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THE FUTURE OF FREEMASONRY IN IRELAND.

SECOND ARTICLE.

Much has been said and much has been written concerning the origin of the Masonic Order, as we find it in our day. It is not my present purpose to enter at all into that branch of the subject. We may, I think, fairly assume that Freemasonry, or something very similar to it, has existed from "time immemorial," and whether it was originally exclusively operative in its character, or not, is beside the present question. The Freemasonry of our day is, at all events, purely speculative, and it is only on such comparatively rare occasions as the laying of foundation-stones and such-like ceremonies, that any official connection between it and the operative associations from which it probably sprung is publicly asserted. Looking at it as it exists, we recognise a system probably as perfect as any merely human organisation can be, binding in its "mystic tie" all classes, all countries, and all creeds; teaching mankind the same practical lesson that Paul proclaimed to the Athenians of his day, that God "hath made of one blood all nations of men," and inculcating its lessons of "peace, love, and harmony" in every locality where the foot of man finds a resting-place. Like other great organisations, it has met with much persecution, at various times and in many lands, and the usual effect of persecution has been found in the increased energy, zeal, and devotedness of its disciples. Those days are, happily, past. Our lines have fallen in pleasant places, and our grand old Order now holds a high position in the esteem of those whose good report is valuable, and wields an influence second to no other human organisation in the world. True, it has its enemies. It has been said, and said wisely, that a man who has no enemies is good for very little; and, probably, the same truism applies with increased force to a system. There are those who ignorantly misunderstand, and there are those who willfully misrepresent, our organisation; but as long as we keep intact the principles that have made our Order what it is, we can afford to pity the one class, and to despise the other class of our assail-

ants. It is universally admitted that the Masonic Order has now attained to a position unprecedented in its annals; and when we come to ask, what may this fact be attributed to? I think the answer will be found in the prominence with which two special "doctrines" are presented, and in the faithfulness with which Masonic theory on those doctrines is worked out in Masonic practice.

Those two points are, *unlimited tolerance* as to religious opinions, and *perfect equality* as regards the standing of our members. The importance of those two "platforms," at the present day, can hardly be over-stated. Thinking men differ widely in their estimates of truth, and the honestest thinkers will come to very different conclusions when religion is the subject of their investigations. The "isms" that cling around, and frequently disfigure and obscure, the truth of God's revelation, divide men more effectually and widely than the physical barriers that map out the globe; and a Society which, while almost a religious one in its precepts and teaching, requires no religious test of its initiates but the recognition of a Supreme Being, affords a suitable arena where honest men of all phases of faith and forms of belief, can meet without compromise of principle, and with the certainty that no word will be spoken and no act done which need hurt the most sensitive as to religious matters. Again, a Society which, within its borders, ignores class distinctions and social differences, and takes men for what they are intrinsically worth, is in striking contrast to the usual practices of the world, and presents a haven where men meet their social superiors as men and as brethren, and sink for a time the false advantages which the "accidents" of birth or fortune endow them with elsewhere. In those two principles will be found, I think, the key to our success as an Institution, and just as we keep to, or diverge from, the standard which they establish, may we expect to find our Order prosperous and influential, or languishing and weakening in its influence on our common humanity.

Looking at the Masonic system as it is established in Ireland, we find within it, coupled with much that is good and wholesome, the elements of future disunion and disruption. Not content with the universal "three degrees" of Ancient Craft Masonry, and the crowning revelations of the Royal Arch Degree, an attempt has been made to initiate another rite, by compounding a system nominally of thirty-three degrees, while the redeeming quality of the rite so initiated has been deliberately put aside by the introduction of the Templar Order as a portion of the degrees, thereby requiring all aspirants to make a profession of the Christian faith as a necessary prelude to their advancement. In the "Ancient and Accepted Rite" no such profession is necessary, and in its culminating degree of the thirty-three degrees it is provided that, of the nine members composing it in each country, five, at least, must hold the Christian faith, thus rendering it possible for those not Christians to attain to its highest honours. I do not now speak of the incongruity of conferring degrees which, in their constitution, are essentially Christian on those who may be enemies of that creed, nor of the absurd and illogical subterfuge by which the exponents of the A. and A. Rite attempt to reconcile the teachings of such degrees as that of the Rose Croix with the tenets of unchristian faith; but they have, at all events, endeavoured to preserve one of the attributes of true Masonry, by

keeping open the "high degrees" free from a religious "test," as applied to those who seek them. Here, the error lies in a different direction. Recognising the fact that those "higher degrees" are Christian in their character, membership of the Templar Order is required as a preliminary to their reception, while the additional fact is concealed or lost sight of, that those degrees are actually a part of the Templar system, and should, in common honesty, be placed under the control of that Christian organisation. As, however, something was necessary to give the appearance of completeness to the composite rite established here, the "ne plus ultra" of the A. and A. Rite was imported and placed at the head of an arrangement with which it has no connection, the result being, as a whole, ludicrously inconsistent and utterly dissimilar to anything Masonic existing elsewhere.

Nor is the departure from true Masonic principle, by the imposition of a religious barrier to the advancement of members, the only direction in which Irish Freemasonry, as usually recognised, has deviated from the proper standard. The aristocratic element, so antagonistic to true Masonry, and so repugnant to its teachings, has so permeated what are called the high degrees in this country as to render them nearly, if not quite, worthless as rewards of Masonic worth. A line has been drawn beyond which it has become almost impossible for those not occupying a certain social position, or not connected in some way with certain parties, to pass, no matter what may be their worth as "working" Masons. There can, of course, be no objection to brethren forming themselves into associations as exclusive as the members please, provided they do not hold out the banner of Masonry as a cover to proceedings opposed to its principles and irreconcilable with its practice; but when degrees which are not Masonic are blended into a system of Masonry, and held forth to young Masons, and to the outside world, as a connected series of Masonic steps constituting a complete rite of thirty-three degrees, it is time for those who know better to bestir themselves and to do what they can to preserve, intact, genuine Freemasonry.

True, Masonry is, perhaps, the purest form of "Republicanism," and the very title of a "Prince Mason" is utterly inconsistent with its simplicity and the equality which is one of its vital principles. But in Masonry, as outside it, high pretensions and loud assertions go a long way to compensate for the want of argument and the absence of reasonable proofs, and, as a consequence, the possessors of those so-called "higher degrees" have not only almost persuaded others, but have, I think, to a great extent, almost persuaded themselves, that they are the natural leaders of the Order, and, as such, are entitled to assume a position and influence in Grand Lodge to which they have not the shadow of a claim. If we look back on various Masonic proceedings within the last few years, and estimate to what extent our occasional strifes and differences are referable, directly or indirectly, to the connection with Masonry of the "high degrees," we may be able to see the danger that awaits us in the future from the same exciting cause, and may also see the necessity of averting the danger by cutting off, at once and for ever, its cause.

It is not necessary just now to go very fully into the origin of the "high grades" and their connection with Freemasonry. The readers of THE FREEMASON have been instructed on that subject, perhaps, almost

"ad nauseam," and we in Ireland are not, by any means, as ignorant of the matter as we were some short time since. Briefly stated, it would appear that some time towards the middle of last century various brethren, not satisfied with the simplicity of Ancient Craft Masonry, invented and arranged certain orders of a Christian character, and attached them to lodges and other bodies then in existence. The Order of Knights Templar appears to have been, or to have become, the governing body of certain of those degrees, notably of the Rose Croix and Kadosh, and under the Templar warrants those rites were worked and those degrees conferred. There would appear to have been some connection between the Rose Croix and Kadosh and the Templar degree, analogous to that which practically exists between the Mark (as worked here), the Past Master's, and the third degree of Blue Masonry; for, as the Mark Degree is conferred as a matter of course on all Master Masons of good standing and reputation, and the Past Master's Degree accompanies election to the chair of a lodge, so all High Knights Templar of good report seem to have been entitled to the Rose Croix on application and recommendation, and the Kadosh seems to have constituted what may be considered a Past Eminent Commander's Degree. Formerly, any three Templars in possession of the Rose Croix Degree had power to confer it, and the oldest Prince Masons' chapter in Dublin, of which we have proper information, namely, the "Kilwinning," acted on this principle, not holding or requiring any warrant. About the year 1800, the various rites and degrees appear to have been systematized by certain brethren in Charleston, America, and a Rite of thirty-three degrees was concocted, and called the "Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite," the thirty-three degrees being boldly put forward as having been instituted by Frederick the Great, for the purpose of continuing the ruling power previously invested in him as an individual.

The work referred to by Bro. Hughan, in the article on Fredk. Dalcho (No. 141 of THE FREEMASON) is a very curious one, and throws a good deal of light on the probable origin of the thirty-three degrees of the A. and A. Rite, of which he may be considered the "apostle." According to Dalcho's theory, as embodied in his "orations," the three degrees of symbolic Masonry are preparatory only, and instituted "as the test of the character and capacity of the initiated, before they should be admitted to the knowledge of the more important mysteries." His theory supposes that the "sublime degrees" contain the real secrets and mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry, a proposition so plainly opposed to historical facts that it is quite unnecessary to waste time by stopping to refute it. The request to Bro. Dalcho "for fifty copies of his most excellent orations," or for "his permission to reprint the same," is in the form of a communication, bearing date Sept. 6, 1806, "from the original chapter of Prince Masons" to "the members of the *Illustrious College of Herdon*, Knights of K.H. of *Ireland*, assembled in ample form," when said request was unanimously approved of. The orations were accordingly reprinted, bearing as a motto, "Magna est veritas, et provalebit," a selection somewhat "cool" when their tendency and object is taken into consideration.

To go no further than this "authorised" document, it is indisputable, on the face of it, that a Prince Masons' chapter and a college of Knights K.H. were in full work-

ing order in Dublin before the present century, and as the warrant of constitution for establishing a Supreme Council of the 33° for Ireland was obtained from Charleston only in 1824, that chapter and college must have held from some source antecedent to the invention of the thirty-three degrees.

Even supposing, "for argument sake," that the statement of the original institution of the thirty-three degrees was historically correct, it is plain that the existence of a power in Masonry which claims authority over *all* the degrees, the members of which "call up" their friends when vacancies occur, and are irresponsible to those whom they profess to govern, and from whom they receive large fees and contributions, is opposed to the spirit of the Order and inimical to its welfare and prosperity. The theory of Dalcho naturally assumes the right of government of all the degrees to the governing body of the "sublime" degrees, which idea is, in addition, fully set out in a note at page 55, where he states: "Although the sublime Masons have not, in this country, initiated any into the blue degrees, yet their counsels possess the indefeasible right of granting warrants for that purpose. It is common on the continent of Europe, and may be the case here, should circumstances render the exercise of this power necessary." Taking this claim in connection with the allusion at page 59, to certain "secret constitutions," it may be questioned whether the existence of such a degree is consistent with the dignity and independence of Grand Lodge. There seems to have been a considerable capability of "yielding to the pressure of circumstances" in the constitution of the high grades, and that, even at the early date in their history at which the Dalcho reprint was issued, they were antagonistic to the Irish system, is shown at page 84, where, after a number of asterisks, we learn that, "the passages of the original which follow, have been omitted in this edition, not being conformable to the Masonic Constitution, as established in Ireland."

The glaring inconsistency in the adoption in the Irish system of the thirty-three degrees of the A. and A. Rite, in connection with the older working which required Templar qualifications in candidates for the "high" degrees, is still further illustrated by the fact that not one of the degrees of the A. and A. Rite, inferior to the Rose Croix, which forms the 18° of that Rite, is practised in this country, the degree of "Knight of the East and West," or 17°, being hardly an exception, although a degree so named is conferred under Templar warrants; and of the degrees superior to the Rose Croix, the 28° (Knight of the Sun), 30° (Knights K.H.), 31° (Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commander), 32° (Princes of the Royal Secret), and 33° (Sovereign Grand Inspector General), are alone worked.

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Dublin, 22nd Nov., 1871.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Palpitation of the Heart is frequently, not only felt, but heard, prevents sleep, and begets the utmost dread of impending suffocation. These Pills are particularly recommended for removing this affection, because they strengthen the nervous and the debilitated, who are much more liable to this malady than other persons. Holloway's Pills so improve the digestion, increase the action of the liver, and give activity to the bowels, that giddiness, headache, and nau-*ea* depart as the palpitation diminishes, and the sufferer at once experiences the most indescribable relief from anxiety. Holloway's Pills form the best alterative and aperient in all cases of convalescence from fevers, inflammations, neuralgia, and all chronic diseases which have impoverished the blood and brain.—[Adv.]

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The Annual General Communication was held at Loughborough, on Friday, 24th November, under the auspices of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge, No. 1007, and was attended by about eighty brethren of the several lodges in the province.

The Craft lodge was opened at the Town Hall at 12.45 p.m., and after the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. W. Kelly, and the Prov. Grand Lodge was received in the customary manner. The P.G.M. having been saluted with grand honours, proceeded to open the Grand Lodge in due form.

Amongst those present were: Bros. the Rev. W. Langley, P.P.S.G.W., as D.P.G.M.; W. G. Palmer, S.G.W.; J. H. Johnston, P.P.G.W. Cumb., as J.G.W.; Revds. Dr. Haycroft and John Halford, G. Chaps.; W. B. Smith, G. Treas.; S. S. Partridge, G. Reg.; G. Toller, jun., G. Sec.; R. W. Widdowson, F. J. Baines, and W. G. Palmer (jun.), G. Stewards; H. Deane and C. Stretton, P.P.G. Reg.'s; S. Love, W. Wear, A. M. Duff, and T. H. Buzzard, P.P.G.D.'s; J. J. Fast, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; T. Thorpe, P.P.G. Dir. of Cers.; E. Gosling, P.P.G. Purs.; T. Cox, P.G. Treas. Derbyshire; J. M. Moore, P.P.G. Steward Derbyshire; F. Binckes, P.G. Steward of England, Sec. R.M.I. Boys; S. W. Cloves, *M.P.*, 484; Captains P. P. Goodchild and R. H. Burnaby, 279; J. C. Duncomb, P.G.A. Dir. of Cers. Norths. and Hunts; Revds. P. H. Phelp, 50, and J. Freeman, 1007; Albert Pell, *M.P.*; J. H. Douglas, Sec. 1330; and many others. Representatives from every lodge in the province answered to the roll-call.

Several letters of apology for absence having been noticed, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Rev. W. Langley, Acting D.P.G.M., in referring to the loss sustained by the death of Bro. W. Pettifor, P.P.S.G.W.—whose name had occurred on the minutes—then moved a resolution expressive of the sympathy of the lodge with the widow in her bereavement, which was seconded by Bro. A. M. Duff, P.P.G.D. The P.G.M., in putting the resolution, spoke in very high terms of the deceased, and of the estimation in which he was held by the brethren of the province. (Carried unanimously.)

A letter was read from the Dowager Countess Howe, in reply to a resolution of the P.G. Lodge on the death of her husband, the late esteemed P.G.M., thanking the lodge for the sympathy expressed in the resolution, and expressing approval of the proposal to place a stained-glass window in the memorial church about to be erected to the memory of the late Earl. On the motion of the Rev. W. Langley, Acting D.P.G.M., seconded by the Rev. John Halford, P.G. Chap., the letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The patent of appointment of the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, as D.P.G.M., was read, but his lordship was prevented from attending for installation by sudden and severe indisposition.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was read, congratulating the lodge on the favourable state of the G. Treasurer's account, and also on the steady and gratifying progress of Masonry throughout the province, and especially of the junior lodge, No. 1330, Market Harboro', consecrated at the last meeting of the P.G. Lodge, and which now numbers thirty-three subscribing

members. Referring to the Leicester lodges, the report says that the question of a new lodge would probably soon have to be entertained, owing to the great increase in numbers of both lodges, there being only two lodges now to a population of 95,000, the same number that existed fifteen years ago, when the population was less than half that number. The success of the candidate of the province, Alfred Nutt, at the recent election for the Boys' School, was noticed, and a summary of the sources from whence the votes were received was given. The report concludes with a well-merited acknowledgment of the untiring exertions of the Prov. G. Master to secure the success of the candidate.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Haycroft, P.G. Chap., approved of the proposal to establish a new lodge in Leicester, and referred, in terms of high commendation, to those brethren to whose assistance the success of the candidate for the Boys' School was due. He moved: "That the report read be adopted, and that the best thanks of the P.G. Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered, to Bros. Augustus Smith (R.W.P.G.M. Cornwall), Sir F. M. Williams (J.G.W. England and D.P.G.M. Cornwall), Col. Machen (D.P.G.M. Warwickshire), John Symonds, William J. Hugan, and all those brethren who, by their votes, contributed to the success of the candidate of this province at the recent election of the R.M.I. for Boys."

The resolution was seconded by Bro. C. Stretton, P.P.G. Reg., and carried unanimously.

The P.G. Master drew attention to a discrepancy in the returns of lodges, and explained that the difference arose that some lodges had not returned members whose subscriptions were more than two years in arrears, but that the actual number of initiations and joinings exceeded that of last year.

Bros. L. A. Clarke, P.P.S.G.W.; and C. Stretton, P.P.G. Reg., were elected members of the Hall Committee, on the motion of Bro. the Rev. W. Langley, P.P.S.G.W., seconded by Bro. Widdowson, P.G. Steward.

Bro. H. Deane, P.P.G.R., was then installed by the P.G.M. as W.M. of No. 1007, in the presence of a large number of P.M.'s, and having been saluted in the several degrees, he invested his officers for the year, after which the P.G. Lodge was resumed.

The Treasurer's accounts having been passed, Bro. Stretton moved that Bro. W. B. Smith be re-elected Treasurer, which was seconded by Bro. J. J. Fast, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, and carried unanimously, with thanks for his past services.

The P.G.M. moved a vote of thanks to the P.G. Sec. for his services, which was seconded by Bro. Smith, P.G. Treas., and carried unanimously.

Bro. Toller having briefly replied, the following were invested as P.G. officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Sir H. St. John Halford, Bart., S.G.W.; H. Deane, J.G.W.; Revds. J. Halford, M.A., and P. H. Phelp, M.A., G. Chaps.; W. B. Smith, G. Treas.; A. Pell, M.P., G. Reg.; G. Toller, jun., G. Sec.; W. Sculthorpe, S.G.D.; J. C. Duncombe, J.G.D.; J. M. McAllister, G. Supt. of Wks.; C. H. Capp, G. Dir. of Cers.; L. L. Atwood, Asst. G. Dir. of Cers.; C. P. Newcombe, G. Sword-bearer; C. L. Ferneley, G. Org.; F. J. Baines, G. Purs.; R. W. Widdowson, Asst. G. Purs.; Capt. Goodchild (279), E. Mace (523), J. J. F. Scott (1007), F. Barnard (Sec. 1130), W. Berridge (1265), and J. H. Douglas (Sec. 1330), G. Stewards; and C. Bembridge (279), Tyler.

It should be mentioned that Bro. M. McAllister, P.G. Supt. of Works, was presented by the Leicester Masonic Hall Committee with a complete suit of Prov. clothing and jewel, in recognition of his gratuitous services at the recent improvements of that building.

A new state sword for the lodge was ordered to be purchased.

Bro. Binckes, at the request of the P.G.M., gave an interesting account of the method of education pursued at the Boys' School, after which the P.G. Lodge was closed in due form.

The banquet took place at the Bull's Head Hotel, and was attended by about seventy brethren. Several interesting speeches were delivered, especially one by the Rev. J. Halford, in response to the toast of "Bishop, Clergy, and Ministers of all Denominations," proposed by Bro. A. Pell, M.P. The rev. brother, in a most forcible and eloquent speech, said that, if the clergy generally knew Masonry better, they would the more highly esteem its principles; he believed that there was in a Masonic lodge a more thorough appreciation of a great Christian principle than anywhere else—viz., the universal brotherhood of mankind—and the result was, that Masons, as a rule, better carried that principle, not only in, but out of the lodge.

The length to which this report has extended must preclude any further notice of the various addresses; but it will be sufficient to say that the anniversary was, throughout, a great success, and thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORFOLK.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The Grand Lodge of the province of Norfolk, convened to be holden in Lynn on Saturday last, the 25th November, was necessarily deprived of much of its anticipated interest by the absence, through the deeply-regretted illness, of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, P.G.M. of England. His announced purpose of attending the lodge had not only been hailed with rejoicing by the brethren of Norfolk, and the adjacent counties, but many resident in somewhat distant provinces were eager to avail themselves of the opportunity of paying respect to his Royal Highness in his Masonic character. The publication throughout the kingdom of the contents of the bulletins issued from Sandringham on Thursday and Friday informed those brethren how very unlikely it was that the Prince could leave home on the occasion; and it is probable that some hundreds of members of the Craft were thereby induced to change their intention of journeying to Lynn. It was a great disappointment; and the inconvenience of the day on which the lodge was holden (it being market day at Lynn, Wisbech, Norwich, and Spalding) further tended to the prejudice of the gathering. The probability of having to remain away from home over Sunday, no doubt induced many from the south and west to absent themselves, who would gladly have been present had there been any train available between five o'clock on Saturday afternoon and 7.40 on Monday morning. But notwithstanding these adverse circum-

stances, the convocation was a very successful one; and not less than 200 brethren were present in Grand Lodge, including some from London, Cambridge, Peterborough, Hull, and, we believe, more distant places.

The use of the ancient Guildhall of Lynn with its adjoining suite of apartments, had been placed by the Mayor at the disposal of the Prov. Grand Lodge; and on Friday the Director of Ceremonies of the province (the well-known and esteemed Bro. Mason, of Norwich), arrived in Lynn with his assistants and the magnificent furniture and regalia of the lodge, and the necessary preparations were made for the ceremonies of the following day. The Guildhall formed an excellent and appropriate lodge-room; the justice-room adjoining was appropriated as the vestibule; and a two noble assembly rooms together formed the banqueting chamber.

The lodge was summoned for two o'clock in the afternoon, and shortly after that time the Very Worshipful the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Hon. F. Walpole, M.P., (in the absence, from age and infirmity, of the venerable Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Benjamin Bond Cabbell), with his Prov. Grand Wardens, Bros. A. Evans Lombe and A. Palmer, took their seats; the other officers arranged themselves in their respective situations, and the brethren, under the banners of the several lodges of the province, thirteen in number. The opening ceremonies were then performed, the Deputy Prov. G. M. was duly saluted, the roll called over, and a hymn was solemnly sung by the whole body of Masons present, the Prov. Grand Organist (Bro. G. Brittan) performing the accompaniment.

The minutes of the preceding lodge and the report of the Board of Finance were then read and confirmed, grants of money were voted to poor and distressed brethren, and other business was transacted. The V. W. Deputy Prov. G. M. appointed the following Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and invested with their insignia those of them who were present, or, in the case of the few absentees, the brethren who undertook the duties for them *pro hac vice*: Bros. Lord Suffield, S.W.; T. Baker, J.W.; C. E. Bignold, Reg.; Rev. W. Lake Onslow, Chap.; Howes, Supt. of Works; A. M. F. Morgan, Sec.; J. Barwell, Treas.; G. L. Coleman, S.D.; G. S. Woodwork, J.D.; H. J. Mason, D.C.; J. B. Quinton, Asst. D.C.; G. Brittan, Org.; Beeston, Purs.; Asker, Ayris, Abram and Gambling, Stewards; Major Duff and the Rev. J. P. Deacon, Extra Deacons; Capron Smith, Major Penrice, G. W. F. Loftus, W. A. T. Amhurst, Hastings Parker and Sir F. Boileau, Extra Stewards; Stevens, Sword-bearer; Scott, Banner-bearer; R. Gunn, Tyler.

At half-past three o'clock, the lodge was adjourned, and a procession was formed from the Guildhall to St. Margaret's Church, to attend divine service. A dense crowd of spectators lined each side of the narrow space through which the brethren walked from the hall to the west door of the church, and a very numerous congregation already occupied those parts of the sacred edifice which had not been reserved for the Fraternity.

The service was choral and was exceedingly well and heartily performed, the several choirs of the town combining to lead the musical portions. The opening voluntary was performed by the Prov. G. Organist, and the remainder of the service was accompanied by Mr. Reddie. The psalms and *Cantate Domine* were sung to single chants from the Cheadle tune book, and the *Deus*

*Misereatur* to a double chant from Ouseley's psalter. The hymns were from *Ancient and Modern*, the first being the Old Hundreth Psalm (old version) and the second (during the offertory) the hymn on Almsgiving, No. 372. The anthem has from Psalm cxxxiii: "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity," &c. The first portion of the prayers was read by Bro. the Rev. T. Peacey, curate in charge of St. Margaret's parish, and the second portion by Bro. the Rev. Arthur Holmes, Senior Fellow of Clare College, Past Prov. Grand Chaplain of Cambridge-shire. The first lesson was read by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Rector of Melford, Past Grand Chaplain of England; and the second by Bro. the Rev. Dr. White, headmaster of Lynn Grammar School, and J.D. Lodge 107. It had been announced that the Prov. Grand Chaplain of Norfolk, Bro. the Rev. W. Lake Onslow (rector of Sandringham and private Chaplain to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales) would preach the sermon, but he was unhappily confined to his home by a rather severe attack of illness of some days' duration. In his absence the duty was undertaken by Bro. the Rev. H. H. Bridgwater, vicar of Snettisham and Past Chaplain of Lodge 107; who preached an eloquent and impressive sermon from Nehemiah, iv. 17, 18: "Every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon. For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me." The offertory after the sermon was collected by several members of the Order, and amounted to £16 10s. 7d., in aid of the funds of the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital. The benediction having been pronounced, the brethren returned in procession to the lodge-room.

The V.W.D.P. Grand Master, other business having been concluded, tendered the thanks of the Prov. Grand Lodge and the brethren for the use of the Town Hall, to the Mayor, at the same time expressing much gratification at seeing him present as a member of the Craft. He also offered their thanks to the incumbent of St. Margaret's for placing the church at their service. He added that he could not sit down without moving a vote of condolence to the Prince and Princess of Wales upon the illness of his Royal Highness, and expressing the prayer of the brethren that he might speedily recover and that he would long live to shed the lustre of his high station upon the Craft. (The resolution was telegraphed to Sandringham and a suitable reply received in the course of the evening.)

The Rev. J. C. Rust, Past Prov. Grand Chaplain, moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Bridgwater for his admirable sermon, remarking that if there was one portion in it more practical than another, it was that wherein the rev. brother sent forth the great principles on which the Institution of Freemasonry is based, and which, if thoroughly acted upon, would render it an ornament not to this country alone, but to the whole world.

The D.P. Grand Master said he was quite sure that he might add to the remarks of Bro. Rust a request on behalf of the P.G. Lodge that the eloquent sermon they had just heard should be printed as it could not fail to advance the interests of the Order.

The resolutions were adopted by acclamation; and the P.G. Lodge was closed in due form.

At five o'clock the brethren, to the number of 160, reassembled at

## THE BANQUET,

which was served in the Assembly-room by Bro. S. N. Marshal, of the Globe and Duke's Head Hotels, with his accustomed efficiency.

Bro. the Hon. F. Walpole, Deputy Prov. G.M., presided, and was supported by the following brethren: Major Penrice, P.G.S.; Inns, D.P.G.M. of Norths. and Hunts.; Rev. H. H. Bridgwater, P.G. Chap.; J. D. Thew, Mayor of Lynn; Capt. Bignold, P.G. Reg.; Rev. T. White, J.D.; Binckes, Sec. of R.M. Boys' School; A. M. F. Morgan, P.G. Sec.; Lockwood, D.P.G.M. Suffolk; Rev. A. Holmes, P.P.G.C. Cambs.; Thorley, Ex-Mayor of Lynn; H. L'Estrange, P.P.G.R.; Golding, P.G.S.D. Suffolk; Loftus, P.P.G.J.W.; Strathern, P.P.G.J.W. Suffolk; S. D. Palmer, P.P.G.R.; M. B. Bircham, P.P.G.R.; W. H. Lucia, P.G.S. Suffolk; H. Barwell, P.P.G.S.D.; G. F. Deacon, P.P.G.J.D.; R. Whitwell, P.P.G.J.D.; H. Youngman, P.P.G.J.W.; J. D. Dunsford, P.P.G.R.; C. E. Bignold, P.G.R.; G. L. Colman, P.G.S.D.; Watkinson, Judd, Woodward, Vise and others (Spalding), &c., &c.

The Vice-chairs were filled by Bro. H. Evans Lombe, P.P.G.S.W.; and Sir F. Boileau, P.G.S.

The band of the King's Lynn Rifle Corps performed in the adjoining hall during the dinner; and at intervals between the subsequent speeches, appropriate music was delightfully sung by Bros. Smith, Minns, Thouless and Offord, of Norwich, Bro. Brittan accompanying at the pianoforte. The ceremonial attending the reception of the toasts was ably conducted by Bro. H. J. Mason, Prov. D.G.C.

The President, in due course, rose to propose the first toast, of the health of the Queen, which was instantly received with an outburst of loyal cheering. He said: It is a toast that ever has been, and ever will be in the future, by every man who deserves the name of Briton, received as you have just received it. It would be attaching too great importance to them were I to notice the small and vulgar scandals that have recently been uttered against our beloved Sovereign. (Renewed cheering.) Those utterances come from men who, failing to be eminent, endeavour to make themselves notorious. (Hear, hear.) I will give you "The health of Her Most Gracious Majesty," and couple with it in our time-honoured toast "The Queen and the Craft." (The toast was drunk with the greatest possible enthusiasm, the brethren rising *en masse* and cheering again and again with intense energy for several minutes.)

The Masonic version of the National Anthem was then sung by Bros. Minns, Smith and Thouless, all present joining in the chorus, and afterwards in renewed volleys of cheering.

The President then said: The next toast I have the honour to give you is one which hardly requires any words from me after the enthusiastic way in which you received the former toast. It is that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the eldest son of that mother whose health you have so loyally received. (Loud cheers.) And what a noble answer was the way in which you have drunk that toast to the attack that is being made against our Queen and our glorious Constitution. (Cheers.) Do not we all appreciate the happiness of the country we have lived in when we look around us? Look at France, are we going in for the same experiment here? ("No, no!" and tremendous cheering.) I think we may well say of our Constitution in the words of that song that has been so beautifully sung, referring to our brotherhood—

"Wisdom in thee we find,  
Beauty and strength combined."

(Cheers.) When first I was asked to call the Grand Lodge together at Lynn, it was a great pleasure to do so, for Lynn has very many pleasant reminiscences for me (Cheers, and a laugh.) I forgive my enemies in Lynn most heartily (hear, hear); and I was very pleased and proud to come to Lynn. And really, the fact is, it is such a nice town, it is almost impossible to get away from it. (Laughter and cheers.) We therefore thought that, being near the residence of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, we would invite him to the lodge. H.R.H. at once accepted the invitation, and gave us one of the earliest days he possibly could. At Sandringham the other day he spoke warmly of his anxiety to be here to-night; and I am sure amongst the causes of regret in his illness, not one of the least will be in his being unable to be present with us. (Hear, hear.) I am sure we all wish him to be speedily restored to his full strength and full health (hear, hear); because nobody has a harder task set before him in the course of life than His Royal Highness. The time has gone by when the world would be content with "*Rois fainéants*." We look for labour and honest labour from every man, whatever his rank in life (applause); and we have a right to demand it from the Prince of Wales in return for the loyalty and devotion we offer him. (Cheers.) We regret deeply his absence from our gathering, and it was taken away half the joy from us; in fact it has turned what would have been a fair summer's day into a cold winter's drizzle. However, we will drink his health in his absence as if he were present; and we will acknowledge how proud we are that the son of the Queen should become a Mason, like so many of his loyal relatives. (Loud and prolonged cheers.)

Bro. Minns sung "God Bless the Prince of Wales," the brethren all joining in chorus.

The Mayor of Lynn was received with loud cheering on rising to propose the next toast. Referring to the adage that a good apprentice makes a good Master, he rose readily to the call of the V.W.D. Prov. G. Master to propose the next toast, viz., "The Health of the M.W. the Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England." With that toast he would couple the name of a gentleman present that evening, who took very great interest in one of the most important institutions connected with the Order, viz., the Royal Masonic School for Boys. (Cheers.) Knowing that education was one of the great questions of the day, they would all agree with him that a gentleman who devoted his time and attention to the education of the sons of Masons deserved the thanks of the Order in a most especial manner. He was, therefore, very happy to couple the health of Bro. Binckes with the toast he had proposed. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Binckes responded in an eloquent speech.

Bro. Inns, D. Prov. G.M., proposed the next toast—the health of one who, if he had been able, would have occupied the position of the present worthy chairman. However pleased he was to see their highly-esteemed Bro. Walpole in that position, he was sure it would have been a greater pleasure to have met their Prov. G.M., inasmuch as for many years he had been recognised as one of the greatest patrons of charity, not only in the province, but in the United Kingdom. (Loud cheers.) Wherever charities were to be

supported, there Bro. Bond Cabbell was to be found. (Renewed cheers.) It was nearly twenty-seven years since he (Bro. Inns) was in the town of Lynn, but he had a lively remembrance of the friendship he then enjoyed. Having come from the west and travelled due east, he had obtained the satisfactory knowledge that their D. Prov. G.M. had discharged his duties in a very able manner—(cheers)—and he now had the pleasing duty of proposing "The Health of the R.W. Prov. G.M.," sincerely hoping that his heart might continue to grow warm, and these springs of charity might continue to flow bountifully so long as he was permitted to remain on the surface of this globe. (The toast was drunk with Masonic honours.)

Bro. Major Penrice then proposed the health of their excellent brother in the chair, the V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master. (Loud and prolonged cheers.) No Mason in this province was better known and esteemed, and no man ever performed his duties in a more courteous and successful manner. (Immense cheering.)

The V.W.D. Prov. G.M., who was received with renewed cheers, said that many years as he had worked in Masonry, and that he had had the pleasure of holding his present office, it had been to him annually a recurring season of great satisfaction at the way in which his labours were received. Annual meetings, at his time of life, were not altogether pleasant. There was something in them that showed that what was only one "tick" of the pendulum of time, was the passing of a great space in a man's life. But they were there to celebrate the beginning of a new year—not the falling of an old one, and to congratulate Masonry on being still vigorous and flourishing in the province. He thanked the Masons of Norfolk again and again for assembling there in such numbers, in spite of the disappointment they had received. But they felt that he who only worked at his Craft in fine weather, and when a Prince was coming, was a very poor Mason, indeed. (Loud cheers.) They wanted those to be Masons who not only would retain the ancient landmarks of the Order, but who knew where those ancient landmarks were; men who would not only be ornamental, but who would be useful; who would work at the Craft, and understand the Craft, in the admirable way which had been set forth by their worthy and rev. Chaplain that day. (Applause.)

Bro. A. M. F. Morgan, Prov. G. Sec., proposed, "Prosperity to the ancient borough of Lynn, and coupled with that the health of their newly-initiated brother in Masonry, the much respected Mayor of this town."

The Mayor returned thanks.

The other toasts were: "The Provincial Grand Chaplain," responded to by Bro. the Rev. H. H. Bridgwater; "The Provincial Grand Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Evans Lombe; "The Visitors;" "The Grand Officers and Brethren of the Neighbouring Provinces," to which Bro. Inns, D.P.G.M. of Northamptonshire, Bro. Rev. A. Holmes, Prov. G. C. Cambridge, and Bro. Watkinson, of Spalding, responded; and a few other toasts concluded the happy and harmonious gathering.

#### PROV. GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM.

The first annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for Northum-

berland and Durham was held, under the banner of the Eclectic Lodge, No. 39, in Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool, on Tuesday, the 21st ultimo.

Present: The Right Hon. the Earl Percy, M.P., D.G.M.M.M., Prov. Gd. Master; Bros. Anthony Clapham, D. Prov. G.M.; S. Gourlay, M.D., Prov. G.S.W.; W. W. Brunton, G.J.W.; W. Foulsham, G.J.O.; the Rev. Canon Tristram, LL.D., G. Chaplain; Jno. Stokoe, G. Treasurer; Thomas Whitwell, G. Reg.; T. Y. Strachan, G. Sec.; Wm. Brignall, jun., G.S.D.; J. Ridsdale, G.J.D.; E. Hudson, G.D.C.; W. Coxon, G.I.G.; the W. Masters of all the lodges in the province, and a number of Past Masters, Wardens, and Overseers, and, by permission, the brethren of various lodges.

A Lodge of Instruction was held at half-past two o'clock, by the W.M. of the Eclectic Lodge, assisted by his officers, and the ceremony of advancement was gone through by them in a highly creditable manner.

The R.W. Prov. G. Master then opened the Provincial Grand Lodge, assisted by his officers as above.

After the minutes of previous meetings had been read, the Committee of General Purposes' report was read, which showed that three new lodges had been formed and constituted during the year, viz., the Percy (122), at Stockton-on-Tees; the Union (124), at Sunderland; and the Hotspur (135), at Alnwick. Satisfactory reports were given of the progress of Mark Masonry in the new province, by the W.M.'s of the several lodges, the number of members being 194. The financial statement was also very satisfactory.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. invested the following Provincial Grand officers for the ensuing year: Bros. A. Clapham D.P.G.M.; B. Levy, G.S.W.; H. G. Faber, G.J.W.; J. W. Cameron, G.M.O.; R. B. Harpley, G.S.O.; R. B. Reid, G.J.O.; Rev. J. Milner, G.C.; John Stokoe, G. Treas.; R. F. Cork, M.D., G. Reg.; T. Y. Strahan, G. Sec.; C. P. Anson, G.S.D.; J. B. Watt, G.J.D.; Hubert Law, G.I.W.; G. T. Pearson, G.D.C.; R. Giesecke, G.O.; E. T. Turnbull, G.I.G.

After some other routine business, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where dinner was served.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. presided, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, and the brethren spent a very enjoyable evening.

#### THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF GOOD TEMPLARS.

The Order is a Teetotal Freemasonry, binding its members in a bond of brotherhood, with the one common object of carrying on a crusade against intemperance, like the Knights Templar of old against the Saracens who desecrated the Holy Sepulchre. These latter in their day went forth to battle for the Cross against its greatest enemy; the Good Templars of the present day are animated with the same fire, and seek by moral and spiritual, instead of carnal weapons, to annihilate strong drink, the modern foe to all Christian progress. The Order is not a sick club or benefit society, like the Rechabites or Sons of Temperance, nor does it in any way seek to supplant these, but rather to strengthen and aid them, its main objects being to afford a protection to all those who sign the temperance pledge, to enlist them in the noble army of teetotalers, and find them work to do for the benefit of their fellow-men.

The Order had its origin in New York in 1851, where it spread with much rapidity, its usefulness becoming more and more apparent with its increase in strength. It was one of the first, if not the first, institution in America, to break down the wall of partition between bond and free, admitting to its ranks white and negro on terms of perfect equality. The Order now forms a temperance army in the United States and Canada of over 300,000 strong.

Birmingham has the honour of being the first

town in Great Britain to open a Lodge of Good Templars, and in July, 1870, the Grand Lodge of England was formed there, now numbering over 300 lodges, with more than 20,000 members.

In Scotland, the Order has prospered to a most remarkable extent. The first lodge was formed in Glasgow, August 12th, 1869, and in two years Scotland can boast of 600 lodges, and over 60,000 members.

In many districts of Scotland, notably Glasgow, the Lothians, and Tweedside, the Order has worked with almost miraculous success, and its efforts have told greatly in the reduction of crime, misery, and social degradation in thousands of Scotch households.

The lodges meet weekly for business and social intercourse. Men and women are admitted to the Order on equal terms, and both are eligible for its lowest and highest offices. The benefit of these weekly social meetings cannot be over-rated. If a poor drunkard is reclaimed, and signs the temperance pledge, he is brought to the lodge meeting, initiated, and introduced to a number of men and women bound solemnly to help, cheer, and encourage him in the good and holy resolution he has formed.

A moment's reflection will tell every friend of the temperance movement that the Good Templars' Lodge thus supplies a want which has been felt sorely ever since teetotalism had a beginning.

It is a source of constant disappointment and grief to all who are actively engaged in the temperance movement, that such a large proportion of those who sign the pledge at our various meetings, after a while fall away into their old habits; and there can be but little doubt that the reason of this is, that nothing has been done hitherto to educate such people in temperance principles, or hold out to them in loving sympathy a helping hand in the struggle they have to go through with their old enemy, the appetite for drink. This missing link is well filled by the Order of Good Templars. Every member is known personally to all his fellow-members; a watchful eye is kept on all recruits; absentees from the lodge meetings are duly visited, and if any give way to old propensities, means are used to bring the wanderer back to the fold. The history of the Order can point triumphantly to its success in this most important and difficult department of temperance work, for the violation of pledges has not amounted to more than 5 per cent. of its members.

The conditions of membership are simple: persons of either sex over sixteen years of age are admitted, if they believe in the existence of God as the Ruler and Governor of all things, and are willing to take the temperance pledge for life, and labour in the temperance cause.

The Order is what is called a "Secret Society," and yet it has no secrets. Its platform, principles, constitution, and laws are open to the inspection of all the world; all that is kept secret are the grips, signs, and passwords, by which alone members may recognise each other, and gain admission to the lodges; these are an obvious necessity, and will at once appear so to any thoughtful person. We rejoice to see that Good Templarism is finding favour with Bristol teetotalers; there are already in the city twelve lodges, numbering over 800 members. We heartily commend the movement, and shall be glad to aid its development and progress in our pages, as occasion may serve.—*Western Temperance Herald*, Nov., 1871.

THE Right Hon. Lord Leigh, Prov. Grand Master of Warwickshire will lay the foundation-stone of the new out-patient department of the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, on Monday next, December 4th, with Masonic rites.

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## "A BODY WITHOUT A HEAD."

THAT but little resemblance exists between the Freemasonry practised in England and other countries, and the nondescript medley which usurps that name in France, is a fact but too well known to Masonic observers in both hemispheres; and, unhappily, our French brethren seem determined to widen the gulf which thus practically separates them from all true and faithful supporters of the ancient landmarks of the Craft. It is, at all times, a melancholy thing to note the gradual perversion of a noble intent to base and unhallowed ends—even as it is sad to see the shadows of darkness gradually envelope and destroy the brilliant hues of a summer sky. But indignation somewhat mingles with our sorrow when we reflect that French Masons have done, and are still doing, all they can to stain the glories of the Royal Art, to banish its proud traditions from their midst, and to erect upon the ruins of the Masonic edifice a structure built up of vanity and buttressed by falsehood and shame. In a word, the introduction of political questions into the lodges in France, and the constant discussions resulting therefrom, have slowly but

surely sapped the foundations of the Masonic Institution in that land of grandiloquent ideas. The principles of 1789, and the relative merits of dynastic or anarchical sway, are common topics of debate in French lodges; in fact, the business of the "Orator"—an officer, by-the-bye, unknown in our English matter-of-fact assemblies—seems to be mainly to keep the brethren well posted in the politics of the day, and to pour forth a stream of pompous verbiage upon certain grand occasions, his stock phrases being "Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity."

No stronger evidence of this divergence from the neutral path prescribed to all members of the Craft can be found than in the recent proceedings of the Grand Orient of France in General Assembly convened. The delegates present had scarcely verified their respective representative powers, when a certain Brother Laterrade appealed to the Assembly to hail the anniversary of the overthrow of the empire with a "triple battery" of acclamation, and in the course of his speech, pronounced a Republican form of government to be the only "true, desirable, and logical" system of rule. Bro. Maricot replied, and objected to any demonstration of joy being made while so large a portion of France was occupied by the foreigner, but Brother Rousselle combated this argument by asserting that the Grand Orient ought to rejoice in the date of the 4th September, because it was the anniversary of a day when liberty was restored to the nation. Several voices, however, protested at this juncture, and Bro. Simon, of Paris, very sensibly demurred to the political tone of the discussion, and insisted that every brother should maintain his essentially Masonic character in the meetings of the Order, and we are glad to say that this wise counsel was supported by Bro. Ratier, who said, with emphasis: "Here, we are Freemasons, and nothing but Freemasons." Eventually, the Assembly passed to the order of the day; or, as we should say, "shelved" Bro. Laterrade's motion, which, however, ought never to have been broached, much less entertained in any body calling itself Masonic. As a further example of the manner in which political ideas pervade the French Masonic mind, a curious incident, which occurred at the second *séance* of the Grand Orient, may be quoted. The President having made the usual inquiry as to the exclusion of the profane from the meeting, and the Wardens having responded affirmatively, Bro. Rousselle, of Bordeaux, challenged the accuracy of the response, and affirmed that *mouchards*, or spies, were present, and that these men reported everything that transpired to the police. Bro. Ducarre hoped that such was not the case, especially as the right of all present to attend had been verified—therefore, it would not be wise to act with undue haste, or upon a simple supposition. Bro. André Rousselle, who represented a lodge in Algeria, said that the fact was undoubted, and that for twelve years or more an unworthy brother present

had acted as a spy, and furnished reports of his visits to various lodges, day by day, to the police authorities. Upon this, the name of the *mouchard* was loudly demanded, and Bro. Rousselle finished his denunciation by naming the *misérable*, when there were loud cries for his immediate ejection. The President implored the Assembly to be calm, and when quiet was restored, the unfortunate police agent was ordered to explain, or to quit immediately the hall of the Grand Orient. In the sequel, he was obliged to do both; for, notwithstanding his protestations of innocence, the bare admission of his connection with the police sufficed to ensure his being requested to retire, which he had the good sense to do, without provoking any further hostile manifestations.

The Assembly then proceeded to business, and we may note, *en passant*, that the nomination as Wardens of Bros. Stieffel, delegate from the Lodge "Les Frères réunis," of Strasburg, and Thiault, Venerable of the Lodge "Tolérance et Fraternité," of Belfort, elicited tremendous applause, and deservedly so, because both those towns made a most heroic defence, and covered themselves with glory during the late war. Patriotism we do not object to, but our *bête noir* is politics in a Masonic lodge. The report of a committee was then read, and will it be credited that the members gravely recommended that the office of Grand Master should be abolished! and, still stranger to say, after a lively and exhaustive debate, this monstrous recommendation was approved and decreed! Bro. Ferdeuil made a capital, and, to our mind, a conclusive oration, in favour of retaining the Grand Mastership—reminding the brethren that the post was elective and temporary, and that the Assembly could always displace an inefficient chief by one more worthy of the station. But the very idea of having a "Master" was evidently repugnant to the free and enlightened Republicans present, who doubtless viewed the government of the Craft as they would a political machine, and resolved to mould it to their own purposes. In this, we believe, they have forgotten that the world contains many Masonic Grand Lodges, and many hundreds and thousands of Masons, besides those who affect the lambskin in France; and they need to be reminded that the landmarks of the Institution are not to be removed at the caprice or studied resolve of any body or section of the Order. In thus setting at defiance public Masonic opinion throughout the Universe, they are simply drifting into Anti-masonry, and the sooner they avow themselves open foes to the ancient principles of Freemasonry the better it will be for the weal of the Craft in general.

"The suppression of the Grand Mastership marks the close of the monarchical era in Freemasonry." Such, in effect, were the words used by the Orator of the Grand Orient in commendation of the recent ill-judged proceedings of that body, and

accepting those words in their literal sense, we can only assure our French brethren that their example is not likely to be followed by other Grand Lodges, and that the result of their violation of our most cherished landmarks will be excommunication from the Craft Universal. French Masons are already tabooed by half a million brethren in America, in consequence of the foolish invasion of state jurisdiction in Louisiana, which was countenanced by the Grand Orient in spite of the indignant protests of the Masonic governing bodies in the United States.

We would therefore address a solemn warning to the authorities of the Craft in France, not to persevere in the mistaken and suicidal policy which of late has seemed to dictate their acts. We implore them to retrace their steps, and to seek again the legitimate paths of Freemasonry, from which they have so sadly strayed. The objects of the Masonic Institution are not to be achieved by descending into the arena of political strife, and as the reputation of our Order is at stake, every true Mason will watch with anxiety the future course of the Brotherhood in France.

WE have much pleasure in culling from the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, U.S., the following appreciative notice of one of our valued contributors. We find that the article in question was written to Comp. Dr. Mason, for the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, Comp. Hughan being the only one who responded to the fraternal communication and queries of Dr. Mason, out of the many in Great Britain who were invited to inform American brethren of British Freemasonry.

"We cannot pass through this review without calling attention to the very valuable paper prepared, at Comp. Mason's request, by Comp. William James Hughan, of Truro, England, upon capitular Freemasonry in England, Scotland and Ireland. Comp. Hughan is one of the most accomplished Masonic writers in the world, and has contributed much to the education and enlightenment of the Fraternity, and he has conferred a great favour upon the Order by the preparation of this article."

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

One of the Constitutions directs that no business save that stated on the circular can be transacted at a lodge of emergency. Is it not therefore inconsistent for the W.M. to make the usual enquiries before closing? [No well-informed Master would do so.—ED. F.]

Is there not a similar inconsistency when a regular meeting ceases refreshment and returns to labour? [We do not see the inconsistency in this instance.—ED. F.]

CHESHIRE.

#### WHAT FREEMASONRY IS.

Freemasonry is the foundation of a speculative science upon an operative art, and the symbolical use and explanation of the terms of that art for purposes of religious or moral teaching.

CHALMERS I. PATON.

### Original Correspondence.

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

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As a member of a flourishing colonial chapter, I have had many opportunities of witnessing the difficulty of obtaining companions properly qualified for a Principal chair, and the more or less objectionable practice of a re-election or a shuffle of existing Principals has not unfrequently been necessitated. The warmest thanks of all colonial chapters are consequently due to E. Comp. the Rev. John Huyshe for the motion he brought forward at the last Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter, and which, from your report of the proceedings, appears to have been carried. So important is this change, that I would beg to suggest that an official notice of the alteration made in the 8th article of the R.A. Regulations be communicated with as little delay as possible to all colonial chapters.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

J. BALFOUR COCKBURN,  
Z. Calpean R.A. Chapter.

Gibraltar, 17 November, 1871.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Six months have now elapsed since the representatives of various jurisdictions interested in the Mark Degree assembled in conference, for the purpose of endeavouring to arrange terms and conditions by which the Degree should be placed on a thoroughly sound and satisfactory footing in this country. From the published proceedings of that "conference," it will have been seen how exhaustive was the discussion, so far as regards the Degree itself, and what grounds we had for confidence in a speedy solution of the differences and difficulties in the way of a union between conflicting authorities.

To our surprise, no official communication of the result of the deliberations of the Grand Lodge, or Grand Chapter, of Scotland has been received, and all the information we have is from the report of a meeting of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Lancashire (S.C.) The Prov. Grand Master is there represented as saying: "It has been agreed on by the Supreme Chapter of Scotland to again ask the Grand Chapter of England to assume the management of those degrees which, in every other country, are worked under a Royal Arch chapter, or, failing this, to recognise some Grand Body in England, to whom the superintendence of those degrees shall be committed. This message to the Grand Chapter of England will be delivered at the meeting in November, and should that body decline to adopt either of the courses I have mentioned, the Supreme Chapters of Scotland and Ireland will then consider the propriety of according recognition to a body in England to govern those degrees. I do not think, however, that this body will be the present body styling itself the 'Grand Lodge of Mark Masters,' but a new body, established on a footing more firmly based, and formed by a union of all the contending jurisdictions, and which will be in authority over all those degrees called side degrees, such as the Royal Ark Mariner, Knight of the Sword, Knight of the East and West, &c. Some of these, according to the system obtaining in all other countries, are only conferred on R.A. Masons, but the present G.M.M.M. wishes to work them under the Grand Mark Lodge, and to confer them on Mark Masters—thus, in effect, putting the greater in subjection to the less. This is one objection to recognition of the G.L. of M.M., and the Supreme Chapter deprecates acknowledging any new Grand Body in England, if it can be possibly avoided, for two reasons:—1st. Because such body exists in no other country. 2nd. Because, were such a body to be recognised, it would doubtless become so numerically strong as to even affect prejudicially the Grand Lodge and Chapter of England."

To this statement of the present views and

feelings of the Grand Chapter of Scotland—coming from such a source, and in the absence of direct official information—I presume that a certain amount of authority must be attached.

In the first place, however, as a matter of fact, no mention of any communication having been received either from the Grand Chapter of Scotland, or that of Ireland, was made at the Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Chapter of England, on the 1st inst.

2nd. Should a communication of the nature alluded to in the statement as given above be received by the Grand Chapter of England, there cannot be a doubt that the reply would be a direct negative.

3rd. The alternative is then confessed to be "to recognise some Grand Body in England, to whom the superintendence of (certain) degrees shall be committed," accompanied with the expression of opinion that such body will "not be the present body styling itself the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, but a new body, established on a footing more firmly based, and formed by a union of all the contending jurisdictions, &c."

Granting that the Grand Chapter of Scotland is prepared to recognise a Supreme Body in England as head of the Mark and other degrees, how will it attempt to reconcile its "deprecation to acknowledge ANY new Grand Masonic Body in England if it can possibly be avoided," with its readiness to acknowledge a new body fashioned after its own wishes. Such creation, by recognition, of a new body, can not only "possibly," but most easily, be avoided by negotiating with an already existing body; and to ignore a *de facto*, for the purpose of setting up a new organisation, is not strong evidence in favour of the consistency of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, in its expressed desire not to encourage the multiplication of Masonic jurisdictions.

The same argument will reply to the oft-repeated objection of the Grand Chapter of Scotland to this Grand Lodge—that it is an "anomaly"—no similar supreme governing body being to be found elsewhere, while it does not hesitate to establish what is certainly not to be found elsewhere than in England—a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, as we have under the Grand Chapter of Scotland, professing to rule the Mark Degree in Lancashire and adjoining districts.

Again, how a "more firmly-established" body than this Grand Lodge, with its 141 lodges, can be found or formed, I am at a loss to imagine. But this question has long since been settled to the satisfaction of every dispassionate and unprejudiced inquirer, as well as to that of the other "non-recognised" supreme jurisdictions in this country, and I must decline to occupy your space by any further attempt to confirm confirmation.

The "statement" continues, that the contemplated new body is "to be formed by a union of all the contending jurisdictions." Although this Grand Lodge has made great sacrifices, and used large efforts, to avoid contention, I may presume that it would be included in this category. On this head, I would simply ask if it be seriously imagined for a moment that this Grand Lodge could consent to absorption, with 141 lodges on its roll, and with 5,560 members on its register?

As regards the other degrees to which reference is made, and the objection urged against the G.M.M.M., as "wishing to work them under this Grand Lodge, and to confer them on Mark Master Masons—thus, in effect, putting the greater in subjection to the less," all that need be said is, that the subject was made a conversational one after the formal proceedings of the conference had closed, and that the desire expressed by the M.W.G.M.M.M. was, that in the event of union being happily effected, some plan might be devised, in concert with the authorities of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, by which certain degrees conferred in R.A. chapters not under English jurisdiction, might be conferred on Mark Master Masons, by a body to be hereafter organised, so as to render them fully qualified for the R.A. degrees in foreign or colonial chapters, which at present they were not. Details were left for further consideration.

This plan has now been carried out under the authority of the G.C. of New York, and a supreme body organised, superior to, but allied with, the G.L. of Mark Masters.

The fear expressed in the second reason against recognition of this G. Lodge—viz., "that it might affect prejudicially the G. Lodge and G. Chapter of England"—I forbear from characterising, merely remarking that, in the first place, it reflects more than unfavourably on the value attached to solemn obligations by the members of this Grand Lodge, all of whom are loyal members, and a large proportion of them Grand, or Provincial Grand, dignitaries, or office-bearers in some way or other, in the Grand Lodge of England; and, in the next place, that any such fear must be equally well founded in connection with the new Mark body proposed to be organized, as with this G. Lodge.

While anxious now, as ever, for the peaceful and happy reconciliation of differences existing only to be deplored, I have thought it but due to the members of this Grand Lodge that the remarks of the Prov. Grand Master of Scottish Mark Masonry in Lancashire should not pass unnoticed.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,  
Yours faithfully and fraternally,  
FREDERICK BINCKES,  
Grand Secretary.

London, 28th Nov., 1871.

#### CONSECRATION OF A LODGE IN NEW ZEALAND.

The interesting ceremony of consecrating the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1338, took place on the 28th of September, at the Masonic Hotel, Auckland, under the authority of a warrant from the G.M. of the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Fitzgibbon, P.M. of the Waitemata Lodge, and W.M. of the Lodge of Light, at the Thames, was the presiding W.M. He was assisted by Bro. Leers, P.M. of the lodge at Port Chalmers and of the Waitemata Lodge; Bro. Jenkins, P.M. of 252, and P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; and Bro. the Rev. Haywood, Chaplain 689 (E.C.), and under the sanction of Bro. Hayward, W.M. of the Waitemata Lodge, 689 (E.C.) The opening ceremonies were attended to by Bros. G. P. Pierce, P.G.M. (I.C.); Beveridge, D.P.G.M. (S.C.); the Rev. Dr. Kidd, W.M. Lodge Ara; Rees, W.M. United Service Lodge, J. Hay, W.M. St. Andrew's Lodge; Goldsboro', Stephenson, Doull, Brock, and several other P.M.'s, and brethren of other lodges. The lodge being duly opened, constituted, and consecrated, Bro. Diethelm was duly installed W.M., and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Leers, acting P.M.; W. H. Kissling, S.W.; F. H. Ibbetson, J.W.; R. J. Morressey, Sec.; John Cowan, J.D.; J. A. Lyell, I.G. Bro. Heaphy was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. C. Porter, Tyler. The brethren then retired, and shortly after nine o'clock sat down to a banquet provided by Bro. Host Avey in his well-known style. The following toasts were then given:—Bro. W. M. Diethelm proposed "The Queen and the Craft, Bro. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," followed by "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Masons of England, the Right Honorable the Marquis of Ripon." The toast was received with the usual honours, and responded to by Bro. Jenkins in suitable terms.—Bro. S. W. Kissling then gave "The Most Worshipful the Grand Masters of Ireland and Scotland, the Duke of Leinster and the Earl of Rosslyn, including the names of Bro. Pierce, Prov. G.M. of the Irish Lodges, and Bro. Beveridge, D.P.G.M. of the Scotch Lodges."—The toast was drunk with Macduff honours.—Bros. Pierce and Beveridge returned thanks, and in doing so wished the new lodge every success.—Bro. Leers gave the next toast, "The Installing Master," which was received with Masonic honours.—Bro. Fitzgibbon returned thanks, and said he felt much flattered at the praise which had been lavished upon him.—The toast of the evening, "The W.M.," was then proposed by Bro. Fitzgibbon. He said he felt proud that this toast had been placed in his hands. He had

known Bro. Diethelm ever since he was initiated, and he was pleased to say he had never met a more enthusiastic, sincere, and thoroughly upright Mason. (Hear, hear.) He would say many things to his credit if he were not present.—Bro. Diethelm returned his sincere thanks, and in doing so said he was fully aware of the honourable position in which he had that evening been placed. It would be his constant endeavour, so long as he filled the chair, to discharge the various duties of his office in a manner creditable to himself and for the benefit of the Craft. It would also be his aim, as W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, to carry out the true principle of Masonry, being that of brotherly love. He then addressed a few words to the officers of the lodge, and returned his sincere thanks to the Installing Master.—Bro. Heaphy proposed "The Acting P.M.," after which Bro. Morressey, in a very able speech, gave "The Sister Lodges," which was responded to by Bros. Hayward, Kidd, Rees, Hay, Fitzgibbon, and Beveridge.—The "Visiting Brethren" was next given by Bro. Ibbetson, who coupled the name of Bro. Jenkins, thanking him for the very able assistance rendered during the evening as Director of Ceremonies.—Bro. Hayward proposed "The Newly-installed Officers," which was neatly responded to by Bro. Kissling.—In the absence of the S.D., Bro. Doull proposed "The Masonic Charities," after which Bro. Dargaville gave "The Ladies." The toast was humorously responded to by Bro. J. Cruickshank.—Bro. Porter proposed "Poor and Distressed Brethren," which was duly responded to.

During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by Bro. Rees playing several Masonic selections on the harmonium. Thus ended one of the most imposing Masonic ceremonies that has taken place in this city for a lengthened period.

#### CONSECRATION OF A LODGE AT CHIPPING SODBURY.

The Tyndall Lodge, No. 1363, was consecrated at the Town-hall, Chipping Sodbury, and proved in that neighbourhood much of a gala occasion. Many of the houses were gaily decorated with flags, and lines of the same were stretched across the top of the principal thoroughfare; whilst during the day the church bells rang out merry peals. During the early part of the day numbers of the brethren from adjoining towns visited the ancient church of Sodbury, and were evidently much delighted with the numerous signs of antiquity and evidences of ancient Masonry which they found around them.

At one o'clock the ceremony of consecration commenced, the handsome lodge-room being well filled. The Very Worshipful D.P.G.M., Bro. George Frederick Newmarch, performed the ceremony, and there were present the following Masonic brethren: Bros. Robert Fendick, P.G.S.W. Bristol; Frederick G. Powell, P.P.G.P. Bristol; E. S. Joseph, W.M. 493; Wm. Waites, P.G.S.D.; Samuel Short, P.P.S.G.D. Bristol; C. R. Davey, P.P.G.C.; H. H. Hartley, John Trenfield, W. E. Hadow, P.G.C.; E. W. Trinder, P.G.S.; Osborne Dauncey, P.P.G.S.D.; J. J. Dutton, W.M. 855; Llew. White, P.P.G.S.D.; Octavius Long, P.M. 270; Joseph Bennett, W.M. 270; W. C. Jarrett, P.P.G.S.D. Bristol; &c.

The installation of Bro. G. Rennie Powell as W.M. having been fulfilled, he proceeded to appoint the following officers: Bros. S. Davis, S.W.; F. G. Vizard, J.W.; J. D. B. Trenfield, Sec.; J. Handy, S.D.; Daniel Besley, J.D.; E. O. Limbrick, I.G.

The brethren, to the number of between fifty and sixty, then walked in procession to the George Hotel, where a capital banquet, served up by the proprietor, Bro. W. Higgs, was done the fullest justice to. The *post-prandial* proceedings at Masonic banquets are always "tiled," but we may state that brotherly love prevailed, and that a truly happy evening was spent.

THE BEST FIRST.—Turner's Tamarind Cough Emulsion for the Throat and Bronchia, 13½d. and 2/9 per bot.—All wholesale houses in London and Liverpool, and any respectable Chemist.—[Advt.]

#### CONSECRATION OF A ROSE CROIX CHAPTER AT NEWPORT.

The ceremony of consecrating the Ivor Hael Chapter, Rose Croix, 18°, took place on Tuesday, last week, at the Masonic-hall, Newport, when a large number of the brethren attended. The suite of rooms, which constitute, perhaps, the most magnificent temple of Masonry on this side of the Severn, has been newly decorated at an expense commensurate with the importance of the occasion and the dignity of the Order; indeed, it was universally admitted that the brother who undertook the delicate task had acquitted himself well. The colours were all in harmony, and the embellishments did infinite credit to the mind that conceived and the hand that executed them. Not the least effective part of the display was the banners of the Knights, ranged round the room, whilst the profusion of roses, to say nothing of the splendour under the grand canopy in the East, made it look like Fairy-land. Thanks to the great interest taken in the Chapter by Capt. Shadwell H. Clerke, the appointments on Tuesday left nothing to be desired. Bro. Clerke worked most assiduously and secured a splendid success.

A Rose Croix Chapter having been duly opened under the auspices of the Supreme Grand Council, by S.G.I.G. Hyde Pullen, and officers *pro tem.* having been appointed, the M.P.S.G.C., Charles John Vigne, proceeded with the ceremony of consecration. This having been performed with great solemnity, the S.G.I.G. Pullen was requested to instal the illustrious Bro. Captain Shadwell H. Clerke as First Sovereign of the Ivor Hael Chapter. The next duty was to install the candidates whose names had previously been submitted to the Chapter. They were not fewer than twenty in number. It was a ceremony where gorgeousness and glitter of gold, alternated with solid and substantial teaching of moral truth, and the pointing out of the great landmarks of the Christian Religion. Finally, the "Third Point" was given, and the Chapter closed.

The following were the appointments: The Rev. A. L. Willett, B.A., Prelate; S. G. Homfray, First General; E. J. Morris, Second General; L. A. Homfray, Grand Marshal; D. Williams, Raphael; R. S. Roper, Captain of the Guard; W. H. W. Homfray, Recorder and Treasurer; R. J. Chambers, Herald; D. Boredessa, Outer Guard.

The brethren (about fifty) afterwards dined at the King's Head Hotel, where Host Gretton distinguished himself by the excellent repast he put on the table. In accordance with the traditions of the Order no toasts were proposed, save and except the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty, and that of the M.W.S., Capt. Clerke, the first by the M.W.S., and the second by the M.P.S.G.C., Vigne.

The company at the dinner included—M.W.T. Capt. S. Clerke, in the chair; Bros. Vigne, Capt. Philips, L. A. Homfray, Gen. Doherty, Colonel Lyne, Montagu, Thomas Jowitt, Colonel Hill, Charles Bath, Capt. Pearson, H. M. Kennard, Chas. Simpson, S. G. Homfray, Thos. Williams, Lord, J. M. Shum (Treas.), H. W. Williams, F. H. Bladon, George Hoskins, R. C. Chambers, G. W. Jones, Edward F. Daniel, J. W. Jones, Hyde Pullen, R. S. Roper, Capt. Phayre, Col. Ford, E. T. Payne, Chas. Homfray, J. S. Starkey, Rev. A. L. Willett, Wickey Homfray, W. E. Reeves, A. Stones, James Goodal, E. Daniel, F. Tulloch, &c.

#### CONSECRATION OF A K.T. ENCAMP- MENT AT NEWPORT.

The Gwent Encampment of Knights Templar was consecrated on Wednesday se'nnight at Newport. The warrant from the Grand Master was accompanied by a "Letter Demissary" from the V.E. the Grand Chancellor of the Order (Sir Patrick Colquhoun), authorising the V.E. Past Prov. Grand Commander, Captain S. H. Clerke, to form and consecrate a Conclave, under the above title, in the Province of Monmouthshire. There was a brilliant assemblage of Knights, amongst those present being: V.E. Sir Kt. C. J. Vigne,

P.G.C. Dorset; V.E. Sir Kt. Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.C. Suffolk and Cambridge; V.E. Sir Kt. Capt. Shadwell-Clerke, P.P.G.C. West Indies; E. Sir Kt. J. M. P. Montagu, P.G. Capt. Eng.; E. Sir Kt. Capt. A. T. Perkins, P.G. Capt. Eng.; E. Sir Kt. Major-Gen. H. Doherty, C.B., P.G. Capt. Eng.; E. Sir Kt. J. F. Starkey, P.G., D.C. Eng.; E. Sir Kt. Capt. G. A. Phayre, R.N., P.G. A.D.C., Eng.; E. Sir Kt. E. T. Payne, P.G.S.B. Eng.; E. Sir Kt. J. South, P.E.C., Palestine; E. Sir Kt. T. Jowitt, P.E.C., Yorkshire; E. Sir Kt. H. Robinson, E.C., Palestine; and the following Sir Knights: Col. C. Lyne, H. M. Kennard, H. Hellyer, S. G. Homfray, L. A. Homfray, W. H. W. Homfray, W. Pickford, Geo. Fothergill, Capt. J. R. Pearson, Wm. Watkins, Col. E. S. Hill, Wm. Williams, H. E. Horner, &c., &c.

The Sir Knights having assembled in the hall, an intimation was received that the V.E. Consecrating Sir Knight, accompanied by the other P.G. Commanders were without. The celebrated arch of steel was formed, and they were received with due honours. The V.E. Capt. Clerke here ascended the throne, and appointed his officers *ad interim*. He then most ably performed the rites of consecration, formally enrolling the Gwent Encampment under the banners of the Order in England and Wales. The Grand Master's warrant designating Sir Knight Col. Chas. Lyne as first E.C. was read. The brethren below the chair were requested to withdraw whilst the E.C. was placed on the throne. Upon their re-admission, they saluted the E.C., and the Herald proclaimed him in due form. Then he appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year as follow: Sir Kts. the Rev. S. Fox, M.A., Prelate; H. M. Kennard, First Captain; H. Hellyer, Second Captain; W. Pickford, Registrar and Treasurer; Capt. S. G. Hornfray, Expert; W. Watkins, Almoner; Capt. J. R. Pearson, Capt. of Lines; L. A. Homfray and W. H. W. Homfray, Standard-bearers; Geo. Fothergill, Organist; D. Williams and J. R. Randall, Heralds; W. Williams and W. Nettal, A.D.C.'s; Frater Henry Fletcher, Equerry.

At the request of the Eminent Commander, the V.E.P. Capt. Clerke, undertook the duty of installing those companions whose names had been already recorded. There were seven in attendance. This duty was performed in a most able and impressive manner. Col. Lyne now resumed the throne, and proposed a vote of thanks to the Very Eminent Sir Knights and Officers who had attended the encampment that day. It was received with acclamation. The V.E.P.G.C. Capt. Clerke, again taking the chair, the encampment was closed according to ancient custom.

The Sir Knights adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, where about thirty sat down to a capital dinner—toast, song, and sentiment being freely indulged in.

### INSTRUCTION.

#### ANNIVERSARY SUPPER OF THE DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

On Tuesday evening, Nov. 14th, the anniversary celebration supper of the above-named flourishing Lodge of Instruction took place at the Palmerston Arms' Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, and was attended by some of the best working Masons and instructors in the Craft, amongst whom were Bro. John Thomas, P.M. of numerous lodges and Preceptor of this lodge; Bro. James Stevens, P.M. and Sec. of the United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction; and several others. There were also present: Bros. Wingham, S.W. of the Robert Burns' Lodge; H. Thompson, P.M. Domatic and Southern Star Lodges; Brinton, Sphinx; Headon, Sec. Great Northern Lodge; Bonts, Domatic; J. Wright, Southern Star; Hines, Royal Jubilee Lodge; Larlham, Macdonald Lodge; Poore, Panmure; Ellis, Southern Star; Macdonald, Aldershot Lodge; Vernon, New Concord; Lay, Great Northern; Ross, Macdonald Lodge; and many others. Bro. J. Speed, P.M. of the Faith Lodge, presided.

The supper was provided by Bro. Marshall, the worthy host, which was bountiful and of excellent quality, and gave the highest satisfaction—there

not being a dissentient voice to the splendid fare set before them.

The repast having been done ample justice to, and the cloth removed,

The Chairman said, as that was a meeting for the purpose of enjoyment, rather than of a formal nature, he should dispense with the customary toasts, and should at once give them the toast of the evening, which was, "Success to the Domatic Lodge of Instruction." He said that, since its resuscitation, it had been eminently successful, and now numbered amongst its members some of the best working Masons of the Craft. (The toast was drunk most enthusiastically.)

Several songs having been sung,

Bro. John Thomas, P.M. and Preceptor of the lodge, said he had a pleasing duty to perform, and one that, he was sure, the brethren would be very sorry if it were omitted, and that was, to propose "The Health of Bro. Speed," their worthy President, who had always shown an interest in the Domatic Lodge of Instruction, and most obligingly took the chair on the present occasion. (The toast was very cordially received, and with all due honours.)

Bro. Speed, in reply, thanked the brethren for that mark of their favour, and expressed his readiness, at all times, to do anything in his power to promote the prosperity of the lodge.

Other songs having been sung, and some choice pieces of music been performed by Bro. Wingham, jun., on the harmonium,

Bro. H. Thompson, P.M. and Secretary, said he must, for a few minutes, interrupt the musical performances by proposing a toast which, he was sure, the brethren would receive with pleasure and great cordiality, as it was "The Health of Bro. John Thomas, the esteemed Preceptor of the Lodge." Without his aid, the brethren would not have the benefit of a most able instructor, and without him, he (Bro. Thompson) hardly knew how they would get on in working their different ceremonies and lectures. He felt assured that the brethren appreciated his services, and would award him the praise which was so justly due to him. He was at all times willing to give them instruction, and many had profited by it, and, he was sure, they would all have pleasure in joining with him in drinking "The Health of Bro. Thomas, the esteemed Preceptor of the Lodge." (The toast was enthusiastically received, followed by Masonic honours.)

Bro. J. Thomas very briefly replied, thanking Bro. Thompson for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him, and the brethren for the very cordial way they had received the toast which he had proposed. He could assure them that it was a pleasure to him to attend that lodge as its Preceptor, and although there were many others among its members able to give instruction, they always gave way to him, which he looked upon as a great honour. He attended several lodges of instruction, but he looked upon the Domatic Lodge as the most important of the number, and he was gratified to witness its great prosperity; and, in conclusion, thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had drunk his health.

Bro. James Stevens then gave, with great judgment, a recitation on the duties and obligations of Freemasonry, which elicited loud applause.

Bro. Vernon sung, in exquisite style, Moore's beautiful ballad of "The Meeting of the Waters," which was loudly applauded.

Bro. James Stevens then asked the brethren to charge their glasses with bumpers for the toast which, by the W. Master's permission, he had the honour to propose. He said the lodge had been resuscitated, and was going on most prosperously, and for that pleasing result they were mainly indebted to their worthy Bro. Thompson, who laboured hard to bring it about. He was almost constant in his attendance to perform his duties as Secretary, and the urbanity which he invariably displayed to all, entitled him to their respect and regard. He hoped and trusted that Bro. Thompson might be spared for many years to come amongst them, and to receive those renewed marks of the feelings of the brethren and the regard they entertained for

him. He called upon them, with all cordiality, to drink to "The Health of Bro. Thompson, P.M. and the worthy Secretary of the Lodge. (The toast was cordially received.)

Song by Bro. Speed—"Here's to the Oak."

Bro. H. Thompson, P.M. and Secretary, said he thanked Bro. Stevens for the many kind things he had said of him in regard to the resuscitation of the lodge; but, at the same time, in doing so, he had been greatly assisted by Bro. Stevens, although he, with great modesty, had kept all that to himself. However, he (Bro. Thompson) now put the brethren in possession of that fact in perfect confidence, and in doing so, he was quite sure it would go no further. It was true he had taken some part in the resuscitation of the lodge, which appeared as if it had been permanently consigned to the tomb, and, to all appearance, could be expected to be revived only with the Greek Kalends; but, by his own exertions and with a little assistance, it had been reanimated and reinvigorated, and he trusted, in the words of the song they had recently heard, that, like the old oak tree, it would live and flourish when 300 years were gone, but he was afraid that not many of those then present would live to see that event. (A laugh.) As it was, he could not deny Bro. Stevens the meed of praise which was so justly due to him, although he had said nothing about it himself. He (Bro. Thompson) was happy to see that glorious meeting, and trusted that at their next annual celebration every one he then addressed might be present at it, and with them as many friends as they could bring, and then it would be a pleasing retrospect to look back at their present happy meeting. He thanked them most sincerely for the honour they had done him, and assured them of his earnest desire to do everything in his power to promote the prosperity of the lodge.

Some other toasts and songs followed, and a truly happy meeting was brought to a close. We cannot conclude this notice without making special mention of the splendid performances of Bro. Wingham, jun., on the harmonium, and a number of songs by Bro. Vernon.

### GRAND MARK LODGE.

The following business will be brought before the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., at the half-yearly meeting announced to be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Tuesday next.

#### AGENDA.

1.—Read and confirm minutes of Grand Lodge of 6th of June.

2.—The M.W.G.M.M.M. will communicate to Grand Lodge the recognition of this Grand Lodge by the Grand Chapter of Iowa, U.S.A., and the arrangements for the exchange of Representatives.

3.—Nomination of M.W.G.M.M.M.

4.—Reception of Report of General Board, in which are the following recommendations, each requiring special motion for adoption by Grand Lodge:—

(1). Abolition of qualification of W.M. of a Craft lodge as necessary for a candidate for the office of W.M. of a lodge of Mark Masters.

(2). Recognition of Dep. Prov. Grand Masters as Grand officers, with seats on the dais, during their absolute tenure of office as such.

(3). That ten guineas be contributed from the funds of Grand Lodge to the "Binckes Testimonial."

5.—Presentation of jewels to Chairman and Stewards of Mark Benevolent Fund Festival in July last.

SMALL-POX, FEVERS, AND SKIN DISEASES.—The predisposition to is prevented by Lamplough's Pyretic Saline. Vitalising and invigorating, its effects are remarkable in their cure and prevention. Take it as directed. Sold by chemists and the maker, H. Lamplough, 113, Holborn-hill.—[Advt.]

## Reports of Masonic Meetings.

## THE CRAFT.

## METROPOLITAN.

*Lodge of Industry, No. 186.*—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Tallent, W.M., initiated four gentlemen. Bro. Noehmer, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Lake, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Woodstock, P.M., re-elected Tyler. A five-guinea P.M.'s jewel was then voted to the retiring W.M., and ten guineas to the Carpenter Testimonial Fund. There was a full attendance of members and several visitors were present. Banquet followed. The future meetings of this lodge will be held at Bro. Gosden's, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, City.

*Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.*—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Thursday, the 23rd ult., Bro. George Kenning, P.G.D. Middlesex, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. J. J. Harris, S.W.; F. Trott, J.W.; W. Goodyer, P.M., Treas.; J. G. Marsh, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; Geo. Abbott, S.D.; Geo. Newman, I.G.; T. Cohe, D.C.; and E. King and E. Roberts, P.M.'s. The lodge having been duly opened in the first, second, and third degrees, Bros. W. Cotter and W. Ramsey were raised by the W.M. to the sublime degree of M.M. The lodge then proceeded to read and revise the by-laws, for which purpose this meeting was more especially convened. The business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a slight refreshment. Amongst the other brethren present were Bros. J. Kent, Charles Arkell, R. E. Bright, S. Haynes, T. Fisher, and E. Jones. The meeting separated at an early hour.

*Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.*—This lodge met on Friday, the 24th ult., at the headquarters of the Honourable Artillery Company. Bro. P. Y. Gowland, W.M., presided, and in his usual correct, impressive, and earnest manner, initiated two gentlemen, and passed a brother, the candidates being introduced separately. The S.W., Bro. Long, was then elected W.M.; Bro. P. Mathews, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Hoare, P.G.S., P.M., re-elected Tyler. A ten-guinea P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. P. Y. Gowland, W.M., for his two years' service in the chair. It was resolved that the honorary membership of the lodge be offered to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, P.G.M., the Colonel of the Honourable Artillery Company, and a committee was formed to carry it out. This idea originated with the W.M., and received the unanimous approval of the lodge. Four candidates were proposed for initiation, and the lodge was then closed. An emergency meeting is likely to be held to finish up work before the installation. Supper was served. Visitors: Bros. J. Terry, P.M. 228; F. Walters, P.M. 73; &c.

*Whittington Lodge, No. 862.*—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 20th ultimo, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. S. S. Davis, W.M., opened the lodge, after which he initiated Messrs. W. S. Rose, T. M. Rodet, J. S. Lavington, J. Walmsley, and Dr. B. Ben Zion into the mysteries of the Craft. Bro. Weaver, P.M., then installed the new Master, Bro. J. Salisbury, the officers invested being: Bros. W. J. H. Jones, S.W.; A. Frickenhaus, J.W.; W. F. N. Quilty, P.M., Treas.; R. W. Little, Sec.; W. F. Smith, S.D.; B. Seeley, J.D.; A. R. Haley, I.G.; T. Kingston, D.C.; C. Bergmann, C.S.; J. Brett, W.S.; J. Weaver, Treas. After other business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, in number between fifty and sixty, sat down to a splendid banquet. All the usual toasts were duly honoured, and in the course of the evening, a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Davis, I.P.M., for his excellent services in the chair. A large number of visitors attended, including V.W. Bro. John Hervey, G. Sec.; Bros. J. Boyd, A.G. Purs.; F. Binckes, P.G. Steward, Sec. Boys' School; H. C. Levander, P.M., P. Prov. G.D. Wilts.; G. Cattel, P.M., P. Prov. G.D. Hunts.; G. Kenning, W.M. 192, Prov. G.D. Middlesex; W. Dodd, P.M. 1194; E. Stanton Jones, P.M.; and C. Coote, P.M.

*Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871.*—This well-established lodge held its usual meeting on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford. Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M. and Sec., opened the lodge. There were present: Bros. T. Killner, S.W.; J. W. Reed, J.W.; W. Myatt, S.D.; G. Andrews, J.D.; S. O. Lewin, I.G.; J. Hawker, P.M.; J. Truelove, P.M.; J. H. Wilson, F. G. Skinner, M. J. Simmons, H. G. Rattle, T. Spencer, G. Harvey, B. J. Cole, G. T. Linn, J. J. Pakes, W. Shaw, R. Harman, T. J. Blackmore, R. Killick, and J. G. Volmann. The visitors were: Bros. J. Absell (813), A. Overton, and G. Jones (1326). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, ballots were taken separately for

Messrs. R. Killick and T. J. Blackmore, which were unanimously in favour of their admission. Bros. B. J. Cole, T. Spencer, and G. Jones (1326) were separately introduced and passed to the second degree. Bro. W. Andrews, W.M., having arrived, took the chair, and initiated Messrs. R. Killick and T. J. Blackmore, separately, into Freemasonry. The whole of the work was well done. Five guineas were voted to a deceased member's widow from the Charity Fund. Some propositions for initiation at next meeting closed the business, when banquet followed.

*Clapton Lodge, No. 1365.*—A meeting of this young and most prosperous lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel, Clapton, on Wednesday, the 15th ult. Present: Bros. J. D. Taylor, W.M., in the chair; Wm. Stephens, S.W.; J. Saunders, J.W.; Wm. Lutwyche, S.D.; C. Miles, J.D.; H. W. Cattlin, I.G.; R. Wyatt, D.C.; W. Batchelor R. Webber, W.S.; and several other brethren. The lodge having been duly opened, and minutes of last meeting confirmed, Messrs. Wm. Walker, Joseph Sydney, Badkin, and Elias Somers were severally initiated into the Craft, the work being performed in a most impressive and correct manner. Bros. Jas. Paul and John Preston were passed. The next business was the election of a Treasurer. Bro. R. Buller, the Secretary and P.M. 9, proposed, and Bro. R. Webber seconded, Bro. Wm. Batchelor (also of 1178) for the office, and that brother was unanimously elected. Bro. Buller said that Bro. Batchelor was so well known amongst the brethren that it needed no remark from him as to his responsibility, and from the profession he followed he thought there could be no one more suitable for the office. The W.M. then invested Bro. Batchelor in due form. Bro. Batchelor assured the brethren that he would do his utmost to further the interests of the Clapton Lodge. The W.M. announced that a Lodge of Instruction would be held in connection with this lodge every Friday evening at half-past seven o'clock.—At the banquet, the tables for the guests were admirably arranged, upwards of twenty sitting down. The dinner was served by Bro. Bryan, the worthy host, and it is sufficient to say that every one was pleased and satisfied with the excellent manner it was placed upon the table. Everything, including the wines, were all that could be desired. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, that of the Queen being supplemented with the National Anthem. Bro. J. McDavitt, Organist, and several other brethren, sang some capital songs during the evening.—On Friday, the 17th ult., Bro. Terry worked the consecration ceremony with his usual ability. Bro. J. Saunders was unanimously elected Preceptor, and the usual officers were appointed, viz., Bro. G. E. Bryan, Treasurer, and Bro. Buller Secretary. The brethren afterwards partook of a first-class supper.

## PROVINCIAL.

*LEICESTER.—John of Gaunt Lodge, No. 523.*—The regular monthly meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, the 16th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Wm. Sculthorpe, W.M., who was supported by the following officers, viz., Bros. Rev. N. Haycroft, D.D., S.W.; F. J. Baines, J.W.; Rev. W. T. Fry, Chaplain; W. B. Smith, P.M., Treas.; S. S. Partridge, Sec.; C. A. Spencer, J.D.; C. Johnson, P.M., Organist; J. F. Smith, Steward; W. T. Rowlett, I.G.; and G. Toller, jun., P.M.; Dr. Clifton, and several other members of the lodge. Visitor: Bro. Clement E. Stretton, 279. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The business on the summons consisted of an initiation and a raising, but the candidate for the latter degree was unable to attend on this occasion. The explanation of the first tracing-board was rendered in a very able manner by Bro. Haycroft, S.W. The W.M. read a letter from the Prov. G.M., the R.W. Bro. Wm. Kelly, announcing that he had appointed Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, P.M. 779, to be Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The appointment is one which has the hearty approval of the members of this and the other lodges of the province. The lodge was then closed, and the usual refreshment followed.

*HARWICH.—Star in the East Lodge, No. 650.*—This lodge commemorated its anniversary on the 20th ult., at the Pier Hotel. A goodly number of the brethren assembled, and amongst the visitors present were Bro. Rudge, P.M., London, Bro. Chapman, Town Clerk of Harwich, Bro. Dorling, P.P. G. Sec. Suffolk, Bro. Barber, P.G.O. Suffolk, Bro. C. T. Townsend, P.P.S.G.W. Suffolk, and others. The minutes of the last lodge, containing the election of Bro. Jno. Heseltine, P.M. Prudence Lodge, were read and confirmed. A candidate was balloted for, and the usual preliminary business disposed of. Bro. Heseltine was then installed into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The Installing Master, Bro. C. T. Townsend, in handing the warrant from Grand Lodge to the newly-installed Master, remarked that it had passed through the

hands of many worthy brethren, and in handing it to Bro. Heseltine, as the fourth Master he had installed in this lodge, he did so with the greatest confidence that he duly appreciated the charge. Bro. Heseltine then appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. Tovell, I.P.M.; Col. Jervis, M.P., S.W.; H. N. Brooks, J.W.; Dutton, Treas.; Wymark, Sec.; Baker and King, Deacons. The brethren afterwards partook of a banquet, prepared in Bro. Brice's usual excellent style. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. and heartily responded to. Altogether, the business in lodge and the proceedings at the festive board, were conducted to the great gratification of those who had the privilege of being present.

*LIVERPOOL.—Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182.*—The regular meeting of this lodge took place at the Coffee House Hotel, Wavertree, Liverpool, on the 15th ultimo. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Philip Richards Thorn, and after the business was over, and the brethren called from labour to refreshment, the W.M. requested the brethren to fill a bumper to the toast he was about to propose, which having been done, he turned to Bro. Samuel Cookson, I.P.M., and said: Brother Cookson, it is my pleasing duty to present you this evening with a Past Master's jewel, as a slight acknowledgment of your past services and also as a memento of the esteem in which you are held by the brethren of this lodge. It might have devolved upon abler hands to perform this task, but I at least have the advantage of being able to speak of you, not only from the foundation of this lodge, but of a close intimacy and friendship of many years. This occasion is to me one of infinite gratification and pleasure, in which sentiments I feel assured the brethren heartily concur. The W.M. then handed the jewel (which bears a suitable inscription) to Bro. Cookson, and that brother acknowledged the gift in appropriate terms.—The W.M. again rose, and said: It also devolves upon me this evening to present Brother Wm. Brown, who has been Treasurer to this lodge four years, with a testimonial and suitable jewel, for the zeal and attention he has at all times paid to the duties of his office. It was well earned, and might be proudly worn. He might add, as with Bro. Cookson so with Bro. Brown, they had been associated together for many years, which made the duties that evening the more pleasing.—Bro. Brown returned thanks.—The W.M. said he had another pleasing duty to perform, which was to present Bro. Bales with a suitable gift in recognition of his valuable services as Secretary to the lodge since its formation, which was gratefully acknowledged in happy terms by Bro. Bales.—The last toast of the evening having been given, the lodge was closed in due form.

*HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326.*—This young and flourishing lodge met at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton, on the 16th ult. Present: Bros. S. Wickens, W.M.; Bowman, S.W.; J. Hayward, as J.W.; J. T. Moss, P.G.S., I.P.M. and Treas.; F. Walters, P.M., Sec.; H. A. Dubois, as S.D.; W. Hammond, P.M., J.D.; J. Thomas, I.G.; H. Potter, P.M., W.S.; J. Catchpole, J. W. Jackson, W. H. Scott, J. McKitchie, W. H. Livett, J. G. Donald, J. Duckworth, W. Taplin, G. W. Solley, W. P. Saunders, J. M. Jennings, J. W. Baldwin, &c.; visitors, Bros. E. Mallett (141), J. T. H. Moss (169), T. Mortlock (P.M. 186), Henley (186), C. Tuckett (P.M. 201), Jeffery (P.M. 201), S. Sneesby (1178), W. Bell (1275), E. S. Lane (1275), and several other brethren. After the confirmation of minutes, Bros. W. P. Saunders (127) and J. Hills (W.M. 157) were elected as joining members, and Messrs J. W. Baldwin, J. M. Jennings, C. F. Payne, W. Taplin, J. G. Donald, and J. Duckworth as candidates for initiation. Messrs Baldwin, Jennings, Taplin, Donald and Duckworth, being present, were duly initiated; Bros. W. H. Livett and G. W. Solley were passed to the second degree, and Bros. J. McRitchie, E. S. Lane, and W. Bell were raised to the third; several joining members were proposed, and a large number of candidates for initiation. Apologies were received from six candidates for initiation, who were unable to attend. Business ended, the lodge was closed, and the usual first-class banquet followed.

*WALTHAM.—King Harold Lodge, No. 1327.*—This lodge held its regular meeting at the Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town, Herts, on the 21st ult. Present: Bros. Charles Wm. Barnes, W.M. (in the chair); E. West, P.G.S.D. Herts, I.P.M.; C. Lacey, P.M. 174; Edward Parker, S.W.; Young, J.W.; Barwick, Treas.; Reiley, Sec.; Evans, S.D.; Gilbert, J.D.; Etherington, I.G.; Auber, Org.; Allison, Tyler; Austin, Calvert, G. Clements, Creed, Cope-land, Crockett, Eversfield, Fisher, Kent, Mooney, Noyes, Portlock, Sheldon, Tucker, Tydeman; and visitors, Bros. Davis (W.M. 13), Wiles (173), and Crotaz (401). The lodge having been opened in due form, Mr. D. Purkis, sen., and Mr. D. Barnett were initiated, Bro. Crockett and Creed passed, and Bro. Eversfield raised. Bro. Barnes, the newly-installed W.M., and the officers generally, acquitted themselves most creditably, and, considering that the

lodge is still in its infancy and the greater number of both officers and members are young and inexperienced Masons, it does them honour to see the zeal evinced by every brother to acquire a perfect knowledge of their respective duties, and we are informed that the working of the King Harold is not far behind many older and experienced lodges. The business of the evening being ended, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren retired for refreshment. The usual toasts were honoured, and some good songs further enlivened the proceedings.

**ALDERSHOT.**—*Camp Lodge, No. 1331.*—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in the Royal Hotel on the 9th ultimo. Bro. C. Carnegie, I.P.M., G. Purst. Hants, presided, supported by Bros. Capt. Richardson, R.E., S.W.; Anderson, as J.W.; Laverty, S.D.; Bennett, J.D.; Swan, as I.G.; Clisham, as Sec.; and Lucas, Tyler. The business consisted of raising Bros. Marversly, Orton, and Horsford to the third, and passing Bro. Bishop to the second degree, after which the lodge was closed.

## INDIA.

**SIMLA, EAST INDIES.**—*Lodge Himlaya Brotherhood, No. 459 (E.C.)*—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 18th September, in the lodgerooms, "Benmore," at 8 p.m., on which occasion the R.W. the D.G.M. of the Punjab, Major C. McW. Mercer, R.A., was pleased to attend. The following are the officers of the lodge for the current year: Bros. H. R. Cooke, W.M.; A. Litster, S.W.; W. J. Haverty, J.W.; Isaac Phelps, S.D.; G. Caldecourt, J.D.; G. Hawksworth, Sec.; Captain Levinge, Treas.; G. De Monte, I.G.; P. J. Coyne, Tyler; Past Masters, Dr. Bleckley, LL.B., and L. B. Freeman. The work for the evening was (1st) the initiation of Mr. Richard John Arnold, and (2nd) to pass the following brethren: Bros. A. Jones, A. J. B. Fox, and R. Burnham. The work in both degrees was conducted, in presence of a very full meeting, by the W.M. in a most effective and impressive manner, and the lodge was closed at 11 p.m. A banquet was subsequently held at Bro. Felix Von Goldstein's room, in honour of the R.W. the D.G.M. of the Punjab, and of the occasion of his farewell visit to Lodge 459. A large number of the brethren were present, besides several visitors. Amongst others, we noticed the guest of the evening, the R.W. the D.G.M. of the Punjab; the W.M., Bro. H. R. Cooke; W. Bro. Staff Surgeon Bleckley, M.D., LL.B., P.M. of Nos. 459 and 552, District Grand Dir. of Cers. for the Punjab; W. Bro. L. B. Freeman, P.M. of Lodge Charity, Umballa; Bro. Captain W. Galbraith, 85th Light Infantry, Past District Grand Steward for the Punjab; Bros. R. J. Arnold, W. H. Bishop, G. Caldecourt, P. J. Coyne, Felix Von Goldstein, W. J. Haverty, D. S. Henry, Alex. Jones, C. H. M. Leod, G. De Monte, W. Mack, J. E. O'Conner, A. Litster, W. H. Newman, I. J. Phelps, S. Radclyffe, E. W. Symes, R. Ten-Broeck, and G. Wood. The banquet was of a most *recherché* description, and the brethren separated at 2 a.m., highly pleased with the proceedings of the evening. A perusal of the banquet carte justifies us in the statement that our brethren in "the Hills" know how to refresh after labour, as, indeed, they are in duty bound to do. "May good digestion wait on appetite, and health on both," is our heartiest wish, to which a Hibernian at our elbow begs to add, "More power!" The air is keen so many thousand feet above the sea level. It will afford us much pleasure, from time to time, to record the doings of our friends in those exalted regions. To Bro. T. M. Bleckley, M.D., LL.B., our special thanks are due for the zeal, energy, and ability which he is ever ready to bestow on the interests of the Craft. Would that we all were like him! *Fama super altera notus.* We are happy to observe that, under the Hiram of W. Bro. Cooke, this old lodge is beginning to revive and exhibit signs of its pristine glory.

## ROYAL ARCH.

## METROPOLITAN.

*Domestic Chapter, No. 177.*—This old chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, on Thursday, the 23rd ultimo, and was well attended, every officer being in his place, and the array of Past Principals being, as usual, quite imposing. Bros. G. Clarke, W. Palmer, R. W. Crane, and D. Sullivan were exalted to the Royal Arch, great credit being due to Comps. Gilbert, Z., Wilson, H., Cubitt, J., and Foulger, N., as P.S., for the manner in which they worked the ceremony. After labour, the companions sat down to a capital repast, and enjoyed themselves exceedingly. Comps. Webb, Scott, Treadwell, Brett, and others, sang or gave recitations, which were highly appreciated. Amongst those present, we noticed Comps. Carpenter, Buss, Sisson, Cottebrune, Payne, Little, Hayward, and several visitors, E. H. Finney, W. Dodd, &c.

## PROVINCIAL.

**GIBRALTAR.**—*Calpean Chapter, No. 278.*—A

meeting of this chapter took place on the 13th ult., for the purpose of exalting Bro. William D. Longfield, Asst. Surgeon H.M.S. Minotaur. There was a goodly muster of companions, the presence of the Channel Fleet in the bay causing the attendance of several visitors from the various ironclads. All the officers of the chapter were at their posts: Comps. J. Balfour Cockburn, 1st Principal; Dantez, 2nd; Cavanna, 3rd; Richardson, S.N.; Hepper, S.E.; and Andrews, P.S. The ceremony was conducted in a most careful and impressive manner, and at its close the 1st Principal gave a most elaborate and interesting lecture on the Pedestal.—The following evening the chapter re-assembled for the purpose of exalting Bro. Le Chevalier Marinucci, the Italian Consul. On this occasion the degree was conferred in the Spanish language, the M.E.Z. receiving the able support and assistance of Comps. Dantez and Cavanna, and Comp. Morgan acting in a most efficient manner as P.S.—The next regular meeting of this chapter is anticipated with much interest, as in addition to two candidates for exaltation, it is hoped that a handsome piece of plate which has been voted to the Treasurer, Comp. Marin, will have arrived from England, and the presentation of which will form a portion of the business of the evening. Under the present vigorous management, the condition of the chapter promises to be eminently satisfactory.

**LANCASTER.**—*Rowley Chapter, No. 1051.*—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on the 20th ult., at the Chapter Rooms, Athenæum. There were present E. Comps. Mason, Z.; Hall, H.; Dr. Moore, P.Z., as J.; Comps. Whimpray, E.; James M. Moore, N.; Wilson Barker, Treas.; E. Simpson, P.S.; R. Taylor, Asst. S.; J. Watson, Janitor. After other business had been transacted, the ballot was taken, and proved unanimous in favour of Rev. Dr. Sall, LL.D., Vicar of Dolphinstholme, P. Prov. G. Chaplain of Somerset, as a candidate for exaltation in the chapter. Rev. Bro. T. B. Hinde, M.A., who had been elected at a previous meeting, was duly exalted to the degree of Royal Arch by Comp. Moore, P.Z., the lectures being delivered by the acting M.E.Z. and Comp. Hall, H. A candidate was proposed for exaltation, and the chapter was closed in due form.

## MARK MASONRY.

**GIBRALTAR.**—*Gibraltar Lodge, No. 43.*—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th ultimo. There was a goodly muster of the brethren, and it was worthy of notice, as evincing the zealous and enthusiastic spirit in which this degree is worked at this place, that, with only one unavoidable exception, every officer of the lodge was present. Punctually at the hour named in the summons, the W.M., Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn, took the chair, supported by Bros. Graham, S.W.; Donald, J.W.; Richardson, M.O.; Hills, S.O.; Wall (for Bro. Beck), J.O.; Seath, S.D.; Hepper, J.D.; Brown, D.G.; Mockeridge, I.G.; and Vevers, Org. The lodge being opened, the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. William Brown, read the minutes of the last meeting, which, having been confirmed, the W.M. announced that the business of the evening was to advance Bros. Keppel (Adjutant 74th Highlanders), Leys (Royal Engineers), Arrowsmith (Army Service Corps), and Hayden. These brethren being in attendance, were admitted and duly advanced, the ceremony being conducted with the strictest attention to all details. The W.M. is to be congratulated on having officers so thoroughly acquainted with their various duties, and so effective in the discharge of the same, as Bros. Seath and Hepper, the Deacons, and Bro. Richardson, the Master Overseer. Bro. Vevers presided at the organ, and added greatly to the impressiveness of the whole proceedings. Before closing the lodge, the W.M. took the opportunity of exhibiting to the members the very handsome jewel which had been voted to Past Master Bro. Webster, and which had been but just received from England. Bro. Webster having left the station, the W.M. regretted that he would not have the gratifying duty of presenting him personally with this pleasing memento; but he would undertake to see that no delay occurred in its being forwarded to Bro. Webster. The lodge being closed, the brethren retired to refreshment, and spent the remainder of the evening in harmony and good fellowship, great amusement being afforded by the excellent comic singing of Bros. Richardson and Dickson.

## ORDERS OF CHIVALRY.

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

*Ipswich Royal Plantagenet Encampment of Knights Templar.*—The members of this encampment met at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, 20th Nov., under command of their E.C., Sir Kt. J. H. Townsend, P.P.G. 1st Herald of Suffolk and Cambridge. The preliminaries of the encampment having been got over, Comp. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson,

P.G. Dep. Commander of the province, took command, and installed Comp. the Rev. G. Beaumont a Knight of the Holy Temple. No other business offering, the encampment was closed in ancient form.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, December 8, 1871.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of lodges and chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

## SATURDAY, DEC. 2.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4. Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew. Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. S. Dilley, Preceptor. 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.

## MONDAY, DEC. 4.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship & Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street.  
 " 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 69, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.  
 " 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 " 90, St. John's,  
 " 144, St. Luke's, Pier Hotel, Chelsea.  
 " 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-street.  
 " 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Mark Lodge, Panmure (139), Balham Hotel, Balham. Red Cross, Original or Premier Conclave of England, Freemasons' Tavern, at 6.  
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. James Terry, Preceptor.  
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.  
 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), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.  
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. Dilley, Preceptor.  
 St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 7; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 5.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.  
 Lodge 7, Royal York, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 18, Old Dundee, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.  
 " 101, Temple, Ship & Turtle Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
 " 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 " 705, St. James's, Market Tavern, New Westons-street, Bermondsey.  
 " 1257, Grosvenor, Victoria Railway Station.  
 " 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, New Globe Tavern, Bow-road.  
 " 1261, Golden Rule, Great Western Htl., Paddington.  
 " 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tav., Canoubury. Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 109, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.  
 Grand Mark Lodge, Freemasons' Tavern, at 3.  
 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.  
 Faith Lodge of Instruction, Artillery Arms, Rochester-row, at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.  
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.  
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, 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.  
 Ben Jonson Lodge of Instruction, Ben Jonson, Goodman's-yard, at 8.  
 Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.  
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.  
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7.  
 Lodge 511, Zetland, 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), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales' Road, Kentish Town, 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 7½.  
 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, Preceptor.

## THURSDAY, DEC. 7.

Lodge 10, Westminster & Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 „ 45, Strong Man, Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.  
 „ 192, Lion and Lamb, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.  
 „ 227, Ionic, Ship & Turtle Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
 „ 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 „ 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.  
 „ 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.  
 Chap. 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 9, Moriah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.  
 „ 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.  
 The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor. Installations of three Principals and Ceremony.  
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Goat and Compasses Euston-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7; Bro. John Thomas, 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.  
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30.

## FRIDAY, DEC. 8.

Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship & Turtle Tav., Leadenhall-street.  
 „ 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 Grand Conclave Knights Templar, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.  
 K.T. Encampment, Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Tavern.  
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hill, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.  
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hill, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Br. Pulsford, Preceptor.  
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.  
 Stability Lodge of Instruction, Guildhall Tavern, 33, Gresham-street, at 6; Bro. H. Muggeridge, Preceptor.  
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8; Bro. Wm. Watson, Preceptor.  
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales' Road, N.W., at 8.  
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Gladstone Tavern, Brompton-road, S.W.  
 United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Shepherd's-lane, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M., Preceptor.  
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Br. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.  
 St. James' Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8.  
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.  
 Burdett Coult's Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.  
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.  
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

## SCOTLAND.

## GLASGOW.

A meeting of the St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter was held in the Sanhadrim, Buchanan-street, on the 22nd ult. Among those present were Comps. Thomas Darwin Humphreys, P.Z.; M. Campbell, P.Z.; D. McGeachy, P.H.; T. P. Mullins, P.J.; D. Campbell, S.E.; P. Grey, S.N.; E. Crosher, Treas.; McEwen; A. Russell and G. Denny, Sojs.; J. C. Fraser, Janitor; and others. Visitors: Comps. O'Neal Haye, P.M. and P.Z.; W. Bell; Gilchrist, P.Z. Caledonian and Unity Chapters; and others. Bros. John Williamson, Jack, and Thomas were instructed in the Mark, and afterwards were called upon and installed in the chair degrees. After the usual business of the chapter had been concluded, the companions proceeded to consider the subject of a series of lectures to be delivered upon the principles, ritual, &c., of Royal Arch Masonry, and the P.Z. announced that he had arranged with Comp. T. M. Campbell for a

lecture, illustrated with diagrams, upon the jewels, and with Comp. O'Neal Haye upon the teachings of the Order. He also expressed a hope of being able to deliver one himself, as well as of obtaining the assistance of other brethren in carrying out the series. In numbers and correctness of working the St. Andrew's Chapter is second to none; its financial position is undeniable, and, doubtless, under the presidency of so able and energetic a Principal, it will continue in the same stream of prosperity, upon which it so successfully floated when directed by Comp. T. M. Campbell. The lectures are likely to direct attention to the meetings of the chapter, and will, in addition to the excellent style of working, prove of great attraction to companions hailing from other chapters.

## THE CAULD HOUSE O' CLAY.

BY ROBERT BURNS.

The last composition of the great Poet; as sung by Bro. John Doherty (an old Mason of 83 years of age) at the meeting of Lodge No. 350, Omagh, Ireland.

Farewell to the village, the best on the plain,  
 The low glens and green fields, which I'll ne'er see again;  
 Farewell to my sorrows, and farewell to my cares,  
 The old frail folks, and the lassies so dear;  
 At kirk, where I promised from folly to part,  
 The one that ensnared me I lie without smart;  
 But O, how the sons o' the lodge can I lay,  
 And gang to my lang hame, the cauld house o' clay?

I have been a Mason, but a sad life I had

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Let Cowan and Craftsman be faithfully just,  
 Ne'er trifling with secrets, or babbling with trust;  
 Our place may be higher than those who more pray,  
 When eased from our lang hame, the cauld house o' clay.

You'll move round, Sons o' Fellowship, yearly move round,  
 On the long summer-day, say a part to St. John;  
 As true temples of worth let your tried bosoms stand,  
 And say faith and troth by the wave of your hand;  
 Be faithful and friendly to those who want skill,  
 And the plan you perverted be sure to fulfil.  
 Live up to your principles—O that you may!—  
 When I'm in my lang hame, the cauld house o' clay.

You will bury with honour the poor Widow's son,  
 While the folk from the old walls look curiously on—  
 When I am a stranger, and lying my lane,  
 You'll give me a round, aye, concerning the strain;  
 It is lost amongst nettles—you'll find if you search,  
 My tomb of remembrance is marked with an arch.  
 I am very low, Brethren; you'll wake the whole day,  
 And then take me hame, to my cauld house o' clay.

## THE HOLY ROYAL ARCH.

The following lines are respectfully dedicated to Comp. JAMES BRETT, P.M., P.Z., and G.D.C. England, by his obliged Pupil,

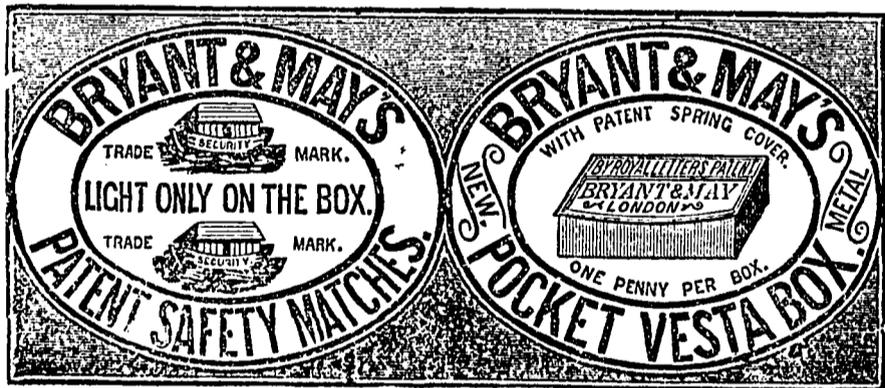
GEORGE WILLIAM WHEELER.

A song to praise the antient band,  
 In whose footprints we boldly march;  
 That is, the noble, true, and grand  
 Companions of the Royal Arch.  
 At Sinai's foot our first lodge stood,  
 Presided o'er, with fervent zeal,  
 By Moses—holy, wise, and good—  
 Aholiab, and Bezzaleel.  
 'Twas there the Lord revealed His will,  
 Gave wise and comprehensive laws,  
 Precepts which guide our actions still,  
 And gain mankind's applause.

On famed Moriah's holy mound,  
 Where David offered up his son,  
 Till other sacrifice was found  
 And God's just will was done;  
 There, on Araunah's threshing-floor,  
 Where pious David stood and prayed  
 That God his mercy would down pour,  
 And so the plague be stayed;  
 There, Solomon, the wisest king,  
 Hiram, of Tyre's imperial line,  
 And he, "the widow's son," did bring  
 The consecrating oil and wine.

On the same spot, in after years,  
 The lodge began which still we view;  
 Then Prince Zerubbabel appears,  
 With Haggai, and Joshua, too.  
 Their hearts were filled with holy fire,  
 From them we inspiration draw;  
 With Ezra and with Nehemiah,  
 Scribes and expounders of the Law;  
 The seventy Elders, noble band,  
 All join in the triumphant march,  
 With those Sojourners in the land,  
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