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UNITED GRAND LODGE.
 QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

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Bro. Bellerby seconded the motion, which was carried.

Bro. Ll. Evans, proceeding with the report proposed that the remainder be adopted. He would do so without a word of comment on it, as it was, and had been for a long time, before the brethren, and he had nothing to add to what was contained in it.

Bro. F. Bennoch, without disputing the propriety of the motion, thought, looking to the various details contained in the report, that it would be convenient to Grand Lodge to have the opportunity of expressing its opinions seriatim on the clauses of the report.

Bro. Ll. Evans said the last paragraph was the only one on which there could be a discussion. In paragraphs 2, 3, and 4, there was absolutely nothing for Grand Lodge to decide upon. They were the Board's report on matters brought before it.

Bro. C. Hutton Gregory, P.G.D., rose to move that Grand Lodge do not adopt the last sentence of the report (Hear, hear) :— "The Board, however, are clearly of opinion, and submit to Grand Lodge, that no clerk or other subordinate officer in the employment of the Grand Lodge, should take a prominent part in any degree or order not recognised by the Grand Lodge." In making the motion that this be not adopted, he would bear his tribute to the indefatigable, invariable honesty and ability of the Board of General Purposes, and he hoped the Board would not for a moment think, if Grand Lodge did not adopt this part of their report, that it reflected on their characters as Masons. He wished to sail under open colours, and would therefore state at once that, while he had not the least personal acquaintance with the brother against whom Bro. Cooke's motion was directed,

he was one of those who belonged to one of the proscribed bodies, and very good company they were, for they comprised some of the most distinguished members of the Craft. He confessed he was a Knight Templar.

The Grand Registrar wished to correct a wrong impression of Bro. Gregory's. The Knights Templar were not proscribed by the articles of Union. By those articles, although the Book of Constitutions stopped short and said that only three degrees were recognised, it went on to say, in the Articles of Union, that nothing should prevent Lodges or Chapters practising the orders of chivalry that had been practised among them before. He believed that among those orders of chivalry the most important was the Knights Templar; and therefore it was not unrecognised.

Bro. Gregory said he would withdraw his mis-statement, but he knew there was a body called the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," of which he was, he would not say ashamed, but would honestly say he had the honour to be a member. He could not speak of his own knowledge of the "Rites of Misraim and Memphis"—he did not wish to have a knowledge of them. He could not speak of the "spurious Orders of Rome and Constantine;" they might be spurious or genuine, for what he knew. He could not speak of the "Schismatic Body styling itself the Mark Grand Lodge of England." But he would venture to remind Grand Lodge that it once took a very different view of the matter, and even went so far as to recognise them partially and temporarily. He submitted that the paragraph in the report should not be passed, and for three reasons: first of all, because he believed it to be founded on a misapprehension; in the second place, he thought it was uncalled for; and in the third place, he believed it to be unjust, because it was founded on the idea that these orders were in antagonism to this Grand Lodge. He would yield to no one in his attachment to Pure and Ancient Masonry. The order he spoke of, the Ancient and Accepted Rite, was no more antagonistic to Pure and Ancient Masonry, than any club might be, which required Freemasonry as a qualification in its members; or even that noble Order to which the Grand Master had the honour to belong, the Order of the Garter. The statutes of the Ancient and Accepted Rite expressly declared, not only their recognition of, but their subserviency to Grand Lodge in Pure and Ancient Masonry, and that would prove there was no antagonism in it to Freemasonry. In point of fact, it was not Freemasonry. He would venture to say that the Board of General Purposes had acted under a misapprehension in endeavouring to raise indirectly an attack on those bodies, by asking this Grand Lodge to pass a censure on all those who took a prominent part in recognising these degrees. He regretted very much that the subject had been before the Board at all. He thought Grand Lodge, knowing how many Masons there were who occupied a high place in the Craft, not only by their social position, but by their Masonic distinction and love of Freemasonry, would hesitate to pass a law which would be a reflection on Freemasonry, and might cause a schism in Freemasonry which we should all de-

plere. This paragraph of the report was unnecessary, and he would call to his assistance the report of the Board of General Purposes which said :—

"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 Organisations" mentioned in the proposed resolution of Bro. 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 this Board, such resolution is unnecessary, and the Board therefore do not recommend its adoption by Grand Lodge."

The Board, he was sorry to say, having made that very sensible remark, in which he hoped Grand Lodge would agree, went further. After saying that it was unnecessary to pass any rule with reference to this subject, and saying that Grand Lodge had 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, they went on to get Grand Lodge to adopt a paragraph which condemned those very brethren. They said, "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 recognised by Grand Lodge." This was unjust, because it attacked only one or two individuals. That was not congenial with the generosity or the chivalry of Masons. He would call attention to this, that the Board exempted from this censure one of the officers of Grand Lodge who might or might not belong to one of these Orders, the Grand Secretary. Now, if it was a crime in a clerk, why was it not a crime in Grand Secretary? Did not this suggest the lines.

"That in the Captain's but a choleric word
 Which in the soldier is flat blasphemy?"

He would call on Grand Lodge not to sanction anything which passed a censure, or prohibition, or punishment, on the paid officers, without including every member of the Craft who might belong to the proscribed orders.

Bro. Abrahams had great pleasure in seconding the motion of Bro. Gregory. He felt that the report was an attack on members of those orders not recognised by Grand Lodge. It was but right and just that we should protect our order. He was not a Knight Templar, and never could be one, but, to use Bro. Gregory's expression, he "had the honour" to be a Mark Master, and a Past Grand Steward of that Order; and he believed it to be our duty, even if we were not members of those Orders, to assist those brethren who were, provided we did our duty as Masons. The Grand Master had said in his excellent address, that a good Mason was a good man;

therefore, if we did our duty as good Masons we were good men. There should be no law which should injure brethren of other degrees. He could inform the brethren that there was attached to the Grand Mark Lodge a Charity Fund for Masons who were Mark Masters, but if a brother was poor and had not passed the Mark, the Mark Masons felt that he was a brother Mason, and assisted him. Therefore, he trusted Grand Lodge would take the matter into its serious consideration. It was not only those particular gentlemen who were mentioned, on whom this report was an attack; it was an attack upon everything which was not acknowledged by the Grand Lodge. He would entreat the brethren to pause before they carried this report. If they were protecting the paid officials they were protecting all Orders not acknowledged by Grand Lodge, and he thought it was their duty to protect these Orders. Charity and love for one another were in accordance with our masonic teaching, and he hoped that, as the fifth clause of the report was contrary to that teaching, Grand Lodge would unanimously decide that this resolution be expunged from the minutes.

Bro. Matthew Cooke said it seemed to him that a considerable amount of misapprehension had arisen about this. As his Lordship would remember, this discussion all came about by a certain motion which he (Bro. Cooke) had put on the notice paper. One brother had kindly informed them of a little private business behind the scenes, and talked about suspended people belonging to exterior organisations. Perhaps that brother would permit him to retaliate, and remind him that he had been suspended himself, and if he had been suspended as long as he (Bro. Cooke) he would have pulled the building down with him. The three last lines of the report were totally contrary to what the President had set forth, "That the Board are clear of opinion and submit to Grand Lodge that no Clerk or subordinate officer in the employment of Grand Lodge should take a prominent part in any Degree or Order not recognised by Grand Lodge." That was exactly his (Bro. Cooke's) original proposition, not one word more or less. It was that no salaried official should deal with those things which were contrary to this Grand Lodge. It was not that any brother should not belong to them, for every brother had a right to belong to what order he pleased; but, he said, as long as they eat our bread they were our servants, and they had no business to travel beyond their duty. It was beyond their duty to go in antagonism to the principles of this Grand Lodge. Therefore, he could not but arrive at this conclusion, that the prohibition of the President's report entirely did away with what he had hitherto said. He (Bro. Cooke) was invited to attend the Board, he was not charging; he was distinctly told that all charges were withdrawn; and now, to tie a tinkettle to a poor dog's tail, the word "charges" was put in, which was only a way to excite a prejudice, so that the object on the motion should not be carried. If the Board were willing, he submitted to Grand Lodge that the three last lines of the report should stand with this alteration, "That no salaried official or other subordinate officer" (because he was not going to leave the Grand Secretary out, any more than anybody

else) instead of "That no Clerk or other subordinate officer in the employment of Grand Lodge should take a prominent part in any degree or Order not recognised by Grand Lodge." If it were so altered, all well and good; but he would only say that their report, by the last three lines, stultified the whole thing from beginning to end.

Bro. F. Binckes said he had some interest in this question, as a member of all the orders not recognised, and he would make a suggestion which he thought would simplify the question. He could not see what was the object of the Board in framing the last article of the report; but he thought they must have some ulterior object in view of which the body of the Craft had no idea. As the language of the report now stood, even he himself might perhaps be visited with some unknown pains and penalties, for having the honour to belong to certain orders and degrees. He therefore would ask Bro. Gregory to let the concluding part read thus—"The Board have come to the conclusion that the enquiry directed to be made by them, had reference to the charges above referred to, and not to the several exterior Masonic organisations mentioned in the proposed resolution of Bro. Cook, and they have therefore not proceeded to inquire further into the matter." Stop there; then omit the next five or six lines and proceed. He would then get rid of the idea of conflicting degrees or orders, of the expression "Craft," and that which attacked the officers of the Grand Lodge. He would ask Bro. Gregory to accept that amendment.

Bro. Ll. Evans did not think it was competent to Grand Lodge to remodel the report, but it might send it back to the Board. Grand Lodge could not add to or diminish from the report.

Bro. F. Bennoch said he confessed that the last few words of Bro. Evans entirely met his own view, at the moment the proposition was made that the report should be adopted. Why, it seemed to him that scarcely any member of the Board of General Purposes could draw from this resolution exactly what they, either individually or collectively, meant. It was in itself, in some respects contradictory. He had expected that the long and painful discussion at the last Quarterly Communication would have been quite sufficient to settle the matter with reference to Bro. Cooke's motion. But the Board went on and condemned not only the Grand Officers for doing that which was perhaps unseemly during the hours of office work, but every brother. If not directly, they were inferentially condemned. Not satisfied with that, they condemned certain officers and clerks in the Grand Secretary's office, excluding the chief. He would say, include them all if you please, not this clerk only, for the reason that on the last occasion the Most Worshipful the Grand Master most emphatically stated that if the allegations were true—and in his judgment they were unmistakably true—he would take care that henceforth no such matter should occur under the roof of the Grand Lodge. This seemed to him (Bro. Bennoch) to meet the case so thoroughly and entirely that he would confess, when he saw this present report, that he felt amazed that the Board of General Purposes should again have entered into a discussion so fertile of misunderstanding and unbrotherly feelings. He would move an amendment, which would embrace

all the objections that had been raised, "That the whole of clause five of the report be referred back to the Board of General Purposes for reconsideration."

The Grand Master explained to the brethren the position they were in with respect to these motions. He said we are getting into some little confusion as to the various proposals that have been already submitted to Grand Lodge, and therefore I think I ought to state the real position we are in and the order in which the motions ought to be taken. This proposition relating to the reference back of the report ought to be taken first. Consequently if Bro. Bennoch moves the reference back of the whole of clause five, we shall take it. If his amendment is defeated, then Bro. Binckes's amendment ought to be taken next, for the omission of the words beginning "the Board are of opinion," down to "its adoption by Grand Lodge." If Bro. Binckes is beaten, then we take Bro. Gregory's motion.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart seconded Bro. F. Bennoch's amendment.

Bro. Geo. Lambert objected to the word, "schismatic," but the Grand Master informed him that it was not an original expression by the Board, but only quoted from Bro. Cooke.

After a few words from Bro. John Symonds, P.G.D., as to the use of the quotation marks in these reports; from Bro. Gregory, opposing the reference back, after the Board had "incubated over this egg" for three months; from the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P. G. Chaplain, who was in a state of considerable confusion, arising perhaps from his own ignorance, but who thought that many of these unhappy discussions had arisen from the fact that Grand Lodge had laid down no rule with regard to their officers following certain degrees, and recommended that in future such rule should be defined; from Bro. Ll. Evans, who said the Board found "certain charges were made against a certain brother in the employ of Grand Lodge by Bro. Cooke, and they invited Bro. Cooke to give information;" from Bro. Cooke, and Bro. Binckes, Bro. Bennoch's amendment was put, and carried by a large majority. Accordingly the other paragraphs of the report stood over.

The Grand Secretary read the statement of accounts, which showed a balance in the hands of Grand Treasurer of £4,246 2s. 8d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75.

The Grand Secretary also read the Report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge account of receipts and disbursements during the year 1871.

The Grand Master said that the next business on the paper was Bro. Matthew Cooke's motion, of which notice had been given; but he would put it to Bro. Cooke whether, as the report, which embraced the subject-matter of his motion, had been referred back to the Board, he would not best consult the convenience of Grand Lodge by postponing his motion till the amended report was received.

Bro. Matthew Cooke replied that he was going to rise for the very purpose of making the request that he might be allowed to postpone his motion. His Lordship, on the last occasion had given orders that the irregularities complained of should

not be continued, and he thought that, in the Book of Constitutions there should be an entry of what the duties of the Officers of Grand Lodge were. He hoped that the Board would send its report next time, and not that of the President.

The Grand Master thought this last remark was scarcely in order, as it seemed to involve a personal reflection.

Bro. Cooke said he was exceedingly sorry; if he had been personal, it was unintentional.

The subject then dropped.

Bro. Wm. Smith, P.M. 33, rose to move "That it is desirable that the printed notice papers of the business to be transacted at each Quarterly Communication shall include a complete list or return of all applications or petitions to the M.W. the Grand Master, during the preceding three months, for new lodges, with the dates of such applications, the names of the petitioners, and of the lodges, as well as the proposed places of meeting, together with the dates and particulars of all warrants issued; and that the M.W. the Grand Master be respectfully requested to direct the said return to be issued by the Grand Secretary." He was not intending to interfere with the prerogative of the Grand Master, but was merely following the example of Grand Chapter. He thought it would be convenient to have, from time to time, a list published with the Quarterly papers of Grand Lodge, of those applications for warrants for new lodges which had been made in the preceding quarter. Recently it had happened that, between the issuing of one year's Calendar and the next, a brother initiated in a new lodge desired to visit another lodge, and he (Bro. Smith) had known more than one instance where there were no means of ascertaining, without reference to the Grand Secretary's office, that such a lodge existed.

Bro. Matthew Cooke seconded the motion.

The Grand Registrar opposed the motion on the ground that it was trenching on the Grand Master's prerogative. As to the plea that a brother initiated in a new lodge was at a disadvantage, there was a sufficient safeguard in the Book of Constitutions, which provided that the brother introducing a visitor should vouch for him. He thought it inexpedient that the information sought for by Bro. Smith's motion should be published in any periodical, and he would advise the Grand Master not to accede to the proposal.

Bro. W. Smith replied, that it was not asked for that it should be printed in a periodical, but on the notice papers of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master said—I have considered this motion, and it does appear to me to be open to considerable objection that there should be published a list of the applications which have been received. I think that that is asking for information which might be painful to some persons if it should be afforded. It cannot be asked for the purpose of questioning the decision of the Grand Master; for the granting of warrants is within the discretion of the Grand Master, and it will be my duty to maintain it in that position. I think, therefore, that any publication of the applications that have been made would be undesirable. When the Calendar is published the names

of the new lodges are known. If any easier method could be devised to make known new lodges granted, I should not object to it. I venture to suggest that Bro. Smith should not press his motion. I should think it undesirable, and shall recommend Grand Lodge, if it is pressed, not to adopt it.

Bro. Smith, having said he merely followed the precedent of Grand Chapter, withdrew his motion.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain then moved:—

"That this Grand Lodge, deeply sympathising with the terrible and wide-spread sufferings caused by the famine in Persia, resolves that a sum of £250 be contributed towards the fund now being raised in England to relieve this distress."

He gave the brethren a vivid sketch of the horrors of the Persian famine, and subsequently reduced the amount he asked for to £105, the Grand Treasurer having stated that the Grand Lodge was still in debt to the Lodge of Benevolence for money borrowed to erect the present buildings.

One hundred guineas were therefore voted to the Persian Famine Fund, and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, and adjourned.

BANQUET TO BROS. BETRAM AND ROBERTS.

Messrs. Bertram and Roberts's contract for supplying the refreshments at the Crystal Palace drawing to a close, the brethren of the Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742, entertained those gentlemen at a grand banquet in the Crystal Palace, on the 8th inst., in token of the admiration of the manner in which they have met the demands of the public during the seventeen years the refreshment contract had been in their hands. As the lodge banquets have always been entrusted to Messrs. Bertram and Roberts, the brethren had had ample opportunity of judging of the ability of these caterers, and an expression of feeling on this subject coming from such a body will be acknowledged to be some value. In consequence of the universal satisfaction that was felt at the way in which they have supplied the public with refreshments, about 100 brethren assembled at the complimentary banquet to take part in offering them their thanks. A Lodge of Emergency was first held, at which, however, there was no Masonic work done, and at six o'clock the hour appointed for the banquet, the brethren ceased labour—which had been by no means laborious—and adjourned to refreshment in the banquet-room, where Bro. George Weeks, W.M., headed the table, having Bro. Bertram on his right hand and Bro. Roberts on his left. The banquet provided was of the most elegant description, and the tables were adorned with such floral and fruit decorations as could give an additional charm to the viands, which were served under the direction of Bro. Nelson Coates. The brethren who attended were Bro. George Weeks, W.M.; W. H. Cooper, S.W.; Henry Cox, J.W.; S. P. Acton, P.M., Treasurer; Henry T. Thompson, P.M., Secretary; R. Steigerwald, S.D.; Edward M. Morley, J.D.; Thomas Potter, I.G.; William Bertram, D.C.; Wm. Stevens, W.S. Past Masters, Bros. Wm. Watson, J. Richmond Sheen, Thomas Foxall, E. J. Oliver, Seymour Smith, Organist; Bros. W. W. Baxter, John Nash, J. B. Walter, J. W. Lassam, G. Rees, T. G. Hamblen, D. Dore, W. L. Mallett, Wm. George, and other members. The visitors included Bros. Fred. Binckes, W.M. Grand Stewards; G. J. Kain, P.Prov. G.Sec., P.M., 766; Ed. Cox, P.G.S.W., P.M. 657; J. Terry, P.P.G.S.B., W.M. 1366; J. Emmens, P.G.P.; W. F. Smith, P.M. 177; H. Massey, P.M. 619; George Bolton, P.M. 169; S. G. Foxall, P.M. 1305; W. H. Harper,

W.M. 766; W. J. Miller, P.M. 766; Wm. Winn, P.M. 657; H. A. Stacey, P.M. 1288; Alfred Avery, P.M. 1314; W. Y. Laing, P.M. 45; W. G. Kent, I.G. 1297; W. Lane, S.D. 28; George Perren, 23 and 173; G. A. Fleming, 173; William Wright, 65; James Edbrooke, 72; Nelson Coates, 72; Thomas Goodfellow, 177; J. A. De Jersey, 64; W. H. Jackson, 766; Alfred Jeffery, 766; J. Allsop, 463; A. Broloch, Saint Andrews, (Scotland) 48; Henry Gabb, 72; Henry Smith, 907; W. W. S. Cumming, 58; J. Miles, 65; E. Archer, 766; T. C. Girdwood, 1314; G. W. Kingstone, 1314; O. H. Colvin, 180; F. Sweeting, 1257; J. Vallentin, and many others.

The Masonic Institutions were represented by Bro. F. Binckes, (Boys' School), Bro. Lane, (Girls' School), and Bro. James Terry, (Benevolent Institution).

At the removal of the cloth grace was said, and the introductory Masonic toasts were given and honoured.

Bro. John Emmens, P.G.P., responded to the toast of "The Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers."

Bro. H. T. Thompson then read the following list of brethren from whom letters of apology for absence had been received:—T. Beard, P.M., 101; J. Sitt, Geo. Imrie, John Hervey, G. Secretary; Magnus Ohren, S.W., 33; W. Farnfield, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; and E. H. Patten, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The W.M., proceeding with the programme of toasts, rose and said: Brethren, in rising to propose what I must be allowed to call the toast of the evening, I do so with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret—with feelings of pleasure that I am the medium to convey to our brothers on my immediate right and left, the hearty welcome of the Crystal Palace Lodge to this banquet—with regret that a more able Mason than myself is not in the position I now occupy. Although I need not tell the brethren assembled that I am no orator, I feel that if I had the power of speech of the Attorney-General—(laughter, and a cry of "Three weeks")—you would not be surprised to hear that I could not say aught to render the toasts, I am about to propose, more acceptable, or add one jot to the enthusiasm with which I am sure it will be received by you. (Hear, hear). It is "The health and future prosperity of our Bro. Bertram, and our Bro. Roberts (Great applause). I am pleased to hear it, I need not remind you that this is the last banquet our kind friends will provide for us. This unfortunate knowledge throws back our memories to the past. How many happy hours have we spent within these walls, and how much has the good cheer so liberally spread by them added to the social feelings amongst us. (Hear, hear.) And, brethren, this may be said by countless thousands of others. The prince and the peasant have all shared in the skill and ability of our Bros. Bertram and Roberts. The Viceroy of Egypt, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Grand Sultan of Turkey, the Emperor and Empress of Brazil, the Grand Duke Vladimir of Russia, the ex-Emperor and Empress of the French, and many other celebrities, have been entertained by them, and with such magnificence that it has scarcely ever been equalled, and has never been excelled by any one. (Hear, hear.) How many a happy wife refers with pride and pleasure to her wedding breakfast provided by our Bros. Bertram and Roberts! and many a noble citizen has declared that no banquet ever equalled that supplied at the Crystal Palace. (Hear, hear.) Our Bros. Bertram and Roberts have accomplished a vast and magnificent work in the gastronomic art; and with such unparalleled skill and resources, well may they have challenged to have supplied the army in the Autumn Manœuvres. (Hear, hear.) And were I bold Dragoon, or a Life Guardsman, both of which I am well suited for, Bros. Bertram and Roberts must do the victualling if am to fight. (Hear, hear.) Our Bros. Bertram and Roberts have acted pre-eminently well in their charitable avocations—(hear, hear.)—they have liberally supported all the Charities connected with Masonry. It is but very lately they have entertained the whole of the girls, and their teachers, and the Committee, in this building, paying

every expense; and this I know to be only one of the many acts of beneficence which they have performed. Their liberality has not been confined to Masonry. The bounty our Bro. Bertram has been shown towards very many other deserving Institutions; you, as brethren, know well by the jewel which now adorns his breast. How nobly have our brothers exemplified the Worshipful Master's assertion made at their initiation, that charity was the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart! Although they are about to remove from their present sphere of action, I am sure they will carry with them the hearty good feelings and wishes of the brethren of the Crystal Palace Lodge—(hear, hear,)—and I trust we shall often have their aid and assistance at our lodge meetings. Brethren, I wish you to remember that they were both initiated in the Crystal Palace Lodge; therefore, we claim them as belong to us. This is their parent lodge. We shall be most happy to see them at our meetings and at our banquet table, for their presence will always be, as it always has been, a delight to us. Brethren, I ask you now to drink with me, "The Health of Bros. Bertram and Roberts."

The toast having been drunk most enthusiastically,

Bro. George Perren, as a constant frequenter of the Crystal Palace, who had innumerable opportunities of testing the quality of the creature comforts which Bros. Bertram and Roberts supplied, wished to add his own testimony to the unexceptionable way in which they were provided. After this he sang the charming ballad "The Thorn."

Bro. Bertram, who was greeted with a perfect storm of applause when he rose to respond, said, when it had subsided: Worshipful Master, Brother Past Masters, Brother Wardens, and Brethren, I cannot attempt on behalf of myself to follow our W.M. in the speech he has made with regard to myself and my esteemed Bro. Roberts, neither can I follow him with regard to our Bro. Perren. When our W.M. and Bro. Perren had finished their speeches, I felt I had something to say; but after listening to Bro. Perren's song I find I have nothing to say, for when I listened to it, it carried me away and made me forget what I intended to tell you. If therefore I err in my language I trust, you will not think I have erred in my feelings. For your kindness in inviting us here this evening I can only say I sincerely thank you. I have now been connected with the Crystal Palace for 17 years. I feel that it is a long time, as I am now getting grey, for I do not use the lead comb. I was one of the first initiates in this lodge: I think I was the second initiate, as Bro. Watson will remember. I have had the pleasure, and I may say the honour of passing through every degree and every office in the Crystal Palace Lodge, until I became at length its W.M., and after that, Master of the New Concord. With regard to the connection of my Bro. Roberts and myself with the Crystal Palace, we are, I may say, to a certain extent sorry to leave, on account of the refreshment contract going from us; but still, men of business, for it comes back to that after all—can only remain in a certain place so long as it pays them. If I were to tell you, brethren, that Bertram and Roberts were philanthropic people, who come here for the purpose of catering without getting anything out of it, you would not believe it. Therefore, I say, so long as we could get anything out of the Crystal Palace we stopped—mind you, I will give you the proviso that we have satisfied the public, (hear, hear,) that the public have acknowledged that satisfaction. (Hear, hear.) I will go even closer than that to our own establishment,—that the Directors in the last report which they published, said that the proprietors of the Palace and the public had every reason to be satisfied with the way in which Messrs. Bertram and Roberts had carried out their engagements. (Cheers.) Having done that, brethren, we are very much obliged to the public. I am now going to tell you we are obliged to you. I cannot express to you the feelings I have in my heart with regard to the manner the W.M., Bro. Thompson, and Bro. Acton have organised this banquet, and interested so many friends in it. When I see so many kind friends around me I feel more than I can express. All I can say, brethren, is, wherever we may go, whatever the

world may think, we have not made a fortune at the Crystal Palace; though we have paid its shareholders £20,000 a year, there is not an adequate amount left out of it for ourselves. The Company are getting the best of it, and still they are going to get the best of it. I wish our successors were going to give £6000 less than we have been paying; they might then retire in a few years. If you think you are going to pay our rent and make a fortune, you are mistaken. I have had 17 years' experience. I has answered our purpose, I will say, (hear, hear), but it does not answer our purpose to pay £6000 a year more for it. Therefore as men of business I say we cannot take it at that price. We say we are very much obliged to you gentlemen, but we must leave it at that price; but I trust wherever we hoist our flag (we are not going out of business) you will rally round us. I am quite sure, I need not say that for this expression of your feeling to night we are much obliged to you. If I were to attempt to speak for the next half hour, I could not say more than I say in the next few words. I wish to leave something for my partner to say. I sincerely thank you from my heart. (Cheers.)

Bro. Roberts: I must first tell you I am in a regular fix. If I had an order this evening to prepare for 80,000 persons to-morrow, I could execute it more easily than I can express to you my sincere thanks for the handsome style in which you have entertained us this evening. We have always felt great pleasure in meeting members of the Crystal Palace Lodge. I have been here fourteen years. Bro. Acton and I were made on the same day. I have not had time to go into office, but I am very glad to-night to find I have passed the chair. (Laughter.) [Bro. Roberts was sitting on the left of the W.M.] I am quite sure, brethren, from what I have heard you all express, you are satisfied with the way we have supplied your banquets. I know we have had many banquets down here through the recommendation of the brethren of the Crystal Palace Lodge; and I am happy to say, that with not one exception, the brethren who have partaken of them have expressed themselves satisfied. I hope, as Bro. Bertram says, you will rally round us, as we are not going out of business, and that it will not be very long before you see us flourishing again. Though this is the last time we shall have the pleasure of supplying the banquet for you, I trust we shall be for many years able to come down and enjoy your society. I thank you all, brethren, for the very kind manner in which you have entertained us this evening. (Cheers.)

Bro. Bertram: It will not be the last time we shall be down with you. The business of the place has often prevented us dining with you when we should have done. Now, however, if we do not dine with you it will be our own fault.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Visitors."

Bro. Kane in reply, said, he was a shareholder in the Crystal Palace Company, and therefore had a wonderful interest in the successor of Messrs. Bertram and Roberts who was to spend some thousands a-year more than they did. He (Bro. Kane) had seen Messrs. Bertram and Roberts in a variety of capacities, and he esteemed them in all; first as brother Masons; and secondly as purveyors of a most splendid banquet, whenever he had had the pleasure to dine with them. He felt that they would leave a blank not easily to be filled up when they quitted the place. He had the fortune or misfortune, to be an idle man, and went to the Crystal Palace two, three, or four days a week; and he knew he should miss them, for however well their department might be supplied by their successor, he was quite sure it would not be the same thing.

The W.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. F. Binckes replied, and after apologising for the absence of Bros. Farnfield and Patten through ill-health, (who were well represented however by Bros. Terry and Lane), thanked the brethren of the Crystal Palace Lodge for the support they had given to the Masonic Institutions at various times. Those Institutions were deserving of all the support which brethren might feel disposed to give, inasmuch as they respectively provided for the aged and infirm, to the number of about 232, and boarded, clothed, and educated, between

two and three hundred of the youth of both sexes. To Messrs. Bertram and Roberts the Boys' and Girls' Schools were much indebted. They had been warm encouragers of those Institutions; they had provided entertainments for them free of all expense; and he doubted not that they would still continue to remember them.

"The Worshipful Master," "The Past Masters," and "The Lodge Officers," having been severally honoured, The "Tyler's Toast" brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren separated at a late hour, and returned to town.

The evening's entertainment was a great success, and the company expressed themselves highly delighted with the hospitality which was extended to them. The W. M. was most happy and courteous, and won all hearts by the warmth and frankness of his reception. The officers also exerted themselves praiseworthy to render everyone comfortable, and Bro. Thompson, the Secretary, with his customary geniality, afforded whatever information was required. The ease and grace with which everything was conducted convinced the visitors that the Crystal Palace Lodge is no novice at entertaining guests. The quietness and readiness observed by the attendants added greatly to the general comfort.

Intermingled with the toasts were numerous songs, which were charmingly executed by Bros. George Perren and Seymour Smith. Bro. Seymour Smith presided at the pianoforte.

Original Correspondence.

MASONIC BALLS.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—

I am glad to offer a further reply to your correspondent, W.L.A. 30°.

1st. I certainly cannot affirm what may be the special view of the Prov.G.M. for Somerset, as I have had no communication with that distinguished and most worthy brother; but I think it is clear, as a Masonic law, that when a P.G.M. gives his lodges permission to hold a Masonic Ball it is within his power to stipulate that it shall be carried out as a Craft Ball, pure and simple—this is a different position to that of *prohibiting* the decorations of members of the high grades.

2nd. The P.G.M. for Somerset, I rejoice to say is doubtless a member of the Supreme Grand Council 33°; but it is well-known that the present *head* of the high grades is our kindly-hearted and illustrious brother, C. J. Vigne; from him any prohibitions, or other formal edicts must, naturally, emanate.

3rd. W.L.A. 30° has slightly mistaken me here; I said no permission was required for wearing the decorations of the high degrees, or of the Temple, anywhere or at any time, *if they were not objected to* (or to this effect).

They are *masonically illegal* in a Craft lodge, because they are *objected to* and forbidden by the Book of Constitutions. And I would parenthetically remark, as I have done before, that this clause of the Constitutions requires a complete interpretation; especially after the publication of paragraph 4 of the report of the Board of General Purposes, (p.153 of your last issue). Does it mean all *Masonic Orders or Degrees* not recognised as part of pure "Ancient Masonry?" Or does it include in the prohibition all orders and decorations of a public and non-masonic description?

4th. Probably I am not able to speak of the views of the S.C. 33° with the same weight of authority as your correspondent, but I can safely say that I know of no statute, regulation, or order, by which the use of the decorations of the High Grades is in any way restricted. I am sure that the S.G.C. desires to be as circumspect as possible in making additions to the roll of those grades, and very properly wishes to receive members whose discretion may be trusted; consequently I cannot think it probable that the Council is likely to narrow the basis upon which the constitution of these degrees was established, by enacting a prohibitory regulation of this de-

scription. W.L.A. observes "the S.C. of 33° do object" to their decorations being worn in public without dispensation. I am not aware of this. No doubt they would very much object to the use of their decorations at unsuitable times and in the wrong places, but I know of nothing to prevent their being worn in the exercise of a proper masonic discretion; and, as an instance, I may say that, had not the P.G.M. for Somerset restricted his permission respecting the Masonic Ball, I consider no dispensation would have been necessary to enable W.L.A. to wear his black eagle on the occasion. This is my opinion.

Fraternally yours,
LUPUS.

POET MASONS.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

Sir,—Your admirable notice of Bro. Sawyer's poems cannot fail to interest many of your readers, and lead them to purchase a volume so full of poetical beauty.

A considerable acquaintance with Masonic Literature leads me to a conclusion somewhat varying from that at which you seem to have arrived. There are many lyrics written for special lodges, of which the general body of the fraternity know little. Here is one worthy of being widely known through the means of your publication. It was written and printed with initials attached, but it is now well-known that its author is Bro. Francis Bennoch, P.M. of Grand Master's Lodge, and V.P. of the Colonial Board.

It has been admirably set to music by Bro. Donald King, and deserves to be more widely-known than it is. The copy I enclose has been in my pocket-book for several years, and is somewhat dilapidated.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,
P.M. OF NO. 1.

OUR SONG.

[Written for the Lodge of St. John Thornhill, Dumfriesshire; and now, having been revised and popularised, is dedicated to the W.M. and Brethren of Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, by one of themselves.]

What is that I hear?
Gently, faintly knocking?
Some one claims our cheer:
Hark! the echo mocking.
Masons all are kin;
Joyous we're together:
Bring the stranger in—
And greet him like a Brother.
Clink your glasses, clink;
Set their lips a-ringing.
Clink your glasses, clink—
All in chorus singing,
Hurrah, hurrah, hurrah!
What men may do, we dare, man;
Our guide, our life, our law,
The compass, book, and square, man.

Just, upright, we stand—
All that's false rejecting:
Loyal heart and hand—
All that's good protecting.
Knowledge keeps us free;
Truth defends from danger.
Brethren! pledged are we
To help the needy stranger.
Clink your glasses, clink;
Set their lips a-ringing.
Clink your glasses, clink—
All in chorus singing,
Hurrah, hurrah, hurrah!
The needy are our care man;
Our guide, our life, our law,
The compass, book, and square, man.

When our work is o'er,
Sweet is rest from labour;
Still there's work in store—
Work to help a neighbour—
Work to heal the smart
Of bitter grief and sorrow;
Cheer a Brother's heart,
And make him glad to-morrow—
Clink your glasses, clink;
Set their lips a-ringing.
Clink your glasses, clink—
All in chorus singing,

Hurrah, hurrah, hurrah!
To help a friend, prepare, man;
Our guide, our life, our law,
The compass, book, and square, man.

Fill again! and toast,
Joy of every true man,
What we love the most—
Woman—Sister! Woman!
Rosy, ripe, and rare,
Lips with honey laden;
All that's good and fair,
Whether Wife or Maiden.

Clink your glasses, clink;
Set their lips a-ringing.
Clink your glasses, clink—
All in chorus singing,
Hurrah, hurrah, hurrah!
Our hearts with them we share, man,
In honour, love, and law,
By compass, book, and square, man.

Brothers! when we part,
Still remember duty:
Faithful hand and heart,
True to love and beauty.
On the square we stand—
All that's bright before us—
Joyous! hand in hand—
And heaven smiling o'er us.

Clink your glasses, clink;
Set their lips a-ringing.
Clink your glasses, clink—
All in chorus singing,
Hurrah, hurrah, hurrah!
Fraternity we swear man;
Our guide, our life, our law,
The compass, book, and square, man.

April 8th, 1865. F.B.

DIVISION OF THE PROVINCE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

SIR AND BROTHER,—

In last Saturday's *Freemason* I find a letter, signed by "A Secretary of a West Lancashire Lodge," upon the above subject. Permit me in reply to say, that any attempt on the part of the West Lancashire Brethren to attain this object will, I am sure, be met by the strong opposition of East Lancashire. For two reasons: first, any movement of this description must include a re-arrangement of the boundaries of the two Divisions; and second, that the G.M.'s and P.G.M.'s will not be consenting parties to any such division, but might in all probability be so if steps were taken to divide the County Palatine into three provinces, as by numbers, wealth, and quantity of lodges, it is fairly entitled.

Yours most faithfully,
P.M., P.P.G. OFFICER, E. Lan.
Manchester, 11th March.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

DEAR SIR, AND BROTHER,—

In your impression of the 9th inst. appears a letter signed "A Secretary of a West Lancashire Lodge," which states that Lodge 1256 is in East Lancashire. Such is not the case, the lodge is in the Province of West Lancashire. I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Let me also correct a "A Secretary of a West Lancashire Lodge" by stating that No. 1256, Poulton-le-Fylde, is not in East Lancashire.

Yours Fraternally,
RALPH LANDLESS, W.M.
Fidelity Lodge 1256,
Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.

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Masonic Tidings.

BRITISH, FOREIGN, AND COLONIAL.

THE ST. HUGH LODGE (No. 1386), will be constituted and dedicated on Wednesday, 20th, at the Masonic Hall, Grantham St., Lincoln, by R.W. Bro. W. H. Smyth, D.Prov.G. Master.

NEW MASONIC HALL AT LEEDS.—The members of Fidelity Lodge (No. 289), having for some time past been desirous to have a Hall of their own, raised a fund for the purpose of erecting a suitable place in which to hold their meetings, and on Thursday, the 22nd ult., the foundation stone of the intended building was laid. A lodge of emergency was summoned for 4, p.m., and opened in the first degree and adjourned. The brethren then proceeded to the site; after a short prayer, the Treasurer deposited in the cavity prepared in the stone a bottle containing a roll of the members of the lodge, the newspapers of the day, tracings of the intended structure, and some coins of the present reign. The top stone was then lowered into its place, and the usual form gone through. The W. M. then declared the stone duly and truly laid in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe. The proceedings were conducted privately, none being present but the members of the lodge. The architect to whom the work is entrusted is Bro. W. Bakewell, and the builder Mr. T. Whiteley. The style of the building is of the simplest character. In the evening the brethren dined together in commemoration of the occasion, when a very enjoyable time was spent. Bro. Spark, Mus. Doc., favoured the brethren with a selection of music from his new work, the "Freemasons' Liber Musicus."

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.—The recent recognitions by West Virginia and Alabama are likely to be followed at an early day by other Grand Lodges, so that ere long the Grand Lodge of Quebec will be in fraternal relations with all regular Grand Lodges in the world.

The Grand Lodge of Louisiana has also just extended fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The Grand Orient of the Empire of Brazil, South America, has extended fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and has requested an interchange of Grand Representatives.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec has also recently established fraternal communication with the Grand Orient of Belgium.

The Garrison Lodge of the city of Quebec, No. 260, Registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada, has transferred its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec, at an expense of five hundred dollars, has just had executed a beautifully engraved steel plate for printing on parchment the Grand Lodge Certificates, which are now being distributed to all its members.

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C.T.—The law upon the subject is clear. "No Companion of any subordinate Chapter shall be eligible to be elected to either of the principal chairs, who is not at the time of such election the actual Master, or Past Master of a Craft Lodge." The election to which you refer is consequently invalid.

The following Articles and communications stand over:—"Aids to Study," by Bro. William Carpenter; "Freemasonry and Israelitism," by W. E. N., 766; Reports of General Grand Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine; Europa Chapter Rose Croix; Lodges 37, 271, 279, 949, 1275, and 1298.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The 74th annual festival of this institution was held on Wednesday evening, at the Freemasons' Tavern, when the Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, took the chair. The interest taken in the Institution by the Craft seemed in no way to have diminished, for the Chairman was supported by a great gathering of the members of Ancient Fraternity, while an assemblage of ladies, not inferior in number to those who have taken part in former demonstrations on behalf of this charity, assisted in the festivities of the evening.

Among the company we noticed, Bros. Augustus Smith, Prov. G.M. of Cornwall; Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. of Middlesex; Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past G. Chap.; W. E. Gumbleton, Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.C.; R. J. Spiers, P.G.S.B.; H. Bridges, John Boyd, G.P.; Peter Matthews, F. Ledger (*Ero*), W. Winn, Edward Cox, Vernon, Algernon Perkins, P.G.D.; E. Snell, P.G.D.; John Hervey, G.S.; Benj. Head, P.G.D.; H. Browse, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, G.D.; F. A. Philbrick, W.M. 18; S. G. Furrion, Head Master; Richd. Spencer

P.G. Steward; Geo. Myers, C. Watson, P.M. 11; Collard Moutrie, P.M. 11; Benj. Mallam, S. May, W. B. Rogers, S. Rosenthal, H. C. Levander, Charles Coote, Frank Elmore, W. H. Brown, No. 11; James Geams, No. 11; and Pilling (Stafford.)

At the conclusion, of the banquet grace, "For these and all thy mercies," was beautifully sung, and the toasts of the evening were proposed. In giving the first toast, "The health of Her Majesty the Queen"

The Chairman, who on rising was received with vociferous applause, said—Ladies and brethren, it has often been my lot on public occasions to offer to the company assembled the first toast which is on my list this evening, and on those occasions I always felt great embarrassment, as a humble subject of Her Majesty, in finding sufficient words to express the feelings of loyalty that characterise all classes of her subjects. And if on ordinary occasions I have felt that embarrassment, I assure you, ladies and brethren that it is with very great difficulty that I presume to address you in fervent and hearty—but I fear not in eloquent—words the health of our gracious Sovereign the Queen. We do not at this moment require evidence to show how deeply she reigns in the affections of her people. We do not require any apology from chairmen in their public capacities to speak of her merit, because, thank God, now particularly, every individual in the nation knows how great Her Majesty's merits are. Whether as a Sovereign, or whether as a mother, we revere and adore her. And I should say that we as Masons gloried in the opportunity of joining with the great British public in that Grand Thanksgiving Day, on the recovery of her illustrious son, our brother, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. For my part, I am thankful that I was permitted to see such a sight, not that it was, as it might have been, a glorious pageant, but that it was a glorious gathering of the Crown and the humblest subjects, uniting together to thank the Almighty for the great blessing that have been vouchsafed to the country. The peers might have gone in their robes to St. Paul's, the military might have gone in great parade; but the greatness of the sight, to my mind, was that the humblest could vie with the highest in doing honour to Her Majesty, and thanking the Almighty from their heart. I had an opportunity, which I dare say many of you had, of moving among the immense crowds on that evening to see the illuminations, and it is a remarkable fact I think, and attracted the attention of illustrious foreigners, how the English people, can keep themselves, on a great occasion in perfect order. It was a magnificent sight to see how well they conducted themselves, rich and poor alike, in perfect order. It was as if everything tended to make the human heart beat with joy that he was a British subject. Ladies and brethren, I should do wrong if I were to detain you further, your hearts will supply any deficiency there may be in words coupled with such a toast, but I give you, from the bottom of my heart, "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen."

The toast was drunk enthusiastically, and was followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

The Chairman: Ladies and brethren, the next

toast on our list is "The health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon." (Cheers.) I need not say that, as a Mason, I am proud to offer you the health of his Lordship, and I am proud, as an individual friend of his, that I can add my personal testimony to his great merits. It is one of the great pleasures of English life that those who have occasion to differ on some points, can yet agree on others, and one of the most beautiful things to me in Masonry is, that it avoids all political connections, and that, as in social life, we do not allow our politics to interfere with our friendship, so in Masonry, we make it a golden rule. I am proud to think that we are presided over by a nobleman whom we delight in as a British subject, and who as a senator, and as a public man, always takes his part readily, honourably, and creditably to himself. It would be impertinent for me, as a Mason, to eulogise the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, for you, brethren, know his worth a great deal better than I do. Happy it was for me, the first time I ever attended Grand Lodge, that I had the advantage to hear from the lips of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master the speech he made to us when he proposed to us that we should vote an address of congratulation to Brother, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on his recovery. Brethren, that language came from the noble Marquis's heart; it came from the heart of a true Englishman; and we were all proud to have our feelings so amply, and so fully represented by the Grand Master on that occasion. Without further preface I give you "The Health of the Most Noble the Marquis of Ripon, our Most Worshipful Grand Master."

The toast was drunk with great warmth, and was succeeded by Mdle. Liebhart giving her favourite song "Little bird, so sweetly singing."

The Chairman: Ladies and Brethren, if I felt a difficulty in offering you the toast of the health of Her Majesty, I am afraid I am labouring under the same difficulty in offering you the toast of "The Health of Brother, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the Earl of Zetland, Past Grand Masters of England." The difficulty rests with me because it is almost impossible to find words to express the feelings of the nation, and of Masons in particular, on the recovery of H.R.H. from his recent illness. It is a subject which, I may almost venture to say for a moment, is so sacred that it is very difficult to touch upon, because it affects the nearest points of our hearts; and if you will kindly turn with me in your recollection and think of that painful day when the officer where the telegrams were exhibited were watched with such intense anxiety that you could almost hear the people's hearts beat in the crowd, when you felt that the pulse of the nation, as it were, throbbed in one bosom collectively, hoping against hope, praying most fervently that the Almighty should restore our brother to us—I say when one thinks of that moment and thinks of this moment, how joyous the present moment is, how sad that moment was, how grateful brethren, we ought to be that that precious life has been preserved to us, and may I say, as Masons, that such a blessing has been vouchsafed to us. May it induce us to remember our duties as Masons, may we thank the Almighty for that

blessing which has been vouchsafed to us; may it induce us to exert ourselves as Masons according to our ability. I have also to couple with this toast "The Health of the Past Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland," although I was not under him except as a free and entered apprentice, yet I believe that that nobleman worthily filled the high office of Grand Master with great credit to himself and with profit to Masonry; and I have reason to believe that his Lordship took a special interest in the Institution whose claims we are met to day to advocate, and whose anniversary we celebrate. I am told, and I believe it, that from the character Lord Zetland bears, though he is not able to go through the fatigues of the office of Grand Master, his heart is as strong in Masonry as ever and that he takes great interest in all Masonic gatherings, and is always glad to hear of the prosperity of this school. (Cheers.)

This toast was also enthusiastically received.

The Chairman—Ladies and Brethren, the next toast on our list is one that I consider a very important one; it is a collective one and a comprehensive one. First of all it is "The health of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W.D.G.M., the Provincial Grand Masters, and Present and Past Grand Officers." Every one who has held office in Masonry knows what a very great advantage it is to have a good deputy; and I am sure the Most Worshipful Grand Master would agree with me, if he heard me, in saying that he is worthily represented in his absence by the the Right Worshipful Brother the Earl of Carnarvon. He also has his heart in Masonry. To him and to the noble Marquis I am officially indebted, for it was at their instance I hold the position I do in my own province as Provincial Grand Master. Therefore I give you this toast with peculiarly warm feelings. I have also an additional pleasure in offering this toast to your notice, because I am about to couple with it, to return thanks, the name of Bro. Augustus Smith, Prov. G.M. of Cornwall (Applause.) I have not met Bro. Smith for some time, in fact, I think that the last time I had the pleasure of seeing him was in the arena of politics. There we knew each other, and to-day I was glad to find that Bro. Smith came here to support this charity. I was glad also to find, which I did not know before, that he was a Mason. As one goes through life, one turns round a corner and finds a pleasant recollection of former days; and having in the House of Commons, in former times frequently met him, it was most agreeable to me to see him who has sat opposite to me for years in politics, in cordial co-operation with me in the work of charity. It is a great pleasure to me that we are associated together in such a work, and I trust we always shall be. There are brethren here whom it would be impertinent in me to compare myself with; they are in high favour with you, and I hope that I, who am but a mushroom Mason, may emulate their conduct in fulfilling my duties in that high position which I am honoured by being placed in, over the Province of Staffordshire. I have used the language of eulogy towards Her Majesty and the Prince of Wales, and I have spoken as I felt regard to Bro. Smith. I did not think it would be becoming in me, as a Mason, to eulogise brethren who are unknown to me; but for his kind support on the

present occasion I am very grateful, and hope ere long to continue an acquaintance which has begun so agreeably with me this evening.

The toast having been honoured.

Bro. Augustus Smith, Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall said:—Right Worshipful Brother and Brethren all, I have been very unexpectedly and unworthily called upon to return thanks for the honour you have done the Deputy Grand Master of England. I think there are other brethren, looking to the number I have to represent, who stand on my right and left, who are far more fitted to return the compliment that you have paid to us. This I can say for myself, as one of the Provincial Grand Masters of England that nothing assists us so much as considering that we have the Marquis of Ripon as our Grand Master, and such a Deputy as his representative, the Earl of Carnarvon. We may consider ourselves, as it were, as planets revolving round that sun, and that moon in the Masonic world; and, as reflecting their light, it is our endeavour, in our several provinces, to do our duty as far as we can. I congratulate you, Worshipful Brother, on presiding this evening on behalf of this flourishing Institution. It is one in which I have myself taken great interest, as one who wishes well to education. The question of education is now ripe throughout the land, and it is a proud consideration that more than seventy years ago, when that question was not so popular as it is now, Masons set such an example as the foundation of this Institution. (Hear, hear). Of this I am convinced, that the difficulties that attend that great question, practically, to work it through the kingdom, the more it is conducted upon those general Masonic principles the more sure are we to secure its prosperity. Returning you, on behalf of my worthy colleagues, and of the noble Lord, whose health you have drunk, our thanks, I beg to assure you we feel highly honoured by your notice. (Cheers.)

Bro. Frank Elmore here sang "The death of Nelson," in splendid style, and was loudly applauded.

Bro. Vernon, Past Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, then rose and said:—Ladies and brethren, I have not the slightest doubt there are many brethren present who would wish to have the honour of proposing the toast I have the pleasure to place before you. I, so far, am sorry that it has not been put into more efficient hands; but be assured there is no man in this assembly, no brother more anxious to do it credit than I am myself (hear, hear), for personal and provincials reasons, which I shall mention hereafter. First, I think it is my duty to bring before you, "The health of our Right Hon. and Right Worshipful Brother who presides on the present occasion, (hear, hear.) Our brother calls himself a mushroom Mason. Of a goodly growth indeed! (hear, hear), for from the first he had taken great interest in everything which could promote, advance and benefit Freemasonry; and I think on the present occasion, in supporting as he does one of our noble and excellent Masonic charities, he shows what he means, (hear, hear). I am proud to see him at the the head of this meeting. We must tender him our thanks, coming as he does from a considerable distance, at great personal

inconvenience, I know, to attend this meeting. He has taken up the right line, brethren, and be assured he will stick to it. I have not the slightest doubt that his presence has very much influenced the large and important assemblage which we have this evening, and I am very certain that when our Bro. Binckes makes up his accounts at the end of this day's work, he will find that he has a great deal to the good. As I have said, I am quite certain his heart was perfect in all minute points as well as in the great points of Freemasonry, and that he will always do what he can to advance the interests of the Order. (Hear, hear.) Now as to the personal points which I mentioned. I think the reason why the honour was conferred on me of proposing the health of our Right Worshipful Brother in the Chair, was that I had the honour of installing him as Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, a province which, before him, I ruled over for some years, and I trust without any ill effect; but I venture to promise that the Right Worshipful the Grand Master for Staffordshire will have indeed a most favourable and excellent time of it. He has started well, as he said himself. He owns he was not very far up in the active work of Freemasonry; he took to it immediately with a will and energy which could only be surpassed in his efficiency. He has shown himself in every way anxious to promote the interests of the Craft, and he has begun his rule in that charming manner not only, you know all, brethren, that it must be with firmness and command, but with that suavity and good humour and sweetness which are inherent in him; he cannot help it. He has won the hearts of all. He has now before him a most prosperous reign; and without extending my observations further, I am sure you will understand what I have said with perhaps very little eloquence, but from my heart in English. I beg you will rise and drink with hearty cheers "The health of our Right Worshipful and Hon. President on the present occasion," not only wishing him a happy career in Masonry—for, believe me, the longer his career is, the more fortunate it will be for Freemasonry, from his own good heart—but I think I may without varying very much from the rules of our meeting, I may say "All health and happiness to him and his." (Cheers.)

[The report will be concluded in our next].

THE SRI-PADA.—Perusal of the following paragraph in Sir James E. Tennent's work on Ceylon produced Masonic ideas, and I thought of your column of "notes." "At the present day, the Buddhists are the guardians of the Sri-pada, but around the object of common adoration the devotees of all races, not in furious contention, like the Latins and Greeks at the Holy Sepulchre, in Jerusalem, but in pious appreciation of the one solitary object on which they can unite in peaceful worship." I may add that the "Sri-pada is the sacred foot-mark of Buddha, or, according to Mahometan tradition, the foot-mark of the first man, on the summit of Adam's Peak, in Ceylon, 7420 feet above sea level.

J. F. C., P.M. 957.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

EUPHRATES LODGE (No. 212).—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge took place on Wednesday, 28th ult., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, and was of more than usual interest from the fact that the W.M., Bro Wm. Field, worked, for the first time since his installation in January last, the various ceremonies. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Malet, Bazeley, and Gordon were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and Bros. Pfahl, Mendelsohn, Bromley, and Blackett were passed to the second degree. The ballot was taken for Mr. W. Howe, and proved unanimous in his favour. Mr. Howe being present, was initiated, as were also Messrs Lovelock and Seal. The W.M. conducted all the business of the evening in a most able and lucid manner, to the great edification of the large number of brethren and visitors present. Bro. J. C. Frank, the Immediate Past Master, was invested with the jewel of a P.M. of the Euphrates Lodge, and thanked the brethren in appropriate terms for this mark of their favour. The lodge was closed in due form, and refreshment followed labour.

LODGE OF ASAPH (No. 1319).—This lodge, comprised entirely of members of the musical and dramatic professions, held its regular monthly meeting at the Freemason's Hall, W.C., on the 4th inst. Present, Bros. E. Stanton Jones, P.M., I.P.M.; C. Coote, P.M., W.M.; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M., S.W.; J. Weaver, P.M., Prov. G. O. Mid., J.W.; George W. Martin, P.M.; Robert W. Little, P.M., Sect; Charles Coote, Jun., Treas.; Edward Frewin, S.D.; Charles S. Jekyll, J.D.; W. H. Stephens, D.C.; William A. Timney, I.G.; Henry J. Timney, Org.; Thomas Edgar, W. F. Cremer, Stwd.; Joseph Perry, George Horton, Henry Snyder, Julian Egerton, John Strachan, Leopold Silberberg, Joseph Horton, John Read, P.M.; Edward Swanborough, O. Svendsen, F. Amor, J. Hodges, and Ambrose Austin. The Visitors were Bros. Cobby, No. 134, and Mackintosh, No. 4. The business consisted in balloting for and initiating Messrs. H. Lazarus and G. R. Egerton, and Bros. Amor and Hodges were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Messrs. James Romberg Poulter, William Cox, and Henry Croft, all professors of music, were proposed for initiation. The work (as usual in this lodge) was admirably performed by the W.M. and his officers. The lodge was then closed with solemn prayer.

DURHAM.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

On Tuesday, March 5th, a Provincial Grand Lodge, convened by the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. John Fawcett, was held in the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, Durham City, for the purpose of adopting addresses of congratulation to Her Majesty the Queen and to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on the recovery of the latter from illness. The following officers were present:—Right Worshipful Bros. J. Fawcett, Prov.G.M.; Wm. Stoker, P.Prov.S.G.W., as D.P.G.M.; G. S. Ransom, P.Prov.S.G.W., as P.S.G.W.; C. Rowlandson, P.J.G.W.; Rev. G. R. Bulman, as P.G. Chaplain; John Trotter, P.G.R.; Rev. J. Cundill, P.G.T.; Wm. H. Crookes, P.G. Sec.; R. E. Cook, P.G.S.D.; Wm. M. Watson, P.G.J.D.; Robert Hudson, P.G.D. of C.; Joseph Morrell, P.G.S. of W.; W. A. Malcolm, as P.G. Swd. Br.; J. Walker, P.G.O.; Robt. Dixon, P.G.P.; John Thompson, P.G.T.; Bros. Heffernan and Wells, Sec., P.G. Stewards. Several Past Provincial Grand Officers, also Masters and Brethren of the Province, were present.

The R. W. Prov. G.M., after the lodge had been opened, requested the Prov. Grand Secretary to read a letter he had received that morning from the Right Worshipful Brother Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart. M.P., Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

The Prov. Grand Secretary also announced that he had received a letter of excuse from Bro. Joseph Dodds, M.P., the Prov. Grand Senior Warden, who was detained in London by his Parliamentary duties.

The R. W. Provincial Grand Master in eloquent terms proposed the address to Her Majesty, which was seconded by Bro. Crookes, Prov. G. Secretary.

Bro. William Stoker, P.Prov.S.G.W., acting D.Prov.G.M., briefly seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

Bro. the Rev. J. Cundill, P.G.T., moved the adoption of an address to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, which was briefly seconded by Bro. John Poots, J.P. P.Prov.G.J.D., and carried by acclamation.

Bros. Walker, Lambert, Wortley, and Whitehead having sang the anthem, "Lord for Thy tender mercies' sake," the lodge was closed in the usual form.

The addresses were engrossed on vellum and illuminated by Mr. H. C. Camidge, law stationer and illuminator, Little Stonegate, York. The work was most tastefully and artistically executed, and it received the approbation of the Provincial Grand Master and all the officers and brethren present.

LANCASHIRE (EAST).

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

A special Provincial Grand Lodge was held in Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Thursday, the 29th ult., when there were present:—Bros. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.W., Prov. G.M.; W. Romaine Callender, jun., P.G.D., W. Dep. Prov. G.M.; John N. Wilkie, jun., G.D., P. Prov. G.W.; Thos. Goulburne Parker, Prov. S.G.W.; J. L. Hine, P. Prov. G.W.; Rev. H. H. Robinson, Prov. G. Chap.; Chas. Tiplady, P. Prov. G. Treas.; A. B. Creeke, Prov. G. Reg.; J. F. Tweedle, P. Prov. G. Reg.; Chas. Heywood, P. Prov. G. Reg.; John Tunnah, Prov. G. Sec.; Isaac W. Petty, Prov. J.G.D.; John Chadwick, P. Prov. G.D.; W. H. Prince, P. Prov. G.D.; Richd. Radcliffe, P. Prov. G.D.; Jno. Maclure, P. Prov. G.D.; Austin Shellard, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; C. M. Jones, P. Prov. G. Asst. Dir. of Cers.; Hy. Maiden, Prov. G.S.B.; T. H. Winder, Prov. G.P.; Wm. Roberts, P. Prov. G.P.; Uriah Nichols, P. Prov. G.P.; John Smith, P. Prov. G.P.; Wm. Dawson, Prov. G. Tyler; also Bros. Bennett, W.M. 44; Collinge, W.M. 54; Kelsey, W.M. 152; Wildgoose, W.M. 163; Holt, W.M. 215; Hollingsworth, W.M. 277; Haworth, W.M. 283; Sillitoe, W.M. 317; Ashworth, W.M. 367; Pochin, W.M. 815; Hardon, W.M. 1219; Brockbank and Newton, P.M.'s 37; J. G. Smith, P.M. 44; Entwisle and Green, P.M.'s 221; Wren, P.M. 367; Hutchinson, P.M. 381; Lesser, P.M. 852; Abbey, P.M. 993; and many other brethren.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form and with prayer, the Prov. Grand Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

On the proposition of Bro. W. Romaine Callender, jun., P.G.D., W. Dep. Prov. G.M., seconded by Bro. Richard Radcliffe, P. Prov. G.D., addresses of congratulation to Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on the recovery of His Royal Highness from his recent alarming illness, were unanimously agreed to, such addresses to be signed by the R.W. Prov. G.M., the W. Dep. Prov. G.M., and the Prov. G.S.

The addresses are as follows:—

"To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

"May it please Your Majesty,—We, the Freemasons of the Eastern Division of the County Palatine of Lancaster, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, beg leave humbly to offer to your Majesty our cordial congratulations upon the recovery of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, from his recent grievous and alarming illness; and, whilst entertaining the deepest sense of gratitude and thankfulness to the Almighty that He has been pleased mercifully to listen to the prayers and supplications of ourselves and of the nation at large on behalf of His Royal Highness, we continue our fervent prayers to Heaven for the complete restoration of His Royal Highness to a state of perfect health and

strength, and that he may long be spared to be an honour and ornament to our Order, and a blessing to the nation.

"We also entreat your Majesty graciously to accept the assurance of our sincere and profound devotion to your Royal Person and August Family, and of our earnest prayers that your benignant reign may be prolonged over a loyal, prosperous, and contented people.

"Freemasons' Hall, Manchester,
29th February, 1872."

"To His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales,
Most Worshipful Past Grand Master.

"May it please your Royal Highness,—We, the Freemasons of the Eastern Division of the County Palatine of Lancaster, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, desire to express our sentiments of the deepest sympathy with your Royal Highness, with regard to the grievous and alarming illness through which you have recently passed; and we further desire to offer to your Royal Highness our ardent and cordial congratulations upon your happy recovery from that severe and almost fatal ordeal, and whilst pervaded with the most profound sense of gratitude and thankfulness to the Almighty that He has graciously listened to our prayers and supplications on behalf of your Royal Highness, we anxiously continue our fervent entreaties to the Most High for the complete restoration of your Royal Highness to a perfect state of health and strength, and that you may long be spared to be an honour and ornament to our Order and a blessing to the nation, and to fulfil that high and noble destiny in this realm to which we believe your Royal Highness is ordained by a Divine and over-ruling Providence.

"Freemasons' Hall, Manchester,
29th February, 1872."

A code of Bye laws for the government of the province were considered and adopted, and the business being then concluded, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1061).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening the 4th March, at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. There were present the W.M., Bro. Wilson Barker; Bro. Dr. Moore, G.S.B. as I.P.M.; Bros. W. J. Sly, S.W.; E. A. Sall, L.L.D., J.W.; Jas. Taylor, S.D.; James Bolton, J.D.; Edward Airey, J.W. 281, as I.G.; R. Taylor, Tyler, W. Hall, P.M.; J. Z. Bradshaw. After the lodge had been opened and usual business transacted, the W.M. reported that he had, with the Secretary, duly forwarded an address of congratulation to the Queen and Prince of Wales on the convalescence of our Royal brother. Certain alterations in the bye-laws were resolved upon, and Bro. Moore gave the lecture upon the tracing-board of the second degree. There being no other business for consideration, at the direction of the W.M., the lodge was resolved into a lodge of instruction, under the preceptorship of Bro. Moore, G.S.B., and was afterwards closed in due form.

Royal Arch.

METROPOLITAN.

Rose of Denmark Chapter (No. 975).—This Chapter held its installation meeting on Saturday, 2nd inst., at the Star and Garter, Kew. The accounts having been audited, the Chapter was opened punctually at four. The minutes of the last convocation having been confirmed, and the Audit Report read, the Three Principals were installed in an admirable manner by Comps. Terry and Pendlebury, both P.Z.'s of this Chapter, who divided the honour of performing these beautiful ceremonies. The following is the list of officers for the ensuing year. Comp. Richard Tanner, Z.; Thomas Price, H.; William Tinkler, J. Wilton Dodd, Scribe, E.; A. H. Longhurst, S.N.; J. B. Poole, P. Soj.; Charles Braid, 1st Assist. Soj.; B. Shepherd, 2nd Assist. Soj.; H. G. Buss, P.Z., Treas.; Gilbert, Janitor. One proposition was received for exaltation at the next meeting. The sum of £5 5s. was voted to Comp. Powell, the retiring M.E.Z., to place on his list for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in May next. The

companions then adjourned, and partook of one of Comp. Banks' best dinners; after enjoying which, and paying due honor to the usual loyal Masonic toasts, they were warned that trains do not wait for masons, more than other of Her Majesty's subjects, and they brought their meeting to a termination. We must not omit to mention that the outgoing Z., Comp. Powell, was presented with a P.Z. jewel, and we hope that he may live many years to wear it. Amongst the companions present we noticed Comp. J. Newton, E. Collins, G. Everett, Geo. Banks, Jesse Owens, Dr. J. E. Carpenter, Lieut. A. S. Dunbar, Charles Roberts, and T. H. P. Hartley. Visitor Comp. Ferguson, W.M. of the Domestic Lodge, 177, Assist. Soj. Victoria Chapter, 1056, he being the only one present, was welcomed right heartily.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

LEICESTER.—*Chapter of Fortitude (No. 279).*—The regular bi-monthly convocation was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 1st inst. Present:—Comps. W. Kelly, P.G. Supt.; G. Hodges, Z.; G. Toller, jun., H.; W. Weare, P.Z. as J.; C. Stretton, S.E.; S. S. Partridge, S.N.; Dr. Haycroft, F. Baines, W. Sculthorpe, R. A. Barber, T. White, and others. The Chapter having been opened and the minutes of the previous convocation confirmed, the election of Officers for the ensuing year took place and resulted as follows:—Comps. G. Toller, jun., Z.; C. Stretton, H.; E. J. Crow, J.; S. S. Partridge, S.E.; W. Sculthorpe, S.N.; Dr. Haycroft, P. Soj. The Treasurer, Comp. Kelly, was re-elected, with thanks for his past services. Comp. Rev. G. J. Smith, J., sent a letter resigning his membership owing to inability to attend the meetings. There were six candidates on the summons for exaltation, but from various causes none of them were in attendance. The P.G. Supt. announced his intention of calling a meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter, which has now been in abeyance for some years, and it was arranged that the meeting should be held in April at the installation meeting of this Chapter, and that a Chapter of Emergency should be previously called for the purpose of exalting those candidates who were already proposed. The Chapter was then closed in solemn form. From the Treasurer's accounts, which had just been audited, it appears that the Chapter stands well financially, having a balance in hand of upwards of £40, there being at present more than 70 subscribing members.

Mark Masonry.

CUMBERLAND.

CARLISLE.—*Cumberland Lodge (No. 60).* The regular quarterly meeting of the above lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle, on Thursday the 22nd inst. The chair of Adoniram was occupied by Bro. James Porter, W.M., supported by Bros. G. G. Hayward, P.M.; J. A. Wheatley, M.O.; R. Pratchitt, S.W.; Wm. Court, J.W.; T. Blacklock, S.O.; Fred. Hayward, P.M., J.O.; and others. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the W.M. said it was his pleasing duty to nominate his successor in the chair, and he had great pleasure in proposing Bro. Edward Busher, P.S.W., P.G.S.B. of England, and Prov.G.Sec., for that office. The motion having been seconded, the ballot was taken, and proved unanimous in his favour. Bro. Fred. Hayward, P.M., was again unanimously elected Treasurer. The brethren next voted the sum of two guineas towards the testimonial to be given to the M.W.G.M., Bro. Portal, on his retirement in May next. The names of eight distinguished Craft Masons having been proposed for advancement, including the D.Prov.G.M., Prov.G.S.W., P.Prov.G.C., at the next meeting in May, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer, according to ancient custom, at 9 p.m.

GIBRALTAR.

MARK LODGE (No. 43.)—A numerous meeting of the supporters of this lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, Gibraltar, on the evening of the 2nd inst. The business was first to advance to the honourable degree, Bros. Borlace, Michie, and Bro. Chevalier Marinucci. This was done in

an effective manner by the W.M. On the completion of the ceremony, the W.M. rose and stated that it was a cause of considerable regret that a serious illness prevented the attendance that evening of Bro. W. Weir, one of the oldest and most respected Freemasons in the Rock of Gibraltar. There existed hardly one lodge, or Masonic Institution in Gibraltar, which had not at one time or other reaped the benefit of Bro. Weir's ever open purse and generous hand, and this lodge in particular, had good reason to appreciate his warm-hearted character. In recognition of Bro. Weir's truly fraternal conduct and warm support of Masonry generally, the Lodge had voted him a testimonial; this had taken the form of a handsome silver goblet, with an appropriate inscription, and which, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Weir, would now be presented by proxy to Bro. Henry, a worthy representative of a most worthy uncle. Bro. Henry having been marshalled to the pedestal by the Deacons, received the goblet, and returned thanks for Bro. Weir in a few very feeling and appropriate remarks. The cash accounts of the lodge were then read and placed before the lodge, and we noticed, with great satisfaction, that the financial condition of the lodge shows a very marked improvement on last year, and the lodge may be most heartily congratulated on the way in which its resources have been husbanded and applied during the last twelve months. Immediately this portion of the business of the evening was concluded, the W.M. announced that the election of the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the coming year would now take place. After the voting papers had been collected and examined, it was found that the present W.M., Bro. Balfour Cockburn had been unanimously re-elected, and the present Treasurer, Bro. Trenerry, had secured a very overwhelming majority. Bro. Balfour Cockburn thanked the Brethren for the high compliment they had paid him in re-electing him, and trusted that the ensuing year would prove as happy and as successful as the last. In conclusion he spoke in high terms of the assistance and support he had ever received from all the officers of the lodge, and the harmonious way in which all had worked together. The lodge was then closed in due form.

Knights Templar,

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

NEWPORT.—GWENT ENCAMPMENT.

On Friday, the 10th ult., there was held a Grand Encampment the Royal, Exalted, Religious, and Military Order of Masonic Knights Templar, Hospitaliers of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, in England and Wales, and the Colonial Dependencies of the British Crown, under the command of Sir Knight William Stuart, Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master.

The following Sir Knights were present:—Major Shadwell Clerke, V.E.C., West Indies; Col. Charles Lyne, E.C.; H. M. Kennard, First Capt.; Henry Hellyer, Second Capt.; Samuel Fox, Prelate; W. Pickford, Recorder and Treas.; S. G. Homfray, Expert; Williams Watkins, Almoner; Capt. J. A. Pearson, Capt. of Lines; L. A. Homfray and W. H. W. Homfray, Stand Bearers; George Rothergill, Organist; D. Williams and W. Randall, Heralds; W. Williams and W. Attal; A.D.C.'s; H. Fletcher, Equery; D. Williams, W. H. Tucker, H. Scott, R. S. Roper, H. J. Gratte, R. J. Chambers, Charles Homfray, Charles Ingram and H. J. Groves.

The principal business consisted in the installation of the following brethren, viz., John Griffiths, Alfred Taylor, H. T. Davies and James Cheese. The lodge was decorated in the peculiar style of the Order, presenting a scene of great beauty. The proceedings, under the direction of the V.E.C. Clerke, ably assisted by his officers, were very imposing.

The Encampment having been closed in due form, a Grand Priory of the Knights of St. John of Malta was opened. Brother Colonel Lyne appointed First Grand Prior, and the following Knights were installed as Knights of Rhodes, Cyprus, and Malta: S. G. Homfray, L. A.

Homfray, C. Homfray, W. H. Wickey Homfray, R. S. Roper, A. Taylor, H. J. Groves, H. Fletcher, H. T. Davies, Rev. S. Fox, Tucker, Griffiths, &c., &c.

The Sir Knights and other brethren, the same evening, dined together at the King's Head Hotel. The V.E.C., Lieut.-Col. Lyne, presided. The most interesting portion of the proceedings at the banquet was a presentation made to Sir Knight Major Shadwell Clerke, of an embroidered collar, with the gold Teuton Cross of the 32°. The inscription on the jewel was as follows:—"Presented to Brother Major S. H. Clerke, Prov. Grand Com. of Knight Templars, P.M., and P.G.S.W., Devon, by his brethren, for the great assistance rendered by him in forming the Ivor Hael Rose Croix Chapter, and Gwent Encampment, at Newport, Monmouthshire, in November, 1871."

The Presiding Sir Knight made the presentation in very suitable terms, acknowledging with high compliment the valuable services rendered by Bro. Major Shadwell Clerke in the Knight Templar and Rose Croix degrees. He begged his acceptance of the collar and jewel as a token of their esteem, and a sincere expression of their gratitude. He spoke not only as a Templar and a member of the Rose Croix, but as the Prov.G.M. of the Province.

The worthy Sir Knight was invested with the collar and jewel amidst the acclamation of his Masonic confreeres.

Sir Knight Major Clerke returned thanks. He felt at a loss to express his acknowledgments for their really magnificent presentation,—a presentation which he prized, not so much for its intrinsic value as a handsome Masonic ornament, as for the good feeling and great kindness which it evinced, and which would be present to his mind—ever impressed upon his heart. (hear, hear.) As long as he lived he would cherish a pleasing recollection of his sojourn at Newport, for although it was scarcely a year ago when his regiment came here, utter strangers as they were to the place, they had met with genuine hospitality, the most cordial and kindly greeting, and, he would add, on his own behalf especially, that disinterested and general friendship which was characteristic of a grand and glorious order. (Applause.) An enthusiastic Mason himself, he felt it an honour to give his humble services for its advance at Newport, and their approval was amply compensation for anything that he could possibly have rendered.

Sir Knight L. A. Homfray gave the health of "Sir Knight Colonel Lyne, P.G.M. of the Province," with an emphatic application of the axiom, "The right man in the right place," the first Eminent Commander of the Gwent Encampment of Knights Templar.

The V.E.C. returned thanks, and referred to his reminiscences of Masonry at Malta, where Bro. Major Clarke, he knew, had received the order of Knighthood. He concluded an interesting speech by giving the health of Sir Knight Scott, as a visitor from Bristol, who returned thanks.

By Sir Knight L. A. Homfray, "The Officers," coupled with the health of Sir Knight H. Martyn Kennard.

Sir Kt. Kennard appropriately returned thanks. By Sir Knight Major S. Clerke, "The health of Samuel George Homfray, first M.W. S. of the Ivor Hael Chapter Rose Croix.

The toast was duly acknowledged by the M.W.S., and others were given and responded to; music added its charms to the harmony which prevailed, Sir Knight H. J. Groves presiding at the pianoforte.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

GIBRALTAR.

EUROPA CHAPTER ROSE CROIX.—A convocation of the Europa Chapter, Rose Croix of H.R.D.M., was held at the Masonic Hall, Gibraltar, on Monday the 12th inst., for the purpose of conferring the degree on Bro. the Chevalier Malinucci and Bro. Wallace, also of electing the M.W.S. for the ensuing year. Nearly all the Princes at present at the station attended, and the candidates were admitted into the order by the M.W.S., Illustrious Bro. Price, in his usual

careful manner. Immediately after, the election commenced, which resulted in the unanimous selection of Illustrious Bro. Balfour Cockburn for the post of Most Wise Sovereign. The ceremony of installation was at once commenced, and given in first rate style by the retiring M.W.S. The M.W.S. nominated the following as his officers, Illustrious Bro. Dantez, Prelate; Ill. Bro. Henry, 1st General; Ill. Bro. Williamson, 2nd General; Ill. Bro. Ellison, Grand Marshal; Ill. Bro. Carven, Captain of the Guard.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

LEICESTER.—*Byzantine Conclave* (No. 44).—A regular meeting was held on the 23rd February, Present the Ill. Sir Knight W. Kelly, Intendt. Gen. for Leicestershire and Rutland; the V. Em. Sir Kt. G. Toller, junr., K.G.C., as V.E.; the V. Em. Sir Kt. the Rev. Nathaniel Hayeroft, K.G.C., H.P., Sir Knights Sculthorpe, Treasurer; Partridge, Recorder; Duncombe, Standard Bearer; Baines, Prefect; the Right Honourable the Earl Ferrers, C. Stretton, W. Weare, J. Hunt, S. Shuttlewood, S. Jacob, and others. The Conclave having been opened, the first business was to confer the Grade of Viceroy and Sovereign, on Sir Knight Rt. Hon. the Earl Ferrers, who had been appointed a member of the Grand Senate, with the rank of Grand Herald. Accordingly a College of Viceroys, and afterwards a Senate, of Sovereigns, was opened and those grades duly conferred, the former ceremony being performed by Sir Kt. Toller as M.P.S., Sir Kt. Kelly as V.E., and Sir Kt. Hayeroft as H.P.; and the latter by Sir Kt. Kelly as M.P.S., assisted by Sir Kt. Toller as V.E. The minutes of the last regular meeting of the Conclave having been read and approved, and the ballot taken for a candidate, Bro. S. Jacob, of Lodge Fidelity, No. 445, Towcester, was duly installed as a Knight Companion of the order, by the M.P.S., assisted by Sir Kt. Toller, who gave the traditional history, and Sir Kt. Hayeroft, who delivered the charge. The ballot was then taken for the Sovereign, Viceroy, and Treasurer for the ensuing year, which resulted in the unanimous election of Sir Kt. Toller, as M.P.S., Sir Kt. Hayeroft, as V.E., and Sir Kt. Sculthorpe as Treasurer, and those Sir Knights severally expressed their thanks for the honour conferred on them. A resolution altering the times of meeting, and increasing the annual subscription, having been passed, and the other business on the summons transacted, the Conclave was closed and the Sir Knights adjourned to the refectory.

Scotland.

EAST LOTHIAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

On Monday, the 12th ult., Provincial Grand Master Hope, of Luffness, held his first Provincial Grand Lodge for the district within the lodge-room of the St. John's Kilwinning (No. 75), Haddington. The occasion was marked by unusual masonic form and ceremonial, deputations from all the lodges in the district attending, and the business proceedings of the day being followed by a banquet, given by the brethren to the Provincial Grand Master, by way of welcoming him on entering upon his high and important duties, and also as a return for his munificent hospitality on the occasion of his installation to office in May last.

The Provincial Grand Lodge met at one o'clock, and was opened in ample form by the Grand Master. The brethren were in full masonic costume, and as a large number present were Masons of high rank in their respective lodges, and in full regalia, the effect of the gathering in the elegantly fitted up lodge-room of the St. John's Kilwinning was exceedingly brilliant and picturesque.

The lodges represented on the occasion were, the St. John's Kilwinning, Haddington; Dunbar Castle, Dunbar; St. Baldred's, North Berwick; St. Abb's, Eyemouth; Journeyman, No. 8,

Edinburgh; Canongate and Leith, No. 5; and St. Clair, No. 349, Edinburgh.

The Grand Master was supported in the duties of the day by the following office-bearers:—Bros. Rev. J. H. Tait, Prov. G. Chap.; H. M. Davidson, Prov. G. Sec.; Rev. T. N. Wannop, Prov. Dep. G.M.; John Richardson, Acting Sub. Prov. G.M.; John Ferme, Acting Prov. G. Treas.; Gibson, Prov. G.S.W.; Knox, Prov. J.G.W.; Anderson, Prov. G.S.D.; M'Gregor, Prov. G.J.D.; Adam Burgess, Prov. G.I.G.; Mason, Robertson, Wright, and Craig, Prov. G. Stewards.

The lodge having been duly constituted.

The Prov. Grand Secretary read the Provincial Grand Master's commission from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, investing him with full Masonic jurisdiction over the district lodges of East Lothian—including St. John's Kilwinning, St. Baldred's, Dunbar Castle, and St. Abb's—and conferring upon him all the privileges and powers appertaining to the high office.

The Provincial Grand Master then nominated his full complement of office-bearers—the installation of the new appointments being postponed until the next meeting of the lodge.

By command of the R.W. the Prov. G.M., the Secretary read a communication from Grand Master the Earl of Rosslyn, directing attention to a scheme recently brought before the Grand Lodge of Scotland, with the view of liquidating the Grand Lodge debt, of placing the Central Benevolent Fund upon a more satisfactory footing, and of establishing a fund for assisting Provincial Lodges in acquiring lodge halls. It was stated that the debt, incurred by the building of the Metropolitan Masonic Hall, and still remaining on Grand Lodge, greatly hampered that body in its working out the benevolent and philanthropic schemes connected with the Craft in Scotland, and prevented it taking that place among the national benevolent institutions which the principles of the order rendered necessary and desirable. It was the desire of the Grand Master that a general scheme of Scottish Masonic benevolence should be inaugurated in connection with the Grand Lodge; and with this view it was proposed to establish a fund, by each member of the Craft subscribing a sum of 2s. per annum towards the Grand Lodge exchequer, which would, it was estimated, soon clear off the debt, and enable the Grand Lodge, not only to promote benevolent objects in connection with the whole Craft, but assist Provincial lodges to acquire halls of their own, in place of meeting in hotels and taverns, the practice of which was much regretted by the Grand Master.

The R.W. the Prov. G. Master addressed the lodge at some length with reference to the above communication, and as to his own wishes in connection with the working of the district over which he had been honoured to preside. Whatever might be thought of the details, he was sure every brother in the province would heartily concur in the general views enunciated by the Grand Master. The debt on the Grand Lodge was a serious obstacle to the proper development of Freemasonry in its benevolent aspect; and he was sure every one would join in the effort to take it out of the way. He thoroughly sympathised with the Grand Master's views as to the position of benevolent schemes in connection with the Craft; and he hoped that the brethren within the Province would not only approve of and support the proposed Grand Lodge scheme for that purpose, but likewise enable him to foster a similar movement within his own province. He stated his wish to establish a district fund to be devoted entirely to benevolent schemes—such as the assistance of distressed brethren, and of widows and orphans of Masons, for educational, or other kindred purposes. The distribution of this fund should be entirely confined to the province; and be managed by a committee consisting of the Masters of the different lodges in the district, together with one private member from each lodge, and presided over by the Provincial Grand Master himself. For the purpose of carrying out both the Metropolitan and the Provincial schemes thus indicated, the R.W. Grand Master suggested that each member should subscribe 1s. quarterly, half of which should be devoted to the Grand Lodge scheme, and the other half retained for that connected with the province. He intimated his own intention of inaugu-

rating the metropolitan fund by an annual subscription of £5; and at the same time to begin the district fund by a donation of £25, and an annual subscription of £25. (Applause.) He asked the cordial co-operation of all the office-bearers and brethren within his province in his future labours; and hoped with their assistance to render Masonry in the district fully worthy of its ancient and honourable history, its benevolent and lofty principles, and the liberal and generous aspirations of the times in which we live.

Several brethren warmly supported the Grand Master's proposal, and dwelt on the excellent facilities which the organisation possessed of furthering benevolent schemes by the establishment of such a fund as he had initiated. The central committee was appointed in accordance with his proposal, and its first meeting appointed to be held at Dunbar on the 4th of March.

The next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was then fixed to be held at Eyemouth on the 8th of April; and the lodge was closed in regular form by command of the Prov. Grand Master.

GLASGOW.

THISTLE AND ROSE LODGE (No. 3).—At the usual meeting on Tuesday, 4th inst., the R.W.M. Bro. G. McDonald, presiding, there were three brethren to be passed the 2nd degree. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Patterson, P.M., performed the ceremony. There were a large number of visitors present, as the lodge is well-known for the excellence of its work, and Bro. Patterson upheld the credit of his Mother Lodge.

ROYAL ARCH.

GLASGOW.—*The Caledonian Chapter of Unity* (No. 73).—An emergency meeting was held on the 20th ult., in order to exalt Bros. T. Tweed, of Mother Kilwinning, No. 6, and J. Stuart of No. 73. The Chapter was opened by Comps. Gilchrist, M.E.Z.; G. McDonald, H.; G. W. Wheeler, J.; Jas. Balfour, P.P.Z. Among the visitors were J. Hempson, Z. 69; J. Johnson, H. 69; and R. Bell, C.K.T. The Degree of Most Excellent Master was given previous to that of the Arch, both being impressively rendered by Comp. Gilchrist.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

GLASGOW.—*The Girvan Encampment* (No. 32).—This Encampment met on the 22nd ult., at their hall in Strathers-street, the M.N.C. Sir Knt. R. Bell, presiding, assisted by G. W. Wheeler, as C.G.; M. Clanachan, C.C.; T. Chatfield, S.C.; W. Phillips, acting as J.C.; and T. O. Park, D.C. The Encampment having been opened in due form, the following four Companions were properly introduced and regularly created Sir Knights of the Temple, viz.: J. Tweed, of Chapter 73; J. Dunbar, 78; A. Spence, 87; and Wm. Dubbie, of Chapter 111. The impressive ceremonies of the Order were most effectually rendered by the M.N.C., and Sir Knights Wheeler and Reed, J. C. Stuart officiated as Prelate first time on this occasion. At the close of the ceremonies the assembled Sir Knights partook of a slight refreshment.

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THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND AND REFORM (p. 147.)

Bro. W. J. Hughan deserves the thanks of all Freemasons, and especially Scottish Freemasons, for his able article on Reforms needed in the Scottish jurisdiction; but need for reform is even greater than he seems to be aware of. Many lodges in Scotland confer the three degrees (in one night) for the sum of £1 9s., and the Mark degree for 1s. 3½d. It thus appears that the practice in Scotland is degrading, and prejudicial to the interests of Freemasonry. A man becomes a Freemason in Scotland for twenty-nine shillings, and has no further payment to make all his life.—AN OLD SCOTTISH FREEMASON.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. C. OKE,
P.M., 131, TRURO.

A meeting of the members of the Lodge of Fortitude, Truro, was held on Thursday evening, the 29th ult. for the purpose of presenting a handsome Past Master's jewel, which was supplied by Bro. T. L. Dorrington, P.M. 131, from the extensive manufactory of Bro. George Kenning, London.

Bro. A. W. May, W.M., was in the chair, and there were also present, Bros. W. J. Hughan, P.M., P. Prov. Grand Secretary, (Treasurer); Wm. Middleton, S.W. 131, (Secretary); Thomas Solomon, J.P., P.M. 331, P. Prov. S.G.W.; William Lake, P.M., P. Prov. G. Steward; and several of the subscribers.

Bro. Sir F. W. Williams, Bart., M.P., P. Prov. G.M., was unavoidably absent. The Chairman made a few observations respecting the Masonic zeal and ability of Bro. W. C. Oke, P.M., who was an old, but most active member of the lodge, and was, he regretted to say, about to leave the town. No one had made himself more generally useful, and he was sure that would be felt by all the members.

Bro. Oke replied as well as his feelings would allow him, and several of the subscribers subsequently bore testimony to the recipient of the jewel being in every sense deserving of the high honour paid him. The inscription on the jewel (in gold, and the 47th Problem of Euclid being in relief on blue enamel) was as follows:—

“Presented to Bro. W. C. Oke, P.M., by the members of the Fortitude Lodge, No. 131, on his leaving Truro.”

Bro. Lake, P.M., kindly offered to have the list of subscribers engrossed on vellum, which was accepted by the members with acclamation.

MARK MASONRY IN CUMBERLAND.—We are glad to hear that Mark Masonry is making progress in Cumberland; we understand it is proposed to open a new lodge at Maryport.

Sir Patrick Colquhoun, Q.C., L.L.D., has accepted a place on the General Committee of the Royal Literary Fund.

TRAVELLERS' VADE MECUM.—In anticipation of the season of country and continental rambles, so many of the pleasures of which are destroyed by the *impedimenta* with which our wives and daughters will insist on surrounding themselves, it would be wise to pay a visit to the show-room of Messrs. John Pound and Co., 81 and 82, Leadenhall-street, and there select a series of imperials for the ladies, with a portmanteau and despatch box for one's-self. Much of the trouble of luggage is due to no two articles being alike, and the easiest remedy for this evil is to provide a set of packages having the same outward appearance. At Messrs. Pound's such a selection can easily be made, for certainly their stock represents the pictorial aspect of luggage. When looking at the ingeniously devised receptacles for every possible article that could be taken on a journey, it is difficult to avoid wishing to surround one's-self with a perfect avalanche of trunks, while the conveniences offered in the shape of dispatch boxes and writing cases suffice to impress us with a sense of the pleasure to be derived from a vast correspondence. In short, nothing gives a more striking proof of the luxuriousness of the age we live in than the beauty and artistic taste which seem to rule over the entire establishment in order to rob travelling of all its terrors, and all its troubles.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March 22, 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 16.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- “ 1185, Lewis, Nightingale Tavern, Wood Green.
- “ 1329, Sphinx, Stirling Castle, Church-st, Camberwell.
- “ 1364, Earl of Zetland, St. Thomas's Hall, Hackney.
- Villiers, Red Cross Conclave, Northumberland Arms Hotel, Isleworth.
- 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.
- Moant Sinia Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.

MONDAY, MARCH 18.

- Lodge 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Hall.
- “ 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
- “ 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- “ 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
- “ 185, Tranquility, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- “ 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
- “ 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- “ 901, City of London, Guildhall Coffee House.
- “ 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.
- “ 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chapter 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-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. Mortlock, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19.

- Board of General Purposes, at 3.
- Lodge 30, United Mariners, George Hotel, Aldermanbury.
- “ 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
- “ 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-st.
- “ 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
- “ 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- “ 435, Salisbury, 71, Dean-st, Soho.
- “ 704, Camden, York and Albany, Gloucester-gate, Regent's-park.
- “ 857, St. Mark's, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Brixton.
- Chapter 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- “ 167, St. John's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- “ 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
- Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
- Domatic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 7.30. Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Artillery Arms, Rochester-row, at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrunc, 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 20.

- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
- Lodge — Grand Stewards', Freemasons' Hall.
- “ 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
- “ 173, Sincerity, Guildhall Hotel, Gresham-st.
- “ 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
- “ 500, Nelson, Masonic Hall William-st., Woolwich.
- “ 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.
- “ 1044, New Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hotel, New Wandsworth.
- “ 1330, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
- “ 1365, Clapton, White Hart Hotel, Clapton.

- Chapter 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
- “ 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- 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 21.

- House Committee, Girls School, at 4.
- Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
- “ 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
- “ 55, Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- “ 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
- “ 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st, Deptford.
- “ 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- “ 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
- “ 657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- “ 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
- “ 1139, South Norwood, South Norwood Hall, South Norwood.
- “ 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
- “ 1287, Great Northern, Great Northern Hotel, King's Cross.
- “ 1330, Stockwell, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Stockwell.
- Observance K.T. Encampment, 14, Bedford-row.

- 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 22.

- House Committee Boys' School, Freemason's Hall, at 4.
- Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
- “ 569, Fitzroy, Head Quarters Hon. Artillery Company, City-road.
- “ 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garte, Kew Bridge.
- “ 861, Finsbury, Jolly Anglers, Bath-st., St. Lukes.
- 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. Muggeridge, Preceptor.
- Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson, Preceptor.
- Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales'-road, N.W., at 8.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Gladstone Tavern, Brompton-road, S.W.
- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Shepherd's-lane, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M., Preceptor.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Br. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
- St. James' Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 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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