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ENCYCLOPEDIA METROPOLITANA.

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(Continued from page 4.)

As the Dionysiac artificers flourished in Judea, or rather its vicinity, at the time of building the Temple of Solomon, it may fairly be inferred that they assisted at the erection of that stately edifice, and the knowledge of some of their peculiar secrets may have been imparted to their fellow-builders. About the year B.C. 300, they were incorporated by command of King Pergamus, who assigned to them a settlement—Teos, where they had erected a superb temple to Bacchus, the patron of their order. From the remnant of these Dionysiacs, probably, sprang some of the first trading Free-Masons, or early Christian architects, among whom, we are told, were many Greeks. After the erection of the Temple, a confraternity of the Jews was formed, called the Kassideans or Assideans, consisting of persons of rank and opulence, connected by secret tokens, and bound by solemn ties to preserve and keep up the Temple and the edifices connected with it. A company of them joined Mattathias and the Maccabees, their distinguishing characteristic being to fight zealously for their religion, and for the defence of the honour of the Temple. From them were derived the Essenes, a sect whose doctrines inculcated the necessity of leading a pure and chaste life—discarding the luxuries of the world. None were admitted without a long and strict probation, and on their admission all were obliged to engage by the most solemn oath to observe the laws of modesty, piety, and justice, and of humility to God and their rulers; to preserve the books of their institutions, to keep carefully the names of the angels, and never to violate the secrets of the Order. This sect was not confined to the Jews, but persons of any nation or of any rank, if otherwise qualified in

a proper manner, might be admitted. There were two classes, one practical, the other theoretical, called *Therapeutæ*; and of this last the principal society was formed at Alexandria. It does not appear that the Essenes particularly applied themselves to the architectural art or science. Many of the primitive Christians had doubtless been instructed in the Pagan rites, and initiated therein, and belonged to some of the societies before mentioned. They would, perhaps, in some cases, in order to obtain a respite from persecution, symbolise their religious rites, borrowing for that purpose such of the Pagan usages as they thought suitable. Some of the early teachers of Christianity, adopting a mistaken course in their zeal for conversion, would, in order to make a greater impression on the weaker part of their congregation, make use of such coincidences as struck them between the Pagan and Christian religion. Gregory Nazianzen relates the manner in which some of the popular Pagan rites were made thus subservient, as was thought, to the advancement of the Christian. When Pope Gregory the Great sent over St. Austin to convert the Anglo-Saxons in the year 596, he expressly instructed him to humour his intended proselytes, and to accommodate to their forms as much as they could those of the Christians; to convert their temples into churches, and the Pagan into Christian feasts. This indulgence to the weaker disciples of Christianity, even in the time of the Apostles, met with just rebuke from them. St. Paul particularly warns the Colossians from mixing up any part of heathen devotion with Christian worship, and St. John denounces the Church of Pergamus for practising heathen rites through fear of temporal inconvenience. The existence of such practices, however wrong, is thus proved, and may account for the preservation of many Pagan symbols, while others probably were retained by early Christian architects, who had obtained a knowledge of them from the before-mentioned societies. In some cases the fraternities of primitive Christians required proofs by certain signs and tokens previous to admitting any stranger to participate in their ceremonies, and it is stated in a French work on Freemasonry (which gives *Zovet Cultes Religieuses*, for its authority), that there was in existence so late as 1751 a religious fraternity of Greek Masons in possession of the Constitutions of their Order so far back as A.D. 327, when they officiated at the erection of the magnificent Temple of Constantine the Great, and that their rules were similar to those of the priests of Memphis, so far as we have any knowledge of them. Some Masons rely for the great antiquity of their Order upon an old manuscript, said to be in the Bodelian Library, in the handwriting of Leland, being a copy of one still older in the handwriting of Henry VI. This attributes the introduction of Masonry into England to "Peter Gower (Pythagoras), a Grecian, who wacksynge and becommynge a myghtye wysacre, framed a grate lodge at Groton (Crotona), wherefromme, yn processe of tyme, the arte passed into Engelande." Without questioning the authenticity of this manuscript, which has never to my knowledge been proved, as might easily be proved if it is in the Bodelian Library, we may shortly refer to the Pythagoreans, as the writer seems to lay some stress on their institutions. They were originally formed into a society at Crotona by Pythagoras in the 6th century before Christ, and possessed many forms and ceremonies in common with the Essenes. Pythagoras, as

well known, had travelled much, and had studied most of the rites of the Pagan mysteries, many of which he adopted and applied to his own School of Philosophy. The society founded by him obtained much repute, and spread over a considerable part of the South of Europe; but their tenets appear to have more reference to theoretical than to practical science. On the introduction of Christianity, considerable changes would be introduced in sacred architecture. Temples formerly reeking with the blood of expiatory victims required in heathen worship, were replaced by churches for the adoration of Him whose sacrifice was the atonement for the sins of all mankind; and the gorgeous splendour of the Pagan rites was superseded by the simplicity of Christian worship. The ancient priesthood would lose their power, but the architects or builders, whether Dionysiac artificers or others, would in many cases adopt or accommodate themselves to the new mode of building required—would become Christians; but they would still retain many of their peculiar symbols, although their society might be broken up as an integral body. When the demand for ecclesiastical architecture increased, the architects or their descendants would again rise into distinction as a body; and from them would probably spring the Freemasons, to whom we are indebted for the construction of the most celebrated churches, particularly those usually called Gothic, whether in England or on the Continent. In this way, also, it will be seen how they would obtain the signs and tokens of the earlier world, discarding those that were only applicable to the Pagan mysteries, but preserving such of them as appeared to be connected with their science and adapted to the preservation of the secrets of the Fraternity from the world at large. The primitive Christians frequently made use of the Heathen Basilicæ for their places of worship, being well suited for that purpose; and their first churches were probably built upon a similar plan, until the erection, or, rather, rebuilding, of the Cathedral of Sancta Sophia, in 532, by Justinian, in the shape of a Greek cross, caused some change. In the first thousand years of Christianity a corrupted notion of Roman architecture prevailed, known by the names of Saxon, Norman, Lombard, &c. After that period the Gothic or Pointed style became gradually introduced. The cathedrals of Spire, Mentz, and Worms, partaking in a degree of both orders, were built about the beginning of the 11th century; those at Rheims and Amiens in the beginning of the 13th century; and in 1277 the beautiful edifice at Strasbourg was commenced. A long list of intermediate churches might be given, if not foreign to the present essay; but it is necessary to mention Strasbourg Cathedral, as it is intimately connected with the Freemasons who had, at the date of its erection, become a large and renowned Society. That church was looked on as the wonder of the world; in fact, as a second Solomon's Temple. In progress with it, or immediately following, were the churches of Vienna, Cologne, Zurich, &c. The architects, with their assistants and pupils, formed associations (as was the custom of the Freemasons) called Hütten (or lodges). At an assembly held at Ratisbon in 1459 it was agreed that a Grand Lodge should be formed at Strasbourg as the place of general assembly, and that the architect of the cathedral, for the time being, should be Grand Master; and accordingly

Dotzinger, of Worms, the successor of John Hülz, of Cologne, who completed the spire in 1449, was chosen the first Grand Master. The Society was composed of Masters, Companions, and Apprentices, who had a secret word, with signs of recognition. In 1464 and 1469 there were general assemblies at Strasbourg; but they were afterwards neglected for some time, until the Emperor Maximilian I., being at that city in 1498, granted them certain privileges by charter or diploma, which was renewed by subsequent emperors. The diplomas, together with the regulations and statutes, were kept in the house of the architect of the cathedral, in a chest with triple locks, of which the architect and the two oldest Masons kept the keys—so that it required the presence of all three before the chest could be opened. These documents were in existence until the time of the French Revolution, when they were destroyed to prevent them falling into the hands of the Jacobin Commissioners. Their rules impressed the necessity of leading moral lives; submission to the Masters, whom the Companions served for five or seven years; attention to their religious duties; and charity to their poorer brethren, &c. Among their symbols were the square, plumb, rule, and compasses, which are distinguishing marks of the officers of a Freemasons' Lodge at this day. Grandidier, in his account of the cathedral, states that when the foundation stone of the tower was laid by Bishop Conrad, of Lichtemberg, the Master Masons contended who should next lay their hands to the work, and in the scuffle one of them was killed by the blow of a maul. According to him (Grandidier) the first Strasbourg lodge was held in a building called the *Maurerhoff*, in the place opposite the chapel of St. Catherine, which used formerly to be the workshop in which the choicest ornaments of the church used to be cut. In the Cathedral of Vienna are two half-length cut sculptures of the architect Anthony Pilgram, of the date 1313. In one he appears holding a pair of compasses, and in the other a square. Some accounts call the former figure the Master, and the latter his Apprentice. A story is also related respecting the completion of two circular windows in the south transept of the Abbey of St. Ouen at Rouen, finished about the year 1439. One was executed by the Master Mason, the other by his Apprentice; but the latter was of so superior a class of work that it excited the anger and jealousy of the Master, who poniarded the unfortunate Apprentice. For this crime he was tried, condemned, and executed in January, 1440; but the monks gave him Christian burial, as appears from a tomb to his memory, wherein he is described as "M. Alexandre de Berneual, Maistre de Œuvres de Massonerie au Balliage de Rouen et cette Eglise," &c. A similar tradition of the death of an Apprentice, if my memory serves me right, is to be found in the history of Rosslyn Chapel, Scotland, with the exception that in this case it is known, instead of a window, as "The Story of the 'Prentices Pillar."

(To be continued.)

"FOR a year and a half I suffered so much with rheumatism in my arm as to deprive me of all rest; and as I could get no relief from the faculty, my daughter persuaded me to try your Vegetable Pain Killer. The first bottle convinced me that it would restore the use of my paralysed arm as well as relieve the pain, and before I had finished the second I had got the cure I had so long sought in vain.—ELIZA MARKS, *Milksham, Oct. 1868.*—To P. Davis & Son, London."

Obituary.

BRO. THE COUNT DE SALIS.

We have to record the death, on the 24th ult., of Bro. Peter John Count de Salis. The late count was the only child of Jerome Count de Salis, by his first wife, Sophia, second daughter, and eventually heiress, of Admiral Francis William Drake, of Buckland Abbey, Devon. He was born February 26, 1799, and succeeded his father October 20, 1836, as Count of the Germanic or Holy Roman Empire. The deceased count married, first, February 19, 1821, Henrietta de St. Denis de Grancy, but by her had no issue; and, secondly, July 19, 1824, Cecilia Henrietta Margaret, Bourgeois, daughter of M. David Bourgeois, of Neufchatel, by whom he had issue four sons and a daughter. The late brother was a lieutenant-colonel in the capitulated service of Switzerland, and served in the Swiss Guards of the King of France; was a Knight of Malta and of the Order of the Red Eagle of Prussia; and was a Deputy-Lieutenant for the county of Armagh, and a magistrate for Middlesex and Westminster. The deceased was a member of the Masonic Order and a Mark Master, the latter degree having been conferred upon him at his residence by special dispensation. He was also a Knight of the English Langue of the Order of St. John, over which R.W. Bro. the Duke of Manchester presides.

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY OF ENGLAND.

The Bristol Provincial College, under the control of Frater Captain Irwin, 31°, held their quarterly meeting at the Masonic Rooms, Weston-super-Mare, on Monday, 2nd inst. The M—C— was formed at 6 p.m. by Captain Townsend, R.N., the celebrant, who, after opening the college, explained to the fratres that there was but one vacancy in the grade of Zelator, and the Chief Adept had selected the senior aspirant, Bro. Whereat, to fill it.

Bro. Whereat being in attendance was ordered to be prepared, and was, on his admission, advanced to the grade of Zelator by the celebrant, Frater Townsend, who performed the ceremony in the most impressive manner. He was ably assisted by Fratres Cox, Clarke, Davis, Jones, and others.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the Chief Adept, with the unanimous approval of the members of the college, appointed the following officers for the present year:—

Frater Davis, 30° ...	... Celebrant.
" Townsend, 18° ...	... Past Celebrant.
" Munbee, 30° ...	... Suffragan.
" Cox, 18° ...	... Conductor of Novices.
" Clarke, 18° ...	... 1st Ancient.
" Gregory, 18° ...	... 2nd " and Org.
" Jones, 18° ...	... 3rd "
" Whereat ...	... 4th "
" Inskip, 18° ...	... H., & Cus. of Temple.
" Beedle, 18° ...	... Torch-bearer.

The officers of the college having been installed, the Chief Adept announced his intention of holding another Rosicrucian meeting in February, for the purpose of conferring the 2nd grade, or Theoricus, on the officers of the college who had so ably assisted him during the past twelve months, and thus enable several aspirants to attain the grade Zelator.

He reminded the Fratres that Grand and Provincial College fees were now due, and set an example (followed by every member present) of paying to the Secretary-General all fees and subscriptions to 1st January, 1872.

Frater Irwin then called attention to the manner in which the college had been prepared for the evening's ceremony. He said Frater Cox had been employed decorating and preparing during the greater part of the day, and the appearance of the room well repaid all labour bestowed upon it.

Nothing further having been offered for the good of our Order, and after the usual questions, the college was closed by the new Celebrant, Frater Davis, in the solemn and impressive manner peculiar to this grade, and the M—C— was broken.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

THE GRAND SENATE.

An assembly of the Grand Senate of this Order was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Saturday, the 7th inst., for the purpose of conferring the higher grades of the Red Cross upon approved candidates. There was a very large attendance, and amongst those present we observed Ill. Kts. John Hervey, G.H. Chancellor; W. H. Hubbard, G.T.; R. Wentworth Little, G.R.; J. G. Marsh, G.A.; Angelo J. Lewis, M.A., G.A.M.; G. Powell, G.S.B.; W. Mann, V. 3; W. West Smith, 1; G. Chubb, 2; G. Kenning, K.G.C. 1; Rev. W. B. Church, V.-elect 6; A. C. Morton, 6; F. Walters, P.S.G.; J. Brett, K.G.C. 2; M. Edwards, 1; J. Boyd, P.S. 2; G. Lambert, 15; A. J. Codner, 1; and C. A. Cottebrune, M.P.S. 3.

A College of Viceroy's was first opened, and the following knights were admitted: The Rt. Hon. the Lord Eliot, Intendant-General for Devonshire; Andrew Hay, Intendant-General, Unatt.; E. A. Philbrick (Recorder of Colchester), Capt. J. Bertrand Payne, T. Burdett Yeoman, and W. Blake Johnston.

The Senate was then held, and Sir Kts. Lord Eliot, E. A. Philbrick, F. Binckes, A. Hay, Capt. Payne, C. Lucey (M.D.), J. Taylor, J. Dyer, T. Burdett Yeoman, and W. B. Johnston were duly enthroned as Sovereigns of the Order, both ceremonies being rendered by Sir Kt. Little, who was ably assisted by Sir Kts. Lewis as V., G. Powell as Expert, and G. Kenning as Herald.

Before closing the Senate, the Presiding Officer reminded the knights present that the Triennial Grand Conclave of the Order would be held on the 6th March next, under the sceptre of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Bective, Grand Sovereign; and he expressed a hope that his lordship's presidency on that occasion would be loyally supported by a most imposing array of Red Cross Knights.

ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF MISRAIM.

A meeting of the Bective Sanctuary of Levites was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Saturday, the 7th inst., and was well-attended, two of the Conservators-General being in their places in the East, and between thirty and forty Levites in the tabernacle. The following candidates were admitted, nine being members of the Red Cross Order, and five Master Masons: Bros. John Dyer, C. A. Cottebrune, C. H. Rogers-Harrison, A. G. Morton, Rev. W. B. Church, M.A., W. West Smith, Angelo J. Lewis, M.A., G. Lambert, G. Chubb, Major P. Dunbar (P.M. 437), G. Everett (177), H. M. Green (804), I. J. Wilkins (79), and J. Willing, jun. (177).

The portrait of the late Ill. Brother Marc Bedarride, "Premier Grand Conservateur" of the Rite, having been kindly lent for the occasion by one the Conservators-General, who was unable to attend, was exhibited to the brethren present, and excited much interest.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from S. Bros. Capt. F. G. Irwin, 90°; W. J. Hughan, 90°; and other influential members who reside at a distance from town.

We understand that the following brethren have been selected for office in the sanctuary by the M.E.H.P.: Major E. H. Finney, 90°, S.S.; James Terry, 33°, J.S.; C. H. Rogers-Harrison, 33°, C.L.; S. Rosenthal, 90°, Treasurer; John Boyd, 66°, Almoner; H. C. Levander, M.A., 33°, E.; Angelo J. Lewis, M.A., 33°, A.E.; T. Burdett Yeoman, 33°, M.C.; G. Kenning, 66°, W.G.; H. Parker, 33°, Org.; W. Carpenter, 33°, Mann, 33°, G. Lambert, 33°, E. Sillifant, 33°, G. Powell, 33°, T. W. White, 33°, and J. L. Thomas, 33°, Guardians of the Veil.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

On Wednesday, the 11th inst., the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons held a meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. Major J. Creaton, V.P., in the chair; and there were also present: Bros. B. Head, Spiers, J. Smith, P.G.P.; F. Walters, J. Bellerby, W. Farnfield, Sec.; H. M. Levy, Fraser, J. R. Sheen, Hemsworth, Browse, Young, and others.

The minutes of the meeting held on Dec. 14 were read and unanimously confirmed.

The death of Bro. G. White, male annuitant, was announced. Out of twelve applications as candidates for the Annuity Fund, one male was deferred until next meeting, and eight males and three females were placed on the list.

Other business having been disposed of, the usual vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Thursday at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Amongst those present were Bros. John Hervey (in the chair), Major J. Creaton, Thos. W. White, W. Young, John A. Rucker, &c.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, it was announced that there were twenty-three candidates for election in April, and the meeting declared six vacancies.

A resolution was agreed to authorising the Committee of Management to purchase £1,000 Three per Cent. Consols in the names of the trustees.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A meeting of the General Committee of the Boys' School was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Saturday, the 7th inst. Bros. B. Head, V.P. (in the chair), Symonds, V.P., J. G. Chancellor, F. Walters, V.P., G. Cox, J. Weaver, F. Grosjean, R. Spencer, Meyers, Philbrick, Turner, F. Adlard, H. Browse, J. R. Sheen, T. W. White, and F. Binckes (secretary) were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed.

Of the nine candidates who presented their petitions, seven were accepted and two deferred. One candidate who had stood previous elections withdrew.

The list of candidates stands thus:—On old list, 37; new applications, 21; total, 58; out of which number only fourteen can be elected next April.

The quarterly meeting was announced to take place on Monday, the 16th inst., at 12.

CHRISTMAS AT WOOD GREEN.

During the usual Christmas vacation the comfort and happiness of the pupils of the above Institution have not been neglected. The season's exceptionally generous cheer has been provided, and enjoyed in wholesome moderation, and we are rejoiced to find that throughout the establishment health and contentment prevail.

On Monday, 2nd inst., Bro. Seymour Smith gave his "Humorous Entertainment," and suc-

ceeded in charming all present by his witty and genial style. On Thursday there was a "Magic Lantern" exhibition on a large scale, which proved a fund of amusement, thanks to the kindness of Bro. J. J. Cox, of Ludgate-hill. On Friday evening, M. Evanion attended and produced his "Evening of Illusions," as presented before their R.H.'s the Prince and Princess of Wales, and other distinguished assemblies. Nothing could exceed the cleanness and dexterity with which the various illusions were performed, and the pupils, with a numerous gathering of "children of larger growth," including the entire executive staff, servants, members of the House Committee, and friends of the Institution resident in the neighbourhood, were alike surprised and delighted with the marvels of illusionist art.

Educational duties were resumed on Monday, the 9th, and it is hoped the wheels of the scholastic curriculum will roll all the easier for the previous supply of the oil of merriment so judiciously applied.

THE FREEMASONS' LIFE BOAT.

The Committee met at Bro. Forster's, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., on Thursday, 5th inst. Bro. N. Gluckstein, P.M. 51, P.P.S.G.W. Essex occupied the chair, and there were also present Bros. S. Davis (Treasurer), Gottheil (Hon. Sec), C. C. Taylor, Mortlock, and Carter. The visitors were Bros. Stutter (429) and M. Davis (141).

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the following brethren were severally proposed and accepted as members of the committee:—Bro. the Rev. D. Shaboe, P.M. and P.G. Chaplain Middlesex; Bro. Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, P.M. 249 and 1094; and S. Levy, 141.

The subscriptions were announced as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged in			
THE FREEMASON ..	176	16	0
Bro. Joseph Marshall, Sec. 93 ..	2	2	0
„ Coski ..	0	10	6
„ Goodman ..	0	2	6
„ Emanuel ..	0	2	6
„ Rev. D. Shaboe ..	1	1	0
„ Henry Lloyd, S.W. 780 ..	0	2	6
„ Mark Davis, 205 ..	0	2	6
„ Row, 879 ..	0	2	6
„ Johnson, 167 ..	0	2	6
„ B. M. Myers, 1017 ..	0	5	0
„ Michals ..	0	5	0
„ J. Levy, 141 ..	0	5	0
„ Murrell, 141 ..	0	2	6
„ Wm. Carter, P.M. and Treas. 141 (2nd sub.) ..	1	0	0
„ Ricketts, 1306 ..	0	2	6
„ Woodstock, 1201 ..	0	2	6
„ Stutter, 429 ..	0	5	0
Per Dr. Johnson, P.M. 249 & 1094, collected by 1/- subscriptions	10	0	0
„ S. Levy, 141 ..	0	15	0
„ S. Davis, 141 ..	0	5	6
Brethren of 342 ..	0	15	0
Brethren of 1125 ..	1	4	0
Per Bro. John Coombe, P.M. & Sec. 450 and 1272			
Cornubian Lodge, 450 ..	1	1	0
W. Harvey, Esq., F.P. ..	1	0	0
Bro. Frank Harvey, P.M., &c. ..	0	10	0
„ W. Hasband ..	0	10	0
„ N. J. West, W.M. ..	0	5	0
„ C. Hodge ..	0	5	0
„ R. Gyles ..	0	5	0
„ W. H. Philp ..	0	4	0
„ R. Edwards ..	0	1	0
„ H. Quik ..	0	2	0
„ John Coombe, P.M., &c. ..	0	5	0
„ W. Cock ..	0	5	0
„ J. Roskilly ..	0	5	0
„ R. Cobbletick ..	0	4	0
„ F. N. Pool, S.W. ..	0	5	0
„ N. O. Easterbrook ..	0	2	6
„ J. H. Burrall ..	0	5	0
„ G. Spray ..	0	2	6
„ J. Pool, J.W. ..	0	2	0
Tregenna Lodge, 1272 ..	1	1	0
Bro. M. Dunn, W.M. ..	0	5	0
„ John Richards, S.W. ..	0	5	0
„ Geo. Richards, J.W. ..	0	5	0
„ C. Tevithick ..	0	5	0
„ J. Short, S.D. ..	0	2	6
„ R. Jennings ..	0	2	6
„ J. Mulloney ..	0	2	6
„ Anthony Harry ..	0	2	6
„ T. Stevens, I.G. ..	0	2	6
„ J. Wearne ..	0	2	6
„ Geo. Care ..	0	2	6
„ H. Williams ..	0	2	6
„ J. Penberthy ..	0	2	6
„ H. D. Edwards, J.D. ..	0	2	6
Lodge of Joppa, 188 ..	1	1	0
„ Charity, 350 ..	1	1	0
„ Antiquity, 178 ..	2	2	0
„ Mount Sinai, 121 ..	1	1	0

Lodge of St. Martin's, 510 (2nd sub.)	4	4	0
„ Perseverance, 345 ..	1	1	0
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction 975 ..	2	2	0
Total ..	£218	7	6

A vote of thanks to Bro. Gluckstein terminated the proceedings, and the meeting was adjourned to Thursday, the 2nd proximo, at 8 p.m.

N.B. The vote of thanks to Br. Kelley, mentioned in the last report should have been to Br. W. Mann, P.M. 186, for his kindness in presenting the committee with 1500 circulars and lists of subscriptions.

LIFE-BOAT SERVICES IN 1870.

Although the year which has just closed has been very stormy, yet it is gratifying to know that it will be remembered for the continued great exertions which have been put forth to rescue shipwrecked persons, as may be seen from the noble list of services rendered last year by the life-boats of the National Lifeboat Institution. This long list shows a total of 503 lives rescued by the life-boats of the Institution, in addition to 21 vessels saved from destruction. During the same period the Lifeboat Institution granted rewards for saving 271 lives by fishing and other boats, making a grand total of 774 lives saved last year mainly through its instrumentality. Altogether the Institution has contributed to the saving of 19,854 shipwrecked persons.

These noble services of the life-boats have varied much in character. Many have been during the dark hours of night, others have been by day, but the same glorious result has in nearly every instance followed them—the salvation of imperilled men from a watery grave. It is also a providential fact and deserving of special record and acknowledgment that, notwithstanding the life-boats of the Institution have been manned on all occasions during the past two years by between 12,000 and 13,000 persons, not a single life has been lost from them during that period!

Still it should be remembered that the work of saving shipwrecked persons, even in the best equipped life-boats, must always be one of danger, and that no little courage and hardihood are required on the part of those who engage in it. By giving their invaluable aid they perform their full share of the duty of alleviating and reducing the amount of the misery and evil produced by the storms on our coasts. It remains for those who cannot share the risks and exposure which those gallant men incur, to perform their part in this humane work by enabling the Institution to continue without slackening its great and philanthropic work on behalf of the shipwrecked sailor. The National Lifeboat Institution therefore appeals to all benevolent and generous persons in the kingdom to contribute towards so good a cause. We may add that contributions in aid of the great and important work of the National Lifeboat Institution are received by all bankers throughout the United Kingdom, and by the Secretary, at the Institution, 14, John-street Adelphi, W.C.

CANADA.

We learn that several of the lodges in Montreal, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, have decided to forego the annual dinner, and to donate to their Grand Lodge the sum such dinner would have cost.

Nor is Quebec city behind hand in its attachment to the new Grand Lodge, the late Provincial Grand Lodge of England for Quebec and Three Rivers, being numbered amongst the things that were, has presented its beautiful silk banner to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and jewels and regalia have been purchased by the subordinate lodges, and are about to be presented by them to the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

For the benefit of our readers, we lay before them a most important and interesting communication touching the present existing troubles in the Craft in Canada, addressed by M.W. Bro. T. D. Harrington, Grand 1st Prin. Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, to the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec:—

“Grand Chapter of Canada,
Office of the Grand Chapter, Ottawa,
10th Dec., 1870.

“To M.W. Bro. J. H. Graham, LL.D.,
Grand Lodge of Quebec.

“Most Worshipful Brother,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt from your Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, of a letter, dated the 30th November, and written by your command. I briefly replied to him without delay, telling him at

the same time that I would write more at length, which promise I now proceed to carry out. That communication conveyed to me, for the information of Grand Chapter and myself, the official intelligence of the existence of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and was accompanied by a list of Grand Lodge Officers elected and installed at your first annual communication, held in Montreal in October last, for which act of courtesy I have to express my thanks. I beg now to offer my best wishes for the future prosperity of the Grand Body over which you preside, and sincerely trust that all obstructions thereto, of whatsoever nature composed, may take to themselves wings and fly away, and I congratulate you personally on your own high position.

"You ask me to use my influence to preserve and maintain the goodwill and harmony which, in accordance with the goodly customs and courtesies of our Fraternity, should ever exist between the two grand divisions of ancient Masonry—the symbolic and the capitular; and you express your desire, and as being the sincere and hearty desire of your Grand Lodge, to have established and maintained amicable and fraternal relations between the Grand Chapter of Canada and the Grand Lodge of Quebec and their respect subordinates, so that from henceforth harmony and amity may be preserved in our beloved Order in its several departments.

"Most Worshipful Grand Master, I assure you that your truly Masonic wishes are cordially responded to and reciprocated by me, and nothing on my individual part shall be wanting to ensure a result in every way so desirable. I shall with pleasure bring to the notice of Grand Chapter at its next convocation your courteous and fraternal communication, and in the interim, candidates hailing from the Grand Lodge of Quebec for admission into our chapters, will be received and acted upon as they are from other Grand Bodies with whom Grand Chapter is in communion. This course will, I trust, be satisfactory, and secure pleasant intercourse as well as serve to show how my wishes coincide with those so courteously and kindly expressed to me in your behalf by your Grand Secretary.

"I observe and take due notice of the list of Grand Lodges from whom the Grand Lodge of Quebec have received recognition, &c., one of which belongs to this dominion. I trust that you will be able, before any distant date, to state that this recognition has become universal, and that there will not exist one single impediment to the Canadian Craft working harmoniously together, in and for the several provinces comprising the Dominion, as well for its own advantage and advancement as that for the entire Antient and Honourable Order of Freemasonry spread over the world, and of which we form a component portion. My humble services in aid of this devoutly-to-be-wished-for consummation you may freely count upon, and I pray you to give me credit for both goodwill and sincerity.

"I observe, likewise, upon reference to the list, that several of the officers, past officers, and members of Grand Chapter hold rank and position in the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which is of itself a good reason for pleasant intercourse between the two Grand Lodges; and as a conclusion to this letter, I hope we may all be spared to assemble together at future convocations of the same fraternal nature as the one at which we met at the good old city of Quebec in August last, and with the same pleasing recollections after separating.

"I beg to remain, Most Worshipful Grand Master,

"Yours truly and fraternally,

"(Signed) T. DOUGLAS HARRINGTON,
"Grand First Principal Z., G.C. of Canada."

THEATRICAL.

GLOBE.—The grand new fairy burlesque extravaganza called "The White Cat" is the Christmas attraction at this theatre. The plot is rather intricate, but the scenery and acting is first class. "Delicate Ground" precedes the extravaganza. The entertainments at this elegant little theatre are well worth a visit.

ASTLEY'S.—"Tom Tittlemouse and the Eleven Dancing Princesses" is the piece at this house, and it is indeed a gorgeous affair. The elaborate scenery is splendid, and two beautiful ballets are introduced. This pantomime may be pronounced a decided success. Mr. John Baum, the energetic manager, well deserves the enthusiastic applause nightly bestowed upon him.

GAIETY.—Mr. Hollingshead has produced an *opera bouffe* bearing the title of "Aladdin II." The story is improbable, but it is very amusing. Mr. J. L. Toole is great as a magician, and Miss E. Farren pretty and entertaining as *Aladdin*. The piece is full of songs and lively music, and the dresses and scenery are really magnificent. The ballets were well received, and the piece is likely to run until Easter.

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THE CRAFT.

METROPOLITAN.

Albion Lodge, No. 9.—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern. The lodge was opened by Bro. R. Bullen, W.M., and he was supported by Bros. Stevens, Young, Valentine, S. Cooke, E. Coote, and Moring, P.M.'s, and many others. Amongst a large number of visitors present we noticed Bros. C. C. Dumas, A.G.D.C.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; D. H. Jacobs, P.M. 27; W. Harling, W.M. 30; S. Ayres, W.M. 95; W. Holland, J.W. 157; H. Massey, P.M. 619; J. Sweasey, 946; F. Walters, W.M. 1309; A. Avery, W.M. 1314; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; &c., &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Audit Committee reported a large balance in favour of the lodge. They also recommended that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. R. Bullen, as an acknowledgment of the able manner in which he presided as W.M. during his year of office. This proposition was carried unanimously. The committee also proposed that in token of the recognition of the many years of service rendered by Bro. Burton, P.M., as Secretary (who now resigns through ill health) that a handsome silver snuff-box be presented to him. This also was carried unanimously. Bro. E. Kimber (1009) was unanimously elected a joining member. He acted on this occasion as Organist. Bros. Carter and Knight were passed to the second degree in an able manner. Bro. S. Valentine, P.M., then installed Bro. W. H. Baylis, S.W., into the chair. The officers for the ensuing year are: Bros. H. Albert, S.W.; Morton, J.W.; Moring, P.M., Treas.; H. Mitchell, Sec. *pro tem.* (for Bro. Friend, absent through illness); Harvey, S.D.; R. Papineau, J.D.; Cater, I.G.; and G. Smith, P.M., Tyler. The new W.M. gave proof of his proficiency by initiating, in an able, correct, and impressive manner, Mr. David Bewicke. The lodge was then closed, when banquet and dessert followed. The W.M. gave the usual toasts with great ability, Bro. C. C. Dumas responding for "The D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," and Bro. F. Binckes responded in his usual eloquent manner for "The Masonic Charities," stating how the funds collected had been expended on the Boys' School, soliciting each brother to examine the accounts published, and appealing to the lodge to send a Steward. Subsequently Bro. T. Moring, P.M., Treas., responded by consenting to be a Steward for the Boys' School at the forthcoming festival. Some good songs were sung by Bros. Thomas, Stevens, P.M., and others, and Bro. Jordan in admirable manner played some good music on the piano.

St. Alban's Lodge, No. 29.—This ancient red-apron lodge held its installation meeting on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bro. C. Murton occupied the chair as W.M. The only work was installing Bro. Webster Glynes, G.S., into the Master's chair, which was done in the presence of a goodly number of Installed Masters. Bro. W. Glynes appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Clark, S.W.; Haigh, J.W.; S. E. Nutt, I.P.M., Sec.; Johnson, S.D.; and G. Smith, P.M., Tyler. The usual addresses were then given. It is but seldom we witness the ceremony of installation so well performed. The lodge was then duly closed, when the usual superior banquet followed. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. C. Murton, P.M. 7; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; M. Ohren, W.M. 452, J.W. 33; F. Walters, W.M. 1309, P.M. 73; &c.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—On Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, this old and prosperous lodge held its installation meeting. The lodge was opened by Bro. H. M. Levy, P.M. (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Aarons, W.M.), assisted by Bros. M. Alexander, J. Wand, W.M.-elect; C. Nathan, as S.W.; E. Hunt, J.D.; O. B. Roberts, I.G.; S. Hickman, D.C.; T. Abrahams, P.M., Treas.; E. P. Albert, P.M., Sec.; M. Van Diepenheim, L. Alexander, J. Phillips, H. Harriss, and P. Beyfus, P.M.'s; and others. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Engel and M. Hyman were raised, and Bros. Hunt and Hyman passed, Bro. L. Alexander working the second and third degrees. Bro. M. Van Diepenheim then installed Bro. Maurice Alexander, as W.M., who appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Berkowitz, S.W.; Ed. Hunt, J.W.; J. Elkan, Treas.; E. P. Albert, Sec.; O. Roberts, S.D.; C. Nathan, J.D.; S. Hickman, I.G.; A. Dodson, D.C.; Goldsmith and M. Hyman, Stewards; Van Noorden, Organist. Two guineas were voted to a distressed brother, and the lodge was called off to one of Bro. Jennings' superior banquets, Bro. Keeping superintending in the Christian, and Bro. M. Silver in the Jewish division. The usual toasts were duly honoured. Bro. J. Hervey, G. Secretary, responded for the Grand Officers, and Bro. Beyfus for the "Joppa Benevolent Fund," the report of which had been previously read, showing a balance in hand of over £1,000. Bro. H. G. Buss, P.G.T. Middlesex, replied to the toast of "The Visitors," of whom a goodly number were present. The pleasures of the evening were enhanced by the musical arrangements under the superintendence of Bro. Van Noorden, who gave an amusing song, composed by himself. Miss P. Laverne, Miss Couves, Miss F. Eldon, and Mr. Bolton sang some good songs, and Bro. Stevens, by desire, gave his excellent Masonic song, "What better theme than Masonry?"

Lodge of Confidence, No. 193.—On Monday, 9th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, a regular meeting of this lodge was held. Bro. W. Thomas, W.M., presided, and was supported by a large attendance of the members

and the following officers, viz., Bros. R. Lee, I.P.M.; J. Williams, S.W.; Cutting, J.W.; J. Rogers, P.M., Sec.; Shackell, S.D.; King, J.D.; F. Bonney, I.G.; Warre, Webb, and W. F. Rogers, P.M.'s. The minutes of the installation meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Barker was passed, and Bros. Ansell, Thompson, S. Hill, Howland, and Godfrey raised. The entire ceremony, including the history and tracing-board. The W.M. proved by his earnest rendering of the ceremonies how well he had perfected himself in all his work, and what a sincere interest he felt in doing his duty, and was warmly congratulated by several P.M.'s when he had concluded. After labour the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and the usual enjoyable evening was spent. It is worthy of notice that several of the brethren of this lodge have formed themselves into a club for the purpose of obtaining Life Governorships of the Masonic charities. A certain sum is paid by each, and when enough is in hand a draw takes place, and the successful brother thus becomes possessed of a Life Governorship. By such means every lodge might enrol a number of its members as Life Governors. It is gratifying to record how well the claims of our Charities are supported by the Lodge of Confidence.

Lodge of Israel, No. 205.—On Tuesday, the 27th ult., the members of this lodge held their usual meeting at Radley's Hotel, Blackfriars. Bro. J. Emanuel W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. H. Harris, S.W.; M. Emanuel, J.W.; J. Isaacs, P.M., Treas.; A. Cohen, P.M., Sec.; Hogan, J.D.; J. Emanuel, I.G.; Hayden, D.C.; S. Jones, P.M., as Org.; C. Coote, J. Harriss, W. Littauer, S. Harris, and Nathan, P.M.'s; Morse, Moses, Barnett, Mendoza, Collinridge, &c., &c. Amongst the visitors were Bros. H. M. Emanuel (P.G.S.W. Hants), F. Walters, J. Phillips, and H. M. Levy, P.M.'s; W. G. Kent, and J. Gutnacher. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The work done was passing Bros. J. T. Samuel and Rexworthy, and raising Bro. Smith, which ceremonies were gone through in an admirable manner. Elections by ballot resulted in favour of Bro. H. Harris for W.M., and Bro. C. Coote, for Treas. (Bro. Isaacs declining the honour of re-election); Bro. T. Vesper, P.M., was re-elected Tyler. Five gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and Bro. H. A. Isaacs, P.M., was elected an honorary member. Three guineas were voted from the lodge funds towards a P.M. jewel for the retiring W.M.; a poor brother was relieved; and after some other business the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178.—This lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey. Bro. J. Green, W.M., opened the lodge, there being also present: Bros. J. W. Avery, P.M.; G. J. Grace, S.W.; J. W. Dudley, J.W.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Harmsworth, S.D.; J. H. Fudge, J.D.; T. W. Cox, I.G.; C. Deakin, D.C.; J. Ruse, W.S.; G. Mabbs, W. May, J. Wootton, P. Fry, J. A. Astell, H. Bartlett, G. A. Claeys, F. Cox, S. Butcher, C. D. Tustin, C. F. Robinson, G. Drapper, J. Swinyard, T. Jones, G. Free, J. A. Smith, J. Rambert, &c. The minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. G. A. Claeys was, in an admirable manner, passed to the second degree. Bro. J. W. Avery (in consequence of the ill health of the W.M.) then took the chair, and in his usual correct style raised Bros. F. Cox, T. Jones, J. Swinyard, and C. D. Tustin to the third degree. The W.M., having resumed the chair, presented Bro. Avery with a massive gold P.M.'s jewel, which had been subscribed for amongst the members of the lodge. Bro. Avery, in an appropriate speech, returned thanks. The by-laws were revised, and the lodge having been closed, the brethren separated.

PROVINCIAL.

HINCKLEY.—*Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 50.*—The annual festival of this old lodge was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., and the W.M.-elect, was installed by Bro. W. Langley, the outgoing W.M. At five o'clock the lodge was opened, and after business of a private kind, the lodge was raised to the second degree, when Bro. Cotman presented Bro. E. Houlston for the benefit of installation. Bro. Langley then, after administering the usual oath, placed his successor in the chair of K.S., and he was duly proclaimed in each degree. The following brethren were then invested as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Rev. W. Langley, I.P.M.; J. Worsey, S.W.; Thomas Atkins, J.W.; T. W. Clarke, P.M., Sec. and Treas.; Rev. P. H. Phelps, S.D.; Harrold, J.D.; J. Billings, I.G.; Young, Tyler. The Treasurer's report was taken as read, and the lodge was closed. At nine o'clock the brethren and their wives and friends again assembled for a ball, and a very lively evening was spent. At eleven o'clock a sumptuous supper was served, and after it a P.M.'s jewel was presented by Bro. Atkins, in the name of the brethren, to Bro. Langley, in an eloquent speech. After a short reply, thanking the brethren, the dancing once more commenced, and was kept up with much spirit until half-past four o'clock. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Buzard, W.M. 379; Dr. Williams, 18, S.W. 47; Williams, 279; Newgent, I.P.M. Abbey Lodge, Nuneaton, Duncombe, S.W. 1265. The P.G.M., Bro. W. Kelly, was prevented by the illness of his sister from attending.

RINGWOOD.—*Lodge of Unity, No. 132.*—The installation of the W.M. of this lodge took place on the 29th ult. The choice of the brethren having fallen unanimously on Bro. H. F. Brouncker, he was duly installed, the ceremony being performed by Bro. W. M. Heath, P.M., P.G.S.W. Dorset, who fulfilled his duties as Installing Master most admirably. The W.M. then nominated his officers, who were respectively invested by Bro. Heath as follows: Bros. W. Reade, S.W.; J. C. Halliday, J.W.; W. Fletcher, S.D.; T. G. Horder, J.D.; Etheridge, I.G.; Hicks, Sec.; E. Low, Treas.; Elliott, Tyler. Bros. Low and Packman were appointed

Stewards of the lodge. The brethren present, besides those named, were Bros. Cull, Mafey, and Michel, P.M.'s; Hume and Waters. The visitors were Bros. P. H. Newnham, W.M. 195; E. W. Rebbeck, P.M. 195; Brimblecombe and Tripp, 319; Webb and Holloway, 195; Ridley, Lewis, and Chilcott, 1112. After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the Magistrates' room in the Ringwood Town Hall, where an excellent dinner was provided by Bro. Low, which was done ample justice to by the guests. The usual Masonic toasts followed, and the whole proceedings were of the most pleasant and satisfactory nature.

STONEHOUSE.—*Lodge of Sincerity, No. 189.*—This Lodge held its annual banquet at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel, and about thirty brethren sat down to an excellent dinner. In the necessary absence of Bro. Capt. Shanks, R.M., the W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. Balkwill, I.P.M., presided, and was supported on his right by the V.W. Bro. Metham, D.P.G.M., and on his left by V.W. Bro. R. R. Rodd, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. of Cornwall; Bro. Roberts, S.W., acted as vice. A pleasant evening was spent. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and drank with enthusiasm.

ROCHDALE.—*Lodge of Harmony, No. 298.*—The annual meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Wednesday, Jan. 4th, for the celebration of the festival of St. John and the installation of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Robert Howard. The lodge was opened in the first degree by the W.M., Bro. John Waterson, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and other business transacted. The lodge was afterwards opened in the second degree, when a Board of Installed Masters was formed, under the presidency of Bro. Wm. Roberts, P.G. Officer of East Lancashire and West Yorkshire, who called upon the following brethren to assist him, viz., Bros. John Barker, P.P.G. Treas., as S.W.; William Ashworth, Hon. Sec., J.W.; C. M. Jones, P.P.G.D.C., S.D.; James Holroyd, I.P.M., J.D.; John Fothergill, I.G.; and James Parr, who presented the W.M.-elect for installation. Bro. Howard having answered the necessary questions and being found qualified for the office of W.M., the lodge was opened in the third degree, when the brethren below the degree of an Installed Master retired, and the Board of Installed Masters was opened, when Bro. Howard was duly installed in the chair of K.S. in ancient form, by Bro. Roberts. The brethren having re-entered the lodge, and the W.M. regularly proclaimed and saluted, he proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows, viz., Bros. Jesse Firth, S.W.; R. Butterworth, J.W.; W. H. Prince, P.M., Treas.; W. Ashworth, P.M., Sec.; James Cross, S.D.; Thomas Oakden, J.D.; Edwd. Wrigley, P.M., Org.; W. T. Stott, I.G.; John Ashworth, jun., D.C.; and John Waterson, I.P.M. The address to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren was given by Bros. Holroyd, Ashworth, and John Barker, and the ceremony was most efficiently performed. The W.M., in closing his lodge, had great pleasure in receiving the hearty congratulations of the brethren of Harmony Lodge and representatives of 541, 152, 226, 308, 367, 816, 1055, 1129, 1134, 1147, 1213, and Prov. Grand Lodges of West Yorkshire, East Lancashire, and West Lancashire. The brethren then adjourned to a substantial banquet provided for forty-five, and served by Bro. James Ashworth in his usual style. After ample justice had been done and the cloth removed, the usual toasts, interspersed with songs, glees, and recitations, were ably and pleasantly proposed and responded to by various brethren, and a most pleasant evening was spent. This lodge is to be fully represented at the festivals of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, four brothers having given in their names as Stewards.

TEIGNMOUTH, DEVONSHIRE.—*Benevolent Lodge, No. 303.*—The anniversary meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, Jan. 2nd, when the lodge was opened by Bro. Burdon, W.M., assisted by Bros. Hallett, S.W.; Coles, J.W.; H. M. Bartlett, I.P.M.; Short, S.D.; Perry, as J.D.; Tomes, Sec.; and Haggerty, Tyler. There were also present: Bros. Capt. Walrond, P.M. and P.P.G.J.W.; W. J. Paul, P.M. and P.P.G.J.D.; many members of the lodge, and Bros. H. Bartlett, 710 and P.P.G.D.C.; and Dr. Hopkins, 710, P.M. 43 and 958, and P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire, with one or two others, as visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and a ballot was taken for a candidate, which proved unanimous in his favour. Mr. John Cox was then introduced and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the W.M., who promised to complete the proceedings by giving the charge and lecture on the tracing board at a Lodge of Emergency, to be held on early day, as well as to confer the second degree on several candidates to whom it is due. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and the chair was taken by Bro. Walrond, who had undertaken the duties of Installing Master. Bro. Burdon was presented as having been elected to preside over the lodge a second year, and was again inducted into his office of W.M. The Installing Master well deserves a compliment on the efficiency with which he, for the first time, conducted this important ceremony. The following appointments to office for the ensuing year were made: Bro. H. M. Bartlett, I.P.M.; Hallett, S.W.; Short, J.W.; Tomes, Sec.; Whidburne, Treas.; Roach, S.D.; Collins, J.D.; Coles and Lorain, Stewards; Perryman, I.G.; and Haggerty, Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Queen's Hotel to partake of the annual banquet, which was prepared with his usual care and liberality by Bro. H. M. Bartlett, the host.

LISKEARD.—*Lodge of St. Martin, 510.*—On St. John's Day, the brethren of this Lodge celebrated their annual festival. Bro. S. Seacombe presided, and was assisted in Masonic labors by Bro. Lang, who installed the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Skin, in the chair. Bro. Skin then appointed the following brethren as his officers for the

year ensuing:—Bros. S. Seacombe, I.P.M.; N. A. Courtney, S.W.; T. White, J.W.; J. Clymo, Treasurer; T. Lang, Secretary; J. Sobey, S.D.; N. Martin, J.D.; J. H. Botterell, I.G.; J. George and J. Hodges, Stewards; R. Penwarden, Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to a most sumptuous banquet, provided by mine host, Bro. Venning, who catered in his usual liberal manner.

CALLINGTON.—*Loyal Victoria Lodge, No. 557.*—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held at their Lodge-room, Bull's Head Inn, Callington. The W.M. elect, Bro. G. Crabb, was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by the Installing Master, Bro. Pearce, P.M. and P.P.G.J.D., assisted by P.M.'s Bros. Mason, P.P.S.G.W., Steele and Coward. The W.M. then appointed the following brethren to be his officers, viz.:—Bros. J. Harris, S.W.; G. Bale, J.W.; Pearce, P.M., Treas.; Williams, Sec.; Turner, S.D.; Richards, J.D.; Cornish, I.G.; and Henwood, Tyler. Bro. Mason was appointed Steward of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund. At the conclusion of the business the brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by their worthy host, Mr. Brown. After the customary loyal and masonic toasts had been given and responded to, Bro. Kempthorne, P.M. and P.P.J.G.W., on behalf of the Lodge, presented to Bro. Pearce a handsome silver claret jug.

FOWEY.—*Fowey Lodge, No. 977.*—On Monday week this Lodge assembled at their rooms, situated in Church-street, Fowey, to perform the business connected with the monthly meeting, to install the Master, and to celebrate the festival of St. John. The Lodge was duly opened by Bro. W. Hicks, W.M.; a candidate was initiated in the degree of Entered Apprentice; and a Brother passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. Truscott, was ably installed by Bro. J. D. Hawkesley, P.M., P.P.G.C., assisted by Bros. Dr. Treffrey, P.M., and Col. Peard, P.M., P.P.O. The W.M. then invested as his officers:—Bros. W. Hicks, I.P.M.; J. Slade, S.W.; W. N. Abbott, J.W.; H. W. Durant, Treasurer and Steward of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund; Bros. W. Tonkin, Sec.; J. Wellington, D.C.; Greet, S.D.; Nurse, J.D.; Beale and Rescorl, Stewards; Couch, I.G.; J. Pain, Tyler. The brethren adjourned to a banquet provided by Bro. Nurse, in his usual good style, at the Ship Hotel. The W.M. presided, and was supported on his right and left by six Past Masters. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. Hawkesley, P.M., P.P.G.C., and Elliott, from "St. Andrew's;" P. Giles, W.M., and G. Dyke, J.W., from "Peace and Harmony," &c., &c. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were drank with enthusiasm, and some telling speeches were made in responding, when, and after a truly agreeable afternoon, the Lodge was closed about 8 p.m.

NEWTON ABBOT.—*Devon Lodge, No. 1138.*—The brethren of this Lodge assembled at the Masonic Rooms, Courtney Park, on Tuesday week, at noon, and after initiating one Brother and raising another, proceeded with the installation of the W.M.-elect, Bro. F. D. Bewes, P.M. There were present as a board of Past Masters, W. Lambie, Major, Yates, P.G.S.W., and after the installation the following brethren were elected and appointed officers by the W.M.: Bros. Geo. Stockman, S.W.; E. W. Lambie, J.W.; H. G. Benchev, P.M., Treas.; R. L. Lloyd, Sec.; A. Christie, S.D.; John Williams, J.D.; R. Coldridge, I.G.; T. Weeks, Tyler.

MARK MASONRY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masters was held recently at Sincerity Lodge, No. 35, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse. The R.W., Bro. Dowse, presided, assisted by Bros. Rodd, P.M., P.G.O., as D.P.G.M.; Metham, S.W.; Col. Elliott, J.W.; Roberts, M.O.; Blake, S.O.; Balkwill, J.O.; Bisset, S.D.; Baxter, J.D.; Bayly, P.

After the usual business, the following sums were voted to charitable purposes:—Ten guineas to the Fortescue Annuity Fund, five guineas to the Masonic bed of the Royal Albert Hospital, and five guineas for aged and decayed Freemasons.

The R.W. Bro. Huyshe was unanimously re-elected Grand Master for three years. The following officers were then appointed for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Rev. J. Huyshe	... P.G. Master
" Dowse	... D.P.G. Master
" Dr. Metham	... S. G. Warden
" Samuel Jones	... Master Overseer
" John Way	... Senior Overseer
" Major Russell	... Junior Overseer
" Rev. R. Bowden	... Chaplain
" John Harris	... Treasurer
" Augustus W. Rodd	... Registrar
" W. H. Maddock	... Secretary
" John Baxter	... Senior Deacon
" William Roberts	... Junior Deacon
" S. J. Jones	... Dir. of Cers.
" Henry Trethewey	... Ast. Dir. of Cers.
" Henry Port	... Insp. of Works
" E. Rosevere	... Sword Bearer
" M. W. Webb	... Organist
" W. Andrews	... Standard Bearer
" William Boxall	...
" James Phillips	...
" Matthew Coates	... } Stewards.
" William Coath...	... }

BURY, LANCASHIRE.—*Callender Lodge No. 123.*—On Friday, the 6th of January, the Callender Lodge, No. 123, under the English Constitution, was opened at Bury, Lancashire. A warrant having been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. George R. Portal, it was thought desirable to hold a preliminary meeting to advance a number of brethren previous to the consecration and inauguration, which was fixed to take place on Friday, the 13th of January. A dispensation for the purpose was therefore granted by the Prov. G. Master, Bro. W. Romaine Callender. Great credit is due to Bros. W. O. Walker-Law, Booth, and G. M. Whitehead for the establishment of the lodge, and the great success of its first meeting. These three brethren took the degree some three months ago in the Union Lodge, No. 46, Manchester, and they immediately set to work to form one in their own town. We sincerely hope other brothers in the province may do the same. Bro. Thomas Hargreaves, W.M.M. Blair Lodge, 118, Prov. J.G.D. Lan., who was invited to open the lodge, after reading the dispensation and explaining the circumstances of the meeting, opened the lodge, when four brothers were affiliated Mark Masters under the E.C., and fourteen advanced to the degree. This number making a total of twenty-one members. The lodge then unanimously elected a Treasurer and Tyler. Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. We may add that Bros. Roberts and Butterworth, from Roberts' Lodge, Rochdale, rendered great assistance in working the ceremonies. After banquet, the usual loyal toasts were given, when Bro. Thomas Hargreaves proposed the toast of "Success to the Callender Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 123." He referred to the progress now being made in the Mark Degree in Lancashire—this would be the second lodge that the Prov. G.M. had been called upon to consecrate since the formation of the Prov. G. Lodge in October last. At that time there were only five working lodges in the province; this, he thought, would make the number into eight, and several more were in course of formation. There were a great many lodges in Lancashire who worked the degree, and in a variety of ways—all of them without warrants, and in some cases as far from correct as it is possible to imagine. Now, it was the earnest desire of the Prov. G.M., as also that of the G.M., that all these lodges should be abolished—abolished so far as this: that they should acknowledge the correct working of the degree, as authorised by the Grand Lodge, and come under its jurisdiction. In one sense, they would retain all their old rights and privileges as time-immemorial lodges. He had been well pleased at one part of the ceremony, that of affiliating four brothers from those spurious lodges (he hoped the brothers would not be offended at the expression) as members of this lodge; and he trusted a great many more would follow in their footsteps. He should simply ask those four brothers, whenever they saw any of the spurious brother Mark Masons, to explain the different working of the degree. This would be the most effective way of bringing them to a happy union.—The toasts of "Bro. Hargreaves," "Bro. W. O. Walker, W.M.-elect," and others, were afterwards given.

GUILDFORD.—*Percy Lodge, No. 114.*—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Angel Hotel, on Thursday, the 5th inst., when, in the unavoidable absence of Earl Percy, W.M., the chair was taken by the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.W.G.M. After the confirmation of the minutes, the Treasurer's report of the balance sent to the fund for the relief of the sick and wounded from the concert given by the lodge in the summer, was received and adopted. It appeared that £40 3s. 11d. had been transmitted, the cost to the lodge being £7 8s. 1d., one half of the expenses incurred. The report of the Committee on the by-laws was received, and the by-laws read and approved. A vote of thanks was passed to the M.W.G.M. for the present of an appropriate stamp for the lodge summonses. A ballot was then taken for Bros. Thomas White, of Godalming; Philip William Lovett and Col. Thomas Martin, of Guildford; A. W. Cooper, of Chertsey; Spencer Compton, of Horsell; and Mantering W. Bolton, of London, which proved unanimous. Bros. Col. Martin, Lovett, and Bolton being present, were then advanced. After the closing of the lodge, a banquet was held, when the usual Masonic toasts were duly given and acknowledged. The M.W.G.M., in responding, said that he looked forward with confidence to the speedy union of all Mark Masters in England under one jurisdiction. Nothing could exceed the kind and Masonic feeling evinced by the G.C. of Scotland and the Scotch Mark lodges, especially in Lancashire, in consenting to a conference with a view to an arrangement that should be alike honourable and satisfactory to all parties, and nothing should be wanting on his part to bring matters to the conclusion which was so desirable. The G.C. of Ireland and the G.C. of Canada had behaved in the handsomest way to this G.L., and so soon as the treaties had been concluded between the Mark G.L. and the other non-recognised degrees, he thought that a new era of mutual assistance and consolidation would be opened up for all the degrees and Orders. The banquet was enlivened with some excellent singing by Bro. Bolton, in a style that was rapturously applauded.

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

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BRYEN.—On the 20th ult., at 58, South Molton-street, Grosvenor-square, aged 41 years, Bro. James J. Bryen, Lodge of Israel, No. 205.

Answers to Correspondents.

All communications for THE FREEMASON should be written legibly on one side of the paper only, and, if intended for insertion in the current number, must be received not later than 10 o'clock a.m. on Thursdays, unless in very special cases. The name and address of every writer must be sent to us in confidence.

D. M. M.—The Masonic Calendar will show you what lodges meet in London; you cannot join a lodge without an introduction. We advise you to visit a lodge of instruction.

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OUR AMERICAN CONTEMPORARIES.

THE progress of the Masonic press in America, which of late years has been so remarkable, continues, we are happy to say, undiminished, and similar signs of intellectual activity are visible in the Dominion of Canada. We have now before us a considerable number of magazines or newspapers published on the other side of the Atlantic, some of which are professedly Masonic organs, while others devote a portion of their columns to the dissemination of Masonic information and intelligence. One of the oldest periodicals comprised in the first category is the *Freemasons' Monthly Magazine*, edited by Brother Charles W. Moore, Corresponding Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, at Boston, in that State. This valuable magazine comes to us in a very handsome wrapper, profusely illustrated with emblems of the various Orders of Masonry. Thus, as a heading, we have

the High Priest, the King and Scribe, or the three Principals of a Royal Arch Chapter, according to the American ritual, seated in gorgeous chairs, under elaborately decorated canopies, surmounted with four banners, bearing the respective devices of a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle. There are also the rose-circled cross of the 18°, the Paschal Lamb of Knight Templary, the mitre of High Priesthood, the bee-hive of the Master Mason, the crowned bi-headed eagle of K.H., the symbolic level, square and compass being depicted at the sides; while the rest of the corner represents those dramatic incidents in the career of Zerubbabel to which we recently alluded in our account of the American Red Cross degree. The contents of Bro. Moore's magazine are always interesting, practical, and instructive, and as a Masonic juriconsult, we know no safer guide than our venerable and venerated *confrere*.

Another Masonic magazine which has stood the test of time, and is deservedly held in high estimation, is the *Masonic Review* of Cincinnati, Ohio, which is edited by another Brother "Moore"—Cornelius, to wit, of that ilk. The *Review* is replete with information, and the editor's experience and literary ability are conspicuous in all the original articles. Like many other American Masonic periodicals, however, the *Review* contains well-selected tales and other extracts of general interest to the non-Masonic reader.

The *Masonic Record*, edited by Brothers John Frizzell and George S. Blackie, M.D., and published at Nashville, Tennessee, is a credit to that great State, and to the Masonic bodies thereof which it so ably represents. There is an entire absence of that bitterness which is unfortunately but too often visible in the writings of some of our Transatlantic contemporaries, who fancy that strong language is a sign of mental power, even as vulgar people imagine that the use of expletives strengthens the force of their statements. Bro. Blackie, who is, we believe, a "Britisher," hailing from the "land of the mountain and the flood," is evidently a cultivated gentleman, and one who has no relish for the trade of roaring down a literary opponent. He is now, we are pleased to add, Representative of the Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

The *Voice of Masonry*, edited by Brother John C. W. Bailey, at Chicago, Illinois, is an exceedingly neat and well-arranged magazine. It has not, however, reached us of late with any degree of regularity, owing probably to its attractive exterior, which excites the curiosity—may we say cupidity?—of certain lovers of literature either in our own or the American Post Office. Fortunately, the number for November, 1870, is before us, and we can judge by its contents that Bro. Bailey's "Voice" is still as resonant as ever in support of the principles of Freemasonry.

Our namesake, the *Freemason*, of St.

Louis, Missouri, is larger than any of the magazines to which we have previously referred. It is edited by Bro. George Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary of the State—a man of great ability and comprehensive views. It is, however, a source of regret to us that the *Freemason* also does not come to hand regularly, the last one received being the number for October, 1870.

Similar remarks apply to the *Evergreen*, of Dubuque, Iowa. Bro. E. A. Guilbert, M.D., the editor, is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and a sound Masonic authority. He has consistently advocated the recognition of the new Grand Lodge of Quebec, which, we are glad to record *en passant*, is now in fellowship with no less than twelve Grand Lodges on the American Continent. We miss Bro. Guilbert's excellent periodical, and hope soon to hear of it again.

The *Masonic Trowel* is published at Springfield, Illinois, under the editorial management of Bro. Harman G. Reynolds, a Past Grand Master, and one who can wield his pen with great advantage to the Craft. The contents of the *Trowel* are very varied, but always readable and instructive.

The *Landmark*, of New York, next claims our attention. This is a weekly paper, and appears to be well supported by the Fraternity. Short tales and brief extracts from general literature, as well as Masonic information, grace its pages, and the ladies, we may observe, have their own special department.

The *Masonic Mirror* hails from El Dorado, being published at San Francisco, California. The number for December 3, 1870, is now before us, and contains much valuable *pabulum* for the minds of our Californian brethren. It would be better, however, in our opinion, if the advertisements were not intermingled with the literary portion of the *Mirror*, and we are sure our worthy San Franciscan *confrere* will pardon us for the hint.

The *Masonic Tidings*, of Lockport, New York, edited by Bros. John W. Simons and John Ransom, is a genuine Masonic newspaper, full of intelligence of an interesting nature, and with less "padding" than any other periodical of its class; but unfortunately we do not see enough of it, and must again throw the blame on the insatiable horseleeches of the Post-office, who swallow all our *Tidings*.

The *Michigan Freemason*, published at Kalamazoo, a very promising magazine, has found its way to us once or twice. So has the *American Freemason*, edited by the Masonic free lance, Bro. J. Fletcher Brennan, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Bro. Brennan is somewhat revolutionary in his tendencies, and does not appear to be in great favour amongst his brethren of the Masonic press. It is not always well to show us only the dark side of events, nor always advisable to portray only the baser attributes of a

man's character. In appearance and typography, however, Bro. Brennan's magazine may fairly challenge comparison with any of its contemporaries.

The *New York Dispatch* and *Pomeroy's Democrat*, published in the same city, have each capital Masonic departments; but we must defer further comment on our American contemporaries for the present, and also upon those in Canada, merely observing that the Masonic Fraternity in the Dominion are well represented by the *Craftsman* and the *Gavel*, both being ably conducted and talented organs of the Craft.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

BRO. JOHN YARKER.

Bro. Yarker is not the *only* victim to the tyranny of Bro. Vigne and Co., of Golden-square, as they have also suspended the members of an entire chapter at Bath; and if they go on in this style, the "Thirty-Thirds" will soon have no "pale, affrighted" slaves to rule over. "I would I were a bird," but *not* a Thirty-Third, preferring to remain

AN EX-BATH CHAIRMAN.

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

The statement submitted by Bro. John Yarker in last week's FREEMASON merits the careful consideration of the Craft, as for some time past the high-handed proceedings of the *soi-disant* Supreme Council in Golden-square have excited the indignation and disgust of many of their *quondam* supporters. But Bro. Yarker's case marks a climax in their iniquitous career, inasmuch as this worthy brother has not only been condemned unheard, but positively one of his chief accusers* was appointed his judge in defiance of the plainest laws of equity! This fact *alone*, which cannot be denied, of course vitiates the unjust decision of the so-called "Holy Emperors of the 33°" with respect to Bro. Yarker, who is not only as good a Rose Croix Master as ever, but what is more, a "Ne Plus Ultra," which none of the Golden-square magnates (or *magnets*, so far as cash is concerned) can ever hope to be. It is very much to be desired that Bro. Yarker will, in his forthcoming work, probe the origin of the present Council of "Sovereign Grand Inspectors General," as a well-founded opinion prevails that they have no claim whatever to rule the ancient *English degrees* of the *Rose Croix* and *Kadosh*, formerly attached to K. T. Encampments, by virtue of powers *affirmed* to have been procured from foreign parts by the late Dr. Goss or "Crucefix," by which latter cognomen he was better known in Masonic circles.

A VOICE FROM THE WEST.

[*We withhold the name, as we can hardly believe so extraordinary a statement.—ED. F.]

A brother informs me that a 34° of this rite is in existence, called the "Apex," thus corresponding with the 90° of the "Ancient and Primitive Rite of Misraim." There are only three holders of the "Apex" in the whole world, who exist by the succession of triplicate warrants from Frederick the Great of Prussia, signed immediately after the Grand Constitutions. The symbols are the cord and the dagger; the ceremonials are very august, and detail the

legendary history and object of the degree, which is to draw the funds and energies of all the councils of the world to one great centre. Grave purposes are said to be in view, but whether such is the expulsion of the Turks from Constantinople, or the establishment of a single empire either on the Continent or in America, is not known.

HISTORICUS.

Is it regular for a Master Mason to wear a jewel? If so, to what jewel is he entitled?

H. S. L. GURNEY, 897.

[Master Masons are not entitled to wear jewels; but we have seen a five-pointed star worn in some lodges where the discipline is lax, and also at Masonic balls.—ED. F.]

BRO LUPUS.

If Bro. Lupus will have the kindness to wait for a short time, his question respecting Sir Christopher Wren will be answered fully—I hope to his satisfaction. At the present moment, it will be going rather ahead of the work I am engaged on to reply fully to it, otherwise I should be happy to do so.

G. F. FORSYTH.

"E. T. T." AND RECORDS OF THE ALNWICKE LODGE.

Bro. "E. T. T.," of Alnwick, has, in the most fraternal manner, forwarded to me the minute-book of the above lodge, which commences on Sept. 29th, 1701.

I have had no time yet to do the valuable volume justice, but have compared the extract given by Bro "E. T. T." in THE FREEMASON for Nov. 12th, 1870 (p. 578), with the original entry, and find it correct in every particular. The spaces left by Bro. "E. T. T." are as follows:—The "forfeit" should be "two shillings and sixpence," and the remaining blanks are *person* and *persons*. The words in italics are quite right.

A copy of the "Mason's Constitutions" is inserted immediately before the Laws of the Lodge A.D. 1701, and consequently the document is of much value. I think the lodge was an operative one, but will write more after a careful investigation.

W. JAMES HUGHAN.

P.S.—That it is a genuine and authentic minute-book of the Alnwick Lodge, I am certain.

"QUARTERLY REVIEW" (p. 657).

I have examined Vol. XXV., page 146, of the *Quarterly Review*, and find that although "Vol. XXIV." was wrong, Bros. Newnham and "Lupus" are correct as to such a remark really occurring somewhere in the pages of the *Quarterly Review*; but the reference there made is not given within inverted commas, as an *exact quotation*, but is simply brought in in an off-hand sort of manner; and while it there says, "white leather gloves and a white apron," with the "Masonic Student," I would like to see "the *original authority*," for it may simply have it, "a leather apron and gloves," the giving of which to masons or carpenters then was no more mysterious in the time of Henry VI. than the giving of gowns, shoes, or any other article of clothing for the outside of the body was to the giving of "herryngs" (see page 641) for the inside.

However, to return to the *Quarterly Review*, the article in which this remark about aprons occurs is headed "Normandy—Architecture of the Middle Ages," and is a

clever and racy production. The following which I copied, is very good (page 143): "To the common observer every object which is older than his grandmother is a piece of *antiquity*; he leaps over centuries, and annihilates both time and space." However, I only had time to glance over it, still I cannot agree with all the author (who tells us he is not a Freemason) says—*e.g.*, his assertion that "Subsequent ages afford presumptive evidence that the Freemasons were the architects of the proudest Gothic piles" is, I consider wrong (see page 211 ante); but as his article was published in 1821, or about half a century ago, I shall say nothing further.

As to *white*, "A Masonic Student" seems to put no stress upon it, while Bro. Newnham again does. However, in the very interesting article on "Masonic Curiosities" (page 660), we find in the 2nd and 3rd rules white especially alluded to.

W. P. BUCHAN.

BRO. JAMES ANDERSON.

I am induced to believe that the name of James Anderson occupies a much more important place in the annals and history of Freemasonry than has been accorded to him. Through the medium of the columns of THE FREEMASON, in the promulgation of this sketch some facts of a more extended character, touching his early life, habits, talents, and immediate connection with the Masonic Institution, may be elicited through the researches of some of your able and industrious contributors. In giving the following sketch a place in your paper you will confer a favour on

R. M.

James Anderson, D.D., and minister of the Scotch Presbyterian Church in London, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, August 5th, 1684, and died in 1746, aged 62 years. He was a man of high literary ability. As a member of one of the four old lodges at London, he assisted in the organization and establishment of the first Grand Lodge of England; and on the 29th September, 1721, was commissioned by the Grand Lodge to collect and compile the history, charges, and regulations of the fraternity, from the then existing ancient Constitutions of the lodges. On the 27th December following his work was finished, and the Grand Lodge appointed a committee of fourteen learned brethren to examine and report upon it. Their report was made on the 25th of March, 1722; and, after a few amendments, Anderson's work was formally approved, and ordered to be printed for the benefit of the lodges. This is the now well-known "Book of Constitutions," which contains the history of Masonry (or, more correctly, architecture), the ancient charges, the regulations and charges, as the same were in use in many old lodges. Anderson and the Grand Lodge which approved his work have been frequently accused of having falsified and suppressed many important particulars, and of having misrepresented many of the ancient usages of the Craft. These objections were especially raised by the "Ancient Masons," and by their historian, Laurence Dermott. Even the critical Krause, in his admirable work on "The Three Oldest Documents of the Freemasons' Fraternity," has fallen into this same error. The later researches of Kloss and Keller have, however, very clearly and distinctly proved that Anderson conscientiously based his work on the ancient records of the lodges then in existence; while the various manuscripts which have been preserved from destruction, and which have only at a late day been brought to light, show that he wrote his work in the true spirit and *some* of the ancient regulations, and was scrupulously careful to omit nothing that was essential. Even at this day, we find Masonic authors who endeavour to cast ridicule and derision on the history of Masonry with which his work begins, without taking into consideration the fact that he has merely given us the old legend of the guilds, as he found it in the ancient records. This is

sufficiently shown by the care with which he guards himself from misinterpretation, in making improbable or incredible statements, by remarks such as "this was believed firmly by the old Fraternity," "the ancient Constitutions affirm this strongly," &c. The Andersonian history of Masonry, if divested of its fabulous and traditional character, may be considered as a not altogether unimportant contribution to the history of architecture; and although it contains some slight chronological errors, yet many of its statements are confirmed by later works on architecture. From many passages of his history it is apparent, not only that he compiled it from architectural works, but that he had some personal experience in the technical knowledge of the builder's art. This would, in his case at least, seem to account in a very natural way for his entrance into the guild or company of Masons. The short space of time in which he completed the work he was commissioned to execute, renders it probable that the history of the fraternity of which he was a member, had already previously engaged his attention, and that it was merely necessary for him to select from the materials he had collected in order to submit his work to the inspection of the committee.

"A SPIRITUAL AND MOST PRECIOUS PEARL,"

By Otho Wermullerus. (Wm. Tegg, 1870.) The first English edition of this book was translated by Bishop Miles Coverdale at the request of Protector Somerset, whose preface to the Christian reader begins in royal style, "Edward, by the grace of God, Duke of Somerset, greeting." Wermullerus was a preacher in a city which the printer calls "Tigryrie," but which few ordinary English readers will recognise as Zurich. We think that if such old books are printed they ought to be edited, and not loosely turned off without note or even preface. The drift of the book is that all affliction comes from God, and is the sign of His Fatherly mind toward the afflicted, and we believe that many troubled persons will find more relief and help from the reading of this quaint and believing old treatise than from some more ambitious and modern books. The critical reader will find a few curiosities in it not unworthy his attention, as, for instance, "God, the Heavenly Freemason" (for Architect); "an whole multitude," the use of the word "only;" "God martyreth and utterly subdueth in us our sins." He "yoketh" us as "the foreman his horses."

Original Correspondence.

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

QUALIFICATIONS OF VISITORS TO LODGES.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A difference of opinion exists amongst the Past Masters of a lodge to which I belong as to the qualifications necessary to entitle a visiting brother to claim admission into a lodge. Will you kindly give your own opinion, or obtain that of some of the many experienced P.M.'s amongst your readers, on the following points:—

1. In the case of an individual, who is a perfect stranger, presenting himself as a visitor for admission into a lodge, is it sufficient qualification for him to pass a satisfactory examination; or is it essential that he should, in addition, produce his Grand Lodge certificate?

2. What definite meaning is to be attached to the word "vouchers" in the following, among the Ancient Charges, to which every W.M. has to give his assent on his installation?—"You promise that no visitor shall be received into your lodge without due examination, and producing proper vouchers of his having been initiated in a regular lodge."

The "Book of Constitutions," under the head of "Visitors" (pocket edition, p. 89), is very vague, no mention being made of the visitor's certificate; but Dr. Oliver, in his "Masonic Jurisprudence" (page 124), says: "No visitor . . . can be admitted unless he be known to, or vouched for, by some member

of the lodge; or, if he be a perfect stranger, he must produce his Grand Lodge certificate, and submit to the usual examination, of which no specification has been prescribed, but it is commonly left to the discretion of the proper officer."

In many lodges great looseness exists in the examination and admission of visitors, whilst in others great caution is exercised. It would be well that the "Book of Constitutions" should clearly define the qualifications of visitors for the proper guidance of lodges.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,
Yours fraternally,
AN OLD P.M.

"BALD STATEMENTS."

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I regret to have to take up the space in your paper, which might be so much better employed than replying to "Enquiring Brother;" but his illbred remarks on you as editor and on myself demand an answer, and cannot be passed over in silence. In the first place, if he will look at No. 90 of THE FREEMASON, he will find that I stated the "Encyclopedia Metropolitana," not the "Encyclopedia Britannica." Secondly, it is to be found in Oliver's "Landmarks," vol. 1, page 344. Any one with common justice will allow that, if I have been anywise to blame, it has been in copying better authors than myself. Again, as to wishing to establish a fraternal connection between K. Templars and Masons, I have no motive for such an act.

To conclude this disagreeable letter, the next time "Enquiring Brother" attacks any of the contributors to THE FREEMASON, who are working for no profit, and (to many) little honour, and falls into any blunder through his overhaste, he will not only give his name, but a few words of apology.

I remain yours fraternally,
CHARLES G. FORSYTH,
1194, England, and 333, Scotland.
Hamilton, Jan. 9th, 1871.

THE "RECTANGULAR REVIEW" ON "FREEMASONRY; ITS USE AND ABUSE."

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

SIR AND BROTHER,—We would have been glad to have concluded this correspondence by allowing Bro. Binckes the last word, but his letter in your last week's paper is so vague that we are compelled again to make a few comments.

We have referred to page 21 of annual report, published March, 1870, where we find the building account dealing with a total sum of upwards of £46,000; but as no dates are given, it is impossible for the uninitiated to say what portion of that amount belongs to the year 1869-70.

Regarding the large sum of nearly £2,000 paid for architect's fee, we should like to know who the architect was who pocketed such a handsome amount, and whether he also acted as surveyor, which involved another £200. It would seem also that there was also still due to architect and surveyor about £450, in addition to the above amount paid, making altogether about £2,650 for that item.

Bro. Binckes includes in the cost of the establishment at Wood Green £926 expended at the Hall, about half of which to Secretary and Collector, who again figure in the special expenditure for a considerable amount. Greater detail and simplicity in the accounts would enable us to take a clearer view of the position of the institution. Perhaps the next report, soon to be published, will prove more satisfactory in this way.

Referring to "J. O.'s" letter in your last week's number, we may say that we have already served "the honourable office of Steward" at many charity festivals, including all the Masonic; and it was the result of our observations on these occasions that led us to inquire for a detailed account of the Stewards' fees, which, in the case of the Boys' Institution, Bro. Binckes declined to give for the information of the Craft.

Yours truly and fraternally,
THE EDITOR "RECTANGULAR REVIEW."

London, Jan. 10th, 1871.

ANCIENT MANUSCRIPTS.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

SIR,—When I glance through your paper and read the remarks of some of your correspondents, I am tempted to ask myself: Do those brethren ever read any history of Freemasonry? Now, there is your correspondent "Lupus," in THE FREEMASON for December 3, who terms the discussion going on in that paper about the antiquity of the gloves and apron a "small discussion"; and after congratulating the opponents of the 1717 theory, he lies off to Bro. Matthew Cooke's B. M. manuscript to prove that Prince Edwin, son of Athelstan, was a Speculative Mason, because "he wist well that hand-craft

had the practice of geometry so well as masons, wherefore he drew him to council and learned the practice of that science to his speculative, for of speculative he was a master, and he loved well masonry and masons, and he gave them charges and names," &c.; and this Bro. "Lupus" decides to be—and emphasises the decision in cursive characters—"a clear and unmistakeable distinction between Speculative and Operative Masonry"!

Now, the word "speculative," and to which Bro. Lupus attaches so much importance, was, I believe, as we Freemasons understand it, first applied to Masonry by Wm. Preston, when he improved the "work" or ritual from that of Martin Clare, and its significance in this connection is thus set forth in a passage of Section IV. of Preston's "Illustrations of Masonry," which at the present day is so familiar to Freemasons that it would preclude the necessity of me here quoting it, but to put it in apposition with Bro. Lupus's quotation from Bro. Cooke's old manuscript, and which I here do:—

"Masonry passes under two denominations—operative and speculative. By the former we allude to a proper application of the useful rules of architecture, whence a structure derives figure, strength and beauty, and whence result a due proportion and a just correspondence in all its parts. By the latter we learn to govern the passions and tongue, maintain secrecy, and practise charity. Speculative Masonry is so far interwoven with religion as to lay us under the strongest obligations to pay that rational homage to Deity which at once constitutes our duty and happiness. It leads the contemplative to view with reverence and admiration the glorious works of creation, and inspires them with the most exalted ideas of the perfection of the divine Creator. Operative Masonry furnishes us with dwellings and convenient shelters from the inclemencies of the seasons; and while it displays the effects of human wisdom, as well in the choice as in the arrangement of the materials of which an edifice is composed, it demonstrates that a fund of science and industry is implanted in man for the best, most salutary, and beneficent purposes."

Now, if any brother can see any family likeness between the "speculative" of Edwin and the "speculative" of Preston, as herein both are given, he can do more than certainly I can.

But Bro. Lupus proceeds to assert that the language of the old MSS., according to Bro. Cooke's and Mr. Halliwell's transcripts, "is inapplicable to a guild that knew nothing but hewing of stone and spreading of mortar," because "one of those MSS. recognises 'Speculative' Masonry by name." I do not know that Bro. Ruchan, or any other supporter of the 1717 theory ever asserted that the operative Masons only knew how to hew stones and spread mortar. In common with the operative Armourers, the operative Carpenters and Joiners, or the operative Tailors, they were, to the extent of the master workmen at least, equally allowed the privilege of designing their work; and that a knowledge of geometry, or the science of measurement as applied to solids, surfaces, lines and angles, should be generally known among the overseers at least of operative builders, whether masons or carpenters—workers in iron, wood, or stone—every candid Brother must admit. Besides, the very title of the Halliwell MS. shows plainly that it refers to the teachings of the science of geometry, according to Euclid, and the lines 471-476 are headed "Another adaptation of the Art of Geometry;" while in that MS. transcribed by Bro. Cooke, Freemasonry is designated as the "Science of Geometry."

In the same number of your paper Brother Newnham candidly acknowledges that the original authority for his extract as to gloves and aprons, as worn regularly by Freemasons, is Mackey's Lexicon. Now, it is well known to the Masonic student that all of Mackey's Lexicon not extracted—some would call it stolen, as in but the fewest instances is there credit given—from French and German works of a somewhat similar character, is Mackey's own, written so because he desired to so represent the matters therein represented. Had Bro. Newnham given the authority beyond Mackey's Lexicon, it would be better, as we could then estimate the value of it.

To return to the MSS. herein mentioned as choice authority for Bro. Lupus. In the *Gentleman's Magazine* for June of the year 1815, the passage from the Legends of the Craft, rendered as he has given it by Bro. Cooke, appears in the following words, to wit:—

"Right soone after the decease of Saint Albone there came divers wars into the realme of England of divers Nations, soe that the good rule of Masonrye was destroyed unto tyme of Kinge Athelstone's days that was a worthy Kinge of England, and brought this land into good rest and peace; and builded many great divers works of Abbyes and Towres, and other many divers buildings; and loved well Masons. And he had a sonn that light Edwinne, and he loved Masons much more than his father did. And he was a great practiser in Geometry;

and he drew much to talke and to commune with Masons, and to learn of them science; and afterwards for love that he had to Masons and to the science, he was made a Mason, and he gatt of the Kinge his father a Chartour and Commission to hold every year once an Assemble, wher they ever would within the realme of England; and to correct within themselves defaults and trespasses that were done within the science. And he held himself an Assemble at York, and there he made Masons, and gave them charges, and taught them the manners, and commanded that rule be kept ever after, and tooke then the Chartour and Commission to keepe, and made ordinance that it should be renewed from Kinge to Kinge."

Here we do not find one word that can be construed into "speculative," though it is plain to every reader that the legend is the same, and as a legend, no better than that of Romulus and Remus and the wolf. If Bro. Lupus will spend an hour or so in reading Bro. Findel's "History of Freemasonry," I would refer him to pages 30-46, and to pages 83-170, second edition. He will in the first reference find that which he ought to know concerning all those old manuscripts which refer to Masonry; and in the second he will, in the history of the first lodge at York, discover that which I think will satisfy even him that it will take something more forcible than Bro. Newnham's discovery anent the gloves and apron to upset the 1717 theory of Bro. Buchan.

I remain, fraternally yours,
AN AMERICAN FREEMASON.
Cincinnati, O., Dec. 17, 1870.

TRINIDAD.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF TRINIDAD, S.C.

On Friday evening, the 25th November, at a meeting of the above lodge, held on Mount Moriah (not for election, but general business), the election of office-bearers came off for the ensuing year, when the P.G.M., having waived his right of appointing his officers, ceded to the members the right of balloting for the entire staff of office-bearers. The annexed list is the result of the ballot:—

James M. Reid	...	...	Dep. G. Master
C. Besson	...	...	Sub. G. Master
C. F. O. Rooks	...	...	Sen. G. Warden
J. Palmer	...	...	Jun. G. Warden
E. DesRoses	...	...	G. Treasurer
V. A. Davis	...	...	G. Secretary
T. Murrell	...	...	S.G. Deacon
Edward Aerstin	...	...	J.G. Deacon
J. B. Collymore	...	...	G. Architect
Charles Renaud	...	...	G. Jeweller
P. J. Delisle	...	...	G. Bible Bearer
J. H. Agard	...	...	G.D. of Ceremonies
H. S. Billouin	...	...	G. Bard
James Wharton	...	...	G. Sword Bearer
J. Monteil	...	...	G.D. of Music
N. A. St. Hilaire	...	...	G. Marshalls
H. St. Hilaire	...	...
A. Scamaromy	...	...	G. I. Guard
A. Libert	...	...	G. Standard Bearer.
Robert Young	...	...	G. Stewards
Jos. Lewis	...	...
J. C. Lewis	...	...
— Lafargue	...	...

By the above result of the election, it will be seen that the proportion of the subordinate lodges, holding under the registry of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, are as follows:—

Lodge United Brothers, 251	...	11
Lodge Eastern Star, 368	...	9
Lodge Athole, 438, San Fernando	...	3

We are sorry, indeed, not being able to avail our selves of the invitation given us to attend this meeting, and perhaps the more so, not on account of the great interest we at all times feel and always take in the promotion of the welfare of the Order, but because of the pain we have felt at hearing some dissatisfaction expressed as to the mode of proceeding to, and the result of, the election. Not having been present, as we have already stated, it is impossible for us to undertake to say, with any amount of certainty, how far justified are the reports we have heard; but this much we will undertake to say, that our experience of the P.G.M. is of too high a standard, to allow us to believe, even for an instant, his being able to connive at anything not strictly constitutional and fair, and therefore we hold him wholly exonerated. But it is argued that certain evil machinations were brought into play which, notwithstanding the good intention of the liberal concession of the P.G.M., counteracted its intended beneficial effect; to this, we say, so much the worse for those who, having had the confidence of a good and beloved leader reposed in them, have recklessly abused it, whilst we trust that the experience of the past will serve as a useful lesson for the government of future action.—*New Era*, Trinidad.

P o e t r y .

S T A N Z A S .

FOR MUSIC.

(From the "Rosicrucian.")

Still beautiful—still bright to me,
Though dark the clouds of life may be—
This sad yet trusting heart of mine
A refuge ever seeks in thine.

Thy smile—it lives within my soul:
Thy voice—though seas between us roll—
Mysteriously enchains me now,
Like music sweet, and soft, and low.

Would I the fond enchantment break,
Or from its happy dream awake?
Oh no! Though fate our steps may sever,
In spirit we are linked for ever.

R. WENTWORTH LITTLE.

L I N E S

Addressed in sympathy to a Mason's Daughter who lost by death a beloved Parent on New Year's Day, 1870.

Once more New Year's Day approaches,
Once more ring the merry chimes,
Once again we sit and ponder
O'er events of bygone times.
Well I know the mournful feeling
Still prevailing in thine heart;
Twelve short months have little influence
O'er bereavement's bitter smart.

Ever sad is Death's invasion,
But more sorrowful 'tis found
When at joyous festive season
Happiness beams around.
Still more poignant seems our anguish
As upon the startled ear
Falls the voice of thoughtless stranger,
Wishing us "A Glad New Year."

Thou, dear friend, wert sadly stricken
Full of grief last New Year's Day,
Yet thou hast had many mercies
In the twelve months pass'd away—
One kind parent still is spared thee.
Trust in God and hope will dawn—
Hope that points to joy in Heaven
On the Resurrection Morn.

AGNES S.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending January 21, 1871.

MONDAY, JAN. 16.

- Quarterly Meeting Boys' School, at 12.
- Lodge 1, Grand Masters', Freemasons' Hall.
- " 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- " 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- " 185, Tranquility, Radley's, Blackfriars.
- " 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
- " 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 901, City of London, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-street.
- " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship & Turtle Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. Dille, Preceptor.
- 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, JAN. 17.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
- Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
- " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 165, Honour and Generosity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- " 194, St Paul's, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- " 435, Salisbury, 71, Dean-street, Soho.
- " 704, Camden, York and Albany, Regent's-park.
- " 857, St. Mark's, Duke of Edinburgh Tav., Brixton.
- Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 167, St. John's, Radley's Hotel, Blackfriars.
- " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
- Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 7.30.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction (382), Hotel de Cologne, 60 and 61, Haymarket, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Metropolitan Railway, Victoria Station, at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753) Knights of St. John's Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Sydney Lodge of Instruction (829), Cambridge Hotel, Upper Norwood, at 7.30.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18.

- General Committee Grand Chapter, at 3.
- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Grand Stewards' Lodge, Freemasons' Hall.
- Lodge 30, United Mariners, George Htl., Aldermanbury.
- " 140, St George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
- " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
- " 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 619, Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich.
- " 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.
- " 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1044, New Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Tav., New Wandsworth.
- Chap. 10, Westminster & Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- 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.
- 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. Lindus, P ceptor.

THURSDAY, JAN. 19.

- House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 55, Constitutional, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- " 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
- " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1139, South Norwood, South Norwood Hall.
- " 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park.
- " 1287, Great Northern, Great Northern Htl., King's Cross.
- Chap. 733, Westbourne, Lords' Hotel, St. John's Wood.
- 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.

FRIDAY, JAN. 20.

- House Committee Boys' School.
- Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- " 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
- " 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes.
- 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 Mugeridge, 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.
- Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury; Bro. R. Lee, Preceptor.

SATURDAY, JAN. 21.

- Audit Committee Boys' School.
- Lodge 715, Panmure, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- " 1297, West Kent, Forest Hill Hotel, Lewisham.
- " 1329, Sphinx, Stirling Castle Tavern, Church-st., Camberwell.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7.
- Sphinx Lodge of Instruction, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, at 7; Bro. Thomas, P.M., Preceptor.
- Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.

SCOTLAND.

THE LODGE OF EDINBURGH (MARY'S CHAPEL, No. 1).

PRESENTATION TO BRO. WILLIAM OFFICER.

The ancient Scottish metropolitan lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John in the lodge-room, Waterloo Hotel, on the 27th of December. There was a large gathering of influential brethren—more than ordinary interest being attached to the communication from the circumstance that the retiring R.W.M. was in the course of the evening to be presented with a testimonial for the eminent services rendered by him to the lodge during his six years' tenure of office. Bro. W. J. Cranfield Abbott, merchant, Leith, was unanimously elected to the chair as successor to Bro. William Officer, S.S.C. Among other business transacted after the installation of the new office-bearers was the honorary affiliation of that eminent craftsman and Masonic literati, Bro. David Murray Lyon, of Ayr, who is at present engaged in writing a history of the lodge. Bro. Lyon was highly complimented by the brethren.

The lodge then adjourned to the banqueting-hall, and sat down to a sumptuous dinner. The chair was filled by the R.W.M., who was supported on the right by Bros. Officer, D. Murray Lyon (Proxy Master for the Lodge Scarborough, Island of Tobago), F. S. Melville (Past Depute Master), and Thomas Swinton (Substitute Master); and on the left by Bros. William Mann (P.M., S.G.W.), James Ballantine (G. Bard), Owen Gough (Proxy Prov. G.M. of New South Wales), and the Rev. F. Rowbottom, of St. James' Church. The croupiers were Bros. W. G. Roy, S.W., and Dr. Lilburn, J.W. Apologies were read from Bros. Henry Inglis of Torsonce (Substitute G.M.), the Lord Rosehill (Depute Master of the lodge), Colonel Campbell of Blythswood (J.G.W., and Prov. G.M. of Renfrewshire), Col. Guthrie of Carlogie, and some other eminent brethren.

At the conclusion of the dinner, the R.W.M. gave in succession "The Queen and the Craft," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Patron of the Scottish Craft, and a member of the Lodge of Edinburgh," "The Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, coupled with the names of their respective Grand Masters, the Earl de Grey and Ripon, the Duke of Leinster, and the Earl of Rosslyn," all of which toasts were neatly introduced and responded to with enthusiasm, as was also in a special manner that of "The Earl of Dalhousie, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland."

In proposing "The Health of the Retiring R.W.M.," Bro. Mann passed a high eulogium upon Bro. Officer, whose Masonic enthusiasm and industry in the discharge of the Mastership had been fruitful of results tending to the honour and prosperity of the lodge in a measure which had excited the surprise as well as the high gratification of its sons. In looking back, he (Bro. Mann) was astonished at what had been done by the lodge during the six years of Bro. Officer's reign. Two hundred new brethren had been admitted, many of whom, now scattered over the globe, were at this moment remembering with fraternal feelings the happy evenings they had spent in Mary's Chapel. After further referring to Bro. Officer's devotion to his mother lodge, and to his success in its management, the speaker begged his acceptance of the testimonial which the brethren had resolved to present to him on the occasion of his retirement from the chair, in token of their respect for him and their high appreciation of the distinguished services he had rendered to the Lodge of Edinburgh and to the Craft.

[The testimonial, which was much admired, comprises a magnificent silver epergne, after an original design, the figures on which were modelled by Gourlay Steel, Esq., Royal Scottish Academician, and three other pieces of silver plate.]

The applause which followed Bro. Mann's remarks having subsided, Bro. Officer said he accepted the gift with the profoundest gratitude as an expression of the friendly sentiments of the brethren, and their approval of the manner in which he had discharged the duties of the honourable office to which they had so often elected him. He thanked them for their munificent gift, and for their fraternal indulgence and cordial support during his occupancy of the chair. His long connection with the lodge had not afforded a mere evanescent pleasure, for within the radius of its membership he had enjoyed the friendship of many with whom it was alike an honour and a privilege to be associated; and though now resigning the trust that had been reposed in him, his best services would ever be at the command of the lodge. (Applause.)

At this stage of the proceedings, the following song, written for the occasion by Bro. James Ballantine, Grand Bard, was most effectively sung by the Senior Warden:—

Air—"When the Kye come Hame."

Be honest and be gentle; be kindly and be true;
And help your humble brethren aye this life to warstle through;

And gin through life ye ope your hearts to Charity and Love,
You'll find yoursels aye nearer drawn to Him wha reigns above.

True gentleness and kindness this night we honour here,
Our worthy Master, Officer, wha's deeds hae made him dear;

'Mong a' the Mason Craft throughout, his fame is far and wide,
And 'neath his sway St. Mary's Lodge was every Mason's pride.

Since David, Scotland's saintly king, brought foreign
Masons o'er

To build fair Holyrood, that aye has been Edina's gloir,
The Masters o' St. Mary's Lodge hae ever led the van
In teaching art, and harmony, and brotherhood to man.

Then Schaw* and Milnes for centuries, through seven
monarchs' reigns,

Our Masters aye, wi' gems o' art, graced Scotland's hills
and plains;

And earls and knights have joined our ranks wha fought
for Scotland's weal;

Our country, 'mid her trials, aye found Mary's Chapel
leal.

And lo! behold! what gallant chields, 'neath Officer's
kind reign,

Duke Rothesay† and five noblemen, are numbered in our
train,

To say nought o' the humble bards, like gude Torsonce
and me,

Wha do our best to win your love and share your festive
glee.

A bumper fill for Officer, Past Master and fast friend,
May he be lang, lang spared wi' us, sic joyous nights to
spend,

And when kind Providence is pleased us frae this life to
frec,

May we a' meet in harmony around yon throne on hie.

* William Schaw, the King's Master of Works, signed the first minute extant of Mary's Chapel in 1598, and the Milnes, who succeeded him as Masters of Works during the reigns of seven monarchs, were all Masters of the same lodge.

† During the six years that Bro. Officer has been Master of the lodge, Mary's Chapel, there have been affiliated—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and Duke of Rothesay, as also Lords Dalhousie, Haddington, Zetland, Rosehill, and Lindsay. The Duke of Leinster has also accepted honorary affiliation.

Several toasts, in addition to those mentioned, having been given and responded to, this interesting communication was concluded in the most harmonious and fraternal manner. The Craft in general, to whom Bro. Officer is favourably known as one of the most able and influential office-bearers in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, will read with the highest satisfaction the preceding report, as containing a record of the estimation in which Bro. Officer's Masonic worth is held by those who are best able to appreciate it.

PROVINCE OF GLASGOW.

The tenth annual festival of the Masonic lodges of the province of Glasgow was held on the 23rd ultimo, in the City Hall, Glasgow. The meeting was under the patronage of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Provincial Grand Lodge, and there was a large attendance of the Masonic brethren and their friends. The Right Honourable the Earl of Rosslyn, G.M.M. of Scotland, presided; and was supported on his right by Bros. Sir M. Shaw Stewart, Bart., R.W.G.D.M.; Henry Inglis, of Torsonce, S.G.M.; William Mann, S.G.W.; Colonel Campbell, J.G.W.; John Lawrie, G. Clerk; W. C. Miller, G.D.M.; H. G. Copeland, Acting-S.D.; Murdoch Mackenzie, C.G.M.; W. P. Buchan, G.S.; and W. M. Bryce, G. Tyler; and on the left by Bros. W. Montgomerie Neilson of Queenshill, P.G.M. of the province of Glasgow; the Hon. the Lord Provost, Sheriff Bell, F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M.; David Dreghorn; D. Kinghorn, P.G.J.W.; James Wallace, P.G.S.D.; J. B. Walker, P.G. Treas.; A. McTaggart, P.G. Sec.; Robert Craig, P.G.B.B.; James Leith, P.G.D.C.; Robert Robb, P.G.M.; James Gillies, P.G.S.B.; James Balfour, P.G.J.G.; James Pollock, B.G.O.G.; and W. J. Hamilton, P.G. Convener. The Masters of lodges on the platform were—Bros. John Baird (32), George Sinclair (27), John Frazer (87), Thomas Halket (102), Alexander Bain (103), Thos. Grainger (117), Robt. Mitchell (332), Andrew McIntyre (333), George Thallon (362), John Buchanan (408), James McLeod (465), George McDonald (73), John Mathieson (178), — Davidson (219), Wm. Philip (275), John Miller (413), A. McDougall and Matthew Wilson (441).

Lord Rosslyn (who was received with loud applause) said—When I had the honour of an invitation to preside at this soiree, I was little aware of the greatness of the undertaking. When I see

before me this vast assembly—and one, no doubt, so critical—it is only the great position which I have the honour to fill among the Masons that inspires me on the approach of the time to carry out the undertaking. (Applause.) And when I consider that I am not only addressing Freemasons, but that I have upon this occasion the honour of addressing Masons' wives and Masons' bairns, I feel quite certain that the fairer portion of my audience will, at all events, be lenient to my efforts, and will give me that applause and that encouragement of which I stand in need. (Applause.) Ladies and gentlemen, I had the honour to be placed in the position which I now hold but a very short time since, and this is the first public meeting at which I have had the honour to preside since I have been elected to fill that office. (Applause.) If I say this here it is because a whisper has reached me that the Freemasons of the West have sometimes felt that they donot see so much of the ruling powers of the West as they would like to do. Now, let me assure you that if this complaint should for the future be given expression to, I shall not at least be in fault. (Applause.) Now, ladies and gentlemen, I had the idea before I came here that, as Grand Master Mason of Scotland, I would have been required to speak on Masonic secrets which the ladies would never be privileged to hear; but I am pleasantly disappointed. This is not a Masonic gathering—for while there are none here but those who are closely connected with Masons, I believe I may speak in language which is not entirely Masonic. I think that if anybody may claim some title to be called on to address the fairer portion of the Masonic body—to whom we are not generally in the habit of speaking—it is myself; because it happened to be my fortune to be dining at a Masonic meeting when I had the honour and pleasure to give an invitation to the Masons present to a meeting, to be held that day twelvemonths, at a place I have in the neighbourhood of Edinburgh, called Rosslyn; and I added that I should not only be glad to see the Masons, but that they must bring their wives, daughters, and sweethearts. (Applause.) We met accordingly on a beautiful summer day, among scenery as beautiful as any Scotland can produce—and when I say that, I speak of the most beautiful scenery in the world; and I think they enjoyed themselves—at least, I hope so. (Applause.) That was the first Masonic gathering I had the pleasure of attending at which the ladies and gentlemen enjoyed themselves together. This, I am glad to see, is a meeting of the same character, and I must be allowed to congratulate the Masons of the western part of Scotland on the gathering I see before me, which would be a credit to any portion of the country. (Applause.) It is with the greatest pride and pleasure that I preside over such a meeting at such a time as this, when we must all feel for the great suffering existing in many parts of the world—when commerce and trade, and all that makes a country prosperous and rich, is not only interrupted—when not only the Masonic Brotherhood, but natural brotherhood, which is even stronger—is being rudely torn asunder. At such a meeting as this, when we have the great privilege of joining together in peace and harmony, even in festivity we cannot but think of that terrible, almost unprecedented war which is devastating the fair land of our nearest neighbour and former ally. (Applause.) In the countries now engaged in this terrible conflict not only have the bonds of Masonry been broken, but every social tie has been loosened; and many of those whom we were wont to look upon as prosperous and happy brethren are now lying wounded or dead. I think it is well that at a moment of this kind Masonry should be triumphant. (Applause.) The ties of Masonry are not limited by any climate or by any soil. They know neither political nor territorial boundaries, but as far as the civilised world extends so far do the ties of Masonry reach. (Applause.) These sentiments, which receive your approval and which you have acted on, it must be our aim and our privilege to bring to practical effect. It must be our duty wherever we have the opportunity to aid our foreign brethren who have been rendered destitute in these wars and other calamities; and in so great a community as this, I would, with all the importance of the office in which you have placed me, recommend them to your consideration and continued friendship; and I am satisfied that if you can render them any assistance you will not fail to do so. (Applause.)

Mr. Montgomerie Neilson then proposed a vote of thanks to the strangers present, to which the Lord Provost replied.

Sheriff Bell, who followed, said it was now a good many years since he was admitted a member of the Masonic body in the Canongate (Kilwinning) Lodge, which claimed for itself—although its title was disputed by a lodge in the West—to be the mother lodge of Scotland. The tenor of his life had not enabled him to mingle much with the Masonic body since that time; but his predecessor in the office which he had the honour to hold was

one of the most enthusiastic, straight-forward, and eloquent Masons ever known in Scotland. (Applause.) He (the Sheriff) had also had the honour of attending on more public occasions than one when the late Grand Master so eloquently and admirably represented the Grand Lodge. No man could have held that office with greater dignity and satisfaction to all than Lord Dalhousie; but he rejoiced to see that—he having retired with years and honours—his seat had been filled by another nobleman with all the enthusiasm of youth, and all the energy of a benevolent manhood. (Applause.) He was sure that he would worthily fill the chair which Lord Dalhousie had vacated; and he hoped that for many years to come they would be able to look to him as a most worthy representative of Masonry, and as one in whom they might have confidence to assist them in any difficulties which might occur in the various lodges; who would rule, he hoped, decidedly—at the same time with love. (Applause.)

The musical portion of the programme was sustained by Madame Vaneri, Miss Smith, Messrs. Walker, Houston, and Fraser, and a Masonic choir.

A grand assembly followed, Bro. Henry Inglis of Torsonce, Sub. G.M., leading off the ball with Miss Barrow.

AFFILIATION OF LORD ROSSLYN AND THE LORD PROVOST.

On the 23rd ult., an emergency meeting of Lodge St. Mark, No. 102, was held in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, for the transaction of important Masonic business. The Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn being in Glasgow for the purpose of presiding at the annual Masonic festival, the opportunity was taken of making his lordship an ordinary affiliated member of the lodge. The Hon. the Lord Provost, who was present, was also proposed as an honorary affiliated member.

Bro. Halkett, R.W.M., presided, assisted by Bros. Jas. F. Mitchell, acting S.W., and D. Watson, J.W. There were present, among others, Bros. Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, P.G.M. Renfrewshire West; Colonel Campbell, Blythswood, P.G.M. Renfrewshire East; F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M. Glasgow; A. McTaggart, P.G.S.; Wallace, G.L. Committee; Baird, R.W.M. No. 3 bis; Donald Campbell, P.M. 102; W. P. Buchan, R. D. Samuels, and D. Walker, No. 3 bis; &c.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the Right Hon. Earl Rosslyn and Hon. W. Rae Arthur (Lord Provost) heartily and unanimously approved of by the brethren, a deputation, consisting of Bros. Sir M. S. Stewart, Col. Campbell, F. A. Barrow, and Wallace, was sent out to intimate the result to the distinguishing brethren, and escort them into the lodge.

The affiliation was then proceeded with in proper form, and the new members having duly subscribed their names in the roll-book, Bro. Halkett, R.W.M., resigned the chair in favour of the M.W. Grand Master Earl Rosslyn, who, in returning thanks for the honour which he had just received, said that as long as he occupied the high position of Grand Master he would consider it his duty and privilege to uphold the dignity of the Craft, and never forget his duty to St. Mark's. The newly-made members then retired, and the lodge was closed.

THE CRAFT.

BRECHIN.—The St. Ninian Lodge, No. 66, met in St. Ninian's Hall, Market-street, on Tuesday evening se'nnight, for the purpose of installing the respective office-bearers for the ensuing year, and to celebrate the festival of St. John. Bro. Robert Walker, R.W.M., opened the lodge, and installed the R.W.M.-elect, Bro. David Spence, and the rest of the officers into their respective offices. The work of the lodge having been disposed of, and friendly deputations exchanged between the sister lodge (St. James), at nine o'clock the lodge was closed with love and harmony, and the brethren, in company with their wives, sweethearts, and bairns, celebrated the festival of St. John with a supper and ball.

DUMBARTON.—On the 26th ultimo, the brethren of St. John Kilwinning Lodge, No. 18, met for election and installation of office-bearers, when the following brethren were appointed: W. Ross, R.W.M.; W. Riddell, S.M.; T. Wiggans, D.M.; W. Barr, S.W.; J. McArthur, J.W.; G. Chapman, Treas.; J. McKellar, Sec.; M. S. Kirving, S.D.; G. Thomson, J.D.; J. Thomson, S.S.; J. Purdie, J.S.; J. Nixon, B.B.; J. Crawford, S.B.; J. Tosack, I.G.; and S. Murphy, T. Bro. Wm. Graham, R.W.M. of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 321, to whose charge was committed the ceremony of installation, performed these duties in a masterly and impressive manner, which was testified by the applause of the brethren.—On the following evening the feast of St. John was cele-

brated, upwards of fifty of the members being assembled, Bro. Ross, R.W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. Riddell, D.M., S.M.; Wiggans, P.G.L., S.W.; and Patersen. Bros. Barr, S.W., and McArthur, J.W., acting as Croupiers. Toast and song followed each other in rapid succession, while Bro. McKellar, Sec., introduced an able paper on "The Ancient Brethren, and their Doings from 1726," as recorded in the minutes still extant. It is worthy of notice that in 1761 the name of Sir James Colquhoun of Luss appears as R.W.M., which office he held for eleven years; while, amongst other names known to fame, the illustrious house of Smollett figures on our roll repeatedly from 1750 until the present time, when the credit of Masonry is still upheld in this district in the person of Bro. A. Smollett, P.G.M. The usual toast, "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again," with "Auld Lang Syne" by the brethren, brought to a close a very happy meeting.

GLASGOW.—The annual meeting of Lodge St. Mark, No. 102, for the election and installation of office-bearers, was held in their hall, 203, Buchanan-street, on the 28th November, Bro. Halkett, R.W.M., in the chair. There was a large attendance of brethren. The following brethren were unanimously and cordially elected: Thomas Halkett, R.W.M.; Wilfred M. Robertson, D.M.; John T. Craig, S.M.; Robert Jamieson, S.W.; Daniel Watson, J.W.; B. H. Remmirs, Treas.; James F. Mitchell, Sec.; James White, Jeweller; Alexander Gladstone, jun., Director of Music; David Stewart, S.D.; William Andrews, J.D.; James O. Smith, P.G.S.; William Duncan, S.S.; George Robertson, J.G.; and James Pollock, O.G. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Donald Campbell, P.M.

A regular meeting for election and installation of the Clyde Lodge, No. 408, came off in their lodge-rooms, 170, Buchanan-street, on the 28th ult., Bro. John Buchanan, R.W.M., in the chair, when the following brethren were unanimously elected and duly installed by the retiring Master: William Lindsay, R.W.M.; D. Downe, S.W.; William S. Williamson, J.W.; Thomas Gordon, D.M.; John Boyle, S.M.; James Morton, Treas.; William Clinton, Sec.; W. S. Hart, S.D.; John McCaul, J.D.; Robert Burns Thomson, Chaplain; Alex. Gilmour, S.S.; Hugh Kelly, J.S.; Archibald McPherson, P.G.S.; James Stewart, B.B.; John Campbell, Architect; Andrew Strathorne, Jeweller; William Bannerman, J.G.; and Thomas P. Mullin, Tyler. After installation, the new Master had the lodge placed under the benign influence of the J.W., when a very happy evening was spent with toast, song, and speeches.

POLLOKSHAW.—The brethren of the Royal Arch Lodge, No. 153, met in Maxwell Arms Inn, on Tuesday evening, 27th ult., for the purpose of electing office-bearers for the ensuing year. The following brethren were declared duly elected and installed into office: Bros. J. Kirkwood, R.W.M.; G. Mackay, P.M.; W. Adams, D.M.; W. Slimon, S.W.; J. Purse, J.W.; J. Cullen, S.D.; J. Slimon, J.D.; A. Whyte, S.A.S.; W. Cullen, J.A.S.; R. Campbell, S.B.; J. Purton, Chaplain; J. Barbour, G.M.; and J. Macfarlane, Tyler.

THE FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN AT ABERDEEN.

The festival of St. John was celebrated by the Masonic bodies in the city on Tuesday. The annual elections of office-bearers were made at business meetings held in the afternoon or early in the evening, and the brethren afterwards enjoyed social gatherings in their various lodge-rooms or in the hotels selected for the occasion. Deputations of visitors passed between the meetings in the evening, and it is needless to say that the finest fraternal feelings prevailed. The Aberdeen and Neptune Lodges had supper in the Queen's Hotel, where Mr. Duffus served an excellent repast. The St. Nicholas met in their hall, 41, Green; the St. George's, in Donald's Restaurant; and the Operatives in their hall at Mutton Brae. The following is a list of the office-bearers appointed for the year:—

Aberdeen Lodge, No. 34.—J. Lamb, R.W.M.; W. Taylor, P.M.; Alexander Diack, D.M.; W. M. Fraser, Proxy M.; George Smith, jun., S.W.; Thos. Donaldson, J.W.; Robert Eddie, Secretary; Alexander Yeates, Treasurer; Joseph Etershank, Clerk; Assistants—Urquhart, J. Jamieson, G. Donaldson, A. Lamb Troup, and Yule; George A. Berry, S.D.; Wm. Rennie, J.D.; J. Colvin, I.G.

St. Machar Lodge, No. 54.—J. Crombie, R.W.M.; James Rettie, P.M.; Edward Savage, S.W.; James Walker, J.W.; Alex. Rust, Treasurer; Alex. Yeates, Secretary; Charles Mackay, S.D.; David Grant, J.D.; Alex. Gill, I.G.; D. Campbell, Tyler.

St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 93.—J. Gordon, R.W.M.; Alexander Troup, D.M.; Edward Savage, P.M.; S. P. Davie, S.W.; John Adlington, Proxy Master; J. Yarrol de Neville, J.W.; Samuel Angus, Treas.; A. McKenzie, Secretary; James Chasser, S.D.;

James Jack, J.D.; Charles Colley, I.G.; J. Franklin, Organist; D. Campbell, Tyler.

Operative Lodge, No. 150.—Wm. Pirrie, R.W.M.; George Milne, R.W.P.M.; Archibald Emslie, D.M.; William Duff, S.W.; Wm. Smith, J.W.; Robert Birnie, Treasurer; James Mann, Secretary; James Dawson, G.S.; James Hay, S.S.; Robert Harper, J.S.; Chas. Bruce, Tyler.

St. George's Lodge, No. 190.—John S. Fraser, R.W.M.; George S. Forrest, P.W.M.; William Henderson, D.M.; Daniel Robertson, P.M.; Thos. Graham, S.W.; J. Stewart, D.S.W.; T. Saunders, J.W.; — Dey, D.J.W.; Alex. Dakers, Treasurer, Alex. McDonald, Secretary; George Skakels, S.D.; Wm. Dunningham, J.D.; George Walker, I.G.; J. Franklin, Organist; D. Campbell, Tyler; H. Gaudie and J. Drummond, Auditors.

Neptune Lodge, No. 375.—Jas. Mitchell, R.W.M.; J. Harvey, P.M.; Wm. Milne, D.M.; J. Walker, S.M.; Wm. Philip, S.W.; Geo. Smart, J.W.; J. Scorgie, Treasurer; Geo. Chamlers, Secretary; Jas. Crombie, S.D.; Wm. Forrest, J.D.; J. Maitland, I.G.; D. Campbell, Tyler, W. W. Fyfe and Robert Fernie, Auditors.

RED CROSS KNIGHTS.

A Council of this ancient Order was held at the Masonic Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on the 27th ult., under the presidency of Sir Kt. J. Balfour, assisted by Sir Knights David Gilchrist, the acting Captain of the Guard, T. Donaldson, W. Forster, W. Jamieson, and J. T. Mullins, when Brothers G. W. Wheeler and E. H. G. Dalton were duly received and dubbed Knights of the Sword, and were afterwards created Knights of the East and Knights of the East and West. The Sir Knights partook of refreshment together, when special reference was made to Sir Knight Dalton who is about to proceed on a long voyage to the West. In reply he pledged his knightly word that while in the West he would do his best to uphold the principles of Masonry in general and those of this Order in particular. Sir Knight Wheeler also replied, and pledged himself to act in the West of Scotland as his companion had in the Western hemisphere.

ARK MARINERS.

Companion J. Balfour, Noah, received into the ark, on the 27th ult., two poor distressed Mariners, named respectively G. W. Wheeler, of Lodge and Chapter 73, Mount Lebanon, also 73, S.C.; and E. H. G. Dalton, of Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, and Chapter 73, S.C. The ceremonies were very impressively rendered by the Noah and his sons.

Masonic Miscellanea.

A GRAND Masonic ball, to which the public will be admitted, will be held at the Town-hall, Preston, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., in aid of the Preston and County of Lancaster Royal Infirmary Fund.

At the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on 25th January, Bro. H. G. Buss, of 127, Offord-road, Barnsbury, will represent the Knights of Constantine, and will be happy to receive additions to his list.

A ROYAL Ark Lodge of Instruction will be opened at the Lyceum Tavern, Strand, on Monday evenings, from seven precisely till eight, commencing Monday, the 16th. All necessary information may be had of the Scribe (*pro tem.*), Bro. M. A. Loewenstark.

WE have the gratification to announce that the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine has been successfully introduced into the United States of America—Illus. Bro. Alfred Creagh, *L.L.D.*, having established it in Pennsylvania, and Illus. Bro. R. Ramsay, *L.L.D.*, of Orillia, Canada, in the State of Ohio. For these great results we are mainly indebted to Col. McLeod Moore and Bro. Douglas Harington, the Intendants-General in the Canadian Dominion; and we are assured that the beauty and simplicity of the Red Cross ceremonies are highly appreciated at the other side of the Atlantic. A second conclave, the "Holy Cross," No. 37, has been opened at Calcutta by Illus. Bro. W. O. Allender, Intendant-General for Bengal. Conclaves will also shortly be established at Portsea and Cokermouth, the charters having been granted by the Earl of Bective (late Lord Kenlis), G. Sovereign.—*Rosterician.*

MR. ROBERT TUCKER, of South Molton, has just issued the sermon which was preached in the parish church of Crediton, on the day of consecration of the Lodge of Unity, No. 1332, on November 2nd, by the V.V. Bro. the Rev. T. H. Maitland, *M.A.*, vicar of South Molton, and Prov. Grand Chaplain of Devon. The sermon (as our readers will remember) is founded on Psalm cxxxiii. 1, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell

together in unity." The discourse is a most admirable one, inculcating that brotherly union which is the principal object of Freemasonry. This sentiment is enforced by a variety of sterling argument, pointing out the best means by which it may be promoted, and the happy effects that result from it. The sermon has been published by command, and is dedicated to the R.W. Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe, Prov. G.M., and the other Grand Officers of the province of Devon.

LECTURE ON THE WAR.

Bro. Colonel Wigginton, W.M. 1298, recently delivered a lecture at St. Paul's National Schools, Canonbury, on his "Trip to Sedan." The lecturer passed rapidly over the journey from London to Antwerp, Brussels, and Bouillon, commencing his subject at the latter place by describing the castle erected by Godfrey de Bouillon, a name well-known in England's history, and the advantage the colonel and his companions derived from the Masonic introduction given by Bro. Distin, of the English Hotel, Antwerp. We give this in his own words: "Tired and wet, we at last reached the Hotel de la Porte (the best hotel in the place), where our entrance was greeted, not by obsequious waiters or smiling lasses, but by a stench that fairly staggered us. Imagine the smell of a large, crowded, badly-ventilated stable, in early morn, at first opening the door; and you may have a faint idea of the odours that we expected were to attend us at the dinner-table, coffee-room, and sleeping-berths. Stifling our feelings—as the smell stifled our olfactory nerves—we ferreted out the landlady's sacred domain, and presented our John Bull Distin's introduction; when, after sundry questions being put to us, we were handed over to the care of a pretty little lass, who tripped upstairs before us to the best room in the house, where we espied two beds, in one of which she informed us Napoleon slept upon his journey from Sedan to captivity, the room being now called 'Napoleon's room.' And here we found the value of Bro. Distin's recommendation. What he said in his note we know not, but the result was, immediate (and the best) accommodation; for three days afterwards, at Sedan, we met two poor fellows who asked us how we were treated at Bouillon, for the night they saw us arrive, they told us, they were turned out of 'Napoleon's room,' and had to turn about for a bed, getting one at last in a peasant's cottage! These were non-Masonic Englishmen! Commend me hereafter to a body calling itself Masonic, the mysterious agency of which can reach even the landlady of an hotel, when over-politeness and consideration, at that busy time, were conspicuous by their absence. I have experienced the gentle influence of the gentle Craft before, but here was a marvellous illustration of its power, it being felt most mysteriously by one of that sex which, as a rule, are steeled against, and jealous of, its influence. Suffice it to say, that at Antwerp, Brussels, and Bouillon it opened gates that would have been fast barred against us, and cleared a road that would otherwise have been beset by difficulties."

We cannot follow the lecturer through two and a half hours' discourse; suffice it to say, that it was full of incident, and that the audience were held spell-bound, as it were, till its conclusion, when long-continued acclamations testified to their appreciation of what was unanimously accepted as an intellectual treat. Col. Wigginton proposed to deal further with the battle-field of Sedan, when we hope the charity for which he exerted himself will be largely benefited.

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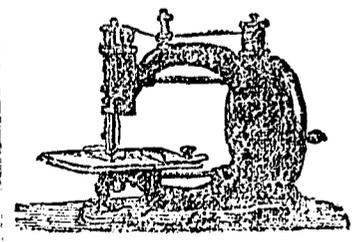
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