M. and Sec.; W. J. Sly, as S.W.; Colonel White, J.W.; W. Bro. John Hatch, W.M. 281; Bros. Wilson Barker, Treas.;

E. Airey, J. Conlon, R. Taylor, and J. Watson. The lodge was opened at half-past seven o'clock, the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed, and other business transacted. The W.M. presented to the lodge an application for subscriptions to the Freemasons' Lifeboat, and several applications for votes to the Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots at Lancaster, and suggested that the appropriation of the lodge votes should stand over until the list of candidates and announcement of the number of votes to be given had been published. Bro. Dr. Moore announced that he had consented to represent the Lodge of Fortitude and Rowley Lodge at the festival of the Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, to be held in January next, and would be glad to receive subscriptions from the brethren on behalf of that excellent charity. He also stated his intention of serving on the next Stewardship of the Boys' School at the ensuing festival. There being no other business before the lodge, it was closed in due form.

**SCARBOROUGH.—Denison Lodge, No. 1248.**—This select and thriving lodge held its regular meeting in the lodge-room at the Grand Hotel, on Thursday, the 11th inst., when the following were present: Bros. S. H. Armitage, M.D., W.M.; J. Groves, S.W.; J. Donner, J.W.; J. E. Green, Hon. Sec.; J. Kitchen, Treas.; H. W. Garnett, S.D.; A. Fricour, J.D.; H. C. Martin, P.M., I.G.; J. Verity, Tyler; Sir H. Johnstone, Bart., M.P., P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; W. F. Rooke, M.D., P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; the Worshipful the Mayor of Scarborough, J. W. Woodall, J.P., P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; H. W. Smyth, P.M., D.P.G.M. Lincoln; E. Locock, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Lincoln; A. J. Brookwell, P.M., P.G. Dir. of Cers.; W. Pencock, P.M.; H. A. Williamson, P.M.; J. J. P. Moody, P.M.; R. H. Peacock, W.M. 200, and many others whose names we did not obtain. The lodge was opened at 5 p.m., and the minutes were read and confirmed. Mr. A. W. Smethurst was ballotted for, elected, and initiated by the W.M. in a very impressive manner. Bro. Hunt passed an examination in the first degree, and retired. He was readmitted, and passed to the second degree by Bro. Williamson, P.M., in his usual very able manner. Five guineas were voted in aid of the sick and wounded in the present war, and three guineas to a distressed worthy brother. Bro. Fricour, the highly-esteemed manager of the hotel and the Secretary to the Ball Committee in aid of the Masonic charities (which took place in the hotel), gave notice that, after defraying all expenses, between £33 and £34 had been realized. On receiving this announcement a vote of thanks was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously to Bro. Fricour for his able assistance, &c., in the arrangements of the ball. Bro. Fricour acknowledged the compliment in his usual kind-hearted, fraternal way. The lodge was now closed in due form, and the brethren retired to the quarterly banquet, which was served in the usual excellent style for which this hotel is famous, the wines also being very choice. Ample justice having been done to the good things thus provided, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and drank, and a most pleasant evening spent, the brethren retiring in peace and harmony.

## INSTRUCTION.

**Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, No. 749.**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens. Bro. John Smith, W.M. 157, presided, supported by Bros. G. Pym, W.M. 749, S.W.; E. Harper, J.W.; Pulsford, P.M., Preceptor; Waghorn, S.D.; and Darke, I.G. After the usual ceremony had been worked, Bro. J. Smith W.M., worked the first section and Bro. Hamilton the second section. Bro. J. Smith, W.M., on behalf of the members of this, the mother lodge, presented Bro. G. Pym with a handsome Past Master's collar, also a massive jewel, which had been subscribed by the voluntary contributions of his officers in Lodge 749, his year of office being at an end on the 9th inst. as W.M. Bro. G. Pym, W.M. 749, and W.M.-elect 1310, in a suitable speech acknowledged the gift. The other business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed. Present: Bros. Homewood, Langfield, Wright, Nott, Patton, Vaughan, P.M.; W. Ough, P.G.P.; and others.

**Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, No. 1269.**—A new lodge of instruction for the Sydenham, Norwood, Dulwich, and Forest Hill districts was established on the 2nd instant, under the name of the Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, No. 1269, at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, close to the railway station of the Crystal Palace. Bro. Lassam, the proprietor of the hotel, was elected Treasurer, Bro. Baker, Secretary, and Bro. H. W. Lindus, the first Master of the parent lodge, Preceptor. The arrangements necessary for the conduct of the lodge were made, and the brethren afterwards sat down to one of Bro. Lassam's neat little banquets, and spent the remainder of the evening in joviality and pleasure. The lodge will meet at the Thicket Hotel every Wednesday evening during the session at half-past seven o'clock.

**The Royal Arch Chapter of Improvement.**—The usual weekly convocation of the R.A. Chapter of Improvement was held on Thursday evening. The offices were well filled, and the ceremony of exaltation, &c., very admirably performed. There are nearly 150 members of this chapter already, and on attending its meetings one cannot but be impressed with the truth of the statements contained in the article on lodges of instruction written in THE FREEMASON a few weeks ago.

The speech of Bro. Dr. Berry at Burghersdorph, S.A.; a report of the Consecration of the Emblematic Lodge, No. 1321; and reports of Lodges Star in the East (650), Hertford (403), Dalhousie (571, Canada), Capper (1076), St. Peter's (1330), the Plantagenet Conclave, and the Whittington Lodge of Instruction will appear next week.

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## BIRTH.

MAY.—On the 14th instant, at 25, Herbert-street, Landport, of a son, the wife of Bro. James May, gunner of H.M. late ship Captain.

## MARRIAGES.

HISCOCKS—STEVENS.—On the 14th inst., at the parish church, St. Ives, Cornwall, B. N. Hiscocks, Esq., son of Bro. B. Z. Hiscocks, P.M. and P.Z., Lodge 429, Ramsgate, to Matilda, daughter of Captain A. Stevens, of St. Ives, Cornwall.

WOODMAN—DANIEL.—On the 10th inst., at St. George's, Ramsgate, Samuel, son of the late W. Woodman, Esq., of Exeter, to Caroline Alice, surviving daughter of J. S. Daniel, Esq., of High-street, Ramsgate.

## DEATHS.

DAWSON.—On Nov. 16, at Alexander-street, Westbourne Park, Bro. Francis Dennis Massey Dawson, of Lodge 8, P.G.S., aged 67.

JOAD.—On the 22nd ult., after a short illness, the Rev. Bro. George Joad, of Lodge 193, aged 37 years.

TOGHILL.—On the 8th instant, at 47, Stanley-street, Pimlico, Mr. Frederick Toghill, late of Richmond, Surrey, aged 70.

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## THE STATUS OF DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTERS.

THE great Masonic solemnity which took place last week at Manchester, upon the occasion of Bro. Legendre Starkie's installation as Provincial Grand Master for East Lancashire, was not only impressive as a ceremony, but absolutely awe-inspiring as a demonstration. The perfect order and the evident earnestness which prevailed may truly be considered as indices of the power of Masonry over the human mind, and we can but offer our sincere congratulations to the Lancashire brethren upon the admirable organisation which enables them to achieve such important results. We confess that a display of mere numbers

would not have impressed us so forcibly, although numerical strength is not to be ignored. It was the visible presence of discipline, the tangible influence of a restraining power, the mastery of mind, to which we award the palm of merit; and no greater proof of the thorough manner in which Masonic affairs are administered in Lancashire need be adduced. In considering this subject, we are led insensibly to the point of our present observations. It has long been thought, not only an anomaly, but somewhat of a grievance, that the Deputy Provincial Grand Masters, upon whose shoulders much of our provincial business devolves, should nevertheless be nothing more than ordinary members of the Grand Lodge of England. It is felt that so highly honourable a post as that of Deputy should be duly recognised in the great Parliament of the Craft, and we have reason to conclude that there is considerable weight in the plea. It will not be denied that most, if not all, of the Deputy Provincial Grand Masters are men of high social position, as well as of great Masonic knowledge, and it seems hardly fair that the most junior officer of the Grand Lodge should be allowed precedence of such an influential and useful body. No doubt several Deputies are also Grand Officers, but this is simply a palliative of the alleged grievance, and in some instances, even, it may be regarded as an aggravation. Still, the very fact that we have now Past Grand Wardens and Grand Deacons serving as second officers in their respective provinces is to our minds a strong confirmation of the claims of the other brethren who hold a similar position to some mark of distinction at the hands of Grand Lodge. It is obvious that *all* cannot become Grand Officers, to the exclusion of other worthy members of the Craft; but a remedy for the difficulty may be found in this way. The first objection to the Deputies having rank, *as such*, on the dais of Grand Lodge is, we confess, a very plausible one. It is urged that, as these officers are the nominees of the Provincial Grand Masters, and as all the Grand Officers, except the Treasurer, are appointed by the M.W. Grand Master, it would be manifestly inconsistent with Masonic usage, to allow brethren over whose selection the M.W. Grand Master has no control to rank as Present or Past Officers of the Grand Lodge. Upon close examination, however, this objection will be found more superficial than one would be inclined to suspect, and here it may be well to state, that in Scotland and other Masonic Jurisdictions, the Provincial Grand Masterseven are not appointed by the Chief Ruler of the Craft, but are elected by the local bodies. However, so far as England is concerned, the custom is different, but we contend that the Grand Master has really the power of veto in the appointment of Provincial Deputies, inasmuch as their names have to be returned to the Grand Lodge for registration, and presumably for approval; upon which a fee of two guineas is payable by the brother so registered. It

must also be borne in mind that there are Deputies *and* Deputies; some do all the work of the province, the P.G.M. delegating to them all authority, while others are but the assistants to their superior officers, and although very useful, their services are not absolutely indispensable. Now, we consider it would be but an act of justice to the first-mentioned class to give them past rank in Grand Lodge, after, say, three years service as Deputies, while the same privilege might be accorded to the second class after a probation of six or seven years. This would not increase the number of Grand Officers too rapidly—a consummation most devoutly dreaded, we opine, by some wearers of the purple—while at the same time it would be hailed as a boon by a number of deserving and distinguished Masons, whose zeal and interest in the Order would thus be permanently ensured. The details of the plan may be safely left to the wisdom of our rulers, although we believe that the rank of Past Grand Deacon has been suggested as the appropriate reward. It would also probably be considered necessary to make the Provincial Grand Master's recommendation an essential pre-requisite in every case, and even then the Grand Master should have the right of withholding the distinction, but we do not apprehend that he would have occasion to exercise this power very frequently. Let the principle be affirmed that the Deputy Provincial Grand Masters are to be recognised, and very great satisfaction will be experienced by every member of the Craft throughout our numerous provinces. The subject is one that appeals to our consideration with peculiar force at the present time, when we contemplate the vast expansion of the Order in the populous districts of England. Masonic provinces that numbered some twenty lodges only as many years ago, now count three or four times that number, with a proportionate increase of members, and as a natural consequence, the work that is thereby entailed upon the local governors must be immensely augmented. In the great centres of manufacture, in the busy towns of Lancashire and Yorkshire, this is especially remarkable, but many other counties, such as Cheshire, Cornwall, Devonshire, Hampshire, Kent and Warwickshire, also show largely increased muster-rolls of Masons. It is therefore hard that a man who reigns almost as king over a branch of the fraternity numbering thousands of members should be unacknowledged, unnoticed, and almost unknown in the metropolitan assemblies of the Craft. At the same time, we hold that the mere nomination to the post of Deputy Provincial Grand Master should not entitle a brother to a seat on the dais, but after he has rendered good suit and service in that position for a stipulated period the honours of past rank should be freely and gracefully conferred upon him in recompense. We are informed that a movement is on foot to attain this very desirable object, and knowing as we do, how acceptable it would be to the provincial



brethren, we may also record our conviction that the metropolitan members of the Order are of too generous a disposition to envy the preferment of any man who has laboured long and zealously in the cause of Freemasonry, and for the support of those noble benevolent institutions which have been aptly described as the brightest gems in the Masonic crown.

### Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

I should be glad if some learned Mason would inform me what duties are (*in fact*) performed by the Provincial Grand Registrar which would seem to render it advisable that, as is the case in many provinces, a brother should be retained in that capacity for a number of years, if not for life; for I imagine that the greater part, if not the whole of his duties, as laid down for the Grand Registrar in the Book of Constitutions, are actually performed by the Prov. Grand Secretary.

ENQUIRER.

#### THE APRON—THE BADGE OF OUR ORDER.

The quotation given by me was a literal extract from the source of my information, but possibly by a reference to the *Quarterly Review* we may find means to get at an inspection of the original document.

Your correspondent "E. T. T." gives a valuable extract from the minutes of the Alnwick Lodge in 1708, which can leave no doubt that this lodge was "Speculative" as well as Operative, and thus disposes of the 1717 assumptions. It clearly shows, too, that the aprons were used on festival days and during the religious ceremonies.

"W. P. B." says he is "prepared to believe that the same (aprons and gloves) were also given to the carpenters, &c.," but I think on reflection "W. P. B." will be induced to abandon his often-repeated comparisons of the Masons with other crafts. Can there be any possible doubt that the Masons were differently viewed to the other guilds, when we find upon the Statute Book of England Acts of Parliament passed specially in relation to the Masons, and not to the other crafts? Can we believe with "W. P. B." that Masons had no description of meetings excepting "to make gude service in the luge," when we know perfectly well that there was an Act of Parliament expressly passed to forbid their meeting in "chapitres and congregations"? Would their oaths and secrets have been forbidden if they had nothing more than an operative tendency? Can we suppose "that a true and perfect lodge kept at Alnwick, at the house of Mr. Thomas Davidson, then one of the Wardens," in 1708, was the workshop; and if 1708 (instead of 1717), why not earlier?

LUPUS.

#### QUARTERLY REVIEW AND FREEMASONRY.

I have carefully searched the above *Review*, according to the information afforded by Bros. the Rev. P. H. Newnham and "Lupus," but without success. I have tried vol. xxiv. (Nos. xlvii and xlviii) and No. xxiv. (vol. xii), being the two copies quoted by these brethren (both of which could not be correct), but, unfortunately the quotation is not to be found either in No. xxiv or vol. xxiv. I am sorry for it, as the curious custom referred to is both interesting and of value, and the sooner we have the requisite page and volume where it is given the better we shall be pleased.

W. JAMES HUGHAN.

I beg to enclose copy of another oration delivered by the gifted Bro. L. P. Metham, *M.D.*, *P.G.D.*, and *D. Prov. G.M. Devon*. It would be superfluous for me to do more than simply state the fact, as the excellence of all the Masonic orations by this worthy brother is generally known and appreciated.

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### BRO. THE REV P. H. NEWNHAM AND THE "LODGE."

We are glad to recognise the name of an excellent Mason as a contributor to THE FREEMASON, and hope that the communication respecting the "Badge of a Mason" is an earnest of many valuable aids to Masonic history. We cannot, however, agree with Bro. the Rev. P. H. Newnham's definition of a "lodge" as a place where Operative Masons assembled "when not engaged in operative labour," because the term lodge, about Henry the Eighth's time, really meant a "suitable place wherein to labour, and to secure secrecy for the operatives when preparing the stones for the building." In the "Masonic Annual" I have given an instance of the term being so used as early as A.D. 1370: "Yai sall be in ye forsayed loge atte yaire werke atte ye son risyng," &c. ("History of Freemasonry in York.")

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### "E. T. T., 1167, AND RECORDS OF THE WARKWORTH AND ALNWICKE LODGE."

I have been exceedingly interested in perusing the record of this old lodge as quoted by Bro. "E. T. T.," and beg to express my thanks to him for the trouble he has taken in copying such for the information of the Craft. May I take the liberty to trouble him still more by asking (a) The date when these records commence and end in the first volume preserved? (b) How many volumes are there before 1717? (c) The dates of commencement and end of each of such volumes? (d) Whether there is any reference to Masonic degrees in the minutes of the period mentioned? and, finally (e), Will he kindly notice and copy exactly any differences before and after A.D. 1717 which may be apparent in such records, and inform us of the same? I am certain that the numerous readers of THE FREEMASON would appreciate Bro. "E. T. T.'s" exertions, and I shall be happy to reciprocate.

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### THE QUERY BY "H. A."

It may not be in our power to give a satisfactory answer to the query propounded by Bro. "H. A." as to whether—"If three persons have a secret known to them only, and one of them dies, can the secret be said to be lost whilst either of the survivors live;" but we present the following as a probable solution of the difficulty:—A secret may be said to be *virtually* lost which is known only to three persons, and can be communicated to others only with the consent of all the three, and in the presence of each other, *when one of the three dies*, provided such secret has not been previously made known to others during the period the three existed. *Actually*, however, the secret could not be lost while either of the three remained alive, but for all practical purposes the secret would be lost, as respects its communication to others, on the foregoing hypothesis being granted.

W. J. HUGHAN.

In reply to "H. A.'s" question in your last issue: "If three persons have a secret, and one of them dies, can the secret be said to be lost whilst either of the survivors live," I would say that if the three were under heavy penalty not to reveal those secrets without the consent and co-operation of the other two, the secret would undoubtedly be lost. As "H. A." seems to be not only a Mason, but a student of Masonry, I have no doubt but that he will make still further progress in our Craft, and in a higher position may arrive at an explanation of the present mystery.

J. D. M.

In reply to "H. A.," I would suggest to him the following solution of his apparent difficulty:—A secret is known to A B and C, who bind themselves honorably to each other that it shall be divulged or imparted, if at all, not by one or two only, but by all three together, and in no other way. A meets with a sudden and untimely death, and if the above binding means anything, it means that B and C must needs die also without either together or separately making known the secret, which consequently dies with them.

J. B. M.

### Original Correspondence.

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

#### JURISDICTION OF GRAND LODGES.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR,—After a silence of several months your correspondent "Delta" seems to have revived, to perpetuate in your columns under the above heading, a few more mistakes. He says in your paper of Oct. 8th, that I beg "the whole question at issue between us," and which "was a question of colour only."

I beg to correct him, and say I beg no question whatever. He stated that I am in error when I state that there is not a Grand Lodge in the United States, which in any manner recognises that the black American can be a Freemason, but if I insert after "Freemason" in this sentence the words *not freeborn*, he quite agrees with me! Now this style of argument is scarcely worthy a place in your paper, if I may presume to be judge. "Delta" it is who now begs the question indeed. The issue was his assertion, that there was nothing in the Constitution or Laws of the Grand Lodges of the United States which conflicted with the reception by the Operative Lodges holding under them of black men, and my denial of the truth of this assertion. He now goes behind the issue by stating, that if I add *free born*, thus making "black men" free-born black men, he is with me. There is not a Grand Lodge of white Americans in the United States that recognises any of the lodges or Grand Lodges of black Americans at present extant in the United States, as legitimately made, nor will they (the former) recognise that they (the latter) can be such, in view of the fact that they (the latter) to any extent have not been chartered by a Grand Lodge of United States white Masons at any time. Will "Delta" deny this? It is apparent, I think, to any one who has read his letters on this subject, that "Delta" is endeavouring to create the belief that black men are made Masons in the United States and are recognised freely as such, provided they are *free born*. Now this is certainly not true. Black men in the United States do not freely seek admission into white lodges, and there is not but about the most isolated cases in which black men have been made Masons in our white lodges, and of these not more than one, to my knowledge, and that within six months, wherein, when made, the black man was allowed to become a member of the lodge that made him. That case occurred in Massachusetts, and the man was already a Mason made in a black lodge, or lodge of black or coloured men. And this making in the white lodge (Parkman) was not gone into until the Grand Master of the G.L. of Mass. was consulted upon the subject, and who by the light of recent investigations and a liberal mind, stated that he knew of no reason why the man might not be made a Mason in Parkman Lodge. It is probable, the door being thus opened, that other free-born black men may be made Freemasons in United States lodges of white Masons; but a generation must pass away before this will become the custom as to black Americans. Meantime all lodges of black men are declared illegitimate, clandestine, and not to be recognised as Masons by white men. *Vide* decisions of the Grand Lodge of Mass., Ohio, and every other State in which the subject has been brought up for the purpose of eliciting a decision. Two ideas only occasion this condition: One, the *free born* idea, ignored by the Grand Lodge of England since 1847. 2. The idea of Supreme State Jurisdiction, and under which a Grand Lodge of Freemasons assumes to be omnipotent among Masons in a State, and to the utmost extremity of its geographical bounds.

I remain, fraternally yours,

FLETCHER BRENNAN,

Editor of the *American Freemason*.

Cincinnati, O., U.S., Oct. 26th, 1870.

#### THE ALBANY LODGE, GRAHAM'S TOWN.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to hand you further correspondence in connection with the Albany Lodge of Graham's Town.

You will observe that certain members of the Albany Lodge, after being discountenanced by the members of the St. John's Lodge, No. 323, who repudiated their previous acts, they (the suspended members) endeavoured to mislead our youngest lodge, the Colesberg, 1142 (situated on the borders of the colony, a distance of about 200 miles from Graham's Town), by soliciting their signatures to a recommendation for a charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and forwarding the enclosed letter, with a form or resolution already drawn up for their signatures, in which they represent themselves as "*Lovers of the Craft, in whom we have the greatest confidence*," when at the same time they were in possession of a charter obtained from the Grand Lodge of Scotland under misrepresentation.

Also knowing that Bros. Smuts, Maynard, and others, whose names they have introduced in said letter, had formally and officially communicated with this District Grand Lodge stating that they were originally induced to sign the former application through misrepresentation.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

MICHAEL T. KING,

Vice President Board of General Purposes.  
Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope,  
20th July, 1870.

[COPY.]

To the Worshipful Master of the Lodge Colesberg, No. 1142.

Graham's Town, 8th July, 1870.

Worshipful Sir and Brother,—A new charter having been granted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the following B.B., viz., R. E. Rushby, R.W.M.; J. B. Levy, D.M.; R. Currin, S.M.; J. Richards, S.W.; W. A. Smith, J.W.; A. W. Hyde, Treasurer; R. E. Wolfe, Secretary; and others, under the name of the Albany, No. 495, the petition for which charter was recommended by the following officers and members of St. John's Lodge, No. 828, viz., J. J. G. Smith, W.M.-elect; L. J. G. Ferrier, W.M.; C. H. Maynard, P.M.; F. Holland, P.M.; C. Church-hill, S.W.; P. H. Solomon, J. W.; E. Gregory, S.D.; W. Waller, Treas. and P.M.; W. M. Maynard, Sec.; W. B. Eyde, Past S.D.; C. A. Fontaine, member; and J. Henderson, Quartermaster-Serjt. 2nd 11th Reg.

We finding that according to the Book of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, it is necessary to obtain a recommendation from two of the nearest lodges, and being desirous of avoiding the possibility of any difficulty arising hereafter, beg to request that you will kindly oblige us by calling a special meeting of your lodge for the consideration of the same, and favoring us with your recommendation, which we feel assured you will accord us.

As we are desirous of forwarding the same to Scotland by the first mail, we shall feel very thankful for an early reply.

With fraternal regards, we remain,

Worshipful Sir and Brother,

Your obedient Servants,

(Signed) R. E. RUSHBY, R.W.M.  
R. E. WOLFE, Secretary.

[COPY.]

Copy of a Resolution passed in open Lodge held , 1870.

That the request of the officers of the Albany Lodge, No. 495, of Graham's Town, be complied with, and that this Lodge has much pleasure in recommending them to the Grand Lodge of Scotland as lovers of the Craft, and brethren in whom we have the greatest confidence.

Proposer.

Seconder.

Worshipful Master.

Senior Warden.

Junior Warden.

Secretary.

Of the Lodge Colesberg, No. 1142, English Constitution.

[MEMORANDUM.]

The above document was forwarded to the members of the Lodge Colesberg, No. 1142, for their signatures, by the contumacious members of the Albany Lodge, No. 389, after having received the charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

MICHAEL T. KING,

Vice President Board of General Purposes.

#### THE PURPLE V. WEST LANCASHIRE.

(To the Editor of *The Freemason*.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I will explain to your correspondent "Walney" "how," "to whom," and "in what manner" I consider Bro. Dr. Moore has "paid" for his Masonic rank.

In the first place, the meetings of this province are, as a rule, held at considerable distances from Lancaster, so that Dr. Moore has "paid" before he could be present. On the other hand, it is the exception for meetings to be held far from Liverpool. Perhaps some brother could tell through *THE FREEMASON*, how many meetings have been held at and north of Preston during the past 20 years. Has it ever occurred to you, Bro. Editor, that the Ulverstone and Barrow lodges should be attached to the province to which they naturally belong?

But I consider Dr. Moore has "paid" for his Masonic rank by his untiring exertions for the good of the Craft in general, and especially in connection with Lancaster and the neighbourhood.

Who has often visited the lodges and chapters of instruction in London, in order to secure correct working? Bro. Dr. Moore.

Who has twice filled the chair of R.S. in the lodge at Lancaster, and most ably discharged the duties appertaining thereto? Bro. Dr. Moore.

Who founded the Rowley Chapter, and assisted in founding others? Bro. Dr. Moore.

Who is ever ready to give a helping hand, and that in a most unostentatious manner, either as P.M., P.Z., or Installing Master or Principal? Bro. Dr. Moore.

Who has compiled and delivered lectures on various Masonic subjects, and is now preparing another on "The Tassels of the Lodge"? Bro. Dr. Moore.

Who, being a Life Governor of two of the charities, is now serving the office of Steward for the fifth time? Bro. Dr. Moore.

Who has frequently attended Grand Lodge, and was nominated Steward by the M.W.G.M. on the occasion of the Inauguration Festival at Freemasons' Hall, and was elected to an office in Grand Lodge, viz., to carry one of the elements of consecration? Bro. Dr. Moore.

Who prepared upwards of 150 petitions to the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, and attended upon the deputations to him, and afterwards (under the direction of the V.W. Bro. Sir Albert Woods, Garter King-at-Arms, G. Director of Ceremonies) undertook the arduous duties connected with the Masonic arrangements for the laying of the foundation-stone of the Royal Albert Asylum? Bro. Dr. Moore.

I could greatly add to the list of Bro. Dr. Moore's "good works," but I have adduced sufficient to answer "Walney's" query as "how," "to whom," and "in what manner," the worthy Doctor has "paid" for his Masonic rank.

That our distinguished brother may ere long receive a due reward for his incessant labours is the fervent wish of,

Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
P.M., P.Z.

#### THE WARKWORTH AND ALNWICKE LODGE, A.D. 1708.

(To the Editor of *The Freemason*.)

SIR AND BROTHER,—In common with many of the brethren of 1167, I was agreeably surprised to learn from Bro. "E. T. T.'s" letter that the minutes of the Warkworth and Alnwick Lodge were in existence dating as far back as 1708. My only wonder is that he should have them in his possession and never made the brethren of the present Alnwick Lodge acquainted with the interesting fact. I am quite sure the information would have been quite as acceptable to them as it would have been to Bros. "W. P. B." and Lupus. "E. T. T." has, I think, correctly filled in part of the spaces he could not decipher, and the context clearly indicates what the remaining spaces are.

However, I am glad that by "E. T. T.'s" letter the fact of a lodge being in existence in Alnwick 162 years ago is conclusively established, it having been understood (previously to the discovery of these mysterious minutes) that there was no record of a lodge being held in Alnwick beyond the end of last century, of which the ancestors of some of our present brethren were prominent members. It is also interesting to know that the brethren, wearing their apron and common square fixed in the belt thereof, were wont annually, on St. John's Day in Christmas, to attend the parish church, and that a special sermon was preached on the occasion.

We look anxiously forward to a perusal of this minute-book, and trust that some of the members of 1167 may be able to decipher the spaces that Bro. "E. T. T." cannot make out.

Yours fraternally,

J. D., 1167.

(To the Editor of *The Freemason*.)

SIR AND BROTHER.—In your impression of Nov. 12th there is a paragraph signed "E. T. T., 1167," after which follows an extract from the minutes of the old Lodge of Alnwick. It is a pity that "E. T. T." did not show the extract to some of the brethren here before he sent it to you; for one or two of them are in possession of information as would have enabled him to have filled in the spaces which he "cannot make out."

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

SPECTATOR, 1167.

Owl's Nest, Alnwick, Nov. 15.

#### QUERIES.

(To the Editor of *The Freemason*.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I shall be much obliged if you will kindly answer the following queries, for my own guidance and for that of the brethren in this province:—

1st. The lodge being opened in the second or third degree, is it permitted to close the lodge to the first degree without "working down"?

2nd. Is it allowable (for the dispatch of business or for the convenience of working) to close the lodge in either of the higher degrees without "working down," if it be intended to resume the work in the higher degree?

3rd. Presuming that the second question be answered in the affirmative, is it indispensable that the lodge should be "worked up" to the degree from which it had been temporarily closed?

Your reply in the next number of *THE FREEMASON* will confer a great obligation on

Yours fraternally,

G.J.W.

(To the Editor of *The Freemason*.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I trust you will

pardon me for taking the liberty of requesting the favour of your opinion on the following case:—

A few months ago one or two brethren belonging to the lodge of which I am a member ordered from England Master Mason's jewels, which were accordingly sent out to them. At a meeting of the lodge which took place a short time afterwards these brethren attended wearing their jewels. The W.M. thereupon ordered them to divest themselves of such jewels, stating that Master Masons were not allowed to wear jewels in the lodge.

As this matter has occasioned much dissatisfaction among the brethren, who maintain that they are entitled to wear jewels, having seen it done in other lodges, I am sure you would be doing us a very great favour by offering your opinion on the same. I may further add that these brethren were officers of the lodge.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JUSTITIA.

West Africa, October, 1870.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF ASAPH, No. 1319.

For some years past the members of the musical and kindred professions in the metropolis have been impressed with a strong desire to establish a lodge for the convenience of musical brethren, it being well-known that their orchestral and other evening engagements preclude the regular attendance of those gentlemen at Masonic lodges without involving them in heavy pecuniary loss. To obviate the necessity for such repeated sacrifices, and at the same time to gratify their inclination to serve the Craft, several leading members of the professions alluded to applied for a warrant to enable them to hold a lodge in the day-time. The name selected by the founders was "Asaph," in allusion to the "sweet singer of Israel," and after due consideration the M.W. Grand Master was pleased to grant their request.

Monday, the 7th inst., was the day fixed for the solemn rite of consecration at Freemasons' Hall, and at the time appointed Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Provincial Grand Secretary for Middlesex, the consecrating officer, and a large concourse of brethren entered the lodge-room in procession, a sacred march being played under the direction of Bro. James Coward, the Grand Organist.

On assuming the chair, Bro. Little nominated as his Wardens, Bros. T. A. Adams, P.G. Purst., and R. S. Warrington, P.G. Steward. Bro. James Weaver, W.M. 862, was appointed D.C., and Bro. F. Walters, W.M. 1309, I.G. pro tem. The lodge was then opened in the three degrees, after which the consecration ceremony was commenced with prayer by the presiding officer. It is unnecessary to dwell upon the details of the work, which was rendered in a thoroughly efficient manner, aided by the vocal and instrumental abilities of a perfect choir, led by Bro. Coward and comprising, amongst others, Bros. G. T. Carter and W. Dawson.

At the conclusion of the ceremony which was listened to with rapt attention by the brethren present, Bro. E. Stanton Jones, P.M. 205, was presented by Bro. Weaver for installation as the first W.M. The Presiding Officer having addressed the W.M.-designate then proceeded with the ceremony of installation, which was performed in an earnest and highly satisfactory manner.

Upon the re-admission of the brethren the usual salutes were given to the new Master, who then invested Bros. Chas. Coot, sen., P.M. 205, as S.W.; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M. 205, as J.W.; J. Weaver, S.D.; G. Martin, Org.; the appointment of the other officers being deferred.

The W.M. then addressed Bro. R. Wentworth Little, and in proposing the thanks of the lodge for his consecration of it, complimented him highly on the knowledge he had displayed. In explanation of the objects the promoters of the lodge had in view he said he wished to be particular in the working, as might be seen from the class of brethren he had appointed as his officers. The lodge would have but one banquet a year, and by such economy hoped to conduce towards the permanent success of the Masonic charities, and yet leave a sum in hand. These advantages would be great to this lodge, and very likely to Freemasonry generally, for they would probably induce many bright characters to enter the Order. In his progress through life Bro. Little must have observed when coming across members of the musical and dramatic professions that men must possess no small amount of talent successfully to discharge their functions as interpreters of the art they profess. Music as well as rhetoric could recite deeds of heroism to inspire with ardour, and by its soft influences tranquillise, calm, and soothe the human passions. Where, then, could such an art be better exercised than in a Freemasons' Lodge, in which the brethren met in virtue, and united in the bonds of love and harmony?



As the consecrator, therefore, of a temple wherein to cultivate the divine attribute of love, Bro. Little was entitled to the best thanks of the brethren.

Bro. Chamberlin seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted; and on the motion of Bro. Coote, seconded by Bro. Weaver, Bro. Little was elected an honorary member.

A similar compliment was paid to the veteran Bro. Adams, P.G.P., and to Bro. Coward, G.O., for their valuable assistance, and the services of the acting D.C., I.G., and the choir were also cordially acknowledged.

The following brethren, most of whom were present, were then proposed as joining members, subject to the ballot:—Bros. C. Coote, jun., F. Ledger of the *Era*, A. Phasey, H. Baker, T. Edgar, W. Haines, E. Frewin, J. Perry, J. Boatwright, T. Wells, G. Horton, W. Maby, R. Samson, G. Cremer, E. Dearle, *Mus. Doc.*, G. Tyler, C. Harper, jun., W. T. Wrighton, T. Gough, F. Stevens, D. James, T. H. Thorne, G. Honey, W. Froggatt, C. Fitzgerald, W. Dawson and C. S. Jeykell, all connected with the music or the drama. The names of eight gentlemen for initiation were also proposed by the W.M. and seconded by the S.W.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, and it is but bare justice to the Freemasons' Tavern Company to state that the *cuisine* and wines were all that could be desired.

The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with fluency and effect, Bros. Coward and Adams responding for the Grand Officers; after which Bro. Little proposed "The health of Bro. E. Stanton Jones, the first Master, coupled with Prosperity to the Lodge of Asaph." Bro. Little expatiated warmly upon the zeal and ability of the W.M., and congratulated him and the founders upon having so happily attained their cherished wish of opening a lodge for brethren associated with music and the drama. He assured the lodge that in selecting Bro. Jones for so important a post, they had done well and wisely, as was indeed amply proved by his efficiency as a ruler in the Craft on a previous occasion. The toast was received with great applause, and the worthy W.M. expressed his thanks very happily for the cordial reception of his name.

"The Consecrating Master" was then given from the chair, and met with unanimous approbation, and Bro. Little, in responding, expressed his sincere gratification for having contributed to the success and pleasure of the meeting.

At this juncture the Grand Secretary, Bro. Hervey (who had previously attended a meeting of No. 7) was announced, and his arrival was greeted with the utmost enthusiasm; in fact, it created quite a *furor*. His health was immediately drunk with all the honours, and in his reply the respected G. Sec. said he was taken by surprise at the warmth of his reception, and felt deeply indebted to the brethren for so signal a mark of their esteem. He felt that as his own lodge had met under the same roof that evening, he could not leave without wishing success to the brethren, and in conclusion he proposed every happiness and prosperity to the Lodge of Asaph.

Bro. C. Coote, after thanking the G. Secretary for the great assistance he had been to the founders of the lodge, and for his kindness and urbanity whenever the brethren had to wait on him, proposed "The Health of Bro. David James," of the Vaudeville Theatre, as the representative of the dramatic art. He was sorry there were not more of that profession present; but as they were engaged in their ordinary occupations at that late hour, every excuse was to be made for them.

Bro. David James returned thanks for so high a compliment, and hoped that this lodge would be the means of amalgamating, more than was the case at present, the dramatic and the musical professions.

The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," with which he connected the name of Bro. S. Pollitzer, W.M. 1017, who returned thanks in a neat speech. For "The Wardens and rest of the officers," Bro. Coote, sen., replied in his usual eloquent and graceful style, the other officers also ably responding, and the proceedings were soon afterwards brought to a close.

It is needless to add that solos, duets, chants, and glees were an especial feature of the evening's entertainment, Bro. Coward presiding with his wonted spirited execution at the pianoforte. A quaint song by Bro. Coote, accompanied musically by himself, was also greatly applauded, and the whole of the arrangements throughout were simply perfection.

Besides the brethren already named, we noticed: Bros. G. Pym, W.M. 749; H. Thompson, P.M. 609, P.D.G.D. Canterbury, N.Z.; H. Massey, P.M. 619; J. Smith, W.M. 157; Pierce Egan, P.M. 231 (the celebrated novelist); C. B. Payne, P.M. 27; H. Sadler, J.W. 147; W. H. Waghorn, I.G. 946; J. F. Starkie, 53; G. W. Martin, P.M. 201; and C. Harper, jun., 332.

## Reviews.

### The A B C Universal Freight List.

We have great satisfaction in announcing to our commercial and mercantile readers that a weekly paper has been successfully established, which will supply a want long felt in the city and port of London. The chief object of this publication is to furnish brokers, merchants, captains, agents, and ship-builders with *reliable* information upon the important interests which they represent; and from the knowledge we have of the editor of the *A B C*, we feel satisfied that the *Freight List* will be a great boon to the large circle interested in shipping and commerce.

### GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

On the 19th ult., the new Grand Lodge of Quebec met for despatch of business at the Masonic Chambers, Notre Dame-street. The meeting was important, for upon the success of it depended the future welfare, of the Grand Lodge. There can now be no doubt that the Grand Lodge of Quebec will be fully recognised in any magisterial act. Whatever may be thought of the wisdom and expediency of separate provincial legislatures, the arguments are equally applicable to Grand Lodges of Freemasons. The address of the M.W. Grand Master exhausts the argument, and we recommend it to the most serious consideration of all Freemasons.

The lodge was opened in ample form by the M.W. Bro. J. H. Graham, *LL.D.*, first Grand Master of the Province of Quebec, assisted by R.W. Bros. M. R. Meigs, *M.D.*, P.M., as Grand Senior Warden; R. J. Dunbar, as Junior Grand Warden; Rev. C. P. Reid, *M.A.*, Chaplain; Edson Kemp, *B.A.*, *B.C.L.*, W.M., Sec.; and the other subordinate officers.

The hall was crowded with visitors and deputies from the following lodges:—Albion and St. John's, Quebec City; Prevost, Durham; Nelson, Philipsburg; Golden Rule, Stanstead; St. Andrew's, Quebec City; St. George's, Montreal; Zetland, Montreal; Harington, Quebec City; Hoyle, Lacolle; St. Francis, Richmond; Victoria, Sherbrooke; Stanbridge, Stanbridge; Montreal Kilwinning, Montreal; Clarenceville, Clarenceville; Royal Alfred, Montreal; Victoria, Montreal; Tuscan, Levis; Ascot, Lennoxville; Ashlar, Coaticook; Fresliburg, Frelsburg; Doric, Danville; St. John's, Masonville; Milton, Three Rivers, P.Q.; Abercorn, Abercorn; Corner Stone, Cowansville; Clarke, Ormstown; St. Charles, Point St. Charles; and Brown, West Farnham.

The following foreign lodges were also represented:—Texas, New Hampshire, Maine, and the District of Columbia.

After some routine business the Grand Master delivered an address, which contained an eloquent and expressive *resumé* of the progress of the Grand Lodge of Quebec since its formation. From this we gather, that nine Grand Lodges have recognised the Grand Lodge of Quebec; seven additional lodges in the province have given in their adhesion to the movement, including the Albion Lodge, late No. 17 English Registry, the oldest lodge in North America; and five new lodges have been added to the roll. Among other subjects the Grand Master refers to the war in Europe, and appeals to the brethren to "follow the noble example of the Grand Lodge of England to aid the sick and wounded in the present war," and our learned brother concluded his masterly address with the following truly Masonic sentiments:—

With thirty (or thirty-one) prosperous lodges on our registry, and with every prospect of continued healthy increase, with prudence, zeal, and the spirit of self-sacrifice among our members—with peace, concord, and unanimity of purpose at home, and receiving constantly such kindly, fraternal proof of

consideration, recognition, and support from distinguished brethren, and from sister Grand Lodges abroad, it well becomes us thankfully and gratefully to rejoice in such prosperity; and cannot be otherwise than that every true Masonic heart is gladdened to learn of the wondrous advancement of our fraternity everywhere throughout the civilised world, and that multitudes of every clime, kindred, and tongue are crowding our temple gates, and that our brethren everywhere are earnestly engaged in the prosecution of our grand design of honouring God, and promoting peace, union, prosperity, and goodwill among men, as "all true Masons have done, from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time." And now, brethren, in closing, let me assure you that, while I have not been unmindful of the distinguished honour which you conferred upon me by electing me the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, contrary, as most of you are aware, to my proposals relative thereto, I have to regret that the arduous duties of my profession have left me but little time to perform satisfactorily to myself the important duties of this office, especially in such a crisis as we have unnecessarily been called upon to pass through; and whatever mistakes may have been made, they are but renewed illustrations of the old, old truth, that "to err is human," and, whatever have been our successes, let them all be ascribed to Him by whom "kings reign, and princes decree justice;" and while, with renewed vigour and unswerving fidelity, we carry onward and upward to completion this our grand Masonic edifice, till the cope-stone shall have been placed amidst shouts of universal rejoicing—let us all faithfully execute the grand designs drawn by the Almighty Hand upon the trestle board of our existence, and delineated for our guidance in the volume of the Sacred Law, so that at last our work may be found worthy the acceptance of the Grand Master above, the Great Architect and Supreme Ruler of the Universe—Amen, and Amen.

After the closing of the Grand Lodge the Junior Grand Warden's gavel was supreme. The brethren then adjourned to the "Carlton," for dinner.

The banquet was complimentary to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the expenses were borne by the Freemasons of the Montreal Lodges, who have acknowledged the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The lodges which have so done are the majority. About 120 sat down, under the presidency of W. Bro. John Helder Isaacson, who ably filled the duties of the chair. The usual loyal toasts were proposed, and although the dinner was a thing unusual among Freemasons, a "teetotal" one, it did not prevent their jollity nor their warm expressions of devotedness to the Queen and the Royal Family. The toast of the evening, "The Grand Master of Quebec," was received with immense enthusiasm. The reply of R.W. Bro. Graham was eloquent, and he expressed himself desirous of a restoration of peace and harmony with the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The entertainment was enlivened with songs, and a happier meeting was rarely ever witnessed.—*Montreal News*.

### THE ROAD WE TRAVEL ON.

BY BRO. D. S. LEAVITT.

A poor, benighted stranger  
Did seek our door to gain,  
We ask'd if he was worthy,  
And why he made this claim.

With trembling voice he answered:  
The Great I Am I serve,  
And from the Ancient Charges  
My steps shall never swerve.

He entered in an ancient way,  
With blessings on his head,  
The torture he did feel that day  
Is what the Cowans dread.

A jewel bright before him lies,  
In bright array the brethren stand,  
With heart sincere and tearful eyes  
He hears the Master's stern command.

JOSHUA.—This book is thus entitled because it relates to the things transacted by Joshua, the successor of Moses. It embraces a period of about thirty years, giving an account of the conquest of the land of Canaan, the division of the conquered land according to the tribes, and the dying exhortation of Joshua to his people.

IT is difficult to persuade mankind that the love of virtue is the love of themselves.

WISDOM is a solid and entire building, of which every piece keeps its place and carries its mark.

## Masonic Miscellanea.

HIS Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will preside at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on a Wednesday in May, 1871.

THE Earl of Dalhousie is to lay the foundation-stone of a Masonic lodge in Edinburgh on St. Andrew's Day, the 30th inst., and the banquet and installation of Grand Lodge office-bearers takes place the same night.

WE have great pleasure in announcing that Bro. Philbrick has been appointed Recorder of Colchester, in the room of Mr. Bushby, one of the recently-appointed metropolitan police magistrates.

IT is proposed shortly to hold a Prov. Grand Mark Lodge for Somerset.

ON the 7th inst., nineteen of the brethren of the Lansdown Lodge of Unity, No. 626, Chippenham, invited Bro. G. J. Parfitt, the W.M. of that lodge and P.S.G.W. of Wilts, to a sumptuous banquet at Bro. Rubies, Castle Hotel, Bath, and presented him with a very handsome tea service, inscribed as a testimonial of their high estimation of his great Masonic zeal and attainments.

THE St. James' Union (No. 180) Lodge of Instruction will hold its annual meeting for working the fifteen sections, on Monday, the 21st inst., at the Swan Tavern, 49, Mount-street, Grosvenor-square, at seven o'clock precisely. The sections will be worked by Bro. J. R. Stacey, the W.M. of the mother lodge, who has been voted to the chair on this occasion. Several good-working Masons will assist, and we hope to see a large attendance of the brethren to support the W.M., whose excellent working is well known and appreciated by the Craft.

CHARITY is one of the noblest gems that can adorn mankind; it is nurtured in growing youth, and fostered by the bright example shown by its parents. Like the fable of "The Lion and the Mouse," the smallest attribute can contribute to the relief of the greater. An example of this kind has been shown by a young lady, daughter of Bro. Alexander Levy, P.M. 205, Miss Esther, who has composed, not only the words, but the music of a very excellent song, entitled, "Think of Me, and Forget Me Not." The composition is good and appropriate, and the music very pretty. Great credit is due to her. The proceeds of the sale are to be devoted to the funds of the Metropolitan Free Hospital in Devonshire-square, Bishopsgate-street, and the song is dedicated to Bro. Coleman Defries, of the firm of Messrs. J. Defries and Sons, of 147, Houndsditch. This noble hospital affords relief to all who require its assistance, like our noble Order, without reference to creed; and the highest medical assistance is given free. All who wish to aid this praiseworthy object can obtain copies of Messrs. W. Williams and Co., 221, Tottenham-court-road, the well-known publishers. This talented young lady is composing another song, the proceeds to be given for the relief of the poor of the Jewish Board of Guardians.

## ORDERS OF CHIVALRY.

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

YORKSHIRE.—The regular meeting of the Prince Edward Encampment was held in their rooms, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood, on the 6th inst. The following Sir Knights were present:—George Normanton, E.C.; A. Horsfall, as 1st Capt.; Fred. Whitaker, 2nd Capt.; W. J. Beck, as Expert; Thomas Scholesfield, P.E.C., Prelate; James Lord, Chancellor; W. J. Laidler, Capt. of Lines; Joseph Greenwood, P.E.C., Equerry; Wm. Roberts, P.E.C.; Wm. Hy. Porritt, Watson, Robt. Crossley, jun.; and Jno. Dunning Kaye. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Sir Knt. Wm. Roberts, P.E.C., P.E.G.D.C. of Lancashire, and P.G.C. York, then took the chair as installing officer, and with the assistance of the following Past Eminent Commanders, viz., Sir Knts. George Normanton, Jno. Greenwood, Thos. Scholesfield and Joseph Greenwood, duly installed Sir Knt. Wm. Whitaker, as E.C. for the ensuing year. The E.C. then appointed the following Sir Knts. as his officers:—Wm. Hy. Porritt, Prelate; James Lord, 1st Capt.; John Dunning Kaye, 2nd Capt.; W. J. Beck, Expert; W. J. Laidler, Capt. of Lines; A. Horsfall, Registrar; Thomas Scholesfield, P.E.C., Treas.; Robert Crossley, sen., Almoner; John Greenwood, P.E.C., Org.; Wm. Roberts, P.P.E.C., D.C.; Robert Crossley, jun., 1st Standard Bearer; Charles F. Binks, 2nd Standard Bearer; James Pilling, 1st Herald; John Pilling, 2nd Herald; and Joseph Greenwood, P.E.C., Equerry. The encampment was duly closed in form, and with solemn prayer.

## ROYAL ARCH.

## METROPOLITAN.

CHAPTER OF HOPE, No. 206.—This old chapter has been held in Greenwich for many years past; although coming originally from the Lodge of Friendship, yet its members for the most part are local Masons, who belong to lodges held in Greenwich; but the original origin is yet preserved, as this chapter has never sought to be enrolled under any of the ancient lodges which are held in the old town of Greenwich, and it yet retains the number of the parent lodge from which it sprung. The chapter held its election meeting on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, Comp. J. Hasler, M.E.Z., presiding, who, in admirable manner, did the work of his chair when exalting Bro. H. C. Maguire, 193. Other companions present: W. Noak, H.; A. H. Tattershall, J.; Johnson, P.Z., as P.S.; W. Orchard, S.N. The S.E., Comp. H. A. Collington, P.Z., was unavoidably absent through ill health. All the officers were unanimously re-elected, and the chapter was duly closed, when a good banquet followed. Visitors: Comps. R. Boncey (H. 79) and J. Griffin (S.N. 79).

## PROVINCIAL.

LEICESTER.—CHAPTER OF FORTITUDE, No. 279.—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. In the absence of the First and Second Principals (the former in Lancashire, and the latter in the United States), Comp. Kelly, Prov. G. Supt., presided as M.E.Z., and Rev. Comp. Spittall, P.Z., as H. The other officers were Comps. Toller, J.; Stretton, E.; Buzzard as N. (in the unavoidable absence of Comp. the Rev. J. E. Smith, of Rugby School); Partridge, P.S., and others. Bros. Alfred Layton (of the Universal Lodge, No. 181, London), Robert Waite and Francis Kemp (of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1330, Market Harborough), and Henry Tilleman Bobart (of the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 779, Ashby-de-la-Zouch), were balloted for and elected. Bro. Waite, the only candidate able to attend on the occasion, was then duly exalted; but, having to leave by an early train, the historical lecture was necessarily omitted, Comp. Toller giving the symbolic, and Comp. Kelly the mystical lecture. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

WATFORD.—WATFORD CHAPTER, No. 404.—A Chapter of Emergency was held, on Nov. 11, for the nomination of candidates for exaltation at the next meeting, when two brethren were proposed.

MANCHESTER.—ALEXANDRA CHAPTER, No. 993.—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on the 11th inst., at the Midway Hotel, Levenshulme. The chapter was opened by Comp. Wm. Abbey, Z.; supported by John Cove Hind, H.; Wm. Henry Bibby, J.; Wm. George Turner, E.; Richard Timperley, N.; W. Wayne, P.S.; John Adam Whyatt, S.; John Parker, Treas.; Henry Turner Organist. The minutes of the previous chapter were read and confirmed; after which, all companions below the respective ranks were ordered to retire, when a Conclave of First Principals was formed, and Comp. William Abbey, the retiring Z., installed his successor, Comp. John Cove Hind, into the chair of Z. On the formation of a Conclave of Second and Third Principals respectively, Comp. Abbey, ably assisted by Comp. George Frederick East, P.Z., installed Companions W. Henry Bibby, H., and W. Wayne, J.; after which, the Conclave of Third Principals was closed, when the following officers were invested: Comps. Richard Timperley, E.; George Arden Yates, N.; John Adam Whyatt, P.S.; Henry Turner Robberds, S.; John Samuel Dethick, S.; Henry Turner, Organist; John Parker, Treasurer. It is impossible to speak too highly of the admirable manner in which Comp. Wm. Abbey, P.Z., performed the ceremony of installing and investing the officers; but such talent and ability has he shown in the working of the chapter during the past year, and so high is the respect in which he is held, that the companions subscribed for a £10 P.Z. jewel, made of 18-carat gold. This was presented to him by Comp. John Cove Hind, Z., with a few most appropriate remarks, hoping that he might long be spared to wear it as a token of the respect and esteem in which he was held by the companions. Comp. Abbey acknowledged this token of favour in some feeling words.—The Treasurer's account was then presented by Comp. John Parker, to whose assiduity and skill in collecting cash enabled him to show the chapter entirely free from debt, and with a small balance in hand. This was considered extremely satisfactory, as the chapter is only four years old, and the furniture (although beautiful) very expensive. The chapter having been closed in due form, the companions adjourned to refreshment, when the toasts of the three Principals were given and responded to, and the companions of this chapter held Comp. John Cove Hind in such estimation for his urbanity and kindness, combined as it is by firmness and ability, that they are looking forward to a most happy and prosperous year, and this can scarcely fail to be realized, considering the excellent working displayed by both the Second and Third Principals and the officers throughout, combined with the harmony and unity which prevails amongst the companions.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—DE MOWBRAY CHAPTER, No. 1130.—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday last, at the George Hotel. Present: Ex-Comps. F. Pen Newcomb, M.E.Z.; E. J. Orford, H.; and H. Douglas, J.; also Comps. R. W. W. Langley, P.Z.; Adcock, Scribe E.; J. J. East, P.S.; J. C. Duncomb, Assistant S.; Bright, Johnson, Kew, Selby, and others. Three candidates out of a list of six were present, and they were exalted to this supreme degree, the lectures being given by Comps. Douglas, Orford, and Langley. The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

## SCOTLAND.

## THE CRAFT.

DUNDEE.—Lodge Operative, No. 47, met within their own hall, Irongate, Dundee, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., R.W.M. (Bro. John Logie) occupying the chair, Bros. MacGor, Depute Master; Past Master Berry, of 375, acting as Past Master; D. M. Brew, of 225, acting Senior Warden; Henry, Junior Warden. The ceremony of conducting the candidates through the various degrees had been undertaken by Bro. W. F. Longmuir, the future R.W.M. of the lodge. There was a very large gathering of the brethren, indeed the business done fully warranted such a large meeting. Four candidates presented themselves for initiation, namely, Messrs. C. Lindsay, Bennett, Gordon and Carlow, their admittance having been previously unanimously agreed on, they were prepared, and the ceremony of initiation administered by Bro. Berry, the working tools and the lectures following being fully given. Having chosen their instructors, they then retired. The R.W.M. then intimated that a number of candidates were present for the two higher degrees, and asked if it was the desire of the lodge that the degrees should be gone on with. The brethren, he might say, had shown themselves proficient in the degrees they had previously passed through. The desire being agreed to, Bro. Berry again, at the request of the R.W.M., passed six Apprentices to the degree of Fellow Craft, explaining at some length the lectures and emblems of the degree. R.W. Master (Logie) then administered the oath and obligation of the third degree to the Fellow Crafts then present, raising them to the degree of M.M., and explaining the traditional history of the degree in his usual able manner. The lodge was then duly reduced and closed. The brethren, under the presidency of the R.W.M., enjoying in their own hall, half an hour's refreshment and harmony after so hard an evening's work.

Lodge Forfar and Kincardine, No. 225, opened their weekly meetings within their own spacious buildings, Meadow-street, Dundee, on Thursday, the 10th inst., Bro. Robertson, R.W.M., in the chair. Bros. Rodger, S.W., and McNab, J.W. As the weekly meetings were to be inaugurated by a lecture from a Honorary Member of the lodge, Bro. James Berry, P.M. of 375, there was a large attendance of members, many office bearers and members of the other lodges in town being present. The lodge having been opened in ancient form, Bro. Berry commenced his lecture a little before nine o'clock finishing at ten p.m., thanking the brethren present for the great attention they had given his remarks. The R.W. Master in proposing that a special vote of thanks be now recorded to Bro. Berry for his able and instructive remarks, said that Bro. Berry had inaugurated these meetings last year and again this year; not only so, but on many occasions during his absence Bro. Berry had ably fulfilled the duties of this chair, and therefore the lodge he, was sure, would now record their thanks for the services so willingly given, which being seconded by D. Master, Bro. Brew, was carried with great applause. Thanks having been returned by Bro. Berry, the R.W.M. intimated that on Tuesday next the brethren would please assemble for nominating office-bearers for the ensuing year; thereafter the lodge was duly closed.

## ROYAL ARCH.

A MEETING of the companions of the St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 69, was held in Glasgow, on Nov. 8th, Comp. W. M'Ewan, M.E.P.Z., in the chair, supported by Comps. M'Callum, H., and Lindsay, J. The chapter was opened in the Mark Degree, when Bro. D. Downie was advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master, and thereafter the chapter was advanced to the degree of Past Master, when Bro. Downie was re-admitted and received said degree. Bro. Meikle, M.M. of 73, then presented himself, craving admission, and the chapter was reduced to the Mark Degree, when Bro. Meikle was re-admitted and received Mark Degree, Comp. Thomas M. Campbell, P.P.Z., officiating in Mark Degree. The chapter being advanced a second time, and said brother re-admitted, he received the degree of Past Master, the P.Z. officiating. The chapter was then closed in due and ancient form by the M.E.P.Z., and the companions adjourned to the ante-room, where they partook of an excellent fish supper, catered by Comp. Mullin. The cloth being removed, the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Visitors: Comps. D. Gilchrist, P.Z. 73, and G. Shallow, H. 119 and Steward 119.

NEW GALLOWAY.—The brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 494, have, in answer to an appeal from the Grand Orient of France, through the Grand Lodge of Scotland, subscribed and forwarded through their R.W.M. (Dr. Millman) the sum of two pounds sterling to the fund for the relief of the families of the killed and wounded in the Franco-Prussian war. Thus this infant lodge has acted up to one of the great principles of Freemasonry—relief. Other older and richer lodges might do worse than take a hint from their young sister.

INDENTED TARSSEL.—This is an old name for the ornamented border which surrounds the mosaic pavement, now called the tessellated border.

INTERRUPTION.—There cannot be a greater rudeness than to interrupt another in the current of his discourse; for if it be not impertinence and folly to answer a man before we know what he has to say, yet it is a plain declaration that we are weary of his discourse, that we disregard what he says as unfit to entertain the society with, and is, in fact, little less than a downright desiring that ourselves may have audience, who have something to produce better worth the attention of the company. As this is no ordinary degree of disrespect, it cannot but always give a very great offence.—Martin Clare.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF  
BOMBAY.

A Special Communication was holden at the Freemasons' Hall, Byculla, on Saturday, the 1st October, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Present: R.W. Bro. the Hon. Justice Gibbs, D.G.M.; W. Bros. Thomas Diver, M.D., D.D.G.M.; Captain Brownlow Hugh Mathew, R.E., P.D.J.G.W., as D.S.G.W.; Colonel Lewis Wm. Penn, C.B., R.A., D.S.G.D., as D.J.G.W.; Wm. Henry Hussey, D.G. Sec.; Alfred Swift, P.D.J.G.D.; Charles Beard, D.G. Sword-Bearer; Bros. John Thomas, D.G. Org.; John Innes, D.G. Steward; and Bros. Benjamin Robinson, Noshervanjee Coyajee, Charles Greaves, and John Innes officiated respectively as Deacons, Director of Ceremonies, and Pursuivant.

The following lodges were represented:—St. George (549), Concord (757), Truth (944), Star of India (1062), Emulation (1100), and Eastern Star (1189).

The District Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and the summons read.

The District Grand Master stated that this meeting had been convened specially for the consideration of an apology tendered by Mr. George Bease for his conduct, which had led this District Grand Lodge to expel him from Masonry. The circumstance was doubtless fresh in the minds of all the brethren present, and they were probably aware that Mr. Bease had appealed to the Grand Lodge of England against the sentence, but that up to the present time the appeal had not been heard. After his (R.W. Bro. Gibbs') installation into the office of District Grand Master, he was told that Mr. Bease wished to apologise, and was asked if he would consider an apology, if tendered. To this he replied that he would give an apology his best consideration. Shortly afterwards the D.G. Sec. received a letter from Mr. Bease tendering his apology. This letter was first sent to the R.W. Past D.G. Master, and then laid before the General Purposes Committee, who expressed a doubt as to one point in the apology. To clear this doubt the D.G. Sec. wrote to Mr. Bease, and received a satisfactory reply. A telegram was sent to the Grand Lodge to suspend proceedings in the matter of the appeal, and the papers were re-submitted to the General Purposes Committee, whose report, together with the apology, the D.G. Sec. will now read.

Read:—

"To W. H. Hussey, Esq., District Grand Secretary of Bombay.

"Mazagon, 20th August, 1870.

"Dear Sir,—The great delay that has taken place in the adjudication of my case, now pending before the Grand Lodge of England, has given me ample time to think the matter over, and to take the advice of my friends as to what means I could adopt to bring this, to me, most painful subject to a speedy conclusion. I therefore request you will be good enough to lay this letter before the R.W. the D.G.M. for his consideration.

"By the advice of my Masonic friends, I beg now respectfully to record my deep regret for all that has been published in the *Masonic Record* which was considered objectionable by the late R.W.D.G.M. and the D.G. Lodge, to whom I tender my sincere apology, and at the same time pledge my most solemn promise that I will not hereafter publish anything subversive of Masonic discipline.

"I trust that this, my sincere apology, may be favourably considered by the R.W. the D.G.M. and D.G. Lodge, and that I may be restored to my privileges as a Master Mason. Should this, my request, be complied with, I shall feel thankful if telegraphic notice can be sent home, stating that I withdraw my appeal.

"I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,  
(Signed) "GEORGE BEASE,  
"Editor *Masonic Record*."

"To George Bease, Editor '*Masonic Record*.'

"Bombay, 26th August, 1870.

"Dear Sir,—I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 20th inst., and am commanded by the Hon. the R.W.D.G.M. to ask you to be kind enough to state clearly whether the apology which you have tendered is meant to include regret for the disrespect you displayed towards the P.R.W.D.G.M. by publishing disparaging and contemptuous reflections on him personally, subsequent to your expulsion by this District Grand Lodge?

(Signed)

"W. H. HUSSEY, District Grand Secretary."

"To W. H. Hussey, Esq., District Grand Secretary.

"Bombay, 26th August, 1870.

"Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of this day's date, I beg to state for the information of the Hon. the R.W.D.G.M. that the apology I tendered on the 20th inst. was clearly intended to include all that was published in the *Masonic Record* calculated to give offence to the late R.W.D.G.M.

(Signed) "GEORGE BEASE."

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE  
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

"To the R.W. the District Grand Master and District Grand Lodge of Bombay and its territories.

"Your committee have read with much pleasure the letters addressed to W. Bro. D.G. Secretary by Mr. George Bease apologising to the R.W. the District Grand Master and District Grand Lodge, for having published objectionable matter in the *Masonic Record of Western India*, which led to his suspension from Masonic functions, and finally to his expulsion from the Order; also for the disrespect he displayed towards the Past R.W.D.G.M. by publishing in the same periodical, subsequently to his expulsion by the D.G. Lodge, disparaging and contemptuous reflections on R.W. Bro. George Taylor personally; and praying for restoration to Masonic privileges as a M.M.

"Your committee are of opinion that the apology is frank and complete, inasmuch as it conveys deep penitence for the offences committed, and a solemn pledge as to future conduct. They therefore earnestly recommend that it be accepted by the R.W.D.G.M. and D.G.L., and that Mr. Bease be fully restored to Masonic privileges on the conditions imposed by himself, viz., that he will not hereafter publish anything subversive of Masonic discipline.

(Signed)

"THOMAS DIVER, D.P.G.M., President."

The D.G. Master said that the report of the General Purposes Committee quite accorded with his views. He thought that Mr. Bease, by soliciting and adopting the advice of a distinguished brother Mason, had taken the proper course, and he therefore had much pleasure in proposing "That this District Grand Lodge do accept and confirm the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee, cancel the sentence of expulsion passed upon Bro. Bease on the 17th March, 1869, and restore him to his former position in the Craft."

W. Bro. Dr. Diver, D.D.G.M., seconded the proposition, and said he hoped that the cloud of discord would now be removed for ever.

The proposition was carried unanimously.

Bro. Bease (who was waiting in the dining-hall to learn the result of the meeting) was called up and admitted into Grand Lodge. The D.G.M. made known to him the decision of the D.G.L., and said he might now resume the badge of love and friendship, and take his stand in the Masonic world as heretofore.

Bro. Bease expressed heartfelt thanks to the Grand Lodge for treating his apology in the manner it had done, and he re-assured the brethren that he would never again exceed the bounds allowed Masonic journalists.

The D.G. Master stated that since the day for this meeting was fixed, the English mail arrangements had been altered, and it was owing to its being mail-day that there was such a scanty attendance. Neither he nor the D.G. Sec. contemplated this. However, he had heard many of the Worshipful Members of this District Grand Lodge express a hope that Bro. Bease's case would be decided as it had been, and he entertained no doubt that every Mason would rejoice to learn how happily it had terminated.

The D.G.L. was then closed with solemn prayer.

## MARK MASONRY.

INAUGURATION OF THE GRAND LODGE  
OF M.M. MASONS OF BOMBAY.

The inaugural meeting of the above Grand Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Mazagon, Bombay, on Thursday, the 29th September last.

After the transaction of the private business of Lodge Holmesdale in the East, No. 72, the Right Worshipful Brother the Hon. J. Gibbs, 33°, P.G.M. of M.M.M. of Bombay, was received by the W.M., officers, and brethren of Lodge Holmesdale with the customary honours. The Prov. Grand Lodge was then inaugurated in due form in its midst, and the officers of Lodge Holmesdale were requested for the time being to act as officers of the Prov. G.

Lodge. W. Brother J. Percy Leith, the P.G.M. nominate, being announced, was admitted, and conducted to the dais, when the patent of his appointment was read, and after having expressed his unqualified assent to the ancient charges, was duly installed by R.W. Bro. the Hon. James Gibbs as the Provincial Grand Master of Mark Master Masons of "Bombay and its Territories" for the next three years, or until his successor be appointed.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master then invested R.W. Bro. the Hon. James Gibbs as Past Provincial Grand Master.

The following brethren were duly appointed and invested with the collar and badge of their respective offices:—

W. Bro. J. Dixon ...	Dep. Prov. G. Master.
" C. Hyne ...	P.G. Senior Warden.
" Col. L. W. Penn ...	P.G. Junior Warden.
" Capt. B. H. Mathew ...	P.G. Master Overseer.
Bro. A. C. Gumpert ...	P.G. Senior Overseer.
" C. A. Langley ...	P.G. Junior Overseer.
" M. Balfour ...	P.G. Chaplain.
W. Bro. E. Tyrrell Leith ...	P.G. Registrar.
" H. H. Avron ...	P.G. Secretary.
Bro. T. Crawford ...	P.G. Senior Deacon.
" G. W. R. Malins ...	P.G. Junior Deacon.
" A. F. Shepherd ...	P.G. Insp. of Works.
" E. Gleave ...	P.G. Dir. of Cers.
" W. M. Tennant ...	P.G. Asst. Dir. of Cers.
" W. Stephens ...	P.G. Sword-bearer.
" H. Ainsworth ...	P.G. Standard-bearer.
" J. Thomas ...	P.G. Organist.
" J. O. Weeks ...	P.G. Inner Guard.
" M. B. Cohen ...	P.G. Steward.
" J. C. Melville ...	P.G. Steward.
" J. W. Seager ...	P.G. Tyler.

The ballot having been taken, Bro. A. Swift was unanimously elected P.G. Treasurer, and thereupon duly invested.

Bro. J. W. Seager was unanimously elected P.G. Tyler.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. then referred to the zealous manner in which the W. Brother H. H. Avron had performed his various Masonic duties, and the assistance afforded by him to the Craft in general, and the carrying out of the beautiful degree of M.M. in particular, in Bombay, and intimated that he had, to manifest his approval, appointed that W. Bro. a Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden. (This announcement was received with marked approval.)

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master proposed a vote of thanks to R.W. Bro. J. Gibbs for the able services rendered to the Craft, and especially to M.M., by him as P.G.M. during his term of office, and at the same time expressed a hope that Bro. Gibbs would often be seen amongst them. (Carried by acclamation.)

R.W. Bro. J. Gibbs said: I beg to return you my very sincere thanks for the kind manner in which you have acceded to the proposal put before you by the P.G.M. for a vote of thanks to me for my conduct whilst reigning over you for the past five years. It is a source of very great satisfaction to me to me to have been long connected with Masonry in this part of India. So long ago as 1847 I joined the Craft. When I was last at home it was very gratifying to me to have been able to prevail with the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons to introduce Mark Masonry into Western India. Viscount Holmesdale, who was then the Grand Master of M.M., was very kind to me, and appointed me the first Provincial Grand Master of the Order in Western India, and he also conferred on me the honour of the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England. It was not long after 'Holmesdale' had begun to work than an application was made for a charter for Lodge 'Sirius.' The latter lodge, after fluctuating in the ascendancy and in the other direction, has now, I believe, at last taken a position which bids fair to hold her own in honest rivalry with Lodge 'Holmesdale.' I can only say that I trust the reign of the R.W. Bro. Leith as P.G.M. of Bombay will be a flourishing one, and that ere long he will find many Mark Lodges established—if not more in Bombay itself, certainly in his province. There is a very promising future before Mark Masonry, and I trust it will not be long, and that I shall see the day, when all the Orders shall be acknowledged. It is a great satisfaction to me, as it will be to every member of the Craft, to know that steps are being taken to unite the various degrees which now work under separate Grand Lodges and Councils, so that they may work in more harmony together. Steps with that end in view have been taken in England, and I trust ere long we shall find the beginning of that which in the end will be the perfection of Masonry—all the Orders working under one head. I congratulate the Mark Masons of this province on having such a distinguished Brother to preside over them as the R.W. Bro. Leith, and I am quite sure from his present choice of Grand Officers, he intends that Mark Masonry shall take a "marked" place in India and our colonies and dependencies.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master said: I cannot help thanking our R.W. Brother Gibbs for the very



kind way in which he has spoken of me. For myself, I can only say that I shall always do the best I can, and by doing so, to carry with me the good opinion of the brethren; and I hope we shall find that the trouble we shall have taken with this degree will not have been in vain, and that we shall have satisfied the members who have joined us that we have done everything in our power to further Mark Masonry. I was going to say that with the Craft in the past, Mark Masonry has as it were been nowhere. We hope, however, now to compete with the Craft, and do as much good as the latter has done, considering the many ways in which Mark Masonry has been so clearly allied with it.

R.W. Bro. Gibbs hereupon retiring, the P.G.M. explained that the R.W. brother was obliged to leave through indisposition, and that he considered it as a very great kindness on his part in having attended to perform the installation ceremony.

W. Bro. Dixon, D.P.G.M., addressing the P.G.M., said: On your conferring on me the post of D.P.G.M., I assure you, Right Worshipful Sir, that while I hold this office, I will to the best of my ability advance the interests of Mark Masonry. I have now been connected with it for several years, and I may say that it has on the whole been prosperous in Bombay, and I trust it will be still more so now. I predict a brighter future for Mark Masonry in Bombay; and I trust we shall see all differences between the different degrees amicably settled, and that this beautiful degree will rank as it is justly entitled to. As far as my humble abilities will admit I shall devote them heartily to the interests of Mark Masonry.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master then submitted the By-Laws of the new Prov. Grand Lodge for approval and adoption.

On the motion of Bro. A. C. Gumpert, seconded by W. Bro. J. Dixon, it was resolved, "That the By-Laws be taken as read and adopted."

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in peace and harmony.

#### METROPOLITAN.

*Bon Accord Lodge of Mark Masters.*—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 2nd inst., and amongst the brethren present were Bros. Richard Spencer, W.M.; Magnus Ohren, W.M.-elect; Richardson, J.W.; H. Empson, P.M., Treasurer; Fredk. Binckes, P.M., Secretary; Mortimore Davis, P.M.; Cockle, M.O.; Wm. Sugg, S.O.; Webster Glynes, J.O.; George Payne, I.G.; several other members, and the following distinguished visitors: The M.W. Grand Mark Master, Bro. the Rev. Geo. R. Portal, and Bro. Thos. Meggy, G.M.O. and P.G. Steward. After the usual preliminaries, Bro. Sir Gilbert Campbell, Bart., was advanced to the degree of Mark Master. The W.M.-elect, Bro. Magnus Ohren, was very ably installed by Bro. Meggy, assisted by Bro. Binckes. Each officer was then advanced a step in office, and the Treasurer and the Secretary, who had been unanimously re-elected at the last meeting, were invested. The brethren adjourned to banquet about half-past six o'clock, at which the newly-installed Master presided, supported by the M.W. the Grand Mark Master, Bro. Meggy, and the officers and members of the lodge.

#### PROVINCIAL.

*HINCKLEY.*—*Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 30*, held an emergency meeting on October 26. V.W. Bro. Langley, D.P.G.M.M. and Grand Chaplain of the Mark Grand Lodge, took the chair in the absence of Bro. Kelly, R.W. P.G.M.M., when five out of a list of seven candidates presented themselves and were advanced to the hon. degree by the W.M., viz., Bros. Hackett, Hopkinson, Houlston, Davis, and the Rev. P. H. Phelps. Letters of apology were read from the W.M. and S.W. for their absence, and the lodge was closed at eight o'clock in form.

*SCARBOROUGH.*—*Star in the East Lodge, No. 95.*—This select lodge held its regular meeting on Wednesday, the 26th ult. at the Masonic Hall, Globe-street, when the following members were present: Bros. H. A. Williamson, W.M.; W. F. Rooke, P.M.; G.S.D.; R. H. Peacock, acting S.W.; G. H. Walshaw, acting J.W.; H. C. Martin, Sec.; D. Fletcher, M.O.; W. Pattison, S.O.; R. Land, J.O.; A. Allen, I.G.; J. Verity, Tyler; and J. Knight. After the minutes had been confirmed, the election of W.M. and Treasurer took place, when Bro. Richard H. Peacock, the highly-esteemed W.M. of the Old Globe Lodge, No. 200, and one of the founders of this Mark Lodge was unanimously elected to the high office of W.M., an office every one will sincerely congratulate him on having attained, he being a most energetic and thoroughly deserving Mason. Bro. John A. Chapman was re-elected Treasurer; he is also one of the founders of the lodge, and has filled the office of Treasurer, to the entire satisfaction of every one, since its formation five years ago. Bro. H. Grover was proposed for advancement at the next meeting, after which the lodge was closed with prayer and the brethren spent a very pleasant hour at the refreshment board.

**BREAKFAST. — EPPS'S COCOA.** — Grateful and Comforting. The very agreeable character of this preparation has rendered it a general favourite. 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 cacao, 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 & CO., Homoeopathic Chemists, London. Also, makers of Epps's Cacaoine, a very light, thin, evening beverage. — [Advt.]

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending November 26, 1870.

##### MONDAY, NOV. 21.

Lodge 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.  
 „ 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.  
 „ 185, Tranquility, Radley's, Blackfriars.  
 „ 720, Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
 „ 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 „ 901, City of London, Guildhall Coffee House.  
 „ 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle Tav., Leadenhall-street.  
 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.  
 St. James' Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Swan Tavern, Mount-street, Grosvenor-square, at 8.

##### TUESDAY, NOV. 22.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.  
 „ 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 205, Israel, Radley's Hotel, Blackfriars.  
 „ 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 „ 1158, Southern Star, Montpelier Tav., Walworth.  
 „ 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
 Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
 „ 180, St. James's Union, 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.  
 Sydney Lodge of Instruction (829), Cambridge Hotel, Upper Norwood, at 7.30.

##### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23.

General Committee of Grand Lodge, and Lodge of Benevolence, at 7 precisely.  
 Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.  
 „ 754, High Cross, White Hart, Tottenham.  
 „ 871, Royal Oak, Royal Oak Tav., Deptford.  
 K.T. Encampment, Temple Crossing, Horns Tavern, Kennington.  
 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.  
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Ludus, Preceptor.

##### THURSDAY, NOV. 24.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
 Lodge 22, Neptune, Radley's Hotel, Blackfriars.  
 „ 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 95, Prosperity, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-street.  
 „ 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 766, William Preston, Clarendon Hotel, Anerley.  
 „ 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Fulham.  
 Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 „ 657, Canonbury, George Hotel, Aldermanbury.  
 The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.  
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Goat and Compasses, Euston-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.  
 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 Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.

##### FRIDAY, NOV. 25.

Lodge 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 „ 569, Fitzroy, Head Quarters Hon. Artillery Company, Finsbury.

Lodge 861, Finsbury, Jolly Anglers, Bath-st., St. Luke's. Chap. 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 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 Htl., 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 Htl., 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 Htl., Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Br. Pulsford, Preceptor.  
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.  
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Br. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.  
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

##### SATURDAY, NOV. 26.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7.  
 Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.  
 South-Eastern Masonic Charitable Association, New Cross Branch.

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