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THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND
AND REFORM.

BY BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

An important movement has just been inaugurated in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, by the Grand Master, the Right Honourable the Earl of Rosslyn, and we hope that success will attend his Lordship's earnest endeavours to promote efficiency, representation, and practical benevolence, throughout all the departments of Masonry under his jurisdiction. The following communication, addressed to the lodges by command of the Grand Master, will give some idea of the changes now imminent, and which are much needed,

"GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND,

"Freemasons' Hall,
"Edinburgh, 1st February, 1872.

R.W. SIR AND BROTHER.—I am commanded by the M.W. the Grand Master to bring under your notice the following points of importance, to which the most serious attention of the daughter lodges is invited, with a view to their own welfare individually, and as affecting the status and character of the Scottish Craft at large. These, however, are dealt with only as suggestions, which, it is hoped, will receive a fair consideration at the hands of the Office Bearers and members of the various lodges, and under the supervision of the Provincial Grand Lodges, be given effect to, viz:—

1. *Admission of Members.*—Grave complaints are frequently made as to the hurried reception of candidates, without sufficient time being allowed to enquire into their character. This, it is obvious, is fraught with the most disastrous consequences to the Craft, and will be carefully avoided by all well-governed lodges, as also the conferring of more than one degree upon any candidate at the same time. This is contrary to Grand Lodge Laws, except in cases of well ascertained and absolute emergency. Frequent complaints are also made as to the small initiation fee charged by many lodges. Money can be no test of character, it is true, but the best interests of a lodge will dictate the necessity of avoiding this ground of complaint; especially is this worthy of attention in towns where many lodges exist, and where it is found that the fee fixed by one lodge acts prejudicially upon the sister lodges. No doubt each lodge knows its own affairs best, and it is difficult to legislate on this question, but undoubtedly the minimum fee at present fixed by the Grand Lodge is sufficiently small for any locality, and it is the interest of every lodge to increase that sum, as circumstances will warrant.

2. *Lodge Meetings and Workings.*—The regularity of the various lodge meetings affect the prosperity of a lodge very materially—not less than two meetings per month should be held (except during the summer vacation) and it is suggested that one of these should be for instruction purposes. It is much to be regretted that many Office Bearers, and even Masters of Lodges are unable to work the ritual of the order, and thereby many abuses creep in, and a want of uniformity in working the degrees exist. This is a matter requiring attention, as no brother should be elected to office, or accept it, who is not prepared to discharge its duties.

It is also suggested that during the winter the delivery of lectures, on popular subjects, should be encouraged. This is found to be of immense value to many lodges, and as an example there is appended hereto a syllabus of the lectures for the current Winter Session, in the Lodge Edinburgh Journeymen, No. 8, and which is worthy of being followed.

3. *Representation of Lodges in Grand Lodge.*—It is to be deplored that many lodges quite overlook the advantages flowing from being represented in Grand Lodge, and a certain isolation results, which is very prejudicial both to the lodge itself, and the Grand Lodge. It is hoped that these lodges only require this matter to be brought under their notice to have the omission supplied in future, and that thus a constant and regular communication may exist between the Grand Lodge and her daughter lodges, and an increased interest produced in the welfare of each body by the other. By its charter each lodge is required to send its R.W.M. and Wardens to represent it in Grand Lodge, and where this is not convenient, they are allowed to appoint Proxies, who should be required to keep their lodges carefully informed of all Grand Lodge proceedings and interests.

The Roll of Members of Grand Lodge must now be closed at the 1st of April, yearly, (except as to vacancies occasioned by deaths and representations of lodges abroad). And that, with these exceptions, the Members appearing on the Roll at that date are the only parties entitled to vote at Meetings of Grand Lodge until the following annual election.

If therefore your lodge is to be represented in Grand Lodge, during the currency of the year from that date, you will require to have the names of the R.W.M. and Wardens, or Proxy Master and Wardens, registered by me prior to 1st April, and their fees of membership duly paid, or if already represented, then to see that your representatives are properly qualified and acting, otherwise the lodge will appear in the unrepresented list.

4. *Annual Certificates.*—In consequence of the Act of Parliament, entitled, An Act for the more effectual Suppression of Societies established for seditious and treasonable purposes, &c., Grand Lodge on 5th August, 1799, resolved that every daughter lodge should annually on the 24th June, transmit the affirmation (Appendix C. Grand Lodge Laws) that the requisites of the said Act had been complied with during the preceding year, and in return receive a certificate concerning the proofs and privileges of the Charter. Many lodges neglect this most important duty, and thereby render themselves liable to the recall of their Charter and to be struck off the Roll of the Grand Lodge. I am therefore to request your immediate attention to this matter if such omission applies to your lodge.

5. *Registration of Intrants.*—A frequent cause of complaint is the very careless manner in which the Intrant Returns are made, it being in many instances quite impossible to make sure of the names or dates, thereby occasioning trouble and expense in returning the schedule, and frequently delay in the issue of diplomas.

It is very desirable to have some definite information regarding affiliated brethren, as to their mother lodge, and which with a little trouble could always be supplied.

Special notice is called to filling in with care every column of the Returns; this is very much neglected, especially the column of fees paid by the Intrants for Initiation, and is very necessary, as forming a check upon the lodges that Grand Lodge Laws are obeyed.

The Auditors desire me to urge upon you, or

your Treasurer, or other office-bearer, making remittances to Grand Lodge, the necessity for using the proper printed schedule in every instance, and of filling up the cash column with great care and accuracy, as this forms the main check upon the Grand Lodge accounts.

These Intrant Schedules should be invariably dated and signed, otherwise they are no authority.

It is very desirable that the remittance should always accompany the schedule, and that, when at all possible it should be in the form of *Post-office order or draft*, and not in postage stamps, as by this means any miscarriage of letters can be traced.

The sum remitted with a Schedule should always correspond with that stated therein, so that no balance for or against the lodge may exist.

6. *Correspondence.*—It very frequently happens that applications are made for diplomas within a few hours of the Intrant's departure for a foreign country, although many days may have elapsed since his admission; and frequently the letter does not arrive till after the brother has left. In cases of emergency, a telegram would always, if distinct, command attention, and the schedule should follow by post.

In cases where, by accident, prompt attention is not given to any communication it should at once be written about, and it is specially requested that in such instances the full particulars of the former communication be given for guidance.

7. *General Observations, Initiation of lame or maimed candidates.*—Frequent communications are received on this subject, and it is hereby intimated that as there is no explicit law on the point, it must be left to the voice of the lodge to do in the circumstances what appears to be correct.

Mark Degree.—As it is believed many lodges are under misconception in this matter, any lodge desiring a copy of circular of December, 1865, containing full instructions on the subject may have the same on application at this office.

The foregoing suggestions are made as calling the attention of lodges to points which may be improved by themselves without further legislation by Grand Lodge, and which his Lordship the Grand Master is satisfied only require to be pointed out, in order to be carefully observed.

I remain,

R.W. Sir and Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

JOHN LAURIE, Grand Clerk.

On the first point, viz., the "Admission of Members," we consider the fault *mainly* rests with the Grand Lodge, for in the last edition of its Laws (A.D. 1871) page 46, it is stated that "no candidate for the Apprentice degree shall be initiated in any lodge for a smaller sum than twenty-one shillings, exclusive of the Grand Lodge dues for registration." At page 47, it is provided that no candidate shall be advanced to a superior degree at a shorter interval than that of two weeks, excepting under the emergency clauses.

To our mind the remedy lies in altering these clauses. Let the initiation fee be raised to three guineas at least in Scotland, and never permit the degrees to be given unless an interval of one month has elapsed between each. The fact is that, at the present time, a lodge can be called at any time, even during the same day that the summons is issued; (some even issue no summons), and any stranger to the neighbourhood, especially English gentleman, can there and then, be initiated, passed, and raised, without any law of the Grand Lodge of Scotland being infringed! I have myself known gentlemen thus initiated, passed, and raised, and I have known others whom I could not designate either gentlemen, or honest men, thus admitted into the Craft, and it is not therefore to be wondered at that the former have paid little attention to Masonry, remember nothing of the ceremonies, and look upon the whole as a

farce; while the latter have been enabled to use the sacred privileges of Freemasonry as a passport for deception, and would never have been initiated had due enquiry been made. I do not say all lodges pass the candidates thus, but I *do* say some have, and *still do so*, and do *not* apparently disobey any law of the Grand Lodge thereby.

The caution as to the admission of members is of little avail, while such wholesale, sudden, and absurd introductions to the Craft are permitted, and I am persuaded it is *only for wholesome and salutary laws to be made to make Scottish Freemasonry respected as it deserves to be.*

The payment of one guinea and a half for initiation, passing, and raising, according to some by-laws, is wholly derogatory to Masonry, and reduces it to the position of a mere benefit society, which is actually the light in which it is regarded in some parts of Scotland. Some lodges there have benefit societies attached and it is necessary to be a Freemason in order to join, and the Craft is thereby made subservient to an enrolled benefit society! (If not enrolled it ought to be, so the argument is all the same).

The second point, *Meetings and Workings.* Any Master Mason is eligible for the chair of the lodge! This to our mind explains the poor working (often to be lamented) amongst Scottish lodges. Surely the law which requires that candidates for the chair must first of all have acted as Wardens for twelve months, tends to secure greater efficiency, and what is more, also gives additional importance to the distinguished position.

In this respect we hope to see the two Sister Grand Lodges adopt the same requisites, and certainly, we may fairly assume that the office of Master in Scotland will be more valued if it is rendered less easy to attain, and especially if, after two years, it is obligatory for a lodge to elect a new Master. In Scotland, under the present law, the same Master may retain the Chair, (if so elected) for half a century! and in consequence, some lodges would quite look upon a new Master as a great curiosity.

The suggestion relative to the delivery of Lectures is a most excellent one, and well deserves the hearty support of the members, not only in Scotland, but everywhere that Freemasonry flourishes.

3. *The Representation of Lodges in Grand Lodge.*—Quite a different system prevails in Scotland on this point. Past Masters, *as such*, have no status whatever. The present W. Master, Wardens, or in their absence regularly appointed Proxy Masters and Wardens, have votes in Grand Lodge.

We are not prepared to adopt this *Proxy* system, as our ideal of representation, as we believe the good old law which allows of Past Masters having a vote, so long as they subscribe to a lodge, is a most excellent one.

The strange part of the matter is, that the *Proxy Masters* are not *required to have served as Masters of a Craft Lodge*, and thus ordinary Master Masons may become Proxy Masters, and appoint their Wardens.

4. *The Annual Certificates* we thoroughly support, and think the plan worth adopting in England, as we believe they would tend to secure more regularity in the transmission of the annual list to the Clerk of the Peace.

5. *Registration of Intrants.*—No annual subscriptions are paid by the members of many lodges in Scotland, and no annual dues are required to be paid to the Grand Lodge for each member of a lodge, so it is no wonder that the Registration is neglected. When annual dues are required to be paid, and their *non-payment is followed by a forfeiture of membership*, as in England, we think the Registration will be duly attended to. The Grand Master on a notice of motion, on 6th November, 1871, spoke of the sum of two pence per month, or 2s. per annum being levied on all members of lodges, and we hope the suggestion will be made the law of the Grand Lodge; and we are persuaded that if it is, financial prosperity will soon be the pleasant realisation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The Grand Lodge Debt is a disgrace to the Scottish Craft, and the sooner it is cleared off the better. The plan suggested by the Grand Master would soon remedy the existing defect in the finances, and leave a good balance for the "Fund of Scottish Benevolence," which is certainly far from being in the position that it should be. Lodge Halls throughout the Province are being built, and the members of lodges thus privileged to meet in rooms of their own, will appreciate the benefit of such arrangement. We lament the present circumstances of many lodges. The meetings are simply *convivial*, and partake more of the character of tavern associations in several lodges I could mention, and *refreshments* are the order of the day from the beginning to the end of the assembly. We wish it were recognised as a fact that such practices prostitute the Masonic Order to unholy purposes, and lower the standard and aims of the Fraternity in the minds of all respectable men who are not Masons.

POET MASONS.

(Continued from page 136.)

We resume with pleasure our notice of Bro. Sawyer's poems, and here we may mention that the printer of *The Freemason* has perpetrated a curious error in the quotation which we gave from the "Legend of Phyllis," last week. We drew particular attention to the charming passage in which the regal beauty is represented as approaching Demaphōon "in the *snatched moment* of the absolute prime of beauty," a phrase singularly suggestive, revealing as it does a subtlety of thought and imagery seldom found, even in the writings of our best poets. But the perverse son of Caxton transmutes the golden words "snatched moments" into the dross of "matched movements," as if the poet's ideas were coupled with the "movements" of a time-piece, or of a body of cavalry.

The "Legend of Phyllis" is in every sense a splendid contribution to the poetry of the age, nor are most of the verses composing the accompanying "Year of Song" unworthy of being set as minor gems in the same luminous circle.

The following picture is limned with the hand of a master.

A SUMMER DREAM.

Only a summer dream,
Sport of an idle day,
A meadow range, a word beside the stream,
A parting and—away.

Only a dream of Love,
Of heart inclined to heart—
As clouds that in the blue of heaven meet,
As white clouds cling and part.

We dreamed and we awoke;
No more! But ah, for dreams
Engendered of the subtle light of Love,
Bright with its iris gleams!

Shadows of leaf and bird
Fall on the meadow grass;
But over it the shadow that I love
Never again shall pass.

The summer voices blend
In music as of yore,
But from the melody has dropt a note:
There will be song no more.

The glory and the wealth
Of nature all things share,
But in my heart is no responsive throb
That tells me it is fair.

Back on thy sunny dream
I turn an aching gaze,
But the clear splendour of its glory throws
A shadow on my days.

It would, however, be manifestly unfair to Bro. Sawyer were we to quote too copiously from his poems, we desire but to direct our readers, attention to the work, under a powerful conviction that its perusal will afford them both profit and pleasure; we will therefore simply mention a few of the shorter compositions which especially please our fancy. "The Triumph of the Fleur-de-Lis," the lovely verses inscribed to "Angelica," "The Letter," a Coleridgean specimen of blank verse "A Dream of the Sea," and "The Song of Age," which is a perfect specimen of rhythmic music. Amongst strains of a different kind, we may instance "The Trooper's Defence" and "The Prentice Holiday," both lays worthy of a place among our national lyrics—albeit the subject-matter of both is not calculated to awaken joyous emotions.

But we have said sufficient to induce our readers to judge for themselves, and we congratulate the Masonic Order generally, and especially the Urban Lodge, of which Bro. Sawyer is a Past Master, upon possessing such an ornament to the voluminous roll of members of the Craft.

FREEMASONRY AND ISRAELITISM. AN EPITOME OF BRO. CARPENTER'S ARTICLES ON THIS SUBJECT.

BY W. E. N., No. 766.

No. IV. June 17th 1871.—The people of Israel and Judah having been removed by their conquerors, the land became an uncultivated waste, and was overrun by wild beasts. The "Lamentations of Jeremiah" bring vividly before us the awful change that passed over the land. But God had promised to give this land to Abraham and his seed for ever, and this promise was renewed to Isaac and Jacob, yet the land is now occupied by strangers, and the chosen people are scattered abroad among the nations. How is this? The people were punished, and are now suffering for their sins, but since their dispersion God has said he will "a second time renew the remnant of his people from the four corners of the earth." The restoration of Judah and Israel does not rest on a mere casual promise, but on

many clear and explicit promises. As the threatenings of punishment have been so literally fulfilled, it cannot be doubted that the promises of restoration to the Promised Land will also be fulfilled. We know where to look for the remnant of Judah, but where are we to find Israel? They have been fruitlessly sought for in every quarter of the world, and now and then we fancy we get a glimpse of them in China, Japan, Tartary, India and elsewhere. It is not improbable that some portions of the exile peopled might have made their way to these countries from the northern parts of Assyria, but the mass cannot thus have disposed of themselves. We shall see presently that their destination has been different, and in a different direction.

No. V. June 24th, 1871.—Darius, B.C. 507, in his invasion of Mæsia, first subdued the Getæ or Goths, a branch of the Teutonic family. Herodotus gives a full account of these people, who were afterwards invaded by Alexander the Great. They refused to submit, and ultimately removed to Dacia, (now known as Roumania). The Romans drove the Dacians still further north; when they were attacked by the Huns, and were compelled to seek shelter under the Romans, by whom they were so ill-used that they invited their kindred, the Ostrogoths, and under Alaric, A.D. 396, attacked and plundered Rome.

Sharon Turner, says, that Europe has been peopled by.

1. The Kimmerian, or Keltic race.
2. The Scythian, Gothic, and German race.
3. The Sclavonians, who settled in Poland, Russia, and Bohemia.

The Scythians, or Goths, drove the Celts, or Kelts, to the extremities of Europe, and occupied the greater portion of central Europe, and from them are descended the Anglo-Saxons, Normans, Danes, Germans, Dutch, Belgians, French, and Swedes. Of the various Scythian nations the Sakai or Sacæ are the people from whom the Saxons are descended. They seized part of Armenia, and called it Sakasuma. Pliny says, that the Sakai, who settled in Armenia, were named Sakassani. Ptolemy also mentions a Scythian people by the name of Saxons. The Angles were a branch of the Goths, or Saxons, who pushed their conquests as far as Jutland, and occupied a country near Holstein, called Anglia. They adopted a seafaring life, and often invaded Britain, the eastern coast of which became known as the Saxon shore. When the Romans left Britain, the Britons invited the Angles, or Saxons over to defend them against the Picts and Scots. The Saxon heptarchy was established, but ultimately the seven kingdoms merged into one, and the country was called Angleland or England. The Danes, another branch of the same family, invaded the country, and ultimately united with the Anglo-Saxons, as also did the Norman branch some years later. Thus the Gothic race, from the north of the Empire, spread itself throughout the civilised world, and by its possession of England planted states in America, Australia, and other colonies in both hemispheres, carrying their religion, language and civilisation into every part of the world.

No. VI. July 1st, 1871.—The Goths (accord-

ing to various writers) although rude in speech and dress, were a race capable of high polish and fitted for great deeds. They possessed many virtues, and their government was a kind of military democracy, under a chief or king. Feudalism universally prevailed; the land was public property, for which services were to be rendered to the state. Among the Anglo-Saxons, all their villages were divided into ten wards called tythings. To the Teutonic knights we owe the guilds in town and city, and their guilds were combined into coporations, in which we find the representative principle that characterised all their institutions. Unlike the Celts, the reflective faculty of the Anglo-Saxons predominated over the imaginative. From such ancestors a nation has been formed, superior to all others in the love and possession of useful liberty, and which cultivates the elegances of art, the labours of industry, the energies of war, the researches of science, and the richest productions of genius. The hand of God has led forth this extraordinary people, who are destined to become the civilisers and saviours of the world.

(To be continued.)

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT WIDNES, LANCASHIRE.

One of the most influential and distinguished gatherings of Masons which has been witnessed in the Province of West Lancashire for some time took place at Widnes, near Liverpool, on Thursday, the 22nd ultimo., when and where the Lodge of Equity, No. 1384, was consecrated with impressive ceremonial. There could not have been fewer than about 120 present to witness the ceremony, and as there were an unusually large number of W. Masters and P. Masters amongst the brethren, the youngest lodge has started with an *éclat* which augurs favourably for its future progress and success.

Unfortunately the proceedings did not pass off without an awkward hitch, which proved both vexatious and inconvenient to those who had some respect for punctuality, and to whom time was very valuable. The commencement of the consecration ceremonial was fixed for two o'clock, and about that time, Bro. T. Wylie, P.M. 86 and 292, P. Prov. G. Reg., who was to perform the ceremony, in company with a large number of masons, who had arrived at the hotel ready to begin. About half-past two o'clock, however, a telegram was received from the Provincial Grand Secretary, who had left Liverpool with the warrant of Constitution, and a number of brethren, in consequence of their depending upon a certain train at a certain hour (according to the local time tables), but which turned out to have no existence. In consequence of this circumstance it was nearly four o'clock before the ceremony actually began, and several were therefore unable to remain until its beginning, many until the completion of the installation proceedings, and the majority of those from a distance were compelled to leave before the termination of the banquet.

The Provincial Grand Officers present were:—Bros. H. G. Vernon, *A.M.*, P. Prov. G.C.; H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec.; T. Wylie, Prov. G. Reg.; James Hamer, P. Prov. G.T.; R.

Wylie, Prov. G.S.D.; J. Skeaf, Prov. G.O., J. W. J. Fowler, Prov. G.A.D.C.; Dr. J. Mercer Johnson, Prov. G.S.; G. de la Perrelle, Prov. G.S.; B. Cheshire, and P. Ball, Prov. Tylers. Amongst the other brethren present were;—Bros. W. Richardson, P.M. 148; W. Woods, W.M. 1250; Stephen Johnson, P.M. 673; J. H. Hustwick, W.M. 292; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; W. Rigby, P.M. 758, P. Prov. G.P. Cheshire; J. F. Birchall, P.M. 86; J. Jackson, W.M. 148; S. Cookson, P.M. 1182; H. Pearson, W.M. 249; G. Morgan, W.M. 1035; R. Gracie, P.M. 477; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1246; T. Clark, P.M. 673; T. H. Lowe, P.M. and Treas. 1013; G. Turner, P.M. 823 and 86; R. Pearson, P.M. 673; H. James, W.M. 203; S. Morris, W.M. 86; W. Crane, P.M. 249 and 1299; P. R. Thorn W.M. 1182; J. T. Hall, P.M. 86; J. Janes, W.M. 216; D. Jones, P.M. 155; J. Turner, Sec. 216; M. Mawson, Sec. 1013; T. Beazley, 86; J. Lloyd. J.D. 249; J. Williams, S.D. 86; J. Wood, Treas. 1094; W. Cron, 86; &c.

The Craft Lodge was opened in the three degrees by Bro. T. Wylie, Prov. G.R., the Senior Warden's chair being occupied by Bro. John Jackson, W.M. 148, and S.W. 1354; and that of the Junior Warden by Bro. J. T. Birchall, P.M. 86; Bro. S. Johnson, P.M. 673, acting as I.G.

The ceremony of consecration was performed in almost effective manner by Bro. T. Wylie, assisted by Bro. Hamer.

After the brethren of the new lodge had been arranged in order, an opening prayer was offered by Bro. Vernon, and after a piece of solemn music had been played by Bro. Sheaf,

The presiding officer addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting.

After the Provincial Grand Secretary had read the petition and warrant, the brethren of the new lodge approved of the officers named therein, and the P. Prov. G. Chaplain then delivered a most appropriate and interesting Oration "The Lodge," and in the course of which he referred to the lessons deducible from its symbolical teachings. Bro. Sheaf's fine anthem, "Behold how Good" was sung by Bros. D. Jones, Haswell, and J. Pemberton, in its striking effect, and the remainder of the consecration music (also by Bro. Sheaf,) was given with equal efficiency.

The lodge was afterwards uncovered, and consecrated, constituted, and dedicated with the impressive and proper ceremonial.

After the consecration, the presiding officer immediately proceeded to instal Bro. J. W. J. Fowler as W.M.

The newly-installed W.M. then invested the following officers of the lodge:—Bro. the Rev.—Whiteleg, Chaplain; H. Syred, S.W.; R. Young, J.W.; R. D. Simpson, Secretary; Oppenheim, S.D.; Corke, J.D.; and Wareing, I.G. The brethren then elected Brother Jamieson, Treasurer, and Brother Sephton, Tyler.

The lodge was afterwards closed in due form, and in the evening the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, under the presidency of Bro. Fowler, W.M.

After dinner, the usual loyal and masonic toasts were proposed, and the brethren separated at a seasonable hour, after spending a very pleasant meeting.

CONSECRATION OF THE HUYSHE
CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX, PLY-
MOUTH.

A large and influential meeting of the members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite took place at Plymouth on Tuesday, the 20th ult., on the occasion of the Consecration of a new Chapter of Rose Croix.

The Supreme Council of the Thirty Third Degree of England and Wales, &c., was represented by the Illustrious Bros. Charles J. Vigne, M.P.S. Grand Commander; Captain N. G. Phillips, V.P. Lieutenant Grand Commander; Colonel Henry Clerke, Grand Chancellor; John M. Pultney Montagu, Grand Secretary General; attended by the Ill. Bro. Hyde Pullen, 33°, Asst. Secretary. A large number of Rose Croix brethren were present to receive the Supreme Council, including the following:—The Illustrious Bros. Captain C. C. Dick, 32°; John Oxley Oxland, 32°, Most Wise Sovereign University Chapter, Cambridge; Dr. F. W. Woodforde, 31°, P.M.W.S., Alfred Chapter, Taunton; Captain G. Ammesley Phayre, R.N., 30°; Colonel John Elliott, 30°, Most Wise Sovereign, Saint Aubyn Chapter, Devonport; Henry Duboc, 30°; John Chapman, 18°; F. R. Beechey, 18°; C. D. MacCarthy, 18°; James J. Clase, 18°; E. Aitken Davies, 18°; T. B. Harvey, 18°; F. R. James, 18°; and many others.

The meeting took place in the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princess Place, where the magnificent suite of Masonic Rooms was thrown into one Chapter for the celebration of the rites of the Rose Croix, and fitted up with a degree of elegance and perfection as yet unsurpassed by any Chapter out of the Metropolis.

The business of the meeting commenced with the affiliation to the Ancient and Accepted Rite of Bros. John Sadler, Joseph Matthews, Captain John Tanner Davy, and Isaac Watts, formerly Knights Rosæ Crucis of the Coryton Encampment.

The following Brethren were then perfected as Knights of Rose Croix, Willm. Burrows Hambly, W.M. 857; John J. Hambly, P.M. 70; J. N. Blake, P.M. 230; Herbert F. Hearle, W.M. 156; Leonard D. Westcott, P.M. 70.

The new Chapter was then consecrated in ancient and solemn form under the name of the Huyshe Chapter of Sovereign Princes of Rose Croix, and the Illustrious Bro. Henry Duboc, 30°, installed as M.W. Sovereign for the ensuing year.

The following appointments were then made; the Ill. Bros. John Oxley Oxland, 32°, I.P.M.W.S. and Prelate; Lord Elliot, 31°, First General; Jas. J. Clase, 18°, Second General; William Burrows Hambly, 18°, Grand Marshal; Isaac Watts, 18°, Treasurer; H. F. Hearle, 18°, Registrar.

Letters expressing regret at their inability to attend the meeting were received from Bro Lord Elliot, 31°, and from several Knights Rosæ Crucis and other candidates for affiliation and perfection.

The Illustrious Grand Commander congratulated the Brethren on the success of the meeting, and complimented Bro. Oxley Oxland on the beauty and perfection of the arrangements of the

Chapter, which had been carried out under his superintendence.

The Illustrious Secretary General gave a very gratifying sketch of the progress of the new Hall at 33, Golden-square, London, together with some interesting details as to the rapid increase in strength and prosperity which the Ancient and Accepted Rite has been making during the last few years.

Bro. J. J. Clase, 18°, himself an affiliated Knight, congratulated the newly affiliated Knights, Rosæ Crucis, on their reception under the banners of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, he said he could speak feelingly, having formerly been unrecognised by the Supreme Council of the 33°, and cut off from Masonic communion with Brethren of the Rose Croix Degree. Under the able leadership of Bro Duboc he felt sure the Chapter would be a great and lasting success.

The Chapter was then closed in solemn form.

The beautiful ceremonies of the Degree of Rose Croix were most impressively performed by the Illustrious Bros. Hyde Pullen, 33°, and John Oxley Oxland, 32°.

The musical arrangements were under the management of Bro. Windeatt, and were very effectively rendered.

After the ceremony the members of the Supreme Council, and a number of Rose Croix Brethren adjourned to the Globe Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared, and with the usual loyal toasts a very agreeable evening concluded one of the most important days in the annals of Freemasonry in Plymouth.

THINKSGIVING DAY AT CAMBRIDGE.

The members of the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, and those belonging to the Three Grand Principles, No. 441, met at the Guildhall, where the Aldermen's parlour was placed at their disposal for clothing, &c., when they formed the procession, consisting of Deputy Mayor, Alderman and Councillors, and other authorities, all the brethren wearing the insignia of the Order, and proceeded to Great St. Mary's Church to the special service, after which the brethren adjourned to the lodge room at the Red Lion, and partook of an excellent luncheon. The chair was taken by the Worshipful Master of the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, Bro. James Augustus Dimmock, of Ely, (who was supported by Past Masters, Bros. J. Dimmock, Bentley, Ling, Donagan, Wilderspin, &c.)

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, P.G.M. of England," were given with appropriate remarks, which were received in the most enthusiastic manner. The latter was followed by the melody "God Bless the Prince of Wales," which was rendered by the W.M., Bros. Reed, Swan and Baker, as a quartet, being joined in the chorus by all the brethren.

The W.M. then announced he would give but one more toast on that occasion, as the brethren might wish to be with their families or friends. He then proposed "The W.M. of the Three Grand Principles, coupled with success to that Lodge," and also "The Sir Isaac Newton University, No. 857." Bro. P.M. Donagan replied, in the absence

of the W.M. of the Three Grand Principles, and Bro. King, Prov. G. Chaplain, of Queen's College, on behalf of the Sir Isaac Newton. The brethren then separated, feeling they had done their duty to their Royal brother on that auspicious and interesting occasion.

The following reply has been received to the congratulatory address of the brethren of Shakespeare Lodge, (No. 1009), Manchester.

"Marlborough House,

"Pall Mall, S.W.

"March 2nd, 1872.

"General Sir William Knollys is directed by the Prince of Wales to thank the Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren of the Shakespeare Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, for their kind congratulations on his recovery.

"His Royal Highness desires to express his grateful acknowledgements for the kind sympathy they have manifested on the occasion of his protracted illness, and for the good wishes they have offered for his future welfare.

"C. E. Austin, Esq., W.M."

Atlantim in Parbo, or Masonic Notes
and Queries.

MASONRY FIFTY YEARS AGO.

The following extract from an old magazine is, perhaps, not unworthy of reproduction.

"Mr. Thomas Busher, of Kirkland, Kendal, died on the 25th of November, 1822, aged 66. He suffered a long and severe affliction, occasioned by the apparently trifling circumstance of removing a wart from the back of his hand by a little caustic. Being the oldest Freemason in Kendal, and having been a worthy member of that body, as well as a respectable member of society in general, his obsequies were observed with Masonic honours. The sublime anthem from the 7th of Job, "Is there not an appointed time," accompanied by the organ, was powerfully felt by the assembled mourners; and the oration at the grave side, so impressively delivered by Mr. Samuel Grundy, the W.M., was calculated to leave a solemn feeling of religious awe on the minds of the attendants."

Many of your readers will recognise in the above paragraph a relative of Bro. Edward Busher, Past Grand Sword Bearer of England, the energetic and indefatigable Provincial Grand Secretary of Cumberland and Westmorland, who is so well known in the north of England for his zeal and devotion to the Craft, and for his able and substantial support of the various Masonic Charities.

The welfare of the Order, fostered and encouraged by the ancestor, has lost nothing in the hands of the descendant, whose example might be profitably followed by every brother.—H.B.

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).

Original Correspondence.

MASONIC BALLS.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

SIR AND BROTHER,—

I am always glad to read the able and useful remarks of your correspondent who signs himself "Lupus," but I do not think his recent letter quite clears up the question raised under the above heading.

1st. Under what special view the Prov. Grand Master for Somerset prohibited the wearing of the decorations and clothing of the high degrees, nothing can be affirmed.

2nd. Your correspondent "Lupus" says the nobleman in question (the Earl of Carnarvon) is "not at the head of the high degrees;" but he is really in the S.C. of 33°.

3rd. Your correspondent says that no permission is required for wearing the decorations of the high degrees or of the Temple "anywhere or at any time." I would simply remark that it is not usual to wear these in a Craft lodge, though sometimes done.

4th. The S. C. of 33° do object to Masons in their degrees wearing their decorations in public, except under dispensation.

With the wisdom of these injunctions I am in no way concerned.

Yours fraternally,

W. L. A. 30°.

28th Feb. 1872.

AIDS TO STUDY.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—

I have—perhaps I should be ashamed to confess it—only just read the address delivered by the Right Worshipful John P. Brown, Deputy Grand Master to the District Grand Lodge of Turkey, as published in *The Freemason* of Sept. 9th, 1871, and I cannot but, though so long after its appearance, express my admiration of its comprehensive, catholic, and truly practical character. But my object in troubling you with this is to recal attention to a recommendation which our R.W. Bro. urges upon the attention of the Turkish lodges, in connection with a lodge of instruction about to be established, and the benefits of which I am ashamed to think we in England should need to be reminded of by a brother in Constantinople. We in England pride ourselves upon being a practical people, and we certainly have facilities for bringing together and adapting to various useful purposes means of instruction and improvement, such as are not enjoyed by the dwellers in Turkey. Let it not be said that they are making more use of their small opportunities than we of the greater ones we have at command. But to our R. W. Brother's recommendation. He says:

"I cannot too strongly recommend the gradual formation of a Masonic Library, composed of such books and periodicals, in various languages, as refer to our order, and that fixed periodical meetings should be held, in strict accordance with its rules and regulations. I hope that the younger brethren who meet here will be able to learn something more than the forms of the ritual and the ordinary signification of the material objects which they behold in a lodge, and be enabled to penetrate the real signification of both, and retain them in their minds and hearts. If this be the result, they will hereafter be able to form a correct estimate of the great bearings of Freemasonry on the life of man, during all the seasons of his short cycle of existence in this world, as well as more fully to appreciate those indubitable truths which are taught by a careful study of the works of his Divine Creator; all leading onward and upward to the Great Architect of the Universe, typified in the construction of this humble lodge."

Many of us, I believe, have often felt the want of such a collection of works on Masonry, and such other works as may be rendered contributory to masonic knowledge in its diversified departments, as is here recommended, and we should no doubt gladly avail ourselves of the books, if within reach.

I hope I shall not give offence if I say that Masonic literature does not occupy the position which it should occupy in the present day. Some few of our brethren are evincing great industry, and are doing good service in bringing to light materials contributory to authentic Masonic history, but that is too exclusive in its range, and too dry in its details to greatly interest the thousands of readers, who would gladly avail themselves of an opportunity to read more diversified works, and such as might be more or less contributory to Masonic acquirements, including as they do, all the more hidden mysteries of nature and science, as leading to a more comprehensive perception of the wonderful works of the Almighty.

But there is another recommendation of our R. W. Brother's, in connection with the library, which should not be overlooked. He says:

"Would it not also be well to add to this something of a general literary character, so that, from time to time, lectures may be delivered on the various subjects of the arts and sciences, and the progress mankind makes in useful knowledge? Such an arrangement would tend to promote the best interests and welfare of our Order, and sustain it in public opinion."

It is not now, for the first time, that such a suggestion has been made. I remember that after having had the gratification of being present at the open night of the Prudent Brethren Lodge of Instruction, I called attention to it in the columns of the *Freemason*, and expressed a hope that such a night would lead to something of a more permanent and comprehensive character, embracing not only the ritualistic and symbolic teaching and instruction with which we were then delighted and edified; but also, conversations and lectures on the arcana of both the Craft and the Arch.

My hope has been partially realised, in the establishment and success of the Royal Arch Chapter of Improvement. For the working and illustration of Arch Masonry, we can wish for nothing beyond that; but we lack the opportunity for conversation, and diversified oral information, which might, I think, be rendered exceedingly interesting and instructive. Why should we not make an attempt to realise it? We have brethren in that Chapter of Improvement who might easily do it. The libraries, the lectures, and the conversations, in favour of which a voice comes to us from the East, are surely not beyond the reach of the brethren residing in London.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM CARPENTER.

DIVISION OF THE PROVINCE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

SIR, a very important motion to divide the Province of West Lancashire, and make a Southern province thereof, is in the notice paper for a special Provincial Grand Lodge, to be held at the Bull Inn, Preston, on the 5th of April, next. Very little time is now left to consider individually—that is lodges—what the effect of such a measure will be, if confirmed. The province of West Lancashire is financially wealthy, and how that interest will be administered, justly and equably, in the event of a division, will require time and good management. How far any vote of a Provincial Grand Lodge will be compulsory in determining what divisional lodge shall hereafter belong to, cannot surely be concluded in a summary manner. The regular meeting of many lodges will be so near the Provincial meeting that without steps are immediately taken, through Lodges of Emergency, to obtain information, and decide what ought to be done, much perplexity will prevail as to the consequences of this movement. Judging from the fact that Lodge 1256, Poulton le Fylde, is in East Lancashire province, and all the neighbouring lodges in West Lancashire, it must be eligible for any lodge when instituted to choose its own province. Of course—by the book of constitutions—when attached it can only remove with the Provincial Grand Master's permission.

It will be interesting to know if the notice of motion is merely to test the feeling of the Province. Can the division really be effected, and

its landmarks prescribed at a Provincial Grand Lodge. A month's notice of the discussion of a question, involving such great interest, if there is a determinate jurisdiction, (which I very much question,) is indeed a most summary proceeding.

Yours most respectfully,

A SECRETARY OF A WEST LANCASHIRE LODGE.
March 6th, 1872.

INSTRUCTION.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—

Will you kindly make it known through the columns of your valuable Masonic Journal that it is the intention of the United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507, to accept an invitation from the Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction to attend at the Prince of Orange, Greenwich, on Friday, the 15th inst, at 6.30, p.m., for the purpose of working the Fifteen Sections.

We have started the movement for interchange of visits between Lodges of Instruction for the purpose of endeavouring to assimilate the uniformity of working in our several lodges, and have every reason to anticipate success.

The two lodges above named will be happy to have the attendance of brethren interested in this movement.

Bro John Thomas, P.M., &c., will preside on the above occasion, and the Sections will be worked by brethren under his preceptorship.

Yours Fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M., &c.,
Hon. Sec. United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction.
March 4th, 1872.

Masonic Tidings.

BRITISH, FOREIGN, AND COLONIAL.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—

To give a practical direction to the various suggestions and proposals for the expression of gratitude by the members of the Craft on the happy recovery of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, it has been determined, with the sanction and approval of the General Committee, to endeavour to raise a special fund, to be called "The Prince of Wales' Thanksgiving Fund," with which to defray the debt of £5,000 still encumbering this Institution. Contributions of any amount, from Lodges, Chapters, or individuals, will be most thankfully received, and one brother, (already a Vice-President of the Institution) has offered Fifty Guineas additional, if ninety-nine other similar donations can be obtained.

MARK MASONRY.—The "Birchall Lodge" of Mark Master Masons will be consecrated at the Bull Hotel, Preston, Lancashire, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., by the R. W. Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. Wm. Romaine Callender, Jr., assisted by his Grand Officers and others. Lieut.-Col. Thomas Birchall is the Worshipful Master designate.

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MARRIAGE.

SEPTON—LANT.—On March 5th, at Holy Trinity Church, Walton-creek, near Liverpool, by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Hyde, Bro. Wm. Sephton, J.W. and S.E. 1086, to Harriet, only daughter of Bro. Jno. Lant, P.M. and M.E.Z. 1086.

Answers to Correspondents.

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SUBSCRIBER.—If the W. M. had ground to believe that a mistake had occurred in the result of the first ballot, he was justified in ordering a second ballot, and which ought to have been final. His remarks were unconstitutional and illegal, and deserve the strongest reprobation.

The length of the proceedings of Grand Lodge compels us to omit the following reports, (several of which are in type):—Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, Provincial Grand Lodge East Lothian, Lodges 940, 986, 1051, 1319, 37, 1125, 1275, and 871; Chapters 279, 977, 73 (S.C.); Mark Lodge, 60; Gwent Encampment and Girvan Encampment, Knights Templar; Byzantine Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; European Rose Croix Chapter, Gibraltar. We are also reluctantly compelled to defer the completion of the Grand Lodge report till next week.

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Grand Lodge assembled on Wednesday evening, in the Temple, for the Quarterly Communication for March. The Marquis of Ripon, M.W.G.M., presided. Above 400 brethren were present, and so large a number were no doubt drawn together by the knowledge that the Marquis of Ripon would again be elected the Grand Master, and from a desire to hear his Lordship address the brethren for the first time in response to the choice the brethren had made. Among those who were present we observed, Bros. Bagshaw, Col. Whitwell, M.P., Dr. Hamilton, the Rev. W. F. Short, J. S. Brownrigg, Sir J. W. Hayes, R. J. Simpson, C. J. Martyn, Saml. Tomkins, Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., F. Roxburgh, Q.C., J. M. Evans, John Hervey, Jas. E. Saunders, Raynham W. Stewart, John Savage, Major J. Creaton, Benj. Head, J. M. Clabon, W. E. Gumbleton, H. Grissell, S. L. Tomkins, Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter, Thomas Fenn, N. Bradford,

Richd. J. Spiers, H. Bridges, Jas. Mason, Wilhelm Ganz, John Coutts, James Brett, Joseph Smith, W. Ough, Augustus Smith, C. Hutton Gregory, C. C. Dumas, J. R. Sheen, J. Symonds, and John Savage.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, Grand Secretary first read the regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business, and then the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of 6th December, 1871, and of the Especial Grand Lodge of 26th January, 1872, which were severally put and confirmed.

Bro. Audley Gosling, Her Majesty's Secretary of Legation, Stockholm, then presented an address of congratulation from the Grand Lodge of Sweden on the recovery of the Prince of Wales from his dangerous illness.

The Grand Master, accepting the address from the hands of Bro. Gosling, said:—Brethren, I feel sure that I shall rightly interpret the feelings of this Grand Lodge, if in the first place I convey our thanks to our Bro. Gosling, for having made this communication to us, on the part of the Grand Lodge of Sweden, and in the next place, if I propose to you that we should agree to express our thanks in an appropriate address, which can be afterwards prepared, to the Grand Lodge of Sweden, for the address of congratulation with which they have honoured us. Nothing, brethren, can be more gratifying, I am confident, to every English Mason, than the way that that great anxiety and sorrow, which moved so deeply the hearts, not only of the Masons, but of the men, women, and I might say the children, in this country, during the month of December last, excited a feeling of warm and heartfelt sympathy, I might almost say, throughout the civilised world, and the proof that is afforded us by this address of sympathy and good feeling of our brother Masons in Sweden, is a most gratifying proof of the truly Masonic ties which unite this country to that great kingdom of the north of Europe. I, therefore, beg to propose "that an appropriate address be prepared by the Grand Secretary, and, by your permission, be signed by the Grand Master, expressing the thanks of this Grand Lodge for the address which has been presented on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Sweden."

Bro. Bagshaw seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, W.M., No. 18, rose and said—May it please you, M.W.G.M. and Brethren, in fulfilment of the nomination which I had the honour to make at the last Grand Lodge, I now rise to propose that the most Hon. the Marquis of Ripon be elected the Grand Master of our order during the ensuing year. (Cheers). Brethren, from your reception of that proposition I feel it is almost superfluous in the Grand Lodge to say another word; but our Most Worshipful Grand Master amid all the cares of state, and the duties of his high position, has found time to care for the interests of the Craft in a manner attested by its present unparalleled state of prosperity. (Great Applause). In our Most Worshipful Grand Master we are proud to recognise the embodiment of those Masonic principles upon which our order is founded, and I am quite certain that if another claim beyond his past services were wanting, the manner in which he

convened the Craft at the last Especial Grand Lodge to testify in common with all our countrymen our feeling of gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for the mercies vouchsafed to this nation, have given our Most Worshipful Grand Master a further claim and a surer title to your respect, to your confidence, and to your esteem. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, I have the greatest possible pleasure in moving that which I know you will carry unanimously, "That the Most Hon. the Marquis of Ripon be elected the Grand Master of our Order." (Great Cheering).

Captain Ralph said—I rise with the very greatest pleasure to second the proposition, because I have never been at a meeting where Masons assembled without hearing the greatest esteem loudly expressed of our Most Worshipful Grand Master. The brother who has preceded me has said how much we are indebted to the Grand Master for having convened the craft to give expression to their gratification of the recovery of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. I think such a step has raised the Craft to the estimation of the country; and I am very sure H.R.H. who is very fond of receiving those marks of attention, will deeply appreciate it. His Royal Highness takes a great interest in the Craft. He receives many letters, and has many communications to answer; and I feel sure the longer he is associated with the Craft, the more we shall appreciate him, and therefore, with great pleasure, I second the motion that has been made.

Bro. R. J. Bagshaw, Prov. Grand Master of Essex, before putting the motion to the vote, observed that he was sure the feeling of Grand Lodge would go with the mover and seconder of the motion. He then put the motion, which was carried unanimously, and with acclamation.

Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter, G.D.C., then proclaimed the Grand Master with all his titles, and called on the brethren to salute him in due form, which was accordingly done.

The Grand Master on rising to acknowledge the vote, was received with immense enthusiasm. When it had subsided, he said: Brethren, I am deeply grateful to you for the manner in which you have been pleased to receive the proposal that has just been made to you. It so happens being a singular circumstance that this is the first occasion, I believe, though I have held this office for two years, upon which at the time of my election, I have been able to return thanks to you. Last year, as you are aware, I was absent from this country upon public business. I regret very much that that business necessarily took so much of my time from my duties as your Grand Master, and I could not have wondered at it, if you had thought it right to elect, upon this occasion, some one with respect to whom you might have been more certain that he could have given, when it was required, his undivided attention. But brethren, you have been pleased once more to call me to sit upon this ancient and honoured throne, and I can assure you that I am deeply sensible of the proof which you have thus given me of your confidence. I know well that even when unusual circumstances, such as those of last year, do not intervene to occupy my time, to the exclusion of all other business, yet situated as I am, and have been ever since you

chose me to be your Grand Master, I have not been able to give to your affairs that attention which I ought to have afforded to them if it had been in my power. (Cries of "no, no.") But at least, I may trust after this renewed proof of your confidence, that you feel that which I can conscientiously assert to be true, that I have given to the duties of the great office to which you have elected me, the utmost time and attention which was at my command. (Hear, hear.) I say, which was at my command, because I am confident that you will all agree with me in thinking that one who is called, as I have been, to discharge important public functions in the State, must give to the claims of those public duties his first attention. (Hear, hear) Our business and our interests are to us of the greatest importance; but a good Freemason is likewise a good Englishman, and a good subject of the Queen (hear, hear,) and he knows and feels that the claims of our Sovereign and of our country, must be paramount upon every one of us, if he would do his duty. Brethren, allusions was made by the mover of the resolution in which you have just agreed, to the present prospects of the Craft. I can take very little credit indeed to myself for that undoubted prosperity. If the Craft is prosperous—and prosperous it is—if it is increasing in the number of its lodges, and in the number of its members, it is mainly due to this: that I believe the Masons in the present day, are becoming more and more deeply impressed with this important duty, that they should bear witness, wherever they go, to the great principles of their order, and that by bearing that witness among their fellow-countrymen, they tend to raise the public respect for their ancient Craft, to prove that our principles are realities, and are not names, and that to be a good Mason is to be also a good man.

The next business on the paper was election of Grand Treasurer for the year.

Bro. F. Bennoch rose and said that, remembering how well our present Grand Treasurer (Bro. S. Tomkins) had performed his duties for a larger number of years than he (Bro. Bennoch) cared to remember, knowing also how highly he was esteemed by the Craft generally, and how greatly he deserved to be so regarded, he moved the re-election of Bro. Tomkins.

The motion having been seconded, was carried amidst loud applause.

The Grand Master said he entirely concurred in the choice of the brethren, and formally conveyed to Bro. Tomkins the result of the election.

Bro. Tomkins said—Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren, I thank you very heartily for this renewed proof of your confidence in re-electing me to this highly honourable office, and I assure you I have very great pleasure in assisting in all that can promote the prosperity and influence of the Craft. Since I have been Grand Treasurer, the Craft has become more numerous, prosperous, and influential than ever it was before, and I trust that prosperity and influence will long continue. (Cheers.)

Scrutineers were then chosen for the election of a member of the Board of General Purposes in the room of Bro. Benjamin Gray deceased, and the election was proceeded with. The candidates

were Bro. Kenyon and Price. Towards the close of the evening the Bro. Kenyon was declared to be elected.

The Grand Master said that he appointed Bros. G. Fenn and C. C. Dumas to fill the vacancies in the Lodge of Benevolence caused by the death of Bros. Bazalgette and W. Young.

The report of the Board of Benevolence having been read and ordered to be entered on the minutes, Bro. Jas. Brett, moved, and Bro. J. W. Halsey seconded the recommendation on that report, for grants to the amount of £150 to two widows. The recommendations in both cases were carried.

On the motion of Bro. Ll. Evans, President of the Board of General Purposes, the following report of that Board was taken as read.

"The Board of General Purposes beg to report as follows:—

"They have taken into their serious consideration the smallness in amount of the fees now payable for new Warrants, and with the permission of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master they recommend to Grand Lodge the following alteration in article 5, page 116, of the Book of Constitutions, edition 1871. That between the words "Warrant" and "Five" in the first line, the following words be inserted:—'For the London District Fifteen Guineas, for Provincial Lodges, Ten Guineas, for District Lodges and Lodges in foreign parts.

"The Board have investigated a complaint made by Bro. Lewis Alexander, Past Master of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 188, London, against the W.M. and others for balloting for and initiating a Candidate who was not properly described in the summons. The W. Master, Wardens, and Secretary attended the Board, and the complaint being admitted, it was resolved:—'That as there was no apparent intention to deceive the Members of the Lodge, the W. Master and Officers be admonished to take more care that the laws laid down for the admission of Candidates be adhered to in future,' and they were admonished accordingly.

"4. The Board have directed the Grand Secretary to call the attention of the Grand Pursuivants to Law 3, page 18 of the Book of Constitutions, which states that 'No Member of the Grand Lodge shall attend therein without his proper jewel and clothing; nor shall any member be permitted to wear in Grand Lodge, any jewel, medal, or device belonging to or appertaining to any Order or Degree not recognised by the Grand Lodge of England as part of pure 'Ancient Masonry;' and to request that this Law may be enforced. The Board also invite the attention of Grand Lodge to Art. 22, page 68, and Art. 2, page 118, upon the same subject.

"4. The Board have investigated a complaint against the W. Master of the Beaudesert Lodge, No. 1387, Leighton Buzzard, for having raised two Brethren at a shorter date than that allowed by the Constitutions, page 86, Art. 7. The W. Master expressed his regret at having, through ignorance, violated the Law, and the Board, under the circumstances, ordered the Lodge to be fined Two Guineas, the W. Master to be admonished to be more careful in future, and that it be notified to him that both Brethren must be re-obligated before Grand Lodge Certificates can be issued.

5. The Board have taken into consideration the resolution proposed by Bro. Matthew Cooke, P.M. in the Globe Lodge, No. 23, for adoption by Grand Lodge at the Quartely Communication, held on the 7th September, 1871, and referred to this Board to inquire into and report. The following is a copy of such proposed resolutions:—

"That whilst this Grand Lodge recognises the private right of every brother to belong to any extraneous Masonic organisation he may choose, it as firmly forbids, now and at any future time, all brethren while engaged as Salaried Officials under this Grand Lodge to mix themselves up in any way with such bodies as the Ancient and Accept-

ed Scottish Rite; the Rites of Misraim and Memphis; the spurious orders of Rome and Constantine; the schismatic body styling itself the Grand Mark Lodge of England, or any other exterior Masonic organisation whatever (even that of the Order of Knights Templar, which is alone recognised by the Articles of Union) under the pain of immediate dismissal from employment by this Grand Lodge."

The charges made by Brother Cooke at the above quarterly communication, against the officials in the Grand Secretary's office, have already been inquired into by this Board, and a report thereon has been made to Grand Lodge, finding that such charges were in the main without foundation, and this report has been approved by Grand Lodge. The Board have come to the conclusion that the inquiry directed to be made by them had reference to the charges above referred to, and not to the several "Exterior Masonic Organizations" mentioned in the proposed resolution of Brother Cooke, and they have therefore not proceeded to inquire further into the matter. The Board are of opinion, and submit to Grand Lodge, that inasmuch as Grand Lodge has full control, not only over the officials in its service but over the whole Craft, and would undoubtedly exercise such control should any member, whether official or otherwise, be proved to have taken part in any degree or order denounced by Grand Lodge or inimical to its principles; and inasmuch as the proposed resolution, if passed, would not add to the power and authority either of Grand Lodge or of this Board, such resolution is unnecessary, and the Board therefore do not recommend its adoption by Grand Lodge. The Board, however, are clearly of opinion, and submit to Grand Lodge, that no clerk or other subordinate officer in the employment of Grand Lodge should take a prominent part in any degree or order not recognized by Grand Lodge.

(Signed) J. LLEWELLYN EVANS, President.

Bro. Ll. Evans moved that it be received and entered on the minutes.

Bro. Matthew Cooke, P.M. in No. 23, would call attention to the expression used in the 5th paragraph of this report in which it was set forth that certain "charges," were brought by him. He denied the accuracy of this statement. No "charges" were made by him at the Board. He was cited before it; and he would now move that this statement be corrected in the paragraph.

Bro. Ll. Evans did not understand what Bro. Cooke meant. Brethren who were present at the Quarterly Communication, when Bro. Cooke addressed Grand Lodge, would remember that charges were made against Grand Secretary's Office of a very grave character. This was a matter of fact, and not of opinion on his (Bro. Evans's) part or the Board's part.

The motion "that the Report be seconded and entered on the minutes," was then carried.

Bro. Ll. Evans said it was now his duty to bring before Grand Lodge, the first paragraph in the report which related to the alteration proposed by the Board, to be made in the charge for warrants for new Lodges. They had given great consideration to the matter, and they had the sanction of the Grand Master in recommending that the fees for new warrants be increased. They did this on the ground that they would be consulting the interests of Freemasonry.

The Board were unanimous in the recommendation the London Lodges should pay Fifteen Guineas, country Lodges Ten Guineas, and district and foreign Lodges Five Guineas for their warrants.

[The report of Grand Lodge will be concluded in our next.]

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

LODGE OF FAITH, (No. 141.)—The rejoicings of "Thanksgiving Day" undoubtedly kept many otherwise zealous brethren from attending to their Masonic duties; and accounts for the comparatively sparse muster of members of the above lodge, at the meeting at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the now historic, and never-to-be-forgotten 27th of February, 1872. Bro. C. C. Taylor, the W.M., and all his officers were however present at the appointed hour, and the attendance gradually increased to about forty members. The usual preliminaries having been disposed of, the next business was proceeded with, which consisted, first in conferring the honour of the third degree on Bro. Ellis; secondly in passing Bros. Stokes, Morrison, Quick and Dunthorn; and lastly to admit into the Order in ancient form, Messrs. S. Benjamin and John Allison, the ceremonies being worked alternately by the W.M., and by Bro. E. Gotthiel, P.M. The brethren then adjourned to partake of refreshment, and on the removal of the cloth, the customary proceedings (undistinguished by any novel feature) held their course, except when the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was proposed, which the W.M. did in a speech full of deep feeling and expressions of gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U., ending with the hope that the Royal Brother may long be spared, not only for the good of the country at large, but to support by his influence the interests of the Craft, which he has honoured by accepting the position of Past Grand Master. The response, as may be imagined, was most enthusiastic. Most of the brethren being very anxious to leave, in order to view the splendour of the decorations, the speeches were refreshingly brief. The Past Masters present were:—Bros. Stewart, Hill, Gotthiel, Carter and Hopwood.

TRANQUILITY LODGE—(No. 185).—How pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity, is the motto with which the above lodge heads its agenda paper, and to judge fairly, it must be stated that the conduct of its members seems regulated in consonance with the spirit of the motto. Thus it probably happens that the "Tranquility" is without a doubt one of the most flourishing lodges in London. At the last meeting held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Monday, 19th inst, after the usual preliminaries, Bro. Phillip Levy, the Hon. Sec., read the report of the Audit Committee, which was adopted with acclamation, and from which it appears that there was a considerable balance in the hands of the Treasurer for ordinary lodge expenses, but what is much more interesting, and of higher importance, is the fact that the lodge is possessed of a private Benevolent Fund, amounting to no less a sum than £600, invested in Government Securities. The thanks of the lodge were voted to the Treasurer and Secretary, for the manner in which the accounts were kept. The special business of the evening consisted of the installation of Bro. R. S. Bloomfield for the ensuing year. This duty devolved on Bro. S. Israel, P.M., and was performed with care and efficiency. The newly-installed Master appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. A. L. Barnett, I.P.M.; H. Abrahams, S.W.; N. Moss, J.W.; John Peartree, Hon. Treas.; P. Levy, Hon. Sec.; Schnitzler, S.D.; J. Constable, J.D.; J. H. Ross, I.G.; Vesper, Tyler. Mr. Ralph Simon was next presented for initiation and an opportunity was then afforded to the new officers to prove their capabilities. It is pleasant to state that their various duties were most creditably performed, but more noteworthy was the work of the new W.M., who conducted the ceremony with rare precision and impressiveness. The lodge was then called from labour to refreshment—and at the banquet table many good things, most agreeable to sight and palate were heartily discussed, after which the usual toasts were proposed, and the W.M. again proved his fitness for the honourable post he occupies. The various toasts were given in a manner approaching to eloquence, yet brief withal and to the

point, especially the one referring to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, his recent illness, and happy recovery, which was spoken of with a simple pathos that elicited loud and prolonged cheers. To the toast of "The Initiate," Bro. Simon responded in brief but suitable terms, and to that of "The Visitors," Bro. Lazarus P.M. 188, P.Prov.S.G.W. Wilts, replied, and his speech included a spirited little history of the re-vivification of the Tranquility Lodge—which after being in abeyance for two or three years—received new impulse and was re-animated by brethren of the Joppa Lodge, (No. 188.) The proceedings in the banqueting hall were interspersed with various entertainments, the most noteworthy of which were a duet by Bro. Ross and Constable—a good deal of drollery by H. M. Levy, P.M. 188, and especially a performance by Bro. Chevalier De Konstki on the pianoforte, and Bro. Oberthur. The Past Masters present were Bros. J. Israel, Holbrook, Harfield, M. Hart, M. Harris, A. Sydney. The following were the visitors:—E. Palbert, P.M. 1017; Berkervitz, W.M. 188; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; S. M. Lazarus, P.M. 188, Prov.G.S.W. Wilts; J. Lazarus, P.M. 1017; L. Alexander, P.M. 188; E. Gotthiel, P.M. 141; L. Hickman, S.D. 188; H. Marks, 205; P. Raphael, 205.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—The twelfth installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the White Swan Tavern, 217 High-street, Deptford, on Thursday, February 22. Bro. William Andrews, W.M., at the time appointed, opened the lodge. There were present during the evening, Bros. J. W. Reed, J.W. and W.M. elect; H. A. Collington, P.M. Treas.; F. Walters, P.M., Sec.; W. Myatt, S.D.; G. Andrews, J.D.; S. O. Lewin, I.G.; J. Hawker, P.M.; J. Truelove, P.M.; F. G. Skinner, H. T. Tuson, R. West, T. Spencer, B. James, J. J. Pakes, G. Harvey, J. J. Funge, H. Rattle, H. J. Dawe, W. Shaw, R. G. J. Harris, G. T. Linn, J. G. Vohmann, J. Woollett, R. Harman, R. Killick, J. H. Wilson, G. Clark, &c., Amongst the visitors were:—Bros. J. Chynoweth, 4, J.D. 33; C. Horsley, P.M. 33; E. Harris, P.M. Treas. 73, Collector for Boys' School; C. Nash, W.M. 79; W. Noak, P.M. 140; G. Bolton, P.M. 147, and P.M. 169; J. Mott, 147; T. Arnold, P.M. 141; W. Hartley, 174; J. Roper, S.D. 147; G. Brown, P.M. 169; E. J. B. Bumstead, P.M. Sec. 548; J. W. Comb, W.M. 548; H. J. Wells, late 871; F. Smith, 879; J. Lord, 933; J. Carver; J.W. 1155; M. Landragin, 1155; A. Angliss, 1227; S. Wickens, W.M. 1326, and some others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read. It was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the lodge minutes. It showed after all liabilities were settled, and Grand Lodge dues paid to March 31st, 1872, that there was a considerable balance in hand, for both the lodge funds and the Charity Fund. A ballot was taken for Mr. George Clarke, being unanimous in favor of his admission, he was duly initiated into ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., Bro. W. Andrews, the ceremonies of passing and raising having been reserved for an emergency meeting arranged to be held on 29th ult. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with. By the unanimous wish of the members, Bro. H. A. Collington P.M. and Treasurer, took the chair, as W.M. Bro. F. Walters, P.M. and Secretary, presented Bro. J. W. Reed, J.W. and W.M. elect for the benefit of installation. The usual forms and ceremonies were gone through. Bro. J. W. Reed was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, in the presence of no less than fifteen Installed Masters. He afterwards appointed and invested with collar and jewel of office the following brethren, viz., W. Andrews, I.P.M. and Treas. (Brother H. A. Collington, P.M. having resigned at previous meeting the office of Treasurer). W. Myatt, S.W.; G. Andrews, J.W.; F. Walters, P.M., Secretary, (re-invested for 12th time); S. O. Lewin, S.D.; H. J. Tuson, J.D.; J. J. Pakes, I.G.; R. Harman, D.C.; F. G. Skinner, W.S.; F. Bavin, P.M., Tyler, (re-invested.) The addresses were delivered, and when completed, a hearty burst of applause showed how well the rendering of the installation was appreciated. It was resolved unanimously, and on

proposition of Bro. F. Walters, P.M., Sec., "That a vote of thanks be given (and the same be entered on the minute book) to Bro. H. A. Collington, P.M., for his kindness in performing the ceremony of Installation." He expressed the sentiments of all present in describing the rendering of the ceremony, which he said had never been better done anywhere, being seldom equalled and never excelled. It was perfection for correctness, impressiveness, and the masterly manner of being performed, all had had a great intellectual treat. Bro. H. A. Collington, P.M., (being unable to stay to banquet) expressed his thanks in a suitable speech for this vote, also for the honour done him at a previous meeting, when he had been elected as the first Honorary Member of the lodge. Bro. W. Andrews, I.P.M., Treas., having decided that he selected (it being left to his choice) that the five guineas voted to him, to be spent in purchasing a testimonial for his efficient services rendered to the lodge during his year of office, he devoted to purchasing a Life Subscription of the Boys' School in the name of the W.M. of the lodge for the time being, so as to help to secure the much-coveted Vice Presidentship of the Boys' School, which the lodge was struggling hard to obtain. The money was immediately paid into the Boys' School, the Collector of that Institution being present. This rare and uncommon act of disinterestedness was thoroughly appreciated by the members of the lodge. It was resolved unanimously "That Bro. J. H. Wilson, be elected as the Steward to represent the lodge at the forthcoming Anniversary Festival of the Boy's School, on March 13th." Bro. H. S. Wells, late 871, and M. Concanen, late 871, were proposed as joining members. A gentleman was proposed for initiation at Emergency Meeting of the 29th ult. Some notices of motion relative to business of the lodge brought the meeting to a close. The lodge was closed in due form. The banquet and dessert, as also the wines, gave the greatest satisfaction. The toasts were given and well received. Bro. C. Horsley by desire, returned thanks for the Visitors in one of his well-known speeches, which are so much to the point and ably delivered. Songs and recitations added to the pleasures of the evening. The hours of reunion having been agreeably spent, the brethren separated.

BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902.)—A large muster of brethren on the occasion of the installation of Bro. William Simmons as W.M. of this highly esteemed lodge evidenced the greatest interest taken in the business of the meeting, which was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday, the 26th ult. Although much difficulty in reaching the lodge room, consequent on the excitement and crowded state of the streets on the eve of the National Thanksgiving, was experienced by members and visitors, the time appointed for opening the lodge was punctually observed, and the W.M., Bro. Henry Smith, was supported by his officers and brethren in prompt attendance. Amongst the numerous visitors we observed:—The V.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Sec.; Bros. John Thomas, P.M. 507, 720; James Stevens, P.M. 25, 720, 1216; L. Frost, W.M. 91, G.S.; J. F. Wuest, P.M. 753; T. E. Hardy, P.M. 538; J. N. Frost, P.M. 228; Goddard, 55; Harroll, 1000; Griffiths, 908; &c. The lodge having been duly opened in the respective degrees, the chair of K.S. was taken by Bro. Samuel Poynder, P.M. and Treas. 902, who in a most impressive and able manner installed Bro. William Simmons as W.M. for the ensuing year. The newly-appointed officers were: Bro. J. R. Rogers, S.W.; R. N. Field, J.W.; Thos. Allen, S.D.; E. W. Page, J.D.; Samuel Iron, P.M. 902, M.C.; Walker and Sharman, Stwds; Bros. Poynter, P.M. and Scotcher, P.M., were re-invested Treas. and Sec. respectively, and Bro. Grant was invested as Tyler. The several investments were accompanied by extremely appropriate remarks and explanations by the newly-installed W.M. In very admirable style, and in a manner we have seldom heard equalled, Bro. Poynter delivered the several addresses, and concluded his work of Installing Master. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren shortly afterwards assembled at the banquet table. The cloth having been cleared, the usual loyal toasts

were given, and the enthusiasm of the moment increased the customary hearty reception of "The Queen" and "The Prince of Wales." To the toast of "The Grand Lodge Officers," Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, replied in terms of high appreciation of the honour it conferred on any individual member of the Craft to be associated with the noblemen and gentlemen who composed the Grand Lodge, and expressed the great pleasure he had experienced in assisting at the business of the evening. He was desirous to express his opinion in respect of the admirable manner in which the Installing Master had performed his duty, and did not hesitate to declare that the ability displayed by the newly-installed Master augured well for the continued good working of Freemasonry in the Burgoyne Lodge. It was certainly his first visit, but with the expectation of witnessing such working, and in remembrance of his cordial reception on this occasion, it certainly should not be his last. "The health of the W.M." was drunk with much enthusiasm. Bro. Simmons being evidently most popular with the brethren over whom he is now to preside. The W.M. returned thanks in vigorous terms, and assured the brethren that his best efforts for the prosperity of the lodge, and their individual happiness and comfort should not be wanting. He then proposed "The health of the I.P.M., Bro. Henry Smith," whose services during the past year had been so conducive to the present state of prosperity of the lodge, and which were recognised by the presentation of the handsome jewel he had the gratification to place on his breast, and which he trusted might be worn during many future years of health and happiness by that distinguished brother and personal friend. Bro. Smith replied, with thanks, for the support he had received during his Mastership, and acknowledged the gift of the lodge as one which he should ever highly prize.—"The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Thomas, P.M., who also expressed his delight with the admirable working of the Installation Ceremony. In his remarks he was also supported by Bro. Jas. Stevens, P.M., and several of the other visitors. Bro. Stevens, at the special request of the W.M., then delivered the beautiful Masonic recitation, "Mason's Vows," which was received with general acclamation. To the toast of "The Installing Master and Treasurer of the Lodge," Bro. Poynter replied in a speech so excellent that we cannot refrain from reporting it *in extenso*:—He said, Brethren, I have responded to this toast so many times that I am almost afraid there is nothing new left to say. Like the parson, of whom it was said that "If his text had the fever his sermon would never catch it," what I have to say must necessarily diverge a little from direct ersponse. One slight element of novelty may, perhaps, be introduced in alluding to the acknowledgement of my humble services as Installing Master. Perhaps it has been neglect of my Masonic duty that I have never before perfected myself in this ceremony, but I had determined to signalise the tenth anniversary of my admission, "halting, humble and sore afraid," into Masonry, by performing the duty on this occasion. It has been said of the people of Israel that "Wherever there was a Temple erected to music, a Jew was ever to be found officiating at the shrine, or taking money at the doors." (Laughter.) So I can now say that I have fulfilled every office in the Lodge, from Tyler to Installing Master, for on one occasion, during the temporary absence of our lovest, but by no means least important officer, I took his place at the door of the lodge myself. The success of the "Burgoyne" Lodge during ten years of its existence is mainly owing to your brotherly love; to your all trying to render each other "comfortable;" so, in short, acting up to the principles contained in those addresses I have imperfectly endeavoured to convey this evening. I am assured that you will continue to act in the same way in the future, and that the very happy year we have passed under our beloved I.P.M., Bro. Henry Smith, will be rivalled by the year we are now entering upon under the Mastership of his esteemed successor. Not while we cultivate the qualities which are calculated to impart comfort and happiness to each other shall we, I am sure, neglect the industrious acquisition of that Masonic proficiency which already enables the

"Burgoyne" to boast proudly of its working as "second to none." The older we grow the more perfect we ought to become, for, if it is true of the human soul that advancing years have their compensation in increasing knowledge, so it should be more conspicuously illustrated in the Masonic body; to each member of which the words of the poet should apply as day by day, they make progress in the mystic lore:—

"The soul's worn habit, tattered and decayed,
Sets in new light through rents that time hath made."

The usual remaining toasts and responses wound up a very pleasant evening, most agreeably diversified by the songs and recitations of the brethren and visitors.

INSTRUCTION.

PANMURE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 720).—A most interesting meeting of this lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Thursday, the 29th ult., which was largely attended, and when, for the second time within the past twelve months, Bro. John Thomas, P.M. and Preceptor of several of the South Metropolitan Lodges of Instruction undertook the arduous task of answering in full, the whole of the 451 questions contained in the Fifteen Sections, whereby the tenets and principles of the Masonic Craft are so admirably exemplified. On this occasion the questions were put by one of his many proficient pupils, Bro. James Stevens, P.M. of several London lodges, and well-known as an earnest and zealous Craftsman, and who presided as W.M. The absolute perfection with which questions and replies were respectively put and given, may be estimated by the fact, that whilst under ordinary circumstances the time usually consumed in "working the Sections" occupies above three hours, on this occasion but two and a half hours were required for that purpose. The "working" was most attentively listened to by those assembled, amongst whom we noticed brethren from several surrounding neighbourhoods, many of them Past Masters. At the conclusion of their self-imposed task, unanimous votes of thanks were accorded to both Bros. Thomas and Stevens, and hopes were expressed that a like intellectual treat would soon again be afforded. We desire to add our expression of opinion, that the labours of those brethren in regard to the diffusion of Masonic instruction are worthy of emulation by other well qualified Instructors, and hope that the example thus set will be followed in both Metropolitan and Provincial districts.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

CAMBRIDGE.—*Scientific Lodge* (No. 88).—A meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, on the 8th ult., for the transaction of the general business of the lodge, the installation of the Worshipful Master-elect for the ensuing year, and the appointment of Officers. Bro. J. Dimmock, P.M., acted as Installing Master, and in admirable style proceeded to instal Bro. J. A. Dimmock (son of the Installing Master) as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The following appointments were made:—Bros. J. N. Ling, I.P.M.; J. Fitch, S.W.; W. Bays, J.W.; W. J. Bashan, S.D.; W. H. Jarrold, J.D.; C. W. Ellison, I.G.; T. Nichols, Sec.; B. Beales, Treas.; J. Bentley, D.C.; F. Grain, P.M., Chap. The lodge was closed in due and ancient form, after which upwards of 50 brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Mayse. Harmony and good fellowship prevailed among the brethren, and with the usual loyal and Masonic toasts the evening was passed to the entire satisfaction of the numerous brethren present.

CORNWALL.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall was held on the 23rd ult., in the Masonic Hall, New Public Rooms, Truro, Bro. Augustus Smith, Prov. G.M., presided; and among others present were Bro. Reginald Rogers, D. Prov. G.M.; Bro. Colonel Peard, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Bro. Charles Read, Prov. S.G.W.; Rev. H. B. Bullocke, M.A., and Rev. G. L. Church, Prov. G. Chaplains; Bro. W. Tweedy, Prov. G. Treasurer; Bro. T. Solomon, J. P., P. Prov.

S.G.W.; Bro. W. H. Jenkins, Mayor, of Truro, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Bro. T. Chirgwin, P. Prov. J.G.W.; Captain Colvill, P. Prov. S.G.W.; W. J. Hughan, P. Prov. G. Sec., &c., &c.

The Provincial Grand Master stated that the special object of this meeting was the adoption for presentation [of congratulatory addresses to Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on the recovery of the latter from his severe illness.

These addresses having been agreed to, it was ordered that they be engrossed on vellum, and the Provincial Grand Master was requested and authorised to sign them on behalf of the Craft in Cornwall. Several excellent speeches were delivered, and they were enthusiastically received by the brethren. The addresses will be illuminated on vellum, and a work of art in every sense of the term. Bro. William, P.M., 131, has received the order, and from the high character he has obtained for that class of work, we believe he will do justice to the selection.

Arrangements were subsequently made for an alteration in the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund, by so extending its basis as to admit of grants being made for the education of children and their advancement in life; and a committee was appointed to prepare the necessary laws for consideration by the members at the next Provincial Grand Lodge, which is to be held at St. Austell in the summer.

A Committee of seven was also to be nominated by the Provincial Grand Master for the revision and alteration of the bye-laws of the Province; and it was decided to elect another annuitant at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The lodges were fairly represented, and considerable interest was manifested throughout the proceedings. An undress evening dinner was served at the Royal Hotel, at which the Provincial Grand Master presided.

DERBYSHIRE.

BUXTON.—*Phœnix Lodge of St. Ann* (No. 1235).—The anniversary of this prosperous lodge was held in the Lodge-room, on the 22nd ult. The lodge was opened at two o'clock by Bro. R. Darwin, I.P., M. at the request of Bro. R. R. Duke, W.M. who was too much indisposed to go through the ceremony himself, assisted by the officers, brethren, and visitors. There were present Bros. R. R. Duke, P.M.; R. Darwin, P.M.; Jno. Millward, P.M.; F. Turner, S.W., W.M. elect; Josiah Taylor, J.W.; Wm. Millward, S.D.; W. Smith, Org.; Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, Ch., P.G.C.; W. E. Clayton, Treas.; Sykes, I.G.; Lawson, D.C.; Milligan, Sec.; J. C. Bates, J.Std.; S. Taylor, Chas. Wilkinson, Wm. Goodwin, W. D. Sutton, G. F. Barnard, R. H. Hyde, Wm. Ball, Wm. Boughen, John Bennet, T. Among the visitors were Bros. Rt. W. H. C. Okeover, D.Prov.G.M.; T. Bragg, P.M. 74, 1016, 1246; Col. Wilkie, P.M.; Mc.Adams, W.M. 654; S. Taylor, P.M. 654; C. Furgyson, Sec. 654; Whitehead, 654; Thorpe, P.M. 654; Barber, P.M. 654; Bramwell, 654; Cunningham, Bakewell, J. Smith, P.Prov.S.G.D. and W.M. Arboretum Lodge, Derby; Dobson, Huddersfield, &c. The Treasurer presented his report, which showed a most satisfactory balance. After some ordinary lodge business had been transacted, Bro. Bull was passed to the 2nd Degree. Bro. Frederick Turner, the Master Elect, was then duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. C. H. Okeover, and Bro. R. Darwin, P.M. The following were then appointed to fill the various offices for the ensuing year:—Bros. Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, Chap. and S.W.; Josiah Taylor, J.W.; W. Millward, Treasurer; E. C. Milligan, S.D.; E. J. Sykes, J.D.; J. H. Lawson, Sec.; J. C. Bates, D.C.; P. Le Gros, Standard Bearer; Jos. Whally, and Chas. Wilkinson, Stewards; Smith, Organist; Goodwin, Sup. Wks.; W. D. Sutton, I.G. The lodge was closed at 4.10 p.m., when the majority of the brethren and visitors adjourned to St. Ann's Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. P. Le Gros.

GLOSSOP.—*Devonshire Lodge* (No. 625).—The usual monthly meeting was held at the Norfolk Arms, Glossop, on Wednesday, 28th ult. Present:—Bros. William Bramall, W.M.; John Vetegans, P.M.; R. A. Grundy, P.M.; Jas. D. Calder, S.W.; W. H. Irlam, S.; J. Hardman,

J.D.; John Ford, S.D.; Jas. Rhodes, P.M.; John Hall, P.M.; Jas. Collier, Thomas Carnally, Squire Mather, John Neilds, J. W. Mason, and John Garlick. A very interesting lecture was given by Bro. George Fox (1166), upon one of the tracing boards. A subscription was raised amongst the brethren present for the Boys' Orphan School, of £5 5s.

KENT.

DOVER.—*Corinthian Lodge* (No. 1208).—The brethren of this lodge held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, the 12th ult., at the Royal Hotel, Dover, for the purpose of installing Bro. Heinrich Carl Fuhr, W.M. for the ensuing year, and appointing Officers. The occasion was taken advantage of by members of several lodges to visit their brethren at Dover. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Adamson, P.M. 199. The new-installed W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Pebble, S.W.; Jeffrey Barton, J.W.; H. P. Popkiss, P.M., Treas.; G. Adamson, P.M., Sec.; S. Wiles, S.D.; A. Smeeth, J.D.; Stephen Court, I.G.; Rose, Tyler. The W.M. then presented, in the name of himself and brethren, a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Popkiss in testimony of the zeal and ability he had displayed in the discharge of the important duties appertaining to the office he had just quitted. A vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. P.M. Adamson for the faultless manner in which he had performed the Installation Ceremony. The usual installation banquet took place at the Royal Hotel, Bro. W.M. Fuhr presided, supported by his Officers, and the company included, in addition to the visiting brethren, the following members of the Corinthian Lodge:—Bros. H. Popkiss, I.P.M. and Treas.; G. Adamson, P.M. 199 and 1208, P. Prov. G.A.D. Cers., and Sec.; J. Pebble, S.W.; Jeffrey Barton, J.W.; Wiles, S.D.; Smeeth, J.D.; Stephen Court, I.G.; Laforest, P.M., P. Prov. G.O.; G. Neal, P.M., P. Prov. G.A.D. Cers.; J. Chidwick, A. Eastman, G. Stamp, F. Boulton, J. Bowman, J. F. Koster, T. A. Terson, and H. M. Baker. After the banquet the usual toasts were given and duly responded to in Masonic form, and the whole of the day's proceedings were marked as the most successful that have hitherto been shared in by the Corinthian Lodge at Dover.

SUFFOLK.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons was held on Friday, 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, for the purpose of adopting congratulatory addresses to Her Majesty the Queen, and their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, on the recovery of the Prince from his late illness.

The following Provincial Grand Officers were present:—Deputy Provincial Grand Master the Rev. E. I. Lockwood, in the chair; Bros. Edward Dorling, P. Prov. G. Secretary; W. H. Lucia, Prov. G.S.; Newson Garrett, P.M.; G. Harper, Prov. G.J.W.; Lord Henniker, Prov. G.S.W.; Newman; Atkins, Prov. G.S.; T. B. Powell, Prov. G.S.; G. Golding, Prov. G.S.B.; W. A. Smith, Prov. G.D.C.; G. S. Findley, P. Prov. G. A.D.C.; W. B. G. Key, P. Prov. S.D.; John S. Gissing, P. Prov. G.J.W.; W. J. Nunn; William Hayward, P. Prov. G.D.C.; James M. Harvey; N. Tracey, P. Prov. G.J.W.; W. P. Mills, P. Prov. G.S.W.; B. W. Syer, Prov. G.T.; A. J. Barber, P.M., Prov. G.O.; Charles J. Martyn, P.G.C., W.M.; E. B. Dawson, H. C. Stephen, B. King, P.M., Prov. G.S.D.; R. N. Sanderson, W.M., P. Prov. G.C.; P. Cornell, Prov. G.J.D.; Robert W. Beaumont, S.W. 114; George Turner, P. Prov. J.D.; and Henry Luff, P. Prov. S.W.

On the motion of the D. Prov. G.M., Bro. E. I. Lockwood, seconded by C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., the address to the Queen was adopted.

On the motion of Lord Henniker, Prov. G.S. W., seconded by Bro. R. N. Sanderson, P. Prov. G.C., the address to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was agreed to.

Bro. Harper, Prov. G.J.W., proposed, and Bro. Jennings, P. Prov. D.G.M., seconded the adoption of an address to the Princess of Wales.

The several resolutions were unanimously carried, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

SUSSEX.

SPECIAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

On Thursday, 22nd ult., a special Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Music Room of the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, to pass resolutions, congratulating the Queen and his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on the recovery of His Royal Highness from his recent illness. The Provincial Grand Lodge was convened by Lord Pelham, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Sussex; and there was a large and influential attendance of the members of the Craft in the province. Previous to the lodge being opened, Bro. W. Devin played a voluntary, introducing the well-known air, "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The following Provincial Grand Officers were present:—Lord Pelham, Prov. G.M.; E. J. Turner, D. Prov. G.M.; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G.S.W.; Dr. T. Trollope, Prov. G.J.W.; Dr. Griffith, Prov. G. Chaplain; G. Tatham, Prov. G. Treasurer; G. E. Pocock, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Price, Prov. G.D.; R. K. Blessley, Prov. G. Supt. Works; J. Dixon, Prov. G.D.C.; C. Pocock, Prov. G.A.D.C.; W. Stuckey, Prov. G.S.B.; W. Devin, Prov. G. Organist; J. St. Clair, Prov. G. Pursvt.; H. Figg, E. Carpenter, and Stride, Prov. G. Stewards. The lodges in the province were also numerously represented.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the Prov. Grand Master, Lord Pelham, in eloquent and feeling terms, proposed an address of congratulation to Her Gracious Majesty the Queen on the happy recovery of the Prince of Wales, and also a separate address to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, P.G.M., on the same subject.

Deputy Prov. Grand Master Turner seconded the resolutions of the Provincial Grand Master, which were carried unanimously.

Bro. Cordy Burrows, P. Prov. J.G.W. (Mayor of Brighton), said it was usual to mark all seasons of thanksgiving by some act which would fix the event on the memory. Among the large body of Masons it could not be disguised that, although there were many affluent members, there were also those whose position was the reverse, and he therefore moved—"That the sum of £50 be voted as a thank-offering from the funds of this Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, and that the privileges of Vice-president be exercised by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master (for the time being) of Sussex."

Bro. Dr. Griffith, P. Prov. G.C., seconded the proposition, and alluded in very feeling terms to His Royal Highness's late illness.

Carried unanimously.

Bro. Jeffrey, P. Prov. G.S.B., proposed, "That the addresses be engrossed on vellum, signed by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, and countersigned by the Provincial Grand Secretary, and then forwarded to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, for presentation to the Queen and the Prince of Wales.

Bro. C. Horsley, W.M. of the Yarborough Lodge, seconded, and the proposition was carried.

Bro. Brigden, W.M. of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, proposed, "That the best thanks of this Provincial Grand Lodge be given to the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for convening this Special Grand Lodge."

Bro. Stride, W.M. of the Royal York Lodge, seconded, and the proposition was carried unanimously.

This concluded the business, and the lodge was accordingly closed, many of the brethren expressing the great pleasure it had afforded them to be present. Although only a short notice had been given of the holding of this special lodge, there was a larger attendance than at any Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex for many years.

Scotland.

EDINBURGH.

PORTOBELLO.—*Lodge Portobello* (No. 226).—The first monthly meeting after the installation of office-bearers was held on Thursday evening, 15th February, within the lodge-room, Crown Hotel, High-street, Portobello. The newly-elected R.W.M. (Brother Harrison) presiding,

and the Wardens in their places. The lodge being duly constituted, and the transaction of some routine business having been got through, the lodge was called from labour to refreshment. There was a very large muster of the brethren present, including many from several sister lodges in the provinces, as it was understood that the brethren of the lodge had unanimously agreed to present their I.P.M. (Brother Alexander Scott), who for a number of years had so efficiently brought the Portobello Lodge to the state of perfection in which it now was, with a tangible token of their appreciation of his services. In the course of the evening, therefore, R.W.M. Brother Harrison, in a few appropriate remarks, presented I.P.M. Brother Alexander Scott with a very chaste marble time-piece, which bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Brother Alexander Scott, P.M., by the brethren of the Lodge Portobello, No. 226, in appreciation of valuable services rendered to the lodge as R.W. Master. 1872;" to which Brother Scott made a suitable and feeling reply. He referred at length to the past and present history of the lodge, and predicted that under the new R.W.M.'s reign it would continue to go on year by year, not only adding numerically to its strength, but becoming more and more firmly united in the true bonds of Masonic brotherhood. The evening's proceedings were agreeably brought to a close at high twelve by "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again," being received with all the honours.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March 8, 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, MARCH 9.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1301, United Service, Swan Hotel, Wimbledon.
 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, MARCH 11.

Lodge 5, St George and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 29, St Alban's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 90, St. John's.
 " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 222, St. Andrews, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 " 879, Peckham, Maismore Arms Tavern, Park-rd. Peckham.
 " 1366, Highgate, Gate House, Hotel, Highgate.
 Chapter 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. James Terry, Preceptor.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotheil, Preceptor.
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile End, at 7 for 8.
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, (opposite the 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. Maitlock, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12.

Lodge 46, Old Union, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 166, Union, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 " 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem Tavern, Clerkenwell.
 " 235, Nine Muses, Clarendon Hotel, Bond-st.
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
 " 917, Cosmopolitan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 Chapter 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 7.30.
 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.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753) Knights of St. John's Tavern, St. John's Wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
 Sydney Lodge of Instruction (829), Cambridge Hotel, Upper Norwood, at 7.30.
 Ben Johnson Lodge of Instruction, Ben Johnson, 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, MARCH 13.

Festival of Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
 Committee of Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at 3.
 Lodge 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 13, Union of Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
 " 15, Kent, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-st.
 " 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st, Lambeth.
 " 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st, Deptford.
 " 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-rd, Limehouse.
 " 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
 " 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
 " 1260, Hervey, Swan Tavern, Walham Green.
 " 1306, St. John's.
 Chapter 1260, Hervey, Britannia Hotel, Walham Green.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. 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 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8. Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 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, Anerly, at 7.30. p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14.

Lodge 19, Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-st.
 " 263, Bank of England.
 " 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 806, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock, West Ham.
 " 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway.
 " 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill.
 Chapter, 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 619, Beadon, Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich.
 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 (2), 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.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15.

Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
 Chapter 176, Caveac.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, 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. Muggerridge, Preceptor.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Airstreet, 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 9.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts 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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