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*A General Register of all the Lodges and Grand Lodges of Freemasons in North America.* By J. FLETCHER BRENNAN, editor of the *American Freemason*, &c. Cincinnati, 1871.

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It is now time that I should bring these—too long, perhaps, extended—papers to a close. Not that the subject is by any means exhausted, for the further it is pursued the more evident is it that many points of history, at first passed over unnoticed, have more or less relation to the subject of our enquiries, and furnish collateral proofs of the descent of the Saxon race from the ten captive tribes of Israel, and of their being the people to whom pertain the promises, which, in so many forms, and given under so many circumstances, are to be found in the sacred writings, from the days of Moses to those of the last of the Hebrew prophets; and a due understanding of the bearing of which invests those writings with much additional interest, linking them, as they do, with our own times. If the Israelitish history were, as I believe it was, a typical representation of the history of God's church and people in all time—if the derelictions of duty and lapses into idolatry, and the repeated chastisements and manifold restorations to the Divine favour of that people, pourtray, as I believe they do, the chequered course of all men in this their mortal career, then do the pages of sacred and profane history throw a flood of light on the Divine government, and enable us to read, in unmistakeable language, many of the things that shall come to pass, as the descendants of Israel proceed in the fulfilment of their mission in the world. With how much more interest will the history of the Israelitish people, and the prophecies and promises pertaining to them, be read, when we discern in them, not what relates to a people long since passed away—"lost"—and living only in their history, but to a people now living—a people of whom we form part, and a people who are destined by God's special providence to be the instruments of bringing the whole world into the fold of the Great Shepherd, and of sowing the seeds of civilization, with all its attendant blessings, throughout the four quarters of the globe! And has not such a reading of the Hebrew history and prophecy a tendency to impress us with a deeper and more abiding sense of those obligations which devolve upon us, as a portion of the privileged instruments thus employed, and into which, as Masons, we have voluntarily entered, to promote the great and sacred principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth? Throughout our ceremonies, especially in the Master's degree and in the Royal Arch, we identify ourselves with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and we claim them as our forefathers. What life would it infuse into our ceremonies, if we realised this as a truth, and with what life should we ourselves be animated, if we knew, indeed, that we formed part of that race which is to be employed by the Almighty in turning men from darkness to light, and transforming a world of ignorance, and vice, and misery, into a world of knowledge, and virtue, and righteousness, and happiness! Then shall "a king reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule with equity; and a man shall be as a covert from the storm, as

a refuge from the flood; as streams of water in a dry place; as the shadow of a great rock in a land fainting with heat: and him the eyes of those that see shall regard, and the ears of those that hear shall hearken. Even the heart of the rash shall consider and acquire knowledge, and the stammering tongue shall speak readily and plainly. The fool shall no longer be called honourable, and the niggard shall no more be called liberal. The wilderness shall become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be esteemed a forest: and judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and in the fruitful field shall reside righteousness; and the work of righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness perpetual quiet and security." (Isaiah xxxii.)

I have traced, very briefly, and therefore very imperfectly—for, to do so fully would occupy volumes—the migration and history of the Goths, or Getae, or Scythians, or Saxons—Angles and Jutes—that is, Anglo-Saxons—from the north-eastern parts of Europe and southern parts of Asia—the very regions into which the Israelites were deported by the Assyrians, about 725 B.C.—to their settlement in these our islands—"THE ISLES OF THE SEA;" and, subsequently, their missions, colonising and religious, into every quarter of the globe; and, in this, their fulfilment of the mission which it was predicted should be that of Israel—to occupy the Isles, to raise up a standard for the nations, and to make known the true God and His salvation to the ends of the earth. Throughout these enquiries I have endeavoured to keep constantly in the mind of my readers the distinction, very markedly made in the prophecies, between Judah and Israel, the head or leading tribe of the latter being Ephraim, the descendant and inheritor of the birthright of Joseph, and of whom the God of Abraham declared, by the prophet Jeremiah, "I am a Father unto Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born"—that is, possessing the privileges and possessions of the first son. Writing for the columns of THE FREEMASON, in which I have been compelled to avoid everything of a sectarian character, and everything that might throw an obstacle in the way of my Jewish brethren following me in a truly Masonic or catholic spirit, I have been deprived of many arguments and proofs, of which I should have availed myself, had I been writing for those only of my own faith. Nevertheless, I think I have shown, even in the brief and imperfect sketch I have given of the recorded prophecies, promulgated many years ago, and of the literal fulfilment of many of them as written on the pages of ancient and modern history, that it would demand a great amount of credulity to believe that the exact agreement, in so many particulars, between the one and the other, was the result of mere chance, or that it only exhibits a series of coincidences which, though the like is not to be found elsewhere, constitutes the only rational solution of the problem. The reading of a series of arguments in detached portions cannot possibly produce the impression which they would be likely to produce if they were made the subject of uninterrupted reading and study. Still, I venture to hope, that, even under the disadvantages necessarily incident to such a reading, no one can have followed me in these brief sketches, and have failed to perceive that there is at least a great weight of evidence in favour of the Israelitish origin of the Saxon race, of which our own island may be regarded as the cradle and the home, whence have gone forth the progenitors of those vast populations which

are now taking a leading part in the civilization and evangelization of the rest of the world.

In the preface or introduction to "Lecture on Ancient Israel and the fullness of the Gentiles," by John Wilson, to whom I, and all who write upon this interesting subject, must be indebted for many valuable suggestions, are found the following queries on the Israelitish origin of the British nation, and I feel that I cannot do better than conclude these papers by laying them before my readers:—

"1. Is not the House of Israel, and especially the tribe of Ephraim, clearly distinguished from that of Judah in the historical and prophetic parts of Scripture? (1 Chron. v. 2; Jer. iii. 2). Were not of Ephraim, especially, to come the many heirs of the promises made unto the fathers, just as of Judah was to come the One Heir from whom the blessing was immediately to descend? (Gen. xlviii. 15-20, xlix. 8-12.)

"2. Were not the lost tribes of Israel to be found in these, the latter days, as a seed whom the Lord hath blessed? (Hos. ii. 14-23; Is. xxix. 17-23; lxi. 9, 10; lxvi. 8-14; Jer. xxxi. 1-10; Ezek. xi. 15-20; Hos. i. 10, 11.)

"3. Have not all previous attempts to find the lost tribes of Israel proved abortive, especially as to the accounting for Ephraim, the heir of the promises, and of which was to come the promised 'fullness of the Gentiles,' or 'multitude of nations'? (Rom. xi. 25; Gen. xlviii. 19; Is. xli. 25-29.) Does not the Scripture declare that the previous non-discovery of Israel has been occasioned by its blindness, and not by God's having failed to fulfil His word? (Is. xlii. 18-25; xlvii. 1-13; xlv. 17-21.) Do not the Scriptures expressly recognise our present condition as being that in which Israel would be found? And do they not predict matters which can be fulfilled only in these nations? (Is. xxvii. 6-10; Jer. xxxi. 10, 11; Mic. vii. 16; Jer. iii. 18; Ezek. xi. 16; &c.)

"4. Does history (which traces our Saxon ancestry back to the very countries into which Israel was carried captive by the Assyrians) present anything opposed to this view? (Turner's Anglo-Saxons, vol. 1, pp. 94-102.) Is it likely that the God of truth would utterly cast away the people unto whom the promises were made; and out of the same place bring forth a people to have fulfilled in them the promises freely made to Israel, and so solemnly confirmed to them by oath? (Mic. vii. 18-20; Is. xxv. 1-7; Ps. cv. 10.) Could it be said, in such case, that 'the gifts and calling of God are without repentance'? (Is. xli. 8, 9.)

"5. Are not the intellectual, moral, and physical characteristics of the Anglo-Saxons exactly those that were to be expected of the nations that were to come of Ephraim? Can our ancient religious rites, political institutions, acquirements, and manners better be accounted for than as having been derived from ancient Israel? Do not the favours bestowed upon these nations in the north-west, and the whole course of God's dealing with the English nation, clearly indicate that they are under the kindness and care of the Good Shepherd of Israel? (Gen. xlix. 22-26; Ps. lxxx. 1-3; cxlvii. 19, 20.)"

Let me add one question to these:—

Do we not seem to recognise our Israelitish origin in our Masonic Constitution and Ritual? It matters not, in this respect, to what period in history our origin may be carried back. One of our brethren is endeavouring to show that we take our rise in ancient Roman times, Numa Pompilius

being our founder; that would be, probably, thirty or forty years after Israel was carried captive into Assyria. Another is carrying back our birth to a period long antecedent to that. Well, guilds and architecture may have flourished, as I believe they did, at the times respectively referred to; but I venture to say that the Jewish traditions and ceremonial rites which are to be found in Masonry, show, at least, that if we do not derive our origin from the early times to which some of our historians would carry us back, there is something still more striking than guilds and buildings, which links us with that extraordinary race that, in God's mysterious but beneficent dealing with mankind, has been destined to be the salvation of the world, and the glory of its Creator and Governor.

In conclusion, let me observe, that, if the reasons that have been assigned show that the Saxons are identical with the people who, in the Divine councils, have been selected as the instruments to bring about this blessed state of things, it should, surely, stimulate us to further investigation and study. The truth, if it be one, is of no slight importance. The race is made up of its units; and if the high mission and the glorious privilege to enlighten, civilize, and exalt in righteousness the human family—if the uniting of Israel and Judah, and the preparing of the way for the return of the chosen people to their own land, where they are to form the centre of attraction to all nations, which, through them, shall be brought to the knowledge and worship of the true God—if this be our mission, then, we cannot trifle with it and be guiltless. The work will be accomplished, though we should be indifferent to it, or even turn our backs upon it, for it is God's purpose, and His purpose shall stand. There will be a "remnant," as there ever has been, and through them God will do his own work; for, "Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: I myself will take from the shoot of the lofty cedar; even a tender scion from the top of his scions will I pluck, and I myself will plant it on a mountain high and eminent. On the lofty mountain of Israel will I plant it, and it shall exalt its branch and bring forth fruit; and it shall become a majestic cedar; and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of its branches shall they dwell; and all the trees of the field shall know that I, Jehovah, have brought low the high tree; have exalted the low tree; have dried up the green tree; and have made the dry tree to flourish: I, Jehovah, have spoken it, and will do it" (Ez. xvii. 22-24). "Thus, saith the Lord, Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: Publish ye, praise ye, and say, O Lord, save thy people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child, and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither. They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble; for I am a Father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born. Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattereth Israel will gather him, and keep him as a shepherd doth his flock. . . . Behold, the day is come, saith the Lord, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and with the seed of beasts. And it shall come to pass that like as I have watched over

them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict, so will I watch over them to build and to plant, saith the Lord. . . . Thus, saith the Lord which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; the Lord of Hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever" (Jer. xxx.) "Behold, I will gather them [the children of Israel and the children of Judah] out of all countries whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God; and I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me all days, for the good of them and of their children after them: and I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me. Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul" (chap. xxxi. 37-41).

#### GRAND MASONIC BALL IN ROCHDALE.

On Friday night, Dec. 29th, the Rochdale Town-hall presented a scene of unusual gaiety on the occasion of the holding of the Masonic ball. The assembly-room was brilliantly lighted, and when it was fully occupied by magnificently attired ladies and the members of the Craft, who wore all the emblems of their Order and of their respective degrees, it was exceedingly picturesque and imposing in appearance. The entertainment was attended by about 300 persons, and was characterised by great *éclat*. The arrangements which had been made by the committee gave great satisfaction; and it was evident that the Secretary, Bro. Wm. Ashworth, P.M., Prov. J.G.D., P.D.C., and K.T., had neither spared time, attention, nor effort in that respect. The Stewards also proved themselves to be efficient in the ceremonies of the evening. The proceeds were to be devoted to the aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and it is believed that a substantial sum will be realized. The orchestra was occupied by the band, under the Mastership of Mr. Goodwin, of Manchester, and the programme comprised the most fashionable waltzes, quadrilles, and galops. The Mayor (Mr. Shawcross) personally entertained some of the brethren, and led off the ball in a quadrille with Miss Winward; the opposite partners being Bro. Wike, Grand Deacon of England, and Mrs. Shawcross (the Mayores); and the side couples were Mr. Clement Royd (C. Royd and Co., Bankers) and Mrs. Pears, and Mr. Eckersley and Mrs. Wike. There was an interval about midnight for supper, which, with the refreshments, was provided by Messrs. Smethurst and Butterworth, of the Golden Fleece Hotel. The second part of the ball was novel, and splendidly characteristic of the Order. The brethren, who appeared at first in Craft clothing, changed at eleven o'clock, some to Mark, Royal Arch, and thirtieth, thirty-second, and thirty-third degrees; after the adjournment for supper, the Knights Templar quadrille was danced, the Sir Knights being in the Knights Templar clothing, the others in those of the *Rose Croix*, Red Cross Priestly Order, and other degrees. The Ball was kept up with enthusiasm until a late hour next morning. The names of the patrons are subjoined. We may remark that the Secretary had the pleasure of receiving replies to his invitations from all the patrons, and many of them were accompanied by good donations.

The following brethren acted as Stewards of the ball, each being distinguished by a very neat badge made for the occasion by Bro. George

Kenning of London, and they discharged their duties admirably: Bros. W. H. Prince (President), John Ashworth, jun. (Vice President), Thos. Oakden (Treas.), T. B. Ashworth, Laurence Booth, Ralph Collingwood, Jesse Firth, R. H. Heys, C. M. Jones, John McNaught, R. O'Neil, J. M. Rutter, L. Schofield, Amos Stott, Robert Walker, W. Walker, and Edmund Wrigley.

The following brethren constituted the committee of management, and ably discharged their duties: Bros. W. H. Prince, P.M. 298, P.P.S.G. Deacon, East Lancashire, President; John Ashworth, jun., I.G. 298, Prov. G.A.D.C. Lancashire (Mark), Vice-President; Thomas Oakden, J.D. 298, Prov. Grand Standard-bearer, West Yorkshire (Mark), Treasurer; T. B. Ashworth, J.W. 367; W. Ashworth, S.W. 367; Robert Butterworth, J.W. 298, Prov. G.D.C.L. (Mark); James Cross, S.D. 298; Jesse Firth, S.W. 298; James Holroyd, P.M. 298, Prov. Grand Sword-bearer, West Yorkshire (Mark); Robert Howard, W.M. 298; Sam Jackson, P.M. 54; C. M. Jones, P.M. 1129, P.P.G.A.D.C. E.L.; E. Leech, P.M. 54; John McNaught, 298; Dan Mitchell, W.M. 54; Wm. Roberts, P.M. 298, P.P.G. Purst. E.L.; Luke Schofield, J.W. 54; Wm. Walker, W.M. 363, P.P.G.P. L. (Mark); Robert Walker, S.D. 363; Edward Woodcock, P.M. 854; Edmund Wrigley, P.M. 298, P.P. Grand Sword-bearer, East Lancashire; James Wrigley, 298.

#### CONSECRATION of the GLADSMUIR LODGE, No. 1385.

This new lodge was consecrated on Friday, 29th December, at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts. The proceedings commenced about half-past two o'clock, when the Consecrating Officer, Bro. H. B. Hodges, Prov. Grand Senior Warden, Herts, P.M. 403, took his seat, and nominated Bros. H. Lloyd Thomas, P.P.G.W. Herts, P.M. 449, and E. West, P.G.D. Herts, P.M. 1076 and 1327, as his Wardens, and Bro. Hester, P.M. 749, as I.G. The lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the proceedings were commenced with prayer.

Bro. E. A. Simson, S.W. 403, Acting Secretary, read the warrant, after which the Presiding Officer inquired if the brethren still approved of the officers named in the warrant. An affirmative response being given, Bro. J. Terry, P.P.G. Sword-bearer, P.M. 228 and 1327, who very ably assisted Bro. Hodges, then delivered an oration, which was followed by the brethren singing the anthem, "Tis a pleasant thing to see." The new Master, Bro. J. R. Cocks, P.P.G.W. Herts., P.M. 403, was then presented to the Presiding Officer, after which came the first portion of the dedication prayer, "Sanctus, Glory be to Thee, O Lord." The brethren turned to the East, when the Presiding Officer gave the Invocation. The lodge board was uncovered, and the W.M. and Wardens carried corn, wine, and oil three times round the lodge during solemn music. Bro. Terry took the censor three times round the lodge, and then delivered the second portion of the dedication prayer. Bro. Hodges dedicated and constituted the lodge, and a second anthem was sung.

The W.M.-designate, Bro. Cocks, was then presented for installation, which duty devolved upon Bro. Terry. Upon the re-admission of the brethren, the usual salutes were given, after which the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. H. Edwards, S.W.; W. Cutbush, J.W.; and J. G. Yolland (71), S.D.

The W.M. proposed that, in estimation of the services rendered to the lodge during the ceremonies of consecration and installation, which were most ably performed, by Bros. Hodges and Terry, they be enrolled as honorary members of the Gladsmuir Lodge. The two brethren gracefully acknowledged the compliment. Bro. J. Speed, P.M. 141, officiated as Organist. Five names were proposed as initiates, and one joining member.

A banquet was afterwards held, and it was served by the host, Bro. Fisher, in first-rate style, and gave great satisfaction to the brethren. The usual toasts were given, and the proceedings terminated at an early hour, a most charming evening having been enjoyed by all.

Besides those already named, the following brethren were present at the consecration and banquet: Bros. J. D. Melcalf, Prov. G. Deacon, W.M. 403; C. Drumm on 1, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. 403; T. S. Carter, P.G. Supt. of Works, Hon. Sec. 403; T. Neale, P.G. Steward, J.W. 403; C. B. Payne, G. Tyler; E. R. P. Francis, 403.

The lodge was named "Gladsmuir" in commemoration of the battle of Barnet, fought on Gladsmuir Heath in 1471.

#### FREEMASONRY IN LEEDS.

The past month has been a busy and a happy one with the Masons in Leeds, Yorkshire. In five of the lodges the installation of W.M. has taken place, followed by the St. John's festival. The selection of Masters has been an unusually good one. In the *Alfred*, Bro. Charles Hopps succeeds Bro. Denison; the *Philanthropic* brethren have chosen Bro. Lowrey; the *Fidelity*, Bro. Beck; the *Exaltior*, Bro. J. S. Allett; and the *Defence* have re-elected Bro. Major Moore. In the other two lodges, *Godrich* and *Zetland*, the year does not expire at present, so that Bros. Fryer and Wetherell retain their seats as W.M. Everything has passed off well and satisfactorily, and no more need be said, only that there are three important events which deserve to be placed on record.

At the *Exaltior* banquet, Bro. R. V. Allison, who has held the office of W.M. for two years, and who last year was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, was, on this occasion, presented with a handsome gold watchguard, and an address on vellum, as a small token of esteem for his valuable services. We do not hesitate to say, there is no more worthy or deserving a Mason in Leeds or elsewhere than Bro. Allison, or one who really loves his work, and we cordially wish him a long life to wear his present and to continue his work.

Every Mason has hailed with great satisfaction the appointment of Bro. J. L. Oates, the resident manager of the Masonic Hall, Leeds, as the Senior Warden of the *Philanthropic* Lodge. This is a well-deserved compliment, and a step in the right direction. Bro. Oates is thoroughly acquainted with Masonry, and we venture to hope that next year we may see him W.M. of his lodge.

Poor Old William, the Tyler of the *Alfred* for over fifty years, has been pensioned on full pay, and Bro. William Kirkbride appointed in his place. He retires with the best esteem, not only of the *Alfred*, but of all other brethren.

**KNIGHT TEMPLARY.**—The knights of the Royal Veterans' Encampment assembled at their temple, Plymouth, on the evening of the 20th ultimo, for the purpose of installing several companions of the Royal Arch degree into this illustrious order. There was an unusually large number of Knights Companions present, together with no fewer than seven Past Eminent Commanders, including a Provincial Grand Commander, Captain Clerke, 33°. The encampment presented a very imposing appearance. In the unavoidable absence of the Eminent Commander Sir Knight Dabosc, the baton was assigned to Past Eminent Commander R. Rodda, who ascended the throne, and having disposed of the preliminary business of the encampment, the ballot was taken for six Companions of the Royal Arch degree, and the whole were declared duly elected; four of the number being in waiting, they were introduced as pilgrims, and duly installed as Knights Companions. The ceremony was administered in an able, impressive, and effective manner, with all due solemnity, by Sir Knight Rodda, P.E.C., the presiding officer, Sir Knight Clae, P.E.C., most efficiently assisting as prelate. At the close of the encampment every one seemed to leave with a fresh heart and hope for the future of the Royal Veterans, a shadow of its pristine character appeared to pass over the fratres, and in the unanimity of feeling which prevailed was visible the prospect of a successful career and an unexampled future for this ancient conclave.

#### FREEMASONRY AT NEWPORT.

There was a large and brilliant gathering of the Craft at the Isca Lodge, No. 683, on Wednesday week, it being the occasion for electing a W.M. for the ensuing year. The Masonic Temple in Dock-street, has recently been renovated and most elaborately decorated. It is not too much to say that these decorations are gorgeous, and that certainly they do infinite credit to the mind that conceived, and the hands that executed, them. No pains, no expense have been spared; above all, the whole is strictly in harmony with those mysterious rites, those signs and symbols so edifying to the Craft, so perplexing to the outer world.

The business of the evening consisted in conferring the accolade of Masonry, the "sublime degree," on two brethren—and initiating into the mysteries of the Craft two candidates, one being a "Lewis," and son of a P.M.

The W.M., Bro. R. J. Chambers (who, by-the-by, is about to retire from the chair, after two years of most efficient service), rose to make a proposition. He asked indulgence for deviating somewhat from the ordinary course observed in lodge. He was satisfied that when the proposal he had to make was before them, that indulgence would be freely granted. It had pleased The Great Architect of the Universe to lay his afflicting hand on our illustrious brother, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. He, in whose hands are strength and weakness, life and death, had graciously heard the prayers of a loyal people, and had averted that calamity which appeared inevitable. All Englishmen, all good men of all lands, in anxiety and in sympathy, felt deeply both for his Royal Highness, for the Princess, and for her Most Gracious Majesty. He begged to move the following resolution and address:—

"That this lodge, having watched with the deepest solicitude the long and severe illness of your Royal Highness, and having collectively and individually experienced inexpressible anxiety during those moments of painful suspense to all Masons, and, we may say, all Englishmen, and even the good men of all lands, when those who so closely and tenderly nursed your Royal Highness well-nigh despaired, render now their sincere and heartfelt congratulations upon your seeming promised recovery, and most devoutly do they offer to the Great Architect of the Universe their unbounded thanks for His merciful loving-kindness to them, and this, their happy land, for the restoration which He has vouchsafed; and that He may complete this precious boon, and grant your Royal Highness perfect health and long years of peace and prosperity in the bosom of your family and nation, is the earnest prayer of us all."

[Signed (on behalf of the lodge), by the W.M., the I.P.M., Wardens, and Secretary.]

The resolution was seconded by I.P.M. Bro. Thos. Williams. He said that they had seen the sublime and solemn spectacle of a whole nation watching with a solicitude as deep as it was genuine at the bedside of a beloved Prince. The Craft contemplated the prospect of his recovery with feelings in which fraternal regard would mingle with, and if possible, cement still closer, that loyal affection for which Masonry had always been pre-eminent. They would hail the return of His Royal Highness to the active duties of Masonry with the fervour of brotherhood—that mystic tie which was recognised all over the habitable globe.

The resolution was unanimously affirmed, the brethren signifying their approval in the usual manner.

The unanimous choice of the lodge fell upon Bro. Dr. James Cheese, the S.W., as Worshipful Master. The W.M.-elect (who, let it be observed, has given ample proof of his zeal for the Craft, and his ability to discharge the important duties to which he has been elected), very appropriately returned thanks.

The installation ceremony will be on the 13th Wednesday in January, and the dinner at the Westgate Hotel.

The Golden Rule Lodge held their bi-monthly meeting and banquet on Tuesday, the 2nd inst.

**FREEMASONRY IN SOUTHPORT.**

On Wednesday afternoon, 27th ult., the members of the Lodge of Unity, No. 613, met together in their lodge-room, Wright-street Southport, for the purpose of transacting their annual business, the most important of which was the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. That honour was unanimously conferred upon Bro. Thomas Parker, who was selected by his brethren to succeed Bro. W. Dodd, whose year of office has been characterised by great success and harmony. Bro. W. Dodd, the retiring W.M., acted as Installing Master—the first time, we believe, such an event has occurred in Southport—and most ably did he discharge the duties he assumed. Bro. Dodd was assisted by Bro. Hamer, W. Prov. P.G. Treas.

The installation having been completed, the following were invested as officers of the lodge for next year:—Bros. Cullingworth, S.W.; Griffiths, J.W.; Platt, M.C.; Cory, S.D.; Leeming, J.D.; Wainwright, Treas.; Bailey, Sec.; Smallshaw, I.G.; Merchant, S.; Melling, S.; Sutton, O.; Hartley, T.

Before the termination of the proceedings Bro. Stocker, P.M., moved, and Bro. Jeffries, P.M., seconded, "That the most hearty and cordial thanks of the lodge be presented to Bro. W. Dodd, retiring W.M., for the able and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office during the past year." The resolution was enthusiastically passed, as was also a second, to the effect that a P.M.'s jewel be presented by the lodge to Bro. Dodd, as a mark of esteem and gratitude for the services he has rendered to Freemasonry. The jewel, which had been previously procured, is a very beautiful and valuable affair, being of 15-carat gold, and it bears a suitable inscription. Bro. Dodd responded in an appropriate and very pleasing style, and expressed his high and increasing admiration of Freemasonry.

The Festival of St. John was afterwards celebrated by a banquet, at the Scarisbrick Hotel, provided in most admirable style by Bro. R. Watson. The chair was occupied by Bro. Thomas Parker, W.M., the vice-chairman being Bro. Cullingworth, S.W. Nearly 40 brethren sat down to the repast, including Bros. George Woods, R. Jeffries, E. W. Stocker, James Platt, and W. Dodd, P.M.'s; J. Woodley, W.M. of Lodge No. 755, Llandudno; and brethren connected with the two local lodges, viz., Lodge of Unity, 613, and the Fermor Lodge, 1313.

At the close of the repast, the W.M. gave the health of the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family, both toasts being received with much enthusiasm. The health of the Marquis de Grey and Ripon and the officers of Grand Lodge followed, and was succeeded by "Our T. G. Fermor-Hesketh, Bart., M.P., and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, which were received with true Masonic heartiness.

Bro. Dodd, I.P.M., then gave "The health of the W.M. of Lodge 613." He said it gave him great pleasure to ask them to join in wishing health, happiness, and success to Bro. Parker. All knew him well, and the longer they knew him the more they respected him, for they found him to be all that a man and a Mason should be. (Cheers.) He had no doubt they would find his deeds as W.M. speaking loudly in his behalf. He had the battle to fight and the gauntlet to run, and he hoped that at the end of the year he would retire with the honour and the grace which had gathered around most of those who had filled the chair in past years. (Applause.)

The toast was enthusiastically received, and in response,

Bro. Parker, W.M., said that during his year of office he would do all in his power to keep up the prestige of Lodge of Unity, 613. (Hear, hear.) He hoped that peace, harmony, and prosperity would continue to prevail.

The W.M. then proposed "The health of Bro. W. Dodd, I.P.M. and Installing Master." All would readily acknowledge how earnestly he had laboured for the good of the Craft, and it was not too much to say that no W.M. of 613 had fulfilled the duties of the chair more

zealously than had their esteemed Bro. W. Dodd, who also had been, for the last few months, W.M. of "The Fermor Lodge, No. 1313." He wished him health and happiness. (Cheers.)

Bro. Dodd, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the very hearty fashion in which the toast had been given, and said he did feel in a happy and proud position that evening. It only appeared like yesterday that he became one of them, only as it were a few weeks since he first saw the light of Masonry and began to rejoice in its glorious principles. He had been misguided, and had cherished the notion, which he had since found to be a mistake, that Freemasonry was simply an excuse for inordinate eating and drinking. This was his feeling till Providence threw him into connection with one who was a gentleman and a Christian. He was led to entertain the highest respect for him, and he found that it was no uncommon thing for him to travel 40 or 50 miles to attend a lodge. He (the speaker) could not help thinking there must be something good in that which thus proved so attractive—and he had, indeed, found the Order to contain and exhibit the true and the beautiful. (Cheers.) His great desire was that all just and upright men would become fellow-masons. He had endeavoured to do his duty to the best of his ability, and it was with much satisfaction that it could be reported that no fewer than fourteen had joined the lodge during the year, and he hoped that his successor would be as happy in the chair as he had been, and end his term of office with as joyful a feeling as that which he experienced at that moment. (Cheers.)

The W.M. then proposed "The health of the P.M.'s. of Lodge 613," which was responded to by

Bro. George Woods, P.M., who said he believed he was the oldest Mason in Southport. He was fully persuaded that any one who acted up to the principles of Freemasonry must be a better man in all respects, as it was supported by, and in accordance with, the laws of God and of man. (Cheers.)

Bro. Stocker, P.M., proposed "The newly-invested officers of Lodge 613," who, he said, had an easy task before them in consequence of the bright example set them by the retiring W.M. and his officers, who had gone through their work uniformly in a most exemplary fashion.

Bros Cullingworth, S.W., and Griffiths, J.W., responded.

"The Retiring Officers of Lodge 613" was then given, and responded to by Bro. Witham.

"The W.M. of Lodge 1313" followed, and was responded to by

Bro. W. Dodd, W.M., who said that the Fermor Lodge, though only a little more than twelve months old, showed signs of great healthiness, and the brethren would at all times be glad of the presence at their meetings of the members of Lodge of Unity 613. He then proposed "The Auditors, Bros. Smallshaw and Leeming," whom he highly complimented on the most satisfactory financial statement.

Bro. Smallshaw returned thanks.

The W.M. then gave "Our Visiting Brethren," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Woodley, W.M., 755, who expressed the great pleasure he had in being with them on that happy occasion.

"The health of Bro. Dobson, Organist of the Fermor Lodge," was then given and responded to, and "All poor and distressed Freemasons" brought the list of toasts to an end.

The proceedings, which were most interesting throughout, were delightfully varied by songs, given in admirable style by several of the brethren, and the party broke up about ten o'clock after having spent a most pleasant evening.

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**BANQUET of the TYNWALD LODGE, ISLE OF MAN.**

The members of the Tynwald Lodge, No. 1242, held their annual installation lodge and banquet, on Wednesday se'night. The members, with several brethren of the Athole Lodge, No. 1004, met in the lodge-room, St. James's Hall, Douglas, at three o'clock in the afternoon, when the installation of Bro. W. L. Clarke, P.S.W., as W.M., was effected with all due Masonic honour, Bro. John A. Brown, I.P.M., performing the ceremony in an admirably impressive manner. Bros. J. J. Harwood, P.M., assisted as S.W., E. Tibbits, P.M., as J.W., and Webb, W.M., and Lofthouse, P.M., in other capacities as officers of the P.M. lodge.

At six o'clock some twenty-three members of the Craft sat down to a grand banquet at the Castle Mona Hotel. The table was spread in the large banqueting room in the south-west wing of the building, and nothing could exceed the taste which Miss Bates and her able assistants exhibited in their art of rendering a banqueting table attractive. Massive silver epergnes, elegantly decorated with fruit and flowers, studded the board; while here and there, in addition to the very beautiful chandeliers which gave warmth and light to the noble room, were placed elaborate candelabra, which added a brilliancy to the well-laid-out board exceedingly captivating to the sight, the whole scene appearing to be pervaded with a restless, bright shining light, that danced and flickered, like a dazzling Will-o'-the-Wisp, from one end to the festal board to the other; while the glass and silver sent back in a thousand directions their bright starry reflections. So brilliant a scene gave fair hopes that the kitchen would be equally effective in its part of preparation for the feast; and the brethren were not disappointed in their hope, for, from soup to pastry, everything bore evidence that a *chef de cuisine* had provided the viands. The wines, too, were good, a circumstance which does not always attend public banquets. Altogether Miss Bates was exceedingly successful in her work of providing the banquet. Bro. W. L. Clarke, W.M., presided and was ably assisted by his S.W., Bro. Quinney, and by his J.W., Bro. Cowley.

On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave in appropriate terms the toast, "The Queen and the Craft." This was followed by "Bro. his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," which the W.M. gave with a few remarks *apropos* of his Royal Highness's present severe affliction. The toast was drunk in solemn silence. The W.M. next gave "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England," which was drunk and honoured with "twenty and one." Bro. J. A. Brown, I.P.M., then gave "Our W.M., Bro. W. L. Clarke," which was introduced with a high eulogium upon Bro. Clarke's fitness for the honour which the lodge had that day conferred upon him, a fitness which had been acquired by his close attention to the duties of his office and the interests of the lodge. The toast was received with "H.M.H.," and "twenty and one." The W.M. briefly returned thanks; after which he presented to the I.P.M., in the name of the lodge, a handsomely-chased P.M.'s jewel, as a token of respect for the manner in which he had performed the duties of W.M. during the past year. The jewel is a splendid piece of workmanship, handsomely chased. The framework is of solid gold, 18 carat. It is suspended with a ribbon, ornamented with a handsome gold buckle, and bears the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. J. A. Brown, as a token of Masonic efficiency as W.M. of Tynwald Lodge, No. 1242, December, 1871." Bro. J. A. Brown briefly, but feelingly returned thanks. The next toast, "The Past Masters," was given by Bro. Quinney, S.W., and was received with "twenty and one," Bros. Tuton, Lofthouse, and Harwood, P.M.'s of 1004, and Bro. E. Tibbits, P.M. of 1242, responding. Bro. Tibbits, P.M., then gave "The Installing Master," which he accompanied with a few words of well-merited praise on the manner in which Bro. J. A. Brown had acquitted himself in the

installation ceremony. The toast was received with a hearty "twenty and one," and "H.M.H." Bro. Brown I.P.M., responded. The W.M. then gave "The Wardens and other officers of 1242," which was responded to by Bro. Quinney, S.W., Bro. Cowley, J.W., and Bro. Parkinson, S.D. Bro. Tibbits then gave, in appropriate terms, "The W.M. and Officers of the Athole Lodge, 1004," which was received with "twenty and one," and "H.M.H." Bro. Webb, W.M., Bro. Lofthouse, P.M., and Bro. Tuton, P.M., of the Athole Lodge, responded. "The other Insular Lodges," by Bro. R. Tuton, P.M., and "The Tyler's Toast," by Bro. Lofthouse, P.M., brought the list of toasts to a close at about half-past ten o'clock. Bro. James Brown added very materially to the pleasures of the evening, by singing in a very effective manner the following pieces: "Tubal Cain," "Hail to thee, England," and "My old friend, John;" and Bro. Lofthouse, P.M., set the brethren laughing, by reading the eccentricities of "Owd Tipitoe," from "Lancashire Sketches." We ought not to omit that Bro. Long officiated in an efficient manner as I.G., during the banquet, and Bro. O'Conner equally as effectively as Tyler. Thus was brought to a close a festal day long to be remembered as one of great pleasureableness by the Craft in Douglas; and we cannot do better than hope that so much good feeling may become cemented, and be lasting.—*Ile of Man Times.*

#### FESTIVAL OF ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 393.

The brethren of this lodge, in common with the Craft in all quarters of the world, celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist, one of the patron saints of the Order, on Wednesday the 27th ult., within their own lodge Church-street, Berwick-on-Tweed. The occasion was marked by the local brethren with much heartiness. Previous to the festival the brethren assembled in their lodge-room for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master and his colleagues in office for the ensuing year. Bro. Moor, W.M., presided, and opened the lodge in regular form. After the initiation of one brother and passing of another, the brethren proceeded to the installation of Bro. Chalmers I. Paton, of The Tower, Portobello, as W.M.; Bro. J. S. McGregor, G.O. of the Provincial Lodge, conducted the ceremony in a manner which won the admiration of the brethren. Having been duly installed into office,

Bro. C. I. Paton, the newly-elected Master, said: Brethren, it is almost needless for me to say that I am deeply sensible of the honour conferred on me, in being placed in my present position. But you will allow me to say it, because I feel it. I am very grateful to you also, brethren, for your election of me to this high office, for the confidence which you have thus shown that you repose in me, and for the brotherly kindness which I esteem most of all. I shall endeavour to discharge the duties of this office in such a manner as to show my sense of its importance, and to maintain my brotherly relations to all of you. Allow me to mention that I have for many years been a Master Mason in an English lodge, and that before being elected to my present office, I graduated for it, serving the office of Warden in this lodge for a year. I am, therefore, well known to you, and I have great pleasure in thinking that my election to the Master's chair in this lodge is in some measure to be regarded as a recognition of the faithfulness with which I have already filled the former offices. Perfection is unattainable; but an honest and persistent effort to attain it I can promise to make, and for all shortcomings and deficiencies I doubt not you will be ready to make fair allowance. I am happy to think of the efficient assistance I am sure to receive from the Wardens and other office-bearers of this lodge. I trust that uninterrupted harmony will prevail, and that the bond of brotherhood which unites us all to each other will in no case be weakened, but on the contrary will become stronger and stronger, drawing us more closely together to our mutual advantage and the increase of our happiness. Freemasonry aims at the promotion of all the sciences, and it

should be the endeavour of every Freemason to acquire as much as possible of all useful knowledge. The cultivation of the mind has a present reward in enjoyments very high and pure; it also fits a man for greater usefulness, an object at which every Freemason ought continually to aim. Let me now, in conclusion, only thank you once more for the high honour which you have conferred on me in placing me in this office, and express my hope that by the blessing of Him whose blessing we have already solemnly sought, I may be enabled faithfully to perform its duties with firmness and with gentleness, with the approbation of my own conscience, and with what next to this I most of all desire, with your approbation. (Applause.)

The Master then appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. C. Hopper, S.W.; A. Baxter Visick, J.W.; Richardson, Treas.; W. Scott, Sec.; Rev. T. Procter, Vicar of Tweedmouth, Chaplain; J. S. McGregor, Organist; A. Marshall, S.D.; Thompson, J.D.; W. Redpath, S.S.; W. Gray, J.S.; A. Macconnachie, I.G.; Farmer Turnbull, Tyler.

At the close of the ceremonial of installation the brethren sat down to dinner in the lodge-room. The company numbered upwards of forty brethren. The W.M. (Bro. C. I. Paton) occupied the chair, and was supported by the Immediate Past Master Bro. Moore, G.J.D., and P.M.'s Lambert, McGregor, Strother, Gibson, Wood; Bro. the Rev. Adam Stewart Muir, Paisley (an affiliated brother of St. David's); the Secretary, Bro. Scott, and the Treasurer, Bro. Richardson. The vice-chair was filled by the Senior Warden, Bro. C. Hopper. Grace having been said by Bro. the Rev. A. S. Muir, an excellent dinner, in Bro. Gray's usual excellent style, was served. Thanks returned,

The W.M. gave the toast of "Her Majesty the Queen." Loyalty, he said, was a prominent feature of Freemasonry, and the brethren would have shown themselves very disloyal if they had not placed the toast of the Queen first on the toast list. They saw in her Majesty a woman of kindly and affectionate nature, who was endeared to all her subjects. (Cheers.)

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Prince of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family." There was one thing, in regard to the Prince of Wales, he said, Masonically speaking, that was to be regretted, that he had not been initiated under the jurisdiction, originally, of English constitutions. His Royal Highness, however, had become affiliated with the English Order, and had therefore become amenable to English jurisdiction. He occupied at present a very prominent position in the Craft, that of Past Grand Master of England. It had been very sad to the nation at large, and to the Masonic Fraternity more especially, to fear that they were about to lose him some few days ago. If the nation had lost his Royal Highness by death, the unfortunate and melancholy circumstance would, in all probability, have changed the aspect of politics in this country. Happy we ought to be that the change had not taken place. (Hear, hear.) It was certainly very gratifying to know that during his Royal Highness's recent serious illness, representative men of other nations—nations with which this country was connected by fraternal relations—had in the name of their respective countries manifested great sympathy for the afflicted Prince and her Majesty. It was indeed great satisfaction to learn that the Prince was nearing convalescence, and he (the W.M.) trusted that his Royal Highness would grow stronger and stronger day by day, until he had become as strong as ever he was. (Cheers.)

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Grand Master Mason of England, the Marquis of Ripon," and referred to his mission of peace to America. The toast of "The Sister Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, and the health of the Grand Masters of the respective lodges, the Earl of Rosslyn and the Duke of Leinster," was afterwards given. (Cheers.)

Bro. Gibson, P.G.S.W. of East Lothian, replied in a brief and appropriate speech; there would be nothing wanting on his part, to advance Masonry to the highest pitch. (Cheers.)

The W.M. gave "The Health of Earl Percy,

Prov. G.M. of Northumberland," and Bro. J. S. McGregor, G.O., replied.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "Continued prosperity of the Lodge St. David's." He was pleased to say that since he had entered the lodge he had witnessed it prospering and going on to prosper; and the brethren showed a zeal to do what was best for the lodge. They had nothing to complain of, but on the contrary had very much to be joyful for. (Cheers.) He coupled the toast with the name of the I.P.M., Bro. Moor, who had, he said, in an upright and honourable way filled the chair during the past year. (Cheers.)

Bro. Moor, acknowledged the toast, and in doing so stated that the lodge had prospered very much within the last five years. They had a good balance at the credit of the lodge, and there were close upon seventy subscribing members on the roll. (Cheers.)

Bro. Moor, then proposed "The Health of the new W.M." Bro. C. I. Paton was much respected as a man, held a high standing as a Mason, and had shown great interest in the prosperity of St. David's since he had become affiliated. Through his kindness and benevolence they had now a lodge second to none in the province. (Cheers.)

The W.M., in reply, said: It has been my ambition to fill the high and honourable position which you have this day placed me in—the highest mark of esteem you can confer on a brother. There is something in the arcana of Freemasonry which, when thoroughly understood, is a true type of Christianity. There are a great many interpretations by the neutral world of what is really and truly Freemasonry. My impression of Masonry is this—and I have arrived at the conviction after long study—that it is the foundation of a speculative science upon an operative art, and the symbolic use and explanation of the terms of that art for the purposes of moral and religious teaching. This is the proper definition of Freemasonry. The Order has also laws of its own, which it behoves us all to obey; but these very laws and the ancient landmarks themselves, which are the foundation of our whole code, refer us to that highest law which we have received from the Creator and Lord of the Universe, and to the laws of our country. To be good and worthy Masons, we must strictly observe the moral law, and must also show constant respect for the law of the land, neither transgressing it ourselves nor encouraging any other in doing so. Thus shall we prove ourselves worthy successors of those who, in former days, made the name of Freemasonry honourable, and won for our Order high esteem amongst men. The loyalty which has always distinguished our Order in former times has not, I am confident, suffered diminution in the present day. From this, the most northern lodge in England, meeting at the farthest extremity of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, may light shine over all the land! May our working in our lodge, the example of our lives, and the influence which we exercise amongst men, all tend, not only to the promotion of the interests of Freemasonry and the honour of our Order in this town and neighbourhood, but also in a far wider sphere! For, such is the connexion subsisting amongst all the members of our Brotherhood, that the example of one lodge is of benefit to other lodges also—a good example stimulates and encourages many to follow it: and as we ought to rejoice when we see it anywhere presented to our view, so ought we continually endeavour to present it to others. (Cheers.)

The W.M. next proposed the toasts of "The Office-bearers of the Lodge," and "The Past Office-bearers." Bro. C. Hopper replied to the former toast, and Bro. Strother to the latter.

The W.M. then, in the name of the brethren of the lodge, presented his predecessor in the chair, Bro. Moor, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel. He complimented Bro. Moor on the faithful and zealous manner in which he had discharged his duty, and expressed the esteem in which he was held by the brethren.

Bro. Moor, in fitting terms, returned thanks.

A number of complimentary toasts followed, interspersed by some capital songs.

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LANCASHIRE.—We do not think that the contingency to which you allude affects the main point. No question should be asked—consequently, no answer need be expected. [This reply has been overlooked.]

940.—The "Fifteen Sections" have been the growth of time. Before the Union there were twelve—sometimes thirteen (see "Finch"), seven in the first, and three each in second and third. The present lectures were arranged by Bro. Williams, Provincial Grand Master for Dorset, and revised by Bro. the Rev. S. Hemming, D.D., about 1815.

493. Gloucester.—We should say that the subjects selected for the adornment of the reredos were not in accordance with accepted Masonic ideas; and we say this the more freely, because we believe, as a high-grade Mason ourselves, that certain Christian degrees operate as a kind of safety-valve to the Craft, without which sectarianism would inevitably be introduced when opportunity served. Groups in conformity with our Solomonic traditions ought to have been selected.

C. J. T.—Although we appreciate the justice of your sentiments, your letter is hardly suitable for publication and we are convinced that you will readily concede this upon maturer reflection. The question of ritual is a difficult one to deal with, and we must keep the discussion within due bounds.

## BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Hymns of Modern Men"; by T. Herbert Noyes, jun., B.A. Oxon. Longmans, Green and Co.  
"Christmas Carols"; edited by Mrs. Valentine. Warne and Co.

We are requested to announce that the First Commission of Works have received a programme for the erection of a new House of Parliament at Berlin, for which the architects of all nations will be invited by the Imperial Government to compete. The particulars will be reprinted for the use of architects, and be ready for distribution at the Office of Works on Monday next. The designs will have to be sent in to the Imperial Chancery at Berlin, with the authors' names, before the 15th of April next, and a prize of £844 will be given for the best design, and a fifth of that amount for each of the four next best designs.

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## MASONIC PROGRESS IN ENGLAND.

IN accordance with our custom at the commencement of a new year, we shall now proceed to review the present status and recent progress of the several branches of the Masonic family in England.

To the increase of the Craft in general we referred last week, and it only remains to add that, forty-one lodges appear to have been added to the roll of the Grand Lodge during the past year, making the nominal total 1375. We say "nominal total" because, as we pointed out in No. 43 of THE FREEMASON, many lodges have surrendered their warrants in consequence of the formation of independent Grand Lodges in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia; and these "defections," as some would call them—although the lodges still exist on the muster-roll of the Craft Universal—reduce the number of lodges under the jurisdiction of England to about twelve hundred and eighty—a sufficiently formidable array, and one which is not approached by any other Grand Masonic Body in the world. Each of these lodges, if within the London district, pays the sum of four shillings annually to the Fund of Benevolence for every one of its subscribing members, and the country lodges contribute two shillings, in like manner, to the same Fund. Lodges in the colonies and foreign parts are not required to subscribe to the Fund, although their members are equally eligible to participate in its benefits. The administration of the vast sums thus collected is confided to a committee, technically called the "Lodge of Benevolence," and which consists of a President, who is nominated by the Grand Master, two Vice-Presidents, and twelve Past Masters, elected by Grand Lodge—all present and past Grand Officers, and the Masters of lodges during their tenure of office. This Committee meets every month for the consideration and disposal of the various petitions for relief, which are frequently very numerous. Owing, however, to some excellent alterations in the laws—mainly originated by the worthy President, Bro. CLABON, and one of the Vice-Presidents, Bro. NUNN—the classification of applicants has become much simplified, and the amount of relief extended by the Lodge is now, in some degree, adequate to the claims and services exhibited on behalf of the majority of cases placed on record. Temporary relief is thus afforded to many deserving brethren, enabling them to make a fresh start in life; nor is substantial aid withheld from those

whose meritorious labours in Freemasonry demand greater recognition—an instance having occurred recently, when the handsome sum of two hundred and fifty pounds was voted to a poor, but worthy, brother.

In Royal Arch Masonry, there is no annual levy for benevolent purposes, and although we are not prepared to advocate the adoption of the system, it may be doubted whether a portion of the fifteen shillings paid for each companion's registration might not be very properly devoted to the establishment and perpetuation of a fund for distressed Royal Arch Masons. It is a fact that some men, from fancy or otherwise, take a more active part in promoting the prosperity of Capitular Masonry than in advancing the interests of the blue degrees. Hence, their claims upon the Fund of Benevolence—measured by their career in the Craft—may appear but insignificant, whereas, if a Grand Chapter Fund existed, they would be enabled to have their additional claims more fully investigated, and, possibly, better appreciated. We throw out this suggestion in a tentative manner; but, as English Royal Arch Masonry can now boast some 400 chapters—twenty of which have been founded during the past year—the time seems to have arrived when the Order should be more closely identified with the great cause of charity. Let it not be said of Royal Arch Masonry that "here we have laboured in vain, and wasted our strength for nought."

Our review of the progress of the Craft and Capitular degrees shows that our illustrious Grand Master and Grand Principal, the Marquis of Ripon, presides over nearly seventeen hundred lodges and chapters, the membership of which bodies, combined, is estimated at about one hundred and forty thousand. It must be remembered, however, that the Royal Arch Masons are included in duplicate, they being, almost to a man, members of lodges as well as of chapters.

The "Mark" degree, although not the oldest of the unrecognised Masonic organisations, in England, is so intimately allied with the Craft, that its rapid increase in influence and numerical strength is somewhat accounted for. The number of Mark lodges under the Mark Grand Lodge is now 139, representing an advance within the year of twenty lodges. The jurisdiction of the Mark governing body in England is now recognised by the Grand Chapters of Ireland and Canada, and by several American Grand Chapters, and, beyond question, when the present Mark Grand Master, our energetic Bro. Portal, hands over his sceptre of office to his successor, Earl Percy, he may fairly congratulate himself and the "Mark" Degree upon the very splendid success which has attended his exertions, and those of his officers, during the period of his presidency as Grand Master.

We are unable to say much as to the position of the various degrees recently

annexed to the "Mark," some of which are good, some bad, and one or two indifferent. With careful manipulation, the degrees of "Royal and Select Masters" may be taken kindly to in England, but we much doubt if the melodramatic "high falutin" of the "Super-Excellent" degree will ever find favour in the sight of English Masons. As to the inane farce of "Admiral Noah" and his coxswain "Ham," with the Ark and the other beasts, as our poor friend Artemus Ward would say—why, the sooner it and all its accompaniments are swept away in a Masonic deluge the better, even if we have to deplore the consequent disappearance of a more than proportionate number of the sons of Issachar.

Taking the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar for 1872" as our guide, we find that the Order of Knights Templar stands next in numerical strength to the Mark Masters, numbering, as it does, 121 encampments, an increase of six during the year 1871. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is now identified with the English Templars, and we have no hesitation in adding, that the Order is eminently worthy of the esteem with which it is regarded by the Prince.

The "Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine," another old chivalric order, stand next to the Templars in the Calendar, with 62 conclaves on the roll, an increase of no less than twenty-eight during the annual period. About a dozen of these conclaves are, however, located in the United States of America, where, it is only reasonable to suppose, independent Grand Councils of the Order will, in due course, be established. It is noteworthy that the meetings of the "Red Cross" and "Temple" orders are expressly permitted by the Articles of Union between the two Grand Lodges in 1813, at which time his Royal Highness the late Duke of Sussex was Grand Master of the "Knights Templars," and also of the "Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine."

The "Ancient and Accepted Rite" is the last of the great Masonic powers whose position we have under review. Under the Supreme Council 33°, forty-two Rose Croix chapters are working, eight having been added during the past year. This Rite will soon possess a splendid hall of its own in Golden-square, and has lately exhibited other signs of increasing vitality, which augur well for its future prosperity.

On the whole, we are proud to record our satisfaction at the progress of Freemasonry, and its attendant orders, in England during the past year, believing, as we do, that there is room enough for all; and so long as the unrecognized degrees are conducted in unison with the broad principles of the Craft, we shall not only maintain their right to exist, but emphatically wish them God speed in their career.

MARK MASONRY.—The M.W.G.M.M. has approved of a warrant for a new lodge at Whitefield, to be called the "Wike Lodge."

### Multum in Parbo. or Masonic Notes and Queries.

#### MARK AND ROYAL ARCH.

Bro. W. P. Buchan says, "We can admit the existence of the Royal Arch in the fourth decade of the last century, whereas we have no evidence of the existence of any Mark Degree until some time after that."

The Royal Arch degree is admitted to be no older than 1740. At that date their secrets were given in a Master Mason's lodge.

As regards the Mark, on the contrary, the G.C. of Scotland itself reports that "it was wrought by the operative lodges of St. John's Masonry from *time immemorial*, and long before the institution of the G.L. of Scotland in 1736." Mother Kilwinning Lodge made members choose their marks in the seventeenth century, and charged them four shillings each for the same.

Can Bro. Buchan tell us how the G.C. of Scotland came into existence in 1717? They are very zealous in picking holes in the constitution of the Mark G.L., which is constituted by ten immemorial English lodges, and several Scotch which have returned to their Masonic allegiance. But what R.A. chapters constituted the G.C. of Scotland? They have sedulously kept their origin in the dark, and I more than suspect that it rests upon no legitimate foundation whatever, but is self-constituted, and therefore spurious from beginning to end; as it is certainly unacknowledged, as Masonic, by the G.L. of Scotland.

#### AN ENGLISH MARK MASTER.

#### PRINTED RITUALS.

"An American Freemason," challenges my statement as to printed Rituals. Has he ever heard of the publications of the New York Masonic Publishing Company? I shall be very sorry to hear that Brothers Sickles and Macoy have been doing anything irregular, or that they can be mentioned in the same breath with Pritchard.

If the Brother wishes further information either as to my name, which he cavils at, or as to the Rituals, he will have it.

RANDOLF HAY.

#### THE PRINCE OF WALES.

#### THURSDAY'S BULLETIN.

Sandringham, Jan. 4, Noon.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has slept well, and is in all respects making satisfactory progress.

(Signed) WILLIAM GULL, M.D.  
JOHN LOWE, M.D.

We have great pleasure in announcing that the M.E. First Grand Principal, the Marquis of Ripon, K.G., has appointed Col. Francis Burdett, M.F.Z. 1194, Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons in the province of Middlesex, over which our distinguished brother presides in the Craft as Provincial Grand Master.

In another part of this impression we record the death of the "oldest Freemason" in England—the statement as to whose age is so well authenticated as to satisfy the doubts even of another Sir George Cornwall Lewis. We regret also to have seen in the daily press an account of the decease of the R.W. Bro. William Combyn Stephens, P.G. Wardon of England, and for many years representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Bro. Stephens was only 54 years of age at the time of his death.

### THE FOOTSTEPS OF MASONRY;

OR,

*Freemasonry in relation to Authentic History.*

BY BRO. W. VINER BEDOLFE, M.D., J.W. 1329,  
Hon. Sec. Sphinx Lodge of Instruction.

(Continued from page 707, Vol. 4.)

Having, as we trust, established the identity of our Masonic with municipal institutions, and, further, commenced the identification of the offices and ceremonies with those which can be proved to have existed amongst those grand originators of municipal institutions, viz., the Romans, we now resume this identification and elucidation. We must again, however, inculcate the importance of bearing this fact (of its municipality) in mind, since it is the only clue that can carry us through the labyrinth of time, and enable us to bridge that chasm in which so many histories lie engulfed.

In pursuing our subject, we have not thought it necessary to carry back our investigations into the period of fable or dubious story. Doubtless, it can always be said, "Fortes ante Agamemnonen vixere," signifying that even that was not the beginning. Yet our object has been simply to find the first firm ground on which to stand; and as in our day the engineer constructing a bridge, say across the Thames, is, from experience, content with that solid substratum the London clay without seeking lower formations, so are we content with what history vouches, with what universal consent has consecrated.

There have undoubtedly been periods when these collegia, or lodges, have nearly disappeared from view, simply because no minute records of those periods exist; but supposing a planet to have suddenly disappeared before the epoch of Gallileo,

"Like the lost pleiad, seen no more below;"

had fragments, or small bodies, been subsequently developed by his invention of the telescope, and found to be still moving in the orbit of the planet, should we have doubted their connection with the former occupant of that orbit? To have done so would have been illogical; and we trust to bring similar logical proof of the identity of our own lodges with those of ancient times. Premising this, we proceed.

"EAR OF CORN NEAR A FALL OF WATER."

I now call attention to the word said to be signified in a Masonic lodge by "an ear of corn near a fall of water." The explanation of this word, viz., "plenty" is quite in accordance with the emblem; but the story of its origin, apparently Talmudic, as given in the lectures, is quite at variance with its spirit.

To distinguish "friend from foe," the true from the false, the chaff from the wheat, was its object, and it is represented to have been anciently placed over the inner door or entrance to the "Tablinum" of the lodge.

Now, the word itself is possibly only a corruption of "tribulum," a flail, or threshing machine, and derived from the Greek *τριβω*, to thresh. Passive infinitive, *τριβεσθαι*, to be threshed (*tribesthai*). The "ear of corn" signifying the wheat for threshing, and the "stream of water" where the true grain should be separated from the husk.

It was in this sense St. Paul (being a Roman) employed this metaphor in the word "tribulation," alluding to the purgation of the threshing floor, for, writing to these same Romans (8 and 25), he says: "What shall separate us? Shall 'tribulation'?" And the figure has ever since been used in the sense of the separation of true from false Christians, by persecution.

Dr. Trench, in his Book on Words, takes this view of the "tribulum," as an emblem in use

amongst the ancient Romans, to whom emblems were common; and some of the houses at Pompeii are carved with emblems indicating their trade.

Here, then, is an ancient Roman sign of undoubted authenticity retained amongst us, and of importance to our argument, since, as it was actually used by them, it shows our Latin origin.

## IMAGES.

Amongst all the emblems of our lodges we have no images, and Numa strictly forbade the Romans to represent God in the form of man or beast, saying (says Plutarch), "that it was by the understanding only that we could form any conception of the Deity;" and however our prayers may have been modified since his time, they breathe the same spirit and recognise the universal Father and Governor of the Universe, a God not made with hands; for the triangle, although it may be looked upon as an emblem, is not an "effigy," or "eidolon," form or likeness, and it is this latter which constitutes idolatry.

## THE JEWELS OF THE LODGE.

The jewels of the lodge are said to be "moveable and immovable." The Roman law also divided possessions into "moveable and immovable." The moveable, for example, were retained by the seller of a farm, &c.

The allusions may be accidental, but it was a division much insisted on in the Roman law.

## FREEBORN.

"Privileges restricted to the Freeborn." Blackstone, in speaking of this subject, says: "The obsolete doctrines of old laws are frequently the foundations on which what exists is erected." But we remark that, in Masonry, obsolete ideas are, in this case, preserved, as are flies in amber.

Amongst the Romans, few things are more remarkable than the scrupulosity with which "free and freeborn" was regarded. "With what natural justice," says Blackstone, "I shall not now inquire."

It was a point greatly insisted on amongst them, and our retention of it eminently shows great approximation with the habits of ancient Rome; for, when the Emperor Caracalla granted the "freedom of the city" of Rome to all the Roman world, he restricted it strictly to the "freeborn." St. Paul calls himself a "tent-maker," not merely to state his trade, but as indicating also that he had a guild, and was consequently "free by birth." Horace, the friend of a favourite of Augustus, was, it is true, the son of a freedman, as he himself tells us, "Me libertino natum patre;" but he may have been born before his father became a captive and slave. But genius is a law unto itself, and free from all others.

Although seemingly illiberal, this very distinction shows the liberality of Freemasonry; for, in the early history of Rome, as in all ancient states, foreigners enjoyed none of the privileges, or even the dress, of citizens, and were much despised.

That Freemasonry only requires freedom of birth in their candidates points out the liberality and fraternity of those who, on this sole condition, opened their portals to others, and thus invited the co-operation of foreign craftsmen and men of science, "being worthy."

This fact, so recognised and insisted on in our traditions, is, undoubtedly, one chief cause of its universality; for, whenever or wherever a lodge was formed, no other obstacle existed for admission, all who came, of whatever nation, or kingdom, or people, being found worthy, were alike received.

## "CLOSING THE LODGE WITH THE SETTING SUN."

This evident remnant of an ancient usage recalls forcibly to our minds this fact, that, in all the assemblies of the Roman people, nothing could be done before the rising nor after the setting of the sun.

Hence, we are told (Adams) that some one was always appointed to mark the setting sun, and close the collegium, by order of the Master of the assembly.

## PLEDGES OF FIDELITY.

We must not omit an important characteristic of Freemasonry, evidence of ancient manners and of ancient teachings, viz., "oaths or pledges of fidelity." The King Numa built a temple to Faith, and, we are told, instituted formal oaths as pledges of fidelity, which were thus rendered legally binding, and thus avoided the necessity of giving hostages or pledges when such were not absolutely required.

The Romans did not forget his teachings, and their fidelity to their pledges and solemn obligations long distinguished them as a people, and Gibbon remarks that, "The goddess of human and social Faith was worshipped not only in the temples, but in the very lives of the Romans."

## RECEPTION AND OBLIGATION OF CANDIDATES

Freemasonry retains evidently a very ancient form of receiving and obligating its candidates. Amongst the Romans, a candidate seeking any object or preferment, appealed personally to the Quirites or electors, but in a peculiar manner. It was usual for the candidate to be accompanied by a monitor, to instruct or inform him. On setting out, he assumed an appearance of humility, threw off his pallium or cloak, loosened his tunic or coat, and at the same time bared his arm and breast, the foot being slipshod. All this we are expressly told; it is not therefore necessary to seek amongst Eastern nations for parallel facts.

Of religious ceremonial, initiation or devotion, on great and important occasions, descriptions are not wanting; as when Dido, stung by the ingratitude of Æneas, seeks in religious devotion a solace for her woes. Virgil thus describes it—

"Pallor simul occupat ora  
Ipsa molâ manibus que piis altaria juxta  
Unum exutâ pedem, vinctis in veste recinctâ  
Testatur moritura Deos."

Which may be thus rendered:—"The Queen herself, her face bedewed and pallid, her hair dishevelled—now resolute on death. Having one foot bare, her robe ungirt, standing by and holding the altar (pedestal) with pious hands, and offering salt-cake (the mola, or mass), makes her appeal to the gods and to the stars, conscious of her fate."

Some authors assert that it was the left foot which was bared, and in this condition the postulant made the round of the altars. Ovid describes Medea—

"Egreditur tectis, vestes induta recinctas,  
Nuda pedem, nudis humeris," &c.,

and which may be rendered: Arm, breast, and knee made bare, left foot slipshod. Horace and other authors also give a similar description, so that religious, political, and social postulants underwent ceremonial preparation. Dishevelled hair (for females), garment bound back (that they might be better enabled to go round the sacred building, it is said), the shoulder, arm, and left foot made bare, the hands upon the altar, and in this humiliating condition take the solemn obligation.

The ceremony of initiating "vestal virgins" is said by a learned editor (I cannot put my hand on the extract) closely to have resembled taking the veil in modern times, the latter evidently being imitated from the former, and might be studied with advantage. The duty of the vestal virgin was, as we have already mentioned (when their order was founded by Numa), to keep the sacred fire burning, and that is even now, in the Latin countries, a chief duty of nuns. In southern Italy, to the present day, in almost every house a lamp is kept burning to the honour of the Queen of Heaven; and what is that but the "sacred fire," descended—almost unknown, unseen, unthought of—even unto the present day?

It may be interesting to recal the "Declaration" with which the Pontifex Maximus received the Vestal Virgin "designate" from her mother or family: "I take thee, O beloved one (amata), as priestess to our Lady Vesta, to perform her religious service, and to discharge those duties with respect to the whole body of the Roman people, which the law requires of you as priestess of Vesta."

Thus far have we proceeded in the identifica-

tion of our fragments, our object being, as our programme proposed, by studying its internal organization, to show the "unity of design" perceptible equally in the ancient and modern institution. We hope, in our next lecture, to be sufficiently advanced to point out where the Roman, or fundamental, or primary institution terminates, and the second, or accessory, commences.

(To be continued.)

DEATH OF THE OLDEST FREEMASON IN ENGLAND.—Bro. Matthew Greathead, of Richmond, Yorkshire, died there on Sunday in the 102nd year of his age. He was born at High Cunniscliffe, near Darlington, on April 23, 1770, and was believed to be the oldest Freemason in England, having been a member of a lodge for 75 years.

DENMARK.—His Royal Highness the Crown Prince has been elected Grand Master of the Danish Craft, in succession to the late M.W. Brother Brästrup. Representatives from the Grand Lodge of Sweden, Germany, &c., are expected to attend the new Grand Master's installation at Copenhagen, in the current month. Under the auspices of his Royal Highness (who is brother to the Princess of Wales), Freemasonry cannot fail to prosper in Denmark, where the ancient Craft has long been held in great estimation, the late King Frederick having been Grand Master up to the period of his decease.

A LONDON SECRET WORTH KNOWING.—It is a matter of frequent surprise to our neighbours across the Channel, and of still greater annoyance to ourselves, that, with all our advanced civilisation and love of comfort, so little accommodation of an adequate character exists in London for any visitor in search of a really good dinner, or lighter refreshment, either for himself or for a party of friends. This is, undoubtedly, one of the matters that are, even yet, "managed better in France." It is true that our West-end clubs are luxurious and comfortable in the highest degree, but only a certain favoured few among the denizens of London can avail themselves of their privileges. On the other hand, the proverbial extortion of the great hotels, and their narrow and insufficient accommodation, want of roominess, general "stuffy" atmosphere, and indifferent *cuisine*, cause them to be avoided by those whose taste is at all fastidious, and whose means are moderate. Between the hotel and the club, and performing partly the functions of both, stands the restaurant, but of such establishments there are, unfortunately, too few in our metropolis, and most of those which do exist are situated in quarters of the town more accessible to men of business than to those of leisure; so that the question how to take a lady or a friend to a house where a really good dinner, well cooked and well served, with due quietness and privacy, can be procured, has hitherto been difficult of solution. A solitary but notable instance of an establishment offering all these advantages and conveniences has come under our notice, which seems to have attained the full measure of success such an experiment deserves. Situated in the most fashionable and frequented thoroughfare in the West-end, contiguous to the National Gallery, the theatres, and the Metropolitan Railway, the Pall Mall Restaurant is in no respect inferior to the best Parisian houses as they were under the Empire. Only recently some alterations have been made, providing many additional private rooms, a luncheon and dining room for ladies, a magnificent *salle à manger* on the first floor, and a bar for lighter refreshments. It cannot be too widely known that hot luncheons are served daily from 1 to 4 o'clock, in the New Luncheon Rooms, at prices as moderate as those of any house in London. The perfection of the *cuisine*, the really exquisite "service," and the plentiful "attendance," render it matter for no surprise that the Pall Mall has attained a high place among London restaurants, and that among our foreign visitors especially it has attained unbounded popularity. The speciality of the house for late suppers should not be forgotten, as this was an accommodation hitherto to be obtained only by journeying far to the east.—*John Bull.*

## THE GREAT MISSION OF WOMAN.

Great, indeed, is the task assigned to woman! Who can elevate its dignity? Not to make laws, not to lead armies, not to govern empires; but to form those by whom laws are made, armies led, and empires governed; to guard against the slightest taint of bodily infirmity, the frail, yet spotless creature, whose moral, no less than physical being, must be derived from her; to inspire those principles, to inculcate those doctrines, to animate those sentiments which generations yet unborn and nations yet uncivilized will learn to bless; to soften firmness into mercy, and chasten honour into refinement; to exalt generosity into virtue; by a soothing care to allay the anguish of the body, and the far worse anguish of the mind; by her tenderness to disarm passion; by her purity to triumph oversense; to cheer the scholar sinking under his toil; to console the statesman for the ingratitude of a mistaken people; to be compensation for friends that are perfidious—for happiness that has passed away. Such is her vocation. The couch of the tortured sufferer, the prison of the deserted friend, the cross of the rejected Saviour—these are theatres on which her greatest triumphs have been achieved. Such is her destiny; to visit the forsaken, to tend to the neglected when monarchs abandon, when counsellors betray, when justice prosecutes, when brethren and disciples flee, to remain unshaken and unchanged, and to exhibit in this lower world a type of that love, pure, constant, and ineffable, which in another we are taught to believe the test of virtue.—*Blackwood's Magazine.*

ON Friday, 29th December, the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, held their Audit and Ball Supper Committee meeting at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, City. After the business of the evening was concluded, the brethren present partook of refreshment, provided by the host, Bro. Charles Gosden, in his accustomed satisfactory style.

The Annual Banquet of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, which was postponed on the 15th ult., in consequence of the alarming illness of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, P.G.M., will take place on Friday, the 19th inst., at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, under the presidency of our esteemed brother, Past Grand Pursuivant James Brett, and a large muster of brethren is confidently expected.

THE subject of the Hulsean Prize at Cambridge for 1872 is "The Influence of Christianity on the Legislation of Constantine the Great."

**BREAKFAST.—EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.**—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately-flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills."—*Civil Service Gazette.* Made simply with Boiling Water or Milk. Each packet is labelled—"JAMES EPPS & Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London." Also, makers of Epps's Milky Cocoa (Cocoa and Condensed Milk).

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.**—Bad legs, Wounds, Ulcers, and all descriptions of sores are cured by the proper and diligent use of these inestimable preparations. To attempt to cure bad legs by plastering the edges of the wound together is folly, for should the skin unite, a baggy, diseased condition remains underneath to break out with tenfold fury in a few days. The only rational and permanent treatment as indicated by nature, is to reduce the inflammation in and about the wound, to soothe the neighbouring nerves, to cool the heated blood as it courses along its vessels, and to render its watery icherous discharge consistent and healthy. Holloway's Pills should likewise be taken to purify the blood, and expel the noxious humour from the system.—[Advt.]

## Poetry.

## GOD SAVE THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The following is the song alluded to in our notice, last week, of the "Entertainments at Chester," as having been sung by Mr. Owen:—

Solo—Within our ancient City,  
Above our hills and vales,  
A Nation's prayers re-echo—  
"God save the Prince of Wales."  
Chorus—Within our ancient City,  
O'er all our hills and vales,  
A Nation's prayers re-echo—  
"God save the Prince of Wales."  
Solo—"God save our Earl of Chester,  
His youthful life, O! spare;  
Preserve him to this kingdom,"  
Is Cestria's heartfelt prayer.  
Chorus—Within our ancient City, &c.  
Solo—"God bless his Royal Mother,  
And bless his gentle Wife,  
Who pray Thee, in Thy mercy,  
To spare his precious life."  
Chorus—Within our ancient City, &c.  
Solo—"In mercy hear Thy people,  
And if it be Thy will—  
Long live the Prince of Cambria,  
To bless our Nation still."  
Chorus—Within our ancient City, &c.

## LINES BY A YOUNG DAUGHTER, ON THE DEATH OF HER MOTHER.

Alone, in the gathering shadows,  
Watching the storm clouds arise,  
Deeper and darker they gather,  
Hiding the beautiful skies;  
Thus it has been with life's pathway,  
Happiness proves but a dream,  
Just as my sky seems to brighten,  
Clouds come and darken the scene.

Truly, *God's* ways are a wonder,  
There's so much we can't understand,  
So much that tempts us to murmur,  
Yet all is the work of His hand;  
He only has taken a loved one,  
A lamb of His flock to her rest,  
But, yet, it is hard for her children  
To think it is all for the best.

Oh! mother, I cannot help wishing,  
I cannot help longing to know,  
If you from your bright home in heaven,  
Can look on poor mortals below?  
Or, are you so happy, my mother,  
That never a shadow can come,  
Never a thought of the loved ones,  
Weary and lonely at home.

May be, across the dark river,  
Over on Heaven's bright side,  
You will be waiting, my mother,  
To welcome us over the tide.  
Ah! life would lose many a shadow,  
And weary hearts many a pain,  
If we were but sure of the meeting,  
The knowing of loved ones again.

Brooklyn, March 21st, 1871.

—*Landmark.*

## Reports of Masonic Meetings.

[With a view to increase the circulation, and consequently the usefulness, of THE FREEMASON, it is suggested that Lodges, &c., desiring reports to appear in the paper, should take a certain number of copies in proportion to the space required for the report.]

## THE CRAFT.

## METROPOLITAN.

*Star Lodge, No. 1275.*—An emergency meeting of this well-established lodge was held on Friday, the 29th ultimo, at the Marquis of Granby Tavern, Deptford. Present: Bros. C. J. Hogg, W.M.; H. Keeble, S.W.; H. Crabtree, J.W.; F. Walters, P.M., Sec.; T. R. Darke, S.D.; W. M. Bull, as J.D.; W. Bell, as I.G.; S. Homewood, E. Townsend, E. Lane, C. Drake, J. Drake, A. Flaxman, G. S. Elliott, A. Stevens, H. Ellis, &c.; visitors, Bros. T. R. Weston (P.M. 428), B. J. Cole (871), A. Overton (1309), W. Taplin (1326), E. Fleet (1326), J. Wells (1326), and some others. The W.M., in an efficient manner, initiated Mr. Henry Ellis, passed five brethren, and raised three. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated.

*Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319.*—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 1st inst. Present: Bros. C. Coote, W.M.; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M., S.W.; Jas. Weaver, P.M., P.G.O. Middlesex, J.W.; E. Stanton Jones, P.M., I.P.M.; Thos. A. Adams, P.G.P.; Edward Frewin, S.D.; Henry J. Tinney, Organist; Wm. A. Tinney, I.G.; J. Gilbert, Tyler; J. Boatwright, T. Edgar, G. Horton, H. Snyders, Jos. Baker, J. T. Carrodus, L. Silberberg, Joseph Horton, and G. A. Compton; visitors, Bros. E. J. Cobby (134) and J. Kaufmann, LL.D., 92. The business of the evening comprised the initiation of Messrs. J. F. Hutchings and J. Hodges, and the passing of Bros. J. Kaufmann and F. J. Amos. Bro. O. Lumsden was elected a joining member. A sum of ten guineas was voted for the purchase of a Life Governorship of the Boys' School, to be placed on Bro. Coote's list. It was also resolved, "That the members of the Lodge of Asaph, 1319, express their deep sympathy towards their illustrious Brother H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in his severe illness, praying that the G.A.O.T.U. will be pleased to restore him to his wonted health, and spare so valuable a life to his Masonic Brotherhood and to the nation at large." Mr. H. S. Wilkes was proposed for initiation, and the lodge was closed with solemn prayer.

## PROVINCIAL.

**HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.**—*Naphthali Lodge, No. 266.*—The members of this now numerous and rapidly-rising lodge met at their rooms on Thursday, Dec. 28th, for the purpose of initiating three candidates, and installing Bro. Richard Gorton in the chair for the ensuing year. The ceremonies having been duly performed, with musical accompaniments, the brethren adjourned to the Victoria Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was placed before them. The customary toasts followed, interspersed with appropriate music and songs. In responding, the W.M. expressed his appreciation of the high and honourable position in which he had just been placed, and hoped, with the assistance of the officers, and strict punctuality in attendance to the duties of the lodge, to secure for it a high position in the Craft. Installing Officer, Bro. John Redfern, 42, P.P.G.P., and Bro. William Roberts, 298 and 308, P.P.G.P. East Lancashire, highly complimented the lodge on its prosperity and growing efficiency. The I.P.M., Bro. William Wescoe, ably addressed the brethren, and the evening was spent in a most pleasant and agreeable manner.

**LANCASTER.**—*Lodge of Fortitude, No. 281.*—The regular meeting of this lodge for the celebration of the festival of St. John the Evangelist and installation of the W.M.-elect, took place at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on Wednesday, the 27th ult. The W.M., Bro. Dr. Moore, G.S.B. England, presided, and was supported by the following officers: Bros. John Hatch, I.P.M.; Wm. Hall, S.W.; Wm. Fleming, J.W.; Jas. Hatch, P.M., Treas.; Edmund Simpson, P.M., Sec.; Edward Airey, S.D.; W. J. Sly, J.D.; J. Harrison, I.G.; J. Watson, Tyler; J. Taylor (1051), as Organist; R. Taylor, Steward; and a large assembly of brethren. The preliminary business having been transacted, Past Masters John Hatch and E. Storey presented to the W.M. Bro. William Hall, S.W., the W.M.-elect, for the benefit of installation. The Installing Officer recited the qualifications of a candidate for the Master's chair, and the ancient charges, which were read and assented to by Bro. Hall, and in a Board of Installed Masters he was placed in the chair of the lodge, and was afterwards proclaimed and saluted in the various degrees. He then proceeded to appoint

and invest his officers as follow: W. Bro. Dr. Moore, I.P.M.; Bros. W. Fleming, S.W.; E. Airey, J.W.; James Hatch, Treas.; Edmund Simpson, Sec.; W. J. Sly, S.D.; J. Harrison, J.D.; R. Taylor, I.G.; J. Watson, Tyler; and R. Gregson, Steward. The charge to the W.M. was delivered by the Installing Officer, and those to the Wardens and brethren by Bro. John Hatch, P.M., who also presented the working tools. After the lodge was closed a number of the brethren adjourned to the house of Bro. Sly (the King's Arms), where a suitable banquet had been provided.

CARLISLE.—*Union Lodge, No. 310.*—The members of this lodge met at their rooms, Castle-street, on Tuesday se'nnight, for the purpose of installing the W.M.-elect, Bro. John Slack, W.M., in the chair. After the usual lodge business had been transacted, the W.M.-elect was presented for installation by Bros. the Rev. W. Cockett, P.M., P.P.G.C., and Thomas Blacklock, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., the ceremony being most ably and correctly rendered by the retiring W.M., Bro. John Slack, P.P.G.J.D. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Court, P.G.D., as S.W. and Treasurer; Jos. Moore, J.W., Secretary; Robert Metcalf, S.D.; Edward Harrison, J.D.; John Murray, I.G.; John Barnes, Tyler; Coote and Carruthers, Stewards. At the conclusion of the business the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the Victoria Hotel, where dinner was provided by Bro. Campbell. The new W.M. presided, supported on his right by Bro. Jos. Iredale, P.D.P.G.M., and Bro. Moore, and on his left by Bro. J. Slack, P.M., and Bro. Blacklock. The vice-chair was taken by Bro. Court, S.W., supported on his right and left by Bros. Murchie, Dalton, Corbett, and J. Murray. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, the W.M. presented to Bro. Slack, on behalf of the brethren, a beautiful P.M.'s jewel, and in course of his remarks said that he hoped that he might long live to wear it. Bro. Slack replied in suitable terms. The jewel, which was supplied by Bro. George Kenning, Masonic jeweller, London, bears the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. John Slack, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., by the members of the Union Lodge on the termination of his second year as W.M., in token of their appreciation and regard. Dec. 26th, 1871." During the evening several excellent songs were sung.

WIGTON.—*St. John's Lodge, No. 327.*—Wednesday, 27th ult., being the annual festival of St. John, was celebrated by the brethren as their sixty-fourth anniversary. The lodge was opened at high twelve, in the lodge-room, Lion and Lamb Inn, after which Mr. George Stamper, of Langring Bank, received his first degree in Freemasonry. Bro. James Porter, P.M., P.G.S., of the St. John's Lodge, Wigton, and the Concord Lodge, Preston, occupying the W.M.'s chair. Bro. Henry Bowes was then installed as W.M., Bro. Porter officiating in a masterly manner as Installing Master. The W.M. then appointed the following officers for the ensuing twelve months: Bros. Shannon, S.W.; Bowman, J.W.; Richardson, Treas.; J. Norman Hodgson, Sec.; McMechan, S.D.; George Carriek, J.D.; and Hewison, jun., as I.G. Bro. H. R. Dand is the retiring W.M. At the conclusion of the business of the lodge, the brethren, to the number of twenty four, sat down to a banquet prepared by Mrs. Martin, which well deserved the encomiums passed upon it by the guests. Bro. Lemon, P.M., P.G. Treas., occupied the chair, and Bro. S. Halifax, P.M., the vice-chair. The Chairman was supported by Bros. Isaac Pattinson, J. N. Hodgson, McMechan, and Shannon. The loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received in a truly Masonic and spirited style. The proceedings of the afternoon were of the most agreeable and harmonious character; speech, toast, and song occupying the time for an hour or two after dinner.

TORQUAY.—*St. John's Lodge, No. 328,* held its sixtv-first anniversary, in the Masonic Hall, on the 27th ult. The lodge was opened by W. Bro. Thos. O'iver, W.M., who, after the regular business of the lodge had been transacted, introduced Bro. D. Watson, the W.M.-elect, to the Installing Master, Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G.W. Warwickshire, who had kindly consented to act on the occasion. There was a good attendance of brethren, and the ceremony was rendered highly impressive by the able manner in which Bro. Dr. Hopkins conducted it. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to invest the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Thos. Oliver, I.P.M.; John Paul, S.W.; T. Perry, J.W.; Rev. R. Bowden, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.C., Chaplain; W. Hearder, Treas.; Jas. Murray, Sec.; John Chapman, S.D.; J. C. Parker, J.D.; C. J. Harland, P.M., D.C.; J. H. Morgan, Organist; J. Piggott, I.G.; Henry Day and W. F. Hinton, Stewards; W. Cheuncour, Tyler.—At the close of the business, the brethren retired and partook of a substantial banquet. W. Bro. D. Watson, W.M., in giving the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," referred in sympathetic terms to the illness under

which her Majesty had only recently been suffering, and also to the deep anxiety which she must have felt with regard to the illness of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and echoed the wish of every true Mason, in desiring for her a long and prosperous reign. The toast having been drunk with honours, the W. Master next proposed "The better health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, P.G.M. of England," alluded to the world-wide anxiety which had been expressed with regard to the issue of that serious attack under which his Royal Highness had been suffering; reminded the brethren how his Royal Highness had interested himself in promoting the interests of the Craft, and concluded by wishing him a speedy restoration to health. The toast was received with musical honours, which were responded to in a manner indicating the deep fraternal sympathy of the brethren.—The usual Masonic toasts having been given with due honours, the retiring Secretary, Bro. J. Chapman, in responding to the complimentary terms the W.M. had used in proposing his health, reminded the lodge that it was their co-operation, under the benign influence and wise rule of their I.P.M., Bro. Oliver, which had produced the success of the past year, and urged the brethren to continue those efforts that had been crowned with such marked and satisfactory results. Among the items of interest that had transpired during the year, there appeared the result of the Masonic Ball, in February last, which produced a sum of £30 for Masonic charities. The income of the lodge had also very much improved, owing to the brethren having paid up their dues, and thus enabling the lodge to meet all its engagements, and also to assist those noble institutions of charity which had become the brightest ornaments of the Order. In addition to the regular efforts of the lodge, there had been, during the year, all the necessary arrangements made, and the principal part of the funds realised, for the formation of a R.A. chapter in connection with the lodge; the chief credit of which was due to Bro. Thomas Oliver; and which, it was hoped, would be ready for consecration in February next. The numerical increase was also in keeping with the other happy features that had characterised the lodge during the year, there having been added to its list of members one-fifth of its present number. One of the most interesting and important items of expenditure during the year was the appropriation of above £40 to Masonic charities, while a very considerable sum had also been expended in improving the appearance of the lodge. In concluding his remarks with regard to the present improved condition of Freemasonry in Torquay, the retiring Secretary appealed to those present to continue their efforts in the acquirement of knowledge and in the development of those grand principles of the Order, in the everyday life of all the members, which could alone entitle them to rank as Freemasons.—"The Visiting Brethren" having been given, and responded to by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, and the other usual toasts disposed of (in which Bros. the Rev. R. Bowden, T. Perry, J. Paul, J. Greenfield, P.G.S.D., W. Wreyford, and others took a part, the meeting was brought to a close, after the Tyler had given his toast, by singing the National Anthem.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.—*Industry Lodge, No. 361.*—On the afternoon of Thursday, the 23th ultimo, the brethren of this lodge met at the Norfolk Arms Hotel to celebrate the festival of St. John the Evangelist, and also to instal the W.M.-elect for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened at 3 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Frederick Drinkwater, supported by his officers. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Drinkwater presented Bro. John Beech, W.M.-elect, for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. Wayne, P.M. 993. The newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers, and they were invested by Bro. Wayne, as follows: Bros. S. N. Brooks, S.W.; Wm. Berry, J.W.; Wm. Brooke, Treas.; Brian Cooper, P.M. and P.G.P., Sec.; G. Hesketh, S.D.; Thos. North, J.D.; Wm. Jackson, I.G.; Jesse Taylor, Tyler; Wm. Hill, Asst. Tyler; William Wignall and John Ainsworth, Stewards. Heartly good wishes were expressed by visiting brethren from several lodges. Business concluded, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer.—After the ceremony, the festival banquet took place, which was served in a most excellent manner. The W.M. presided, Bros. Wayne and Turner supporting him on the right, and Bros. the I.P.M., Cooper, and Capt. Arrowsmith on the left. About sixty brethren were present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. A very efficient glee party, consisting of Bros. M. Scafford, B. Cooper, R. T. Bowden, and J. Calfon, with Bro. Kirk as accompanist, added much to the pleasures of a most enjoyable evening by singing glees, songs, &c., all of which were well received.

KIDDERMINSTER.—*Hope and Charity Lodge, No. 377.*—This lodge celebrated the annual festival of St. John the Evangelist in the lodge-room at Bro. Lloyd's, the Lion Hotel, Kidderminster, for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master-elect,

Bro. J. R. Wood, and of presenting a testimonial to Bro. J. Fitzgerald, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., consisting of a P.Z. jewel and a purse £50, as a mark of esteem and gratitude for his long and disinterested services. The ceremony of installation of the W.M. Bro. J. R. Wood, was very ably performed by Bro. J. Fitzgerald, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., the Honorary Secretary of the lodge, after which the W.M. proceeded to induct the following brethren as officers for the ensuing twelve months: Bros. W. G. Hopkins, S.W.; B. Woodward, J.W.; G. Southall, Treas.; J. Fitzgerald, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Hon. Sec.; Robins, Dir. of Cers.; G. W. Grosvenor, S.D.; W. Turton, J.D.; J. Morton, I.G.; G. J. Meredith, Steward; H. Jones Tyler. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren proceeded to the excellent banquet provided by Bro. Lloyd, and were highly pleased by the manner in which it was served. When the cloth was cleared, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., who made a special reference to the health of Brother Albert Edward Prince of Wales, expressing the gratification the lodge felt at his approaching convalescence. The Worshipful Master then presented Bro. Fitzgerald with a purse containing fifty sovereigns and a P.Z. jewel, amidst loud Masonic applause.—Bro. Fitzgerald then rose and said: I can only say I am not deserving of the high honour you have this night paid me. Excuse an old man if I refer to years ago. There was a time when we had a difficulty in finding sufficient members to keep the lodge together. There was a time when we could not find enough members to install a W.M., and a time when we were not so punctual to time as at present. I had this day the honour of installing the thirteenth Master of this lodge, and eleven of those Masters were pupils of my own, and I am happy to say they were all thoroughly imbued with the spirit of Freemasonry. I can only say that if my efforts to benefit the lodge have proved successful I am proud, but feel, as a Mason, I have only done my duty; and as long as I live it will be my wish to do all in my power for the benefit of the Craft. I only wish I had the means to return a similar present to all the brethren who have subscribed towards this testimonial.

ULVERSTON.—*Lodge of Furness, No. 995.*—The annual meeting of this distinguished lodge took place on the 27th of December, at the Masonic Temple, Theatre-street. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Thomas Dodgson, and the minutes of last regular lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Reuben, P.S.W., was then presented for the benefit of installation by P.M.'s Barber and Case. The W.M., Bro. Thomas Dodgson, then proceeded with the ceremony of installation in such an able, impressive, and correct manner as to elicit the warmest approval of the brethren and visitors present. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Roger Dodgson, S.W.; W. Harrison, J.W.; Sergeant-major Paxton, Sec.; G. Brocklebank, Treas.; J. Postlethwaite, S.D.; J. Geldart, J.D.; W. Whiteside, I.G.; F. Bell, S.S. A. B. Lockett, J.S.; J. Case, P.M., D.C.; J. Robinson, Tyler. The lodge was called from labour to refreshment at the Queen's Hotel, where a most sumptuous repast was provided by Bro. Clayton. The room was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the arrangement of flowers, &c., very pleasing. The W.M. very feelingly referred to the illness of our esteemed P.G.M., his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. There were about fifty brethren present, amongst whom were the following visitors: Bros. T. Wylie, P.G. Reg. West Lancashire; H. Cooke, P.G. Reg. Cumberland and Westmorland; Arthur Woodhouse, 310, P.M. 412, P.P.G. Purs. Cumberland and Westmorland; W. Relph, P.M. 1021; G. Cornfield, P.M. 1225; J. S. Ormandy, W.M. 1225; John Heald, W.M. and P.M. 730; A. Hadley, 1225; W. H. Dawes, F. H. Clarke, R. Stirzaker, and G. Fell, 1021; and others. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Parker, Organist, assisted by Bros. Matthes, P.S.W., J. Harper, and F. Bell, S.S. The brethren separated at 10.30 p.m. after spending the evening in a truly fraternal and Masonic manner.

ISLE OF MAN.—*Athole Lodge, No. 1004.*—The members of the Craft had a very successful and enjoyable reunion on Wednesday week, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Thomas Handley, S.W., into the office of W.M. of this lodge for the ensuing year. The members met at the lodge-rooms, St. James' Hall, shortly after two o'clock, when a brother was passed to the second degree, by the retiring W.M., Bro. Samuel Webb. The gavel was then handed to Bro. G. M. Lofthouse, P.M., who had consented to officiate as Installing Master; the duties of S.W. being fulfilled by Bro. J. A. Brown, P.M., and of J.W. by Bro. S. Webb. During the installation ceremony, which was admirably performed by Bro. Lofthouse, the new W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. G. Heron, S.W.; J. Lambert, J.W.; G. M. Lofthouse, Treas.

and Org.; G. H. Wood, Sec.; J. Quine, Deacon; Lewin, M.C.; and Lanagan, Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to Castle Mona Hotel, to banquet. The banquet, although by no means equal to that placed before the brethren of the Tynwald Lodge a fortnight ago, was on the whole an excellent one, and was done full justice to by the brethren. After the banquet, the first toast proposed was that of "The Queen and the Craft," followed by that of "Brother his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," the W.M. taking advantage of the occasion to refer to the deep feeling of loyalty which the recent illness of the Prince of Wales had evoked amongst all classes of the people of this realm. This and the next toast, that of "The Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England," were received with full Masonic honours.—The health of "Our W.M., Bro. Thomas Handley," was then proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. S. Webb, who expressed his conviction that the brethren could not have made a better selection for the Mastership than they had done.—In returning thanks, the W.M. proposed the health of the I.P.M., referring to the admirable manner in which Bro. Webb had fulfilled the office of Master during the past year; and, in the name of the lodge, the W.M. presented him with a very handsome Past Master's jewel.—The other toasts were "The Past Masters," proposed by Bro. G. Heron, S.W.; and responded to by Bros. Lofthouse and Tuton; "The Installing Master," proposed by Bro. J. J. Harwood, P.M., and responded to by Bro. G. M. Lofthouse, P.M.; "The Wardens and other Officers of 1004," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. J. Lambert, J.W.; "The W.M. and Officers of the Tynwald Lodge, 1242," proposed by the I.P.M., and responded to by Bro. J. A. Brown, P.M.; "The other Insular Lodges," proposed by Bro. Tuton, P.M.; and "The Tyler's Toast," proposed by Bro. Lofthouse, P.M. The harmony and pleasure of the evening were much promoted by the singing of Bros. J. J. Harwood, G. M. Lofthouse, and James Brown. The latter during the evening sang the new Masonic song, published in No. 144 of THE FREEMASON.

KESWICK.—*Greta Lodge, No. 1073.*—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the lodge-room, Keswick Hotel, Keswick, on Tuesday, the 26th ult. There was a large gathering of the brethren present to witness the installation of Bro. John Wood, P.G.S., 1073. The imposing ceremony was ably performed by Bro. James Porter, P.M., and P.G.S., 327, 343, 1256, of Preston, assisted by Bros. John Wood, C.E., P.P.S.G.W., P.M. 1073; R. Robinson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., 1002; John Pearson, W.M., 1002; Cockermouth. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. George Carrick, 327, Wigton; I. F. Taylor, 1002; J. D. Allison, W. H. Lewthwaite, S. Thwaites, 1002; &c. The W.M. selected his officers as follows: Bros. Rev. R. Rutherford, A.G.C., S.W.; Daniel Grothwaite, J.W.; Wm. Thornton, Sec.; John Harrison, Treas.; T. D. Ingham, S.D.; T. Usher, J.D.; H. M. Newland, Knutsford, M.C.; Wm. Banks, I.G.; Matthew Cooper, Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the dining-room, where the annual banquet was held, under the presidency of the newly-elected W.M., Bro. Wood. It would be needless to add that the viands were of first-class character, and reflected great credit on the worthy manager, Bro. Hinks. A delightful evening was spent, and the brethren separated at an early hour with hearty good wishes for this rising and prosperous lodge.

EXETER.—*Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 1254.*—The third annual installation of W.M. of the above lodge was duly held at the Masonic Hall, Exeter, on Monday last. The V.W. Bro. Cann, P.P.G. Treas., was the Installing Master, and the lodge having been duly opened by Bro. H. W. Hooper, W.M., Bro. Jethro A. F. Tucker, the Past S.W., was introduced by Bro. Brewster, P.P.G. Reg., and duly installed as W.M. He appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. H. Hooper, I.P.M.; W. Hugo, S.W.; J. H. Warren, J.W.; Rev. C. H. Drinkwater, Chap.; G. Huxham, Treas.; F. Horspool, Sec.; C. C. Kendrick, S.D.; B. Barber, J.D.; P. Warren, D.C.; F. Mufford, Org.; F. D. Myers, I.G.; J. Murch and W. Brodie, Stewards; J. Gregory, Tyler; and P. L. Blanchard, Asst. Tyler. The following brethren were also present: Bros. C. R. N. Lyne, P.G.C.; Past Masters Page, Yelland, and Quicke; Furze, Org. *pro tem.*; Richards, Comings, Carter, Furze, P. Warren, Parnell, Willey, Pridaux, W. Pidsley, M. Hooper, D. Hooper, Parry, Gregory, Fulford, F. W. Bunter, &c. The brethren, after the lodge was closed, partook of refreshment, and it was officially announced that the annual banquet would be celebrated on Wednesday, the 14th February. The I.P.M.'s health was proposed and cordially received, and the W.M.'s health was also enthusiastically drunk, both with Masonic honours.—*Exeter Gazette Telegram.*

SOUTHPORT.—*The Ferner Lodge, No. 1313.*—The brethren of this lodge held their ordinary

monthly meeting on Thursday, Dec. 28th, under the presidency of Bro. W. Dodd, W.M., nearly all the officers being present. After the confirmation of the minutes, Bros. Taylor, Hobbs, and Halsall satisfactorily answered the introductory questions, and were passed, in a most solemn manner, in due form to the degree of F.C. This lodge is very young, being scarcely eighteen months old, but its prosperity and harmony have been great. It now contains thirty members, and enjoys the high privilege of having Sir T. G. Fermor-Hesketh, Bart., M.P., M.W.P.G.M., as an honorary member. After the labours of the evening were closed, the brethren adjourned for refreshment to the Albert Hotel, where an elegant and seasonable repast was provided by Bro. Herrmann.

MARKET HARBOROUGH.—*St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1330.*—The regular meeting was held on the 29th ult. Present: Bros. Sir H. St. John Halford, Bart., W.M.; Rev. J. F. Halford, S.W.; Albert Pell, M.P., as J.W.; Rev. T. Beaumont, Chap.; J. H. Douglas, Sec.; Dr. Grant, J.D.; and many other members. Bros. Wiggins and Ellis were raised to the degree of Master Mason, and Mr. Holloway received the degree of E.A. The ceremonies, at the request of the W.M., were conducted by Bro. G. Toller, jun., P.M. and P.G. Sec. The W.M. presented the lodge with a very handsome set of officer's jewels, for which the cordial thanks of the lodge were unanimously passed. The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

#### FOREIGN.

GIBRALTAR.—*Lodge of Friendship, No. 278.*—Seldom before has such a large gathering of the brethren of the district of Andalusia assembled within the walls of the Masonic Hall, Gibraltar, as crowded together on Thursday evening, the 21st ult., to witness the installation of the W.M.-elect, Bro. Carver, by the retiring Master, Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn. Amongst those present we noticed: Deputy District Grand Master Bro. Alton, Past Masters Dantez, Henry, Crooks, Ellison, Francis, the W.M. of every lodge of the district; Bros. Lyon, Campbell, Hardy, Andrews, Lonsdale, Farie, Richardson, Wall, Price, Todd, and many others of the Royal Artillery, Engineers, 74th Highlanders, and almost every civilian member of the lodge, besides many visiting brethren from the navy, &c. After the lodge was opened, and the minutes had been read and confirmed, the W.M., Bro. Balfour Cockburn, rose and made the following speech, which was listened to with the most earnest attention, and received, at its close, with an impulsive burst of applause: Brethren, before proceeding with the regular business which has summoned us together this evening, I consider I should be wanting in my duty towards myself, and the respect I owe to the distinguished brethren who have honoured us with their presence to-night, and the members of the lodge generally, if I failed to give public expression to the alternate sentiments of hope and despair, and, finally, of mingled joy and gratitude, which, since we last met within these walls, have so profoundly agitated, not only every Freemason, but every member of those communities which enjoy the high privilege and happy fortune of forming a portion of the British Empire. The terrible ordeal through which it has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe that a member of our Royal Family should pass, has been, if I may so express myself, reflected and reproduced in the universal anguish and anxiety which has pervaded every portion of the globe over which the flag of England is unfurled, and has caused the arrival of each succeeding telegram, bearing accounts of that fearful illness which has hurried our beloved Prince to the very confines of eternity, to be awaited with fear, trembling, and agonising suspense; and though far removed in person from the Royal sufferer, in spirit we have lingered, with bated breath and palpitating heart, for a whisper of comfort or assurance, on the very threshold of that sad and mourning chamber which held within it the racked and tortured frame of one who has honestly earned and justly acquired the proud title of a nation's love, an empire's hopes. Happily, most happily, our latest intelligence from England places us in a position to believe that the dark cloud so heavily charged with grief, suffering, and death, which hung so oppressively over Sandringham, and which threatened to discharge its deadly contents on that royal and devoted household, has been raised and dissipated, leaving, alas! sad evidences of its pestiferous presence, but, nevertheless, disclosing a golden vista of hope and assurance which enables us with every confidence to anticipate that soon again we shall realise the pleasure of beholding his Royal Highness taking a part in, and performing, the important duties of his exalted rank and position with that charm of manner, that ability, and that princely tact which has endeared him to all and enshrined him in our hearts, and which gives such hopeful promise that when, under Providence, he is summoned to assume these higher duties for

which, in all human probability, he is destined, he will bring to the throne of England those graces, those endowments, and those virtues which have been so pre-eminently and conspicuously illustrated by her Gracious Majesty, and which have rendered, and still continue to render, her reign so illustrious, making the country of our nativity the land, of all others, where the highest forms of moral and intellectual progress, of wealth, of prosperity, and of Christianity, have attained the climax of their vigour and development. As Freemasons, we are bound, on the threshold of our entrance into the Order, to an attachment and a devoted loyalty to the sovereign of our native land. When, therefore, the Heir Apparent to that high position is not merely a member of our Brotherhood, but stands forth a distinguished ruler in the Craft, we may, I think, utterly discard all imputation of selfishness, if, as a body, we have evinced a more peculiar, a more vivid, and a more intense feeling of interest and anxiety at the danger which threatened to remove from our assemblies so beloved, so respected, and so illustrious a brother; and we may, I contend, with equal freedom celebrate with exultation and rejoice with an exceeding great joy that the Mighty Master of man has, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, vouchsafed a favourable hearing to the earnest supplication, fervent entreaties, and heartfelt prayers of the whole kingdom, and has, in His great mercy, been pleased to lift our brother, the Prince of Wales, from the very portals of the tomb, and restore him in health and safety to the Queen, to his family, and to the nation.—The ceremony of inducting the W.M.-elect, Bro. Benjamin Carver, into the chair of King Solomon, was then commenced, and carefully and impressively conducted by the retiring Master. The W.M. named as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Price, S.W.; Wall, J.W.; Hepper, S.D.; Ashton, Sec.; Marin, Treas.; Richardson, D.C.; Clavarezzo, J.D.; and Imorri, I.G. After the business of the evening was concluded, the brethren retired to the banquet-hall, where, with the accessories of a well-spread table and under the genial influence and sway of the newly-raised W.M., the rest of the time was spent in pleasant converse and much social enjoyment.

#### ROYAL ARCH.

##### PROVINCIAL.

LEICESTER.—*Chapter of Fortitude, No. 279.*—The regular convocation was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 28th ult. The attendance—probably owing to the Christmas holidays—was but small, including Comps. G. H. Hodges, Z.; G. Toller, jun., H.; W. Weare, P.Z., as J.; C. Stretton, S.E.; S. S. Partridge, S.N.; E. J. Crow, P.S.; E. Mace, and others. The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation confirmed, a ballot was taken for several candidates for exaltation, which proved unanimous in their favour. Only one, however, was able to attend, Bro. W. T. Rowlett, I.G. 523, and he was exalted in ancient form, the ceremony being performed by the M.E.Z., assisted by Comp. Toller, who also gave the symbolical and mystical lectures, and a brief resumé of the historical. The P.S. very ably discharged the important duties of his office. Two candidates having been proposed, the chapter was closed in ancient form, and refreshment succeeded labour. To the regret of the members, the P.G. Supt., Comp. W. Kelly, was prevented, by continued indisposition, from being present.

LANCASTER.—*Rowley Chapter, No. 1051.*—An emergency meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 28th ultimo, at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. The chairs of the Principals were occupied as follows: Comps. Dr. Moore, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; W. Hall, H.; W. H. Bagnall, P.Z., as J.; and the following officers were also in attendance: Comps. W. J. Sly, as E.; J. M. Moore, as N.; E. Simpson, P.S.; W. Heald and R. Taylor, as Asst. Sojs.; and J. Watson, Janitor. Bros. F. Deane, P.M. 281, and Joseph Storey were duly exalted to the degree of R.A. by the Acting M.E.Z., the duties of the P.S. being undertaken by Comp. Simpson in his usual effective manner. There being no other business before the chapter, it was closed in due form.

#### MARK MASONRY.

##### PROVINCIAL.

IPSWICH.—*Albert Victor Lodge, No. 70.*—The annual meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Brook-street, on Monday se'night. Bros. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, M.A., 30°, P.G. Chaplain, W.M.; Frederick Binckes, 30°, Grand Secretary; W. Cuckow, S.W.; Emma Holmes, 31°, J.W.; Dr. Beaumont, R.M.; C. T. Townsend, P.M.M., P.G.D., Sec.; P. Cornell; E. Robertson, S.O.; C. Davy, J.O.; G. Cresswell, J.W.; &c., &c. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Robert

Whichcord Beaumont, *R.V.*, Staff Surgeon of H.M.S. Penelope, who entered the Mark Degree under the Scotch system, and now applied for affiliation to the Grand Lodge, and to join this lodge. The ballot being unanimous in his favour, Bro. Beaumont was duly obligated, the short ceremony being performed by the V.W. Grand Secretary. Bro. Philip Cornell, of the Freeman Lodge, Stowmarket, was accepted as a joining member. The ballot was next taken for the following brethren, candidates for advancement: Bros. Lemuel Callaway, of the Prince of Wales' Lodge; James Fraser, of the Prudence Lodge, Buenos Ayres; Arthur Durance George and Charles F. Long, of the British Union Lodge; L. J. Watts and G. W. Smith, of the Angel Lodge, Colchester. The whole of the brethren being present, except Bro. Watts, they were introduced, obligated, and advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master, the beautiful and dramatic ceremony being ably performed by the W.M. At its conclusion, he resigned the gavel to the Grand Secretary, who then proceeded to obligate Bro. Emra Holmes, 31°, W.M.-elect. The brethren below the chair having retired, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Holmes was installed into the chair of Adoniram. The brethren were then re-admitted, and the impressive ceremonial of installation was proceeded with. Several brethren were afterwards proposed for advancement. The W.M. appointed and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, *M.A.*, I.P.M.; E. Robertson, S.W.; G. Cresswell, J.W.; C. T. Townsend, Sec.; W. Cuckow, Treas.; Rev. T. G. Beaumont, Chaplain; W. T. Westgate, D.C.; G. Gard Pye, *M.R.I.B.A.*, Reg. of Marks; Dr. Beaumont, *R.V.*, M.O.; P. Cornell, S.O.; Sergeant-major Calthorpe, J.O.; C. F. Long, S.D.; Arthur Durance George, J.D.; G. W. Smith, I.G.; and G. Spalding, Tyler. The brethren afterwards retired to a substantial banquet, served by Bro. Spalding in capital style. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, especially dwelling on the illness of the Prince of Wales, and the hopeful reports of the last few days. He called upon the brethren to drink to the better health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The toast was drunk with every expression of loyalty and respect. The W.M. then gave the "Grand Master, the Rev. Raymond Portal, and the Past and Present Grand Officers." He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Binckes, the V.W. Grand Secretary, speaking in very eulogistic terms of his abilities, and thanking him very warmly on the part of the lodge for his kindness in coming to conduct the installation ceremony that evening. Bro. Binckes responded in brief but happy terms, and with his usual eloquence and good taste. The W.M. next proposed "The I.P.M.," whom he spoke of as the most enthusiastic, talented, and learned brother in Suffolk. The toast was very cordially received. Bro. Sanderson thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had drunk his health. He disclaimed the praises of the W.M., whose health he then proposed. The W.W. briefly replied. Several other toasts were duly honoured, and the brethren separated at a late hour.

#### SCOTLAND. GLASGOW.

The companions of the Caledonian Unity Chapter, No. 73, met in their hall, Buchanan-street, on Thursday, the 7th ultimo, Comp. D. Gilchrist, Z., presiding, supported by Comps. G. McDonald, H.; G. W. Wheeler, J.; J. Figord, P.S.; and G. M'Leod, Scribe E. The chapter having been opened in the Mark Degree, Bros. John Hay and Andrew Hay, of the Thistle and Rose Lodge, were introduced and advanced to the Mark Degree, they afterwards receiving the Chivalric Degree. A convocation of the Holy Royal Arch was then opened, when Bros. Berwick, Silverstone, and Ellestone received the degree of Excellent Master, and were afterwards duly exalted to Arch. The whole of the ceremonies were performed by Comp. Gilchrist, who was ably assisted by his officers. Amongst the visitors were Comps. T. Singleton, Z. 87; T. Clanachan, P.Z. 87; C. Reidpath, Scribe E. 87; R. Hepburn, J. 67; and J. Bruce, 69.

The Girvan Encampment of High Knights Templar, No. 32, met in their own hall on Tuesday, the 11th ultimo, under the presidency of Sir Kt. R. Bell, M.N.C., assisted by the following Sir Knights: T. E. Spurs, C.G.; M. Clanachan, C.C.; T. Love, Acting S.C.; Dugald Butler, J.C.; Wheeler, Sec., acting as Prelate. The following companions having been balloted for, were duly elected, and afterwards created and dubbed as Knights of the Temple: James Jordan, P.M. 73 (S.C.), P.M. 1019 (I.C.), and P.Z. 73; Colin M'Kenzie, 50; and Wm. King, 89. After the ceremonies, which were impressively rendered by Sir Kt. Bell, Sir Kt. the Rev. John Cameron Stewart was elected as Prelate, Sir Kt. Hunter having been compelled to resign in consequence of his removal.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, January 12, 1872.

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

#### SATURDAY, JAN. 6.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4. Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. S. Dilley, Preceptor. Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Stirling Castle, Camberwell, at 7; Bros. Thomas and Worthington, Preceptors. Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.

#### MONDAY, JAN. 8.

Lodge 5, St. George & Corner-stone, Freemasons' Hall. " 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-street. " 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall. " 90, St. John's. " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. " 879, Peckham, Maismore Arms, Peckham. " 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate. Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st. Mark Lodge, St. Mark's, Masons' Tav., Mason's Avenue, Basinghall-street. Red + Conclave, Plantagenet, No. 2, Caledonian Hotel, Robert-street, Adelphi. 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. Gotthel, 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. C. G. Willey, P.M. 1155, Preceptor. St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 7; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.

#### TUESDAY, JAN. 9.

Lodge 46, Old Union, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. " 166, Union, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street. " 180, St. James' Union, Freemasons' Hall. " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tav., Leadenhall-st. " 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st. " 548, Wellington, White Swan, Deptford. " 917, Cosmopolitan, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st. " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor. Domatic 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, JAN. 10.

Committee R. M. Benevolent Institution, at 3. Lodge 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall. " 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Woolwich. " 15, Kent, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-st. " 87, Vitruvian, White Hart Hotel, College-street, Lambeth. " 147, Justice, White Swan Tavern, Deptford. " 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse. " 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall. " 1228, Beacontree, private rooms, Leytonstone. " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping. 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, JAN. 11.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12. Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st. " 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall. " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st. " 263, Bank of England. " 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall. " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. " 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Docks, West Ham. " 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, Holloway. " 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill. Chap. 206, Hope, Globe Hotel, Royal-hill, Greenwich. " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. Rosicrucian Society of England, Freemasons' Tavern. The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor. Ceremony, explanation of R.A. Jewel and Solids, part sections. 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, JAN. 12.

Lodge 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall. " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall. K.T. Encampment, Mount Calvary D, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street. Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7. Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Htl., Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor. Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Htl., Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Br. Pulsford, Preceptor. Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor. Stability Lodge of Instruction, Guildhall Tavern, 33, Gresham-street, at 6; Bro. H. Muggerridge, Preceptor. Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. 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 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor. Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor. Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), The Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. R. Lee, P.M. 193, W.M. 1298, Preceptor. Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

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