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## AIDS TO STUDY.

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## XIV.

It will have been noticed by those who have read what I have written, in outline, of Egypt, Assyria, and Babylon, that the Old Testament writings have furnished much of the materials towards it. In point of fact, the continuous histories of those countries, and their relations to others, must be obtained from that source, although the recently discovered remains of the three, fit in with, or corroborate, these biblical annals. As Sir Isaac Newton, as I have already noted, avers, in his judgment, the Bible contains the only reliable or authentic history of these early ages.

There is, therefore, no doubt of the fact, that the Hebrew history, and some parts of the Hebrew Prophets, are most precious documents. These writings, however, do not purport to give us the history of nations or empires, further than as they were connected with or had some special relation to the history of the chosen people. But so far' at least, the sacred writings are to be regarded as most precious memoirs of the history of the ancient world. And this thing is to be noted, namely, that no discovery has been made amongst the long buried monuments and ruins of Egypt, Assyria, or Babylon, that offers a contradiction to the Hebrew Annals. On the contrary, they have been thereby abundantly verified, and, in some particulars, those discoveries are only to be fully understood by a reference to the facts and circumstances these annals record.

But the sacred writings go far beyond that which I have assigned to them, for there we find not only recorded history, but prophetic forewarnings, precise and detailed in their particulars, of some of the great events which came to pass, hundreds of years subsequently. The downfall and destruction, and final extinction of Egypt, Assyria, and Babylon, are there distinctly and impressively written upon the prophetic scroll ; and we may read there, the state and condition of those countries at the present day. Let us glance at some of these striking proofs of the Divine Prescience, and not less of the Divine Government of the world.

First, look at Egypt. This was, at one time the mightiest kingdom in the ancient world, which is to be partly accounted for from its position. Situated mid-way between the continents o

Asia and Africa, it was the gate, as it were, through which all intercourse between those two countries was carried on. With the Mediterranean on one side, and the Red Sea on the other, it held easy communication with the southern peninsulas of Europe, and with the coasts of India ; and was, even in early times, the link to connect the west with the east. With a fertile soil and a salubrious climate, it was capable of supporting an immense population, which was supplied with the material wealth and comfort that are conducive to civilisation. Herodotus states the number of its towns at 20,000 ; and in the Thebrais, the most southerly division, some of the towns were not only magnificent, but attained to the highest importance. Thebes (the No Ammon of the Bible) was the metropolis of Upper Egypt, and the seat of the most magnificent temples and palaces. Coptos was the entrepot of Indian commerce.

Egypt changed masters many times, and its history has been divided into four periods : (1) the Pharaonic down to 525 B.C., and which included the monarchy, or monarchies of the early kings, but about which there is much doubt and uncertainty ; and the Hyksos Kings, a nomadic horde of Canaanites which expelled the former dynasty, made their capital, Memphis (the Noph of the Bible), the Pantheon of Egypt, possessing temples of Isis, Proteus, Apis, Senapis, the sun, the Cabeiri ; and particularly of Ptah, or Hephaestus ; and the dynasties known as the 18th to the 30th, which, having expelled the Hyksos, or Shepherd Kings, carried their expeditions over the whole of western Asia, and southwards into Soudan, and amassed vast treasures, which were expended on public works, including the rock temples of Aboo-simbel, as well as of Nepata, Tanis, Thebes, and Memphis. The twenty-fifth dynasty consisted of Ethiopians, always closely connected with Egypt, the second of whom was the So, with whom Hoshea, King of Israel, made a treaty (2 Kings, xvii, 4), in whose reign Egypt came into collision with Assyria. Psammeintus, who came to the throne just as Cambyses was advancing on his country, was defeated at Pelusium, and afterwards besieged and captured at Memphis ; and from that time (B.C. 525) Egypt formed an integral part of the Persian Empire.

(2) The Persian era extended from the year 525 to the year 332 B.C., and numbers eight kings, who were Satraps of the Persian empire. One of these reigned over the whole land, and his sarcophagus is preserved in the British Museum.

(3) The Hellenic era was commenced with the conquest of Egypt, by Alexander the Great, B.C. 332 ; and on the dissolution of the Macedonian empire, it fell into the hands of Ptolemy Soter, the founder of the dynasty of the Lagidæ, who were engaged in frequent wars with the kings of Syria, and conquered Phœnicia and Coele-Syria. The disputes and insurrections that prevailed, opened the door for the interference of the Romans, and the last of the Auletes was restored to his throne by Agabinius, proconsul of Syria. In the reign of his successors, Ptolemy and Cleopatra, the Alexandrian war arose, in which Cæsar took the part of Cleopatra, and Ptolemy perished, A.D. 47. Thenceforth, Cleopatra reigned, in conjunction with another brother,

and her eventful life was terminated by her own hand, in A.D. 30, and the dynasty of the two Ptolemies ended.

During this era, however, the internal condition of Egypt was prosperous. Commerce was fostered, not only by the foundation of Alexandria, but subsequently by the opening of the Indian trade, through the Red Sea, by Philadelphus; literature flourished greatly at Alexandria, where the Hebrew Scriptures were translated into Greek ; the old Egyptian edifices came in for a share of royal patronage, and many of the temples were either restored or enlarged.

(4). The Roman era extended from B.C. 30, to A.D. 640, and for a long period the country enjoyed peace and prosperity. From 269, however, troublesome times set in, and in A.D. 640 it was conquered by Amron, the general of the Caliph Omar ; and it has ever since been under the dominion of the Moslem stranger.

As Dr. Keith observes, the previous experience of 2000 years, during which Egypt had never been without a prince of its own, seemed to preclude the possibility of its subsequent overthrow and slavery. It had often tyrannised over Judea, and the neighbouring nations ; and had more than once encouraged the Jews to rebel against the other two great empires, and then deceived them in their reliance on its aid, and the Prophets again and again foretold its downfall, and declared that that country of kings would be reduced to a condition in which it would never have a prince of its own, would be laid waste by the hands of strangers, and become the basest of nations. Under the bold image of a lion and a crocodile, that had committed awful devastation among the nations, but which had been taken and slain, the Prophet Ezekiel strikingly exhibits the prowess and downfall of the monarch and kingdom of the Nile : " Thou art like a young lion of the nations, and as a sea-monster in the seas ; and thou didst break forth in thy rivers, and puddle the waters with thy feet, and besoul thy rivers. Thus, saith the Lord Jehovah, " I will spread my net over thee, in the collection of many peoples\* ; and they shall draw thee up in my net ; and I will dash thee on the ground, and cast thee headlong in the open field ; and will make all the fowls of Heaven to settle upon thee ; and I will satiate the wild beasts of the whole earth with thee. . . . . And in extinguishing thee, I will cover the Heavens, and make the starsthereof dark ; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light. All the shining lights of the Heavens I will clothe with darkness on thy account, and make it dark over thy land," saith the Lord Jehovah (Ezek. xxxii, 2, 8).

The boldness of the figures, and the terrible character of the symbols, vividly pourtray the utter overthrow of the government and kingdom, and the desolation that was to follow. Many other prophecies, placed upon record when no such extraordinary change in the fortunes and condition of the country could have been imagined, might be quoted, as " I will lay the land waste, and all that is therein, by the hands of

\*Philistines, Ethiopians, Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, Macedonians, Romans, Saracens, and Ottomans.

strangers. I, the Lord have spoken it, and there shall be no more a prince of the land of Egypt. The sceptre of Egypt shall pass away. . . It shall be a base kingdom; it shall be the basest of kingdoms."

How has all this been fulfilled? In the middle of the thirteenth century, the Mamelukes deposed their rulers, and usurped the dominion of the country, establishing such a mode of government as has no parallel. Each successive ruler was raised to the supreme authority, from being a stranger and a slave. No native of Egypt ascended the throne, but a chief was chosen from among a race of imported slaves. During subsequent times, any attempt made to emancipate the country, or create a prince of the land, has proved abortive. Gibbon remarks, that a more unjust and absurd constitution cannot be devised than that which condemns the natives of a country to perpetual servitude, under the arbitrary dominion of strangers and slaves. Yet, such has been the state of Egypt for centuries.

The Copts, the descendants of the ancient Egyptians, are a degraded race. They fast long, and are almost constantly drunk. They are, indeed, fulfilling the word of prophecy: "They shall be a base kingdom. It shall be the basest of kingdoms. Neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations. For I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations. The pride of her power shall come down. . . I will sell the land into the hand of the wicked [or vile]. . And there shall be no more a prince of the land of Egypt" (*Ezek. xxix. 14. 15; xxx, 6, 7, 12, 13; xxxii. 15*).

#### GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONs.

We gave last week a condensed report of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons at Manchester. We are enabled this week to give a more detailed account of the proceedings.

On Wednesday, October 3, a Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, for the purpose of carrying into effect the fusion of the two Provincial Grand Lodges hitherto existing under the English and Scotch Constitutions. There was a large attendance of brethren.

The Provincial Grand Lodge, E.C., having been opened, the Provincial Grand Lodge S.C. was next opened, and after that the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, by the M.W. Grand Master, the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, *M.A.*, the following Grand Officers being present:—The Right Worshipful Bros. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.S.W.; F. Binckes, P.G.J.W., G.S.; J. Porter, G.S.D.; T. Perkington, P.G.S.O., and P.G.M., West Yorkshire; Rev. D. Shaboe, P.G. Chaplain; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G. Chaplain; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.J.W.; J. R. Stebbing, G.T.; C. F. Matier, G.J.W.; G. P. Brockbank, P.G.J.W.; T. J. Lancashire, P.S.B.; J. Copley (Todmorden), P.G.S.B.; T. Hargraves, G.J.D.C.; J. Stevens, P.G.C.; Magnus Ohren, P.G.M.O.; J. P. Goepel, P.S.G.O.; F. Davison, P.G. Org.; Captain Burgess, G. Reg.;

Colonel Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex and Surrey, and others.

The Provincial Grand Officers present were: Bros. W. R. Callender, P.G.M.; Thomas Birchall, P.J.G.W.; W. O. Walker, P.G.M.O.; J. Duffield, P.G.T.; W. H. Prince, P.G.S.D.; Joseph Handley, P.G.I.G.; R. Seed, P.G.O.; W. Roberts, P. Prov. G.S.D.; A. Milne, P.G.S.; W. Walker, P. Prov. G.I.G.; E. Hartley, P. Prov. G.S.; T. Oakden, P.G.Swd.B. West Yorkshire; G. Galloway, P.G.T.; L. Booth, P.G. Supt. Works; Thomas Entwistle, P.G.S.; D. Stansfield, P.G.S.B.; James Holroyd, P.G.S.B.; Dr. H. Hopkins, P.G.J.W., and others.

Letters of apology were read from Lord Leigh, Past G.M.; Lord Holmesdale, Past G.M.; Lord Carnarvon, Past G.M.; Earl Percy, G.M. Elect; Lord Beehive, P.G.S.W.; W. Beach, *M.P.*, Past G.M.; Sir F. Williams, Bart., P.G.M., &c.

The business of the Grand Lodge was then proceeded with. The arrangements and conditions for the fusion of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, hitherto under the Scotch Constitution, with the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge under the English Constitution, were ratified and confirmed.

The Provincial Grand Masters of both jurisdictions resigned their patents into the hands of the Grand Master, who gave the lodges under the Scotch Constitution new warrants.

Bro. W. R. Callender was then proposed for appointment as Provincial G.M. by Bro. Entwistle, and seconded by Bro. Matier, and recommended by the unanimous vote of the Provincial Lodge, and he was then duly installed by the Grand Mark Master, who expressed his great gratification in acceding to the request of the P.G.L., and his deep sense of the Masonic good feeling which had induced the brethren under the Scotch Constitution to unite with their English brethren in forming one Provincial Grand Lodge. The G.M. then invested Bro. Entwistle, P.G.M. (S.C.) as P. Prov. G.M.; Bros. Birchall, Brockbank, Wike and Binckes were invested as P. Prov. J.G. Wardens, and the charity medal was presented to the brethren who served the Stewardship on the last occasion, by the Mark Benvolent Fund.

The following Provincial Grand Officers for Lancashire were then appointed:—Bros. Lord Skelmersdale, D.P.G.M.; G. Mellon, P.S.G.W.; G. Galloway, P.J.G.W.; H. S. Alpass, P.M.O.; J. Handley, P.S.O.; T. J. Lancashire, P.J.O.; Rev. J. L. Figgins, P.G. Chaplain; Thomas Radley, P.A.G. Chaplain; J. Duffield, P.G. Treasurer (re-elected by the Province); T. B. Ashworth, P.G. Reg.; John Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; W. G. Turner, P.S.D.; C. Dayis, P.J.D.; Dr. Moore, P.G. Supt. of Works; W. Walker, P.G.D.C.; G. Cornfield, P.A.D.C.; W. Morris, P.G.S.B.; J. Brandwood, P.G.S.B.; R. Seed, P.G. Org.; T. Chambers, P.G.I.G.; D. Mitchell, W. Davis, and W. Mountcastle, P.G. Stewards; and W. Dawson, P.G. Tyler.

When the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was brought to a close, about 150 brethren sat down to a banquet, at which the Provincial Grand Master, W. R. Callender, presided, supported on his right by the Rev. G. R. Portal, the Grand Master, and on his left by Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.W.

After the banquet the Chairman gave "The Health of the Queen," and then of "The Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family."

In proposing the next toast, the Provincial Grand Master said it was often a matter of regret to them that, except on some few and far between occasions, they had to drink the health of the distinguished brethren who ruled over the various degrees of Masonry in their absence. Many were the privileges which they, as Mark Masons, enjoyed. The Province of Lancashire had twice within the last two years, had the pleasure of seeing the chief of their Order, Bro. Portal. They were assembled in a three-fold character. The Moveable Grand Lodge had been held; it had been their Provincial Grand Lodge meeting; and more than all, they had consummated that day the union of the Rose and the Thistle (cheers), banding together those sister constitutions which ought for ever to be united. He thought they must all admit that had it not been for the conciliatory manner and tactics of their Grand Master, they would not have obtained the union which they now consummated. He gave them "The Health of Bro. Portal, the Grand Mark Master of England and Wales." (Cheers).

The Grand Master (the Rev. G. R. Portal,) in response, said that upon an occasion such as that he felt they had a right to expect from him more than common thanks. When he succeeded to the throne four years ago, their admirable and ancient Order stood in a position of regrettable isolation. His first duty was to make alliances and obtain recognition where available, and he had had the satisfaction of obtaining recognition, in the first place, from the Grand Chapter of Ireland, and in the next place from the Grand Chapter of Canada, and next from the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania and Iowa. As there were several important bodies acting independently of the Craft in this country—the 33rd degree, the Knights Templar, and the Red Cross of the Order of Constantine—he thought it important to get a recognition of the Mark Grand Lodge being the legitimate head of the Mark Degree. That had been accomplished, and there had been an acknowledgement which had surpassed in importance any of those which he had named, and for this reason. In every state of the United States there was a Supreme Grand Chapter, and of these bodies there was composed a representative Grand Body, called the General Grand Chapter of the United States, the head of which was called the Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, who had written him a letter, which he would now read to them:—

"General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the  
United States of America.

"June 16, 1872.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—I avail myself of the visit to England of Bro. A. G. Goodall, your special representative, near the capitular bodies in this country, to acknowledge the receipt of your several favors, including the printed documents, and to reply thereto. After the most careful examination of the papers submitted, I am clearly of opinion that your Grand Body was regularly organised, and is the supreme Masonic authority in England, &c., over the Mark Degree, and that all Mark Master Masons, regularly made

under authority of your Grand Lodge, are everywhere entitled to recognition as such. I have the pleasure to further assure you, that I shall advise the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, at its next triennial convocation, to extend to you formal recognition.

"Yours fraternally,

"JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,  
"Gen. Gr. High Priest Gen. Gr. Chap., U.S.A."

He thought that recognition had placed them in an impenetrable position. No one could regret more than he did that the Grand Chapter of Scotland was the only body which had refused them recognition. But the feeling he should otherwise entertain was enormously modified by what had taken place that night. He was sure that it added very much to the credit of their Scotch brethren in Lancashire, that in spite of the refusal to extend recognition, they had said "We will no longer be parties to extend this disunion, and our determination henceforth is that Lancashire shall act under one banner." (Applause). When he reflected that St. John's Lodge, at Bolton, had minutes dating as far back as 1790, a date far anterior to the Grand Chapter of Scotland itself, he could only suppose they were misinformed as to the position of the Mark Degree in England. The time would come when they would recede from the step they had taken, and extend that recognition which other chapters had done. (Applause). He was anxious to express his thanks, and he was sure they would all do the same, to the Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Scotch Constitution, Brother Matier, for the pluck he had shown in bringing a motion before the Grand Chapter of Scotland that this Order should be recognised, when he was only defeated by a majority of one—a majority which rendered them perfectly certain they would obtain the recognition they desired.

The G.M. resumed his seat amid loud cheers.

Bro. Parkinson, P.J.G.W., proposed, "The Health of the Past Grand Masters of the Order," and pointed out that Lords Carnarvon, Leigh, and Holmesdale, as well as Bro. Beach, M.P., all held the office of Prov.G.M. in the Craft.

The Grand Master, in proposing "The Health of the Grand Master of the Province," believed he was the only man who could have been found under whom both sections of Mark Masonry would be content to work, because he represented that which, from his slight knowledge of Lancashire men, he thought might be taken to represent their characters, a warm heart and the sound knowledge of a man of business. (Applause.) When some two years ago he found that the Scotch Royal Arch Chapter was obtaining a very powerful hold over Lancashire, while the lodges under their banner were not in so flourishing a condition as could be wished, he at once applied to his friend in the chair to take charge of this province in the interest of English Mark Masonry. It was only right to tell them of the advance of Mark Masonry which had been made in the past two years. Two years ago there were six lodges in the province with 147 members. These six lodges now contained 294 members, and nine new lodges had been consecrated, containing 232 members, owing to the personal character of their Chairman, and the pleasure which all Lancashire felt in

having him as their chief. (Applause.) Three Scotch lodges had now been added, making a total of 18 lodges and 688 members. This was a fact of which all might be proud. (Applause.)

The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Callender, who was received with great applause on rising to respond, said they had in Lancashire an enthusiastic and increasing body of Mark Masters. It was to him a source of the highest satisfaction that there was no longer any hindrance between the English and Scotch working in this province. (Applause.) He concluded by proposing the health of Bro. Entwistle, P.Prov.G.M. of Lancashire, to which Bro. Entwistle very feelingly responded.—Among the other toasts which followed was that of the Masonic Charities, proposed by Bro. J.M. Wike, to which Bro. Binckes responded, and in the course of his able remarks said that Mark Masonry had often been charged by its enemies with drawing money from the Masonic Charities, and he should like to see a practical refutation of their jesuitical slanders by the subscription that evening of fifty guineas to the Boy's School so as to make their Prov. G.M. a Vice President. (Cheers.)

Bro. Callender P.G.M., rose and said that he would gladly contribute that sum himself, if the Mark Lodges in the province would contribute a similar sum, to qualify the D.Prov.G.M. as a Vice President.

Numerous brethren hereupon rose and pledged themselves that their lodges would respond to the challenge.

Thus ended the largest and most enthusiastic gathering of Mark Master Masons ever held in England.

Previous to the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the degree of Royal Ark Mariner was conferred on several Mark Masters.

On Thursday the Grand Mark Master, the Deputy Grand Mark Master, the Grand Registrar, the Grand Secretary, and Bro. Davison, besides several Provincial Officers, attended a meeting of the "Old Mark" at Blackburn; when the ceremony was ably performed by Bros. Clough and Thomas. It was stated that a Mark Master's Lodge would very shortly be opened in that town.

[In the report which appeared in our last issue the words, "present from first to last," should have been, "prevented coming at the last," and applied to Lord Leigh, Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., Earl Bechtive, Earl of Limerick, and Sir Frederick Williams, Bart., M.P.]

"A VISIT TO EPPS'S COCOA MANUFACTORY.—Through the kindness of Messrs. Epps, I recently had an opportunity of seeing the many complicated and varied processes the Cocoa bean passes through ere it is sold for public use, and being both interested and highly pleased with what I saw during my visit to the manufacture, I thought a brief account of the Cocoa and the way it is manufactured by Messrs. Epps, to fit it for a wholesome and a nutritious beverage, might be of interest to the readers of *Laud and Water*.—See Article in *Laud and Water*, October 14.

FOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Hearty and Healthy.—The experience of thousands has amply demonstrated the power possessed by these healing and purifying remedies of removing cutaneous eruptions and relieving fistulas and abscesses. These hidden evils frequently rob us of every comfort through the reluctance of the sufferer to expose his infirmity. Followay's Ointment cures such dreaded malady by placing within the nostrils oil, plain instructions for curing themselves, without any danger and without the necessity of mentioning the remedy to anyone. The most useful need only send to a chemist for these remedies, read their "directions for use" set forth in clear, precise and pertinent language, and cure their own infirmities.—ADVR.

#### CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT ORMSKIRK.

Monday, the 30th ult., was a "red letter day" day in the Masonic history of Ormskirk, and the gathering of the brethren on the interesting occasion was both numerous and influential. The consecration of the West Lancashire Lodge, No. 1403 on the register of the Grand Lodge, will not only add greater strength to the already strong list of lodges in the province, but, from the auspices under which it is started, will doubtless, add increased lustre to Masonic light in the town where it has been established. The Lodge of Harmony, No. 580, has hitherto been the only lodge in Ormskirk, but as the cause of Masonry has increased rapidly in the district, a necessity has been felt for the addition of the West Lancashire Lodge. As its name implies, the new lodge is intended to accommodate not the brethren in Ormskirk merely, but also those in the district surrounding the town, where the spirit of Masonry has greatly increased within the last few years. Much of this success is doubtless due to the legitimate influence of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.S. W. of England, and D.P.D.G.M. of West Lancashire, whose country seat is in the neighbourhood. His lordship's presence on this occasion for the purpose of performing the consecration ceremony, again proved the deep interest he takes in the progress and prosperity of the Craft, and his willingness at all times to submit to any sacrifice so that he may faithfully fulfil his Masonic duties. It should be mentioned that his lordship will entertain royal visitors, the Prince and Princess Teck, at Lathom House next week, but even in the midst of the preparations for this distinguished visit, which might well have afforded Bro. Lord Skelmersdale an excuse for absence, he generously gave up his valuable time to attend and consecrate the new lodge. The ceremony took place at the Commercial Hotel, in which a handsome lodge room has been found and furnished.

His lordship was supported by the following P. Prov. G. Officers:—Bros. J. F. Goggins, P. Prov. G. Chaplain; T. Wyllie, P. Prov. G. Reg.; H. S. Alpass, P. Prov. G. Sec.; R. Wyllie, P. Prov. S.G.D.; J. Skeaf, P. Prov. G.O.; A. C. Mott, P. Prov. G.D. and P.G.S.W. of Westmoreland and Cumberland; S. E. Hibbs, P. Prov. G.S.P.; J. Baxendale, P. Prov. G. Purst.; J. B. Lambert, P.G.S.D. East Lancashire; and P. Ball, P. Prov. G. Tyler. There was also a large attendance of brethren from the various lodges in the Province.

The brethren assembled at two o'clock, and shortly afterwards the Craft Lodge was opened in the three degrees, by Bro. A. C. Mott, as W.M.; Bro. R. Wyllie, P. Prov. G.S.D., as P.M.; Bro. T. Jackson, W.M. 580, as S.W.; Bro. T. Ashmore, P.M. 823, as J.W.; Bro. W. Jones, W.M. 220, as S.D.; and Bro. G. Morgan, W.M. 1035, as J.D.

The Provincial Grand Lodge Officers then entered, and the D.P.G.M. was greeted with the usual honours, after which he immediately proceeded with the ceremony, which he performed in the most complete and impressive manner.

The D.P.G.M. addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, and called on the Acting P.G. Sec., to state the wishes of the brethren, and read the petition and warrant. After the brethren of the new lodge had signified their approval of the officers nominated in the warrant, the Past Prov. G. Chaplain delivered an eloquent and impressive oration on the moral and religious teachings of Freemasonry, which was listened to with the greatest interest by the assembled brethren. After an anthem, the brethren turned towards the East, while the presiding officer pronounced the invocation. The lodge was then uncoveted, and the corn, wine, and oil were borne three times round the room, by Bros. T. Wyllie, R. Wyllie, and S. Hibbs, solemn music being performed by Bro. Skeaf. The P.G.C. then carried the censor three times round the lodge, offered the Consecration prayer, and the D.P.G.M. constituted the lodge in ancient form.

The music of the ceremony was furnished by Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., being of a most impressive character, and was rendered with fine effect by

Bros. J. Busfield, D. Jones, C. Haswell, and J. Jones. Bro. H. S. Alpass, acting G. Sec., then duly and effectively installed Bro. Samuel Wylde as the first W.M. of the new lodge; and the following brethren were subsequently invested as the officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. T. Alty, S.W.; W. C. Edge, J.W.; J. B. Forshaw, Treas.; I. Simms, Sec.; P. B. Forshaw, S.D.; J. Goodman, J.D.; J. J. Numnerley, I.G.; J. B. Lambert, D.C.; J. E. Evans, S.; and W. Smith, Tyler. The officers were addressed, according to ancient form, by Bro. A. C. Mott. Six candidates and six joining members were proposed before the lodge was closed.

The J.W. proposed and the S.W. seconded a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Lord Skelmersdale for his valuable help and presence in connection with the consecration ceremony. In acknowledging the compliment, his lordship expressed his pleasure at being present, and wished the greatest success to the new lodge, which would have his countenance and support.

The lodge was afterwards closed in peace and harmony.

It may be interesting to know that the following presentations were made to the lodge:—A fine and compact box of working tools, quite a *multum in parvo* of Masonic furnishing, presented by Mrs. J. B. Forshaw (supplied by Bro. G. Kenning, of London and Liverpool); a handsome cushion, by Mrs. S. Wylde; a fine Tracing Board, by Bro. P. B. Forshaw; a Bible by Bro. J. Lambert; a ballot box, by Bro. I. Simm; W.M.'s jewel by Bro. S. Wylde; S.W.'s jewel by Bro. T. Aldy; J.W.'s jewel, by Bro. W. C. Edge; S.D.'s jewel by Bro. P. B. Forshaw; J.D.'s jewel by Bro. J. Goodman; the Sec.'s jewel by Bro. I. Simm; and the Treasurer's jewel by Bro. J. B. Forshaw, all of whom hold these offices respectively in the new lodge. The jewels, which were all handsome specimens of workmanship, were also supplied by Bro. Kenning.

A sumptuous banquet was served in the evening by Bro. Brown, "mine host," of the Commercial Hotel, to which about 50 brethren sat down, under the presidency of Bro. Wylde, W.M., who was supported on either side by a number the "purpled" visitors. After dessert had been placed on the table, the toasts of "The Queen," "H.R.H. Prince of Wales, M.W. Past G. M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," "The Marquis of Ripon, M.W. G.M.," were proposed by the W.M. in fitting and appropriate terms.

In giving "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale, W. D. Prov. G. M., and the Provincial Grand Officers," Bro. Wylde spoke in high terms of his lordship's kindness in being present that day to consecrate the new lodge, and referred with pleasure to the promise he had given of his cordial support. He need not expatiate upon the many good qualities shown by his lordship, as these were all well known to the brethren, but he could not help referring specially to the admirable manner in which the consecration ceremony had been performed, which must have led every one to respect and value Masonry more than ever he did before.

Bro. Alpass, who responded, said he felt very grateful for being associated with the name of Lord Skelmersdale, who was so deservedly popular in that and other parts of the province. He (Bro. Alpass) had had the pleasure and honour of meeting his lordship for many years since his appointment as D.P.G.M., and he could speak with cordiality of the zeal and interest he had invariably displayed in the progress of the Craft. He was quite certain that if the brethren of West Lancashire were canvassed they would be quite unanimous in their desire that he should be appointed to the important office of R.W.P.G.M. He (Bro. Alpass) had no wish that this opinion should go outside that room, nor did he desire for one moment to trench upon the prerogative of their Grand Master in making his selection; but he did not think he was out of order in saying that the appointment of Lord Skelmersdale to the vicarant chair would be highly acceptable to the brethren in the province. (Applause.)

The W.M. then gave in happy terms "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers." The toast, which like the others, was received with enthusiasm, was

acknowledged by Bro. Captain Mott and Bro. Captain Turner.

Bro. Alpass then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and said that when the application was made to him, as P.G.Sec., with regard to the warrant of the West Lancashire Lodge, he was very much pleased to see the high character of the brethren who were moving in the matter. The office of W.M. was a responsible one at any time, but especially so when in an entirely new lodge, but he had no doubt Bro. Wylde would perform his duties in a manner which would prove satisfactory to his brethren and a credit to the Craft. (Hear, hear.) The numbers in West Lancashire were increasing very fast, as in other parts of the country; and although from time to time they were cautioned as to those whom they admitted into Masonry, yet, from what he knew of the Ormskirk brethren, he thought the warrant had been safely given into their lands. The old Ormskirk lodge had been a credit to the order, and highly respected in the province. There was room for both lodges, and he hoped and expected there would be a healthy rivalry for the maintenance of the dignity of the order and the progress of the craft in that part of the province.

The W.M. thanked the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which the toast had been received, and assured them that, his heart being in Masonry, he would spare no effort to fulfil his duties with zeal and efficiency. With reference to the rivalry spoken of, he assured the brethren that there had hitherto been no display of feeling except that of which they might be proud. The West Lancashire Lodge had been formed only because there was a necessity for it, and he had no doubt that before the end of the year they would have initiated 50 "good men and true"—men who might safely be entrusted with the privileges and secrets of Freemasonry. Another point in the history of the new lodge to which he felt bound to call attention, were the exertions made by Bro. Simm, their Secretary, as it was to his endeavours they were principally indebted for the existence of No. 1408. The formation of a new lodge was, long ago, seen to be inevitable, but it was only when Bro. Simm brought his influence to bear upon upon the movement that the new lodge was brought into existence.

Bro. Lambert proposed "The Visitors," and the other toasts were "The Officers of the Lodge," "The West Lancashire-Masonic Educational Institution," and "All Poor and Distressed Masons." Excellent harmony was contributed by Bros. Ibbs, Turvey, Mott, and others.

#### CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT SEVENOAKS.

On Wednesday, Sept. 25, the grand and interesting ceremony of the consecration of the "Knole Lodge," No. 1414, took place at the Masonic Hall, the old Sevenoaks Scientific and Literary Institute.

The rareness and importance of the proceedings attracted a large number, not only of the brethren of the province, but also from the neighbouring provinces.

The brethren assembled in a tent which had been erected for the occasion close to the building, and there formed in procession, and, headed by Bro. Lacy, D.C., proceeded to the new lodge room, where the ceremony of consecration was performed in a most impressive manner by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, P.M., Prov. G. Sec. for Middlesex, the officer nominated by the Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. for Kent, assisted by the present P.G. officers, Bro. Stone, P.G.S.W., Bro. Emmerson, P.G.J.W., and Bro. E. Yates, P.G. Sec., &c.

The P.G. Chaplain, Bro. Hill, P.M., offered up prayer, and subsequently an oration on the nature and principles of the institution. The usual anthems, omnes, sanctuses, &c., were admirably rendered by Bros. Thos. Distin, Thos. Baxter, and G. Carter, Bro. Smith accompanying on the pianoforte.

The usual Masonic ceremonies consequent upon the consecration of a new lodge were then gone through, terminating with Haydn's beautiful anthem, "The spacious trumpet on high."

After the consecration service, Bro. Edward Palmer was installed as the W.M. of the new lodge by Bro. Little, Bro. W.L. Barnes, P.S.D. 906, having read the ancient charges.

The W.M. appointed the officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. G.F. Carnell, S.W.; C.C. Petley, J.W.; B.J. Morrell, Treas.; W.L. Barnes, Sec.; W. Pawley, S.D.; H.H. Sutton, J.D.; Charles Carnell, I.G.; Thomas Lyell and G. Morrell, Stewards; William Whitehead, Tyler.

The W.M. then proposed Bro. Little and Bro. Hill as honorary members. Several brethren were proposed and duly seconded as joining members, and several gentlemen proposed as candidates for admission. The lodge was then closed with hearty good wishes from several of the brethren.

The founders of the lodge are Brothers Edward Palmer, G. F. Carnell, C.C. Petley, W.L. Barnes, H. H. Sutton, C. Carnell, and B. J. Morrell. After the business of the lodge was ended, the majority of the brethren adjourned to the banquet at the Crown Hotel, and did ample justice to the sumptuous repast, served in Bro. Pawley's usual excellent style, on occasions similar to the present.

The W.M. presided, supported on the right by Bro. Little, and left by Bro. Parkinson.

The usual loyal and masonic toasts were given and warmly received.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Prince of Wales," said that the Freemasons were proud that they could think of the Prince as a brother mason, and were all rejoiced at his recovery, and he sincerely trusted that he would live many years to enjoy the health so happily restored to him.

Bro. Parkinson, in a neat and appropriate speech, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and expressed the great pleasure he felt in being present at the opening of a lodge of which Bro. Palmer was the first W.M.

The W.M., in responding, said that he felt exceedingly proud at being the first W.M. of the youngest lodge, and that honour should be rendered to those to whom honour was due. The labour in founding the lodge had rested on Bros. Petley and Barnes, who had worked incessantly for some months in endeavouring to bring about what they had that day witnessed. But for those two he was convinced that the Knole Lodge never would have been founded; he begged to thank Bro. Little and the officers assisting him in performing the interesting ceremony of consecrating the lodge, and to propose "Bro. Little's Health" in a bumper.

Bro. Little, in responding, said he felt great pleasure in opening the Knole Lodge, and thus extending the social advantages and moral benefits which Freemasonry must ever confer on those brought within its influence, and at the same time expressed his great approbation of the admirable manner in which the business of the day had been conducted by Bro. Palmer.

"The health of the visitors" was then proposed and responded to by Bro. Bird.

The W.M. next gave "The health of the Wardens," which was responded to by Bros. Carnell and Petley.

Then followed "The health of the Secretary and the rest of the officers of the lodge," to which Bro. Barnes briefly responded.

Several songs and glees were sung in the course of the evening by Bros. Distin, Baxter, and Montem Smith, Bro. Smith accompanying on the pianoforte.

Great praise is due to the Stewards and Secretary for the admirable arrangements and decorations of the lodge-room, which was very tastefully draped and laid out.

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**THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE, AND  
THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF ENGLAND AND WALES.**

The following correspondence between the Supreme Council of England and Wales, and the Grand Orient of France, has been forwarded to us for publication :—

Grand Orient de France  
O. de Paris le 5 Octobre, 1872, (E.V.)  
Au. Ill. F. J. M. P. Montague, Grand Secrétaire du Suprême Conseil d'Angleterre.

Cher Monsieur et T. Ill. Frère,  
Ayant été consulté par l'Ill. F. John Hervey, Grand Secrétaire de la Grande Lodge d'Angleterre, sur les agissements du F. Harry J. Seymour, je lui ai répondu à la date du 30 Septembre, 1871, dans les termes suivants.

"J'ai la faveur de répondre à votre lettre du 22 de ce mois, en regrettant de ne l'avoir pas pu faire plutôt.

"Ni en 1866, ni à aucune époque le Grand Orient de France, n'a reconnu le *Rite Ancien et Primitif de la Maçonnerie*, dont vous m'entreprenez, et qui se serait récemment introduit dans le Lancashire. A un moment donné, et dans le but de faire disparaître la pluralité de rites, le Grand Orient de France, s'est annexé et à absorbé le rite de Memphis, sous la condition expresse que les Ateliers de ce rite, qu'il admettait sous son obédience, ne pourrait conférer, d'après leurs rituels spéciaux que les trois premiers grades symbolique d'apprenti, de compagnon, et de maître, ne reconnaissant aucun autre grade ni aucun titre de ce rite.

"Nous avons vu à Paris le F. Harry J. Seymour, l'époque de ce traité passé avec le Chef Suprême de ce rite, le F. Marconis de Nègre, mais aucun pouvoir ne lui a été donné par le Grand Orient de France concernant ce rite. Du reste le Grand Orient de France, ne donne, et n'a jamais donné à une personne isolée le droit de faire des Maçons ou de créer des Ateliers.

"Plus tard et par la mauvaise foi du F. Marconis de Nègre, qui prétendait n'avoir cédé son rite au Grand Orient de France, que pour la France seulement, le F. Harry J. Seymour s'entitula Grand Maître du rite de Memphis en Amérique, et fonda à New York un *Souverain Sanctuaire* de ce rite. Des correspondances furent échangées entre ce nouveau pouvoir et le Grand Orient de France ; le nom de ce Souverain Sanctuaire figura même à notre Calendrier de 1867. Mais lorsque le Grand Orient de France apprit que ce pouvoir dépassait les trois grades symboliques, et que sa bonne foi avait été surprise, il rompit avec ce pouvoir et personnellement avec le F. Harry J. Seymour ; depuis cette époque, en effet, on ne trouve plus au Calendrier Maçonnique du Grand Orient de France, ni le nom du F. Harry J. Seymour, comme Grand Maître, ni la puissance Maçonnique qu'il avait fondée. Votre lettre me porte à croire que le F. Harry J. Seymour cherche, je ne sais dans quel but, à introduire un nouveau rite en Angleterre, dans ce pays de la primitive et seule vrai Maçonnerie, une des plus respectables que je connaisse. Je considère ce fait comme un malheur. Le Grand Orient de France a fait les plus grands efforts pour anéantir le Rite de Memphis ; il y est parvenu, les ateliers de ce rite qu'il avait d'abord accueillis ont tous abandonné le Rite de Memphis pour travailler au Rite Français. Je fais des vœux pour qu'il en soit ainsi dans le Royaume Uni, et vous me trouverez toujours disposé à vous seconder."

T. Me référant à cette lettre, je n'ai, T. Ill. F. qu'un mot à vous ajouter. C'est que la Constitution du Grand Orient de France lui interdit de fonder des Ateliers dans les pays où il y a déjà une puissance Maçonnique régulière ; et s'il ne peut y fonder des Ateliers, à plus forte raison il ne saurait donner des chartres pour fonder des Grandes pouvoirs maçonniques ; en d'autres termes, *jamais* le Grand Orient de France n'a donné au F. Harry J. Seymour, ni à aucun autre, pouvoirs de constituer soit un atelier, soit de créer un rite, ou de faire des maçons. Le F. Harry J. Seymour peut parfaitement bien avoir sur un Diplôme les signatures du Grand Maître et du Chef du Secrétariat du Grand Orient de France, à titre de visa fraternel ; mais à coup sûr il n'a

*ni une Chartre, ni un Pouvoir*. Aussi vous priez-vous de faire tous vos efforts pour avoir la copie textuelle des documents dont se prévaut le F. Harry J. Seymour. C'est sur le vu de cette pièce qu'il faut juger la question, et j'attends, à ce sujet de votre fraternelle bienveillance des nouvelles communications.

Agréez, cher Monsieur et T. Ill. Frère, l'assurance de ma haute considération et de mes sentiments fraternels.

Le Chef du Secrétariat,  
THEVENOT.

Grand Orient of France.  
Paris, 5th October, 1872.  
To the Very Illustrious Bro. J. M. P. Montague, Grand Secretary of the Supreme Council of England.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having been consulted by the Illustrious Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, concerning the proceedings of Bro. J. Seymour, I replied to him, in the following terms, on the 30th September, 1871.

"I have the pleasure to reply to your letter of the 22nd of this month, and regret not having been able to do so sooner. Neither in 1866, nor at any other period, has the Grand Orient of France recognised "the Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry," concerning which you inquire, and which has been recently introduced in Lancashire.

"At a particular time, and with the intention of causing the plurality of rites to disappear, the Grand Orient of France annexed and absorbed the Rite of Memphis, under the express condition that the lodges of that rite, which were received under its jurisdiction, should confer only the Three Symbolic Degrees of Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master, according to its special rituals, and refused to recognise any other degree, or any other title, belonging to such rite.

"At the period when this treaty was negotiated with the Supreme Chief of this rite, Bro. Marconis de Nègre, Bro. J. Seymour was at Paris, and seen by us, but no power was conferred on him by the Grand Orient of France, concerning this rite, and what is more, the Grand Orient of France does not give, and has, never given, to any single person, the right to make Masons, or to create lodges.

"Afterwards, and in consequence of the bad faith of Bro. Marconis de Nègre, who pretended he had ceded his rite to the Grand Orient of France, for France alone, Bro. Harry J. Seymour assumed the title of Grand Master of the Rite of Memphis in America, and founded in New York a Sovereign Sanctuary of this rite. A correspondence ensued between this new power and the Grand Orient of France, and even the name of this Sovereign Sanctuary appeared in our Calendar for 1867. But when the Grand Orient of France learned that this power went beyond the Three Symbolic Degrees, and that its confidence had been deceived, the Grand Orient broke off all connection with this power, and personally with Bro. Harry J. Seymour, and in fact, since that period, neither the name of Bro. Harry J. Seymour, as Grand Master, nor the Masonic power which he founded, have any longer appeared in the Masonic Calendar of the Grand Orient.

"Your letter leads me to believe that Bro. Harry J. Seymour is endeavouring, I do not know with what object, to introduce a new Rite into England, in that country of the primitive and only true Masonry, one of the most respectable that I know of. I consider this event as a misfortune.

"The Grand Orient of France has made the strongest efforts to destroy the Rite of Memphis, it has succeeded. The lodges of the Rite, which it at first received within its jurisdiction, have all abandoned the Rite of Memphis to work according to the French Rite, I sincerely desire that it may be the same in the United Kingdom, and you will ever find me ready to second your efforts."

Referring to this letter, I have, very Illustrious Brother, but one word to add, and that is that the Constitution of the Grand Orient of France interdicts its founding lodges in countries where

a regular Masonic power already exists, and if it cannot found lodges, *à fortiori*, it cannot grant charters to establish Grand Masonic Powers, in other terms, the Grand Orient of France never has given to Bro Harry J. Seymour, nor to any other person, powers to constitute a lodge, or to create a rite, or to make Masons. Bro. Harry J. Seymour may perfectly well have the signatures of the Grand Master, and of the Chief of the Secretary's office of the Grand Orient of France on a diploma, as a fraternal visa, but certainly *he has neither a Charter nor a power*. I also beg you to make every effort to obtain the textual copy of the documents of which Bro. Harry J. Seymour takes advantage. It is by the inspection of this document it will be necessary to judge the question, and I await new communications on this subject from your fraternal kindness.

Receive, dear Sir, &c.

### Masonic Tidings.

#### BRITISH, FOREIGN, AND COLONIAL

The Doric Chapter of Instruction, which has hitherto been announced in our columns as meeting at the Rising Sun Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, will on and after Thursday evening, October 17th, assemble at Comp, Yetton's, the Three Cranes Tavern, Mile End Road, at 8 o'clock precisely. Comp. Thomas Barnes, Preceptor.

The foundation stone of a new building for the Watt Institution and School of Arts in Edinburgh was laid on Wednesday by the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, the old building having been removed in connection with the city improvements. The Grand Master was accompanied by the members of the Grand Lodge and upwards of 1,000 brethren from the various Masonic lodges in Edinburgh and other parts of the country. The proceedings were completely successful in every respect.

The Freemasons in the province of Kent have determined upon raising a memorial to their late Provincial Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Dobson, of Gravesend, and, having discarded proposals for a monument and a stained window, have resolved to found a scholarship at Cambridge University at the cost of £1,000, to be given for ever to a Kentish lad from the Masonic school.

The Aden Conclave, No. 89, of the Red Cross Order has been formed at Aden, Arabia. Colonel S. W. Penn, C.B., Commanding the Royal Artillery at the Station, is the first M.P.S.

We are informed that the Alpha Crucis Conclave, No. 86, recently established at Wellington, New Zealand, is progressing favourably. Grand Councils of the Order have been organised in Illinois and New York.

The marriage scene of the Princess Louise and the Marquess of Lorne, exquisitely carved on an enormous pipe bowl, has just been imported by Bro. Posener, of the Upton Lodge. So unique a work of art is not often seen, every figure is solid and the likenesses of the various Royal and other personages are marvellously accurate. Bro. Posener will be very pleased to exhibit it to any brother who may take interest in such matters, at his warehouse in Mansell-street, Aldgate, before it is forwarded to its destination.

"For several years I have suffered from repeated and severe attacks of lumbago, and I can truly say that I have never found such effectual relief as I have recently from the use of your Vegetable Pain Killer. Its effects are truly marvellous.—John Longley, 16, Chapel-st. London, Jan., 1870.—To Petty Davis & Son, London, W.C."

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## Births, Marriages and Deaths.

## MARRIAGE.

SANDERS—FURSE.—October 2nd, at Hampstead Church, Bro. Thomas Sanders, surgeon of South Molton, S.W., of Lodge 421, to Lucy, youngest daughter of the late Robert Furse, Esq., surgeon of South Molton, and sister to Bro. Edwin Furse, P.M. of Lodge No. 421.

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## "LODGE OF EMULATION" AND ITS HISTORY.

By BRO. BRACKSTONE BAKER, P.M., P.G.D.

The early history of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 21, is a remarkable one, and in many respects of a much more interesting character than the ordinary run of "Centenary Lodges," which are now rapidly increasing in number. Its original warrant of Constitution, bearing date 15th May, 1723, was lost many years ago, but the fact of its antiquity is duly acknowledged in a warrant of confirmation, issued on the 15th March, 1810. We are at a loss to know why the members have so long delayed their application for a "Centenary Jewel," especially when it is evident from the careful History, compiled by Bro. Baker, that the lodge has been active for a century and a half. We should like very much to transfer the whole of this capital sketch of No. 21 to our columns, but in the absence of any authority so to do, we must be contented with a rapid survey of its chief points of interest.

The lodge appears to compose in reality three Lodges, viz. "Mourning Bush," No. 19, of A.D. 1723; "Constitution," No. 368, A.D. 1767; and "Emulation," No. 324, A.D. 1772. The latter however was virtually a revival of the second on the list. The Constitution Lodge met for a little more than three years, and throughout this brief period was not a very popular, or even a very harmonious one. Its connection with the present Lodge, and with the Mourning Bush was owing to the efforts of Bro. William White, the Grand Secretary, who, with some few others, rescued it from oblivion, and having altered its name to Emulation, the Constitution disappeared from the Roll, and its more fortunate successor has flourished unto this present time.

The first officers of the Emulation No. 324, were S. Hill, W.M., William White, S.W.; and Dowdall, J.W. Grand Secretary White, served the office of Master for 1771-2-4 and 7. His son, William Henry White, (born November 10, 1777) was initiated 15th April, 1799, and passed the same evening. In December, 1800, he was elected W.M., and was re-elected 1804 to 1809. These two Grand Secretaries, father and son, for so many years members of the lodge, and each in his time regularly attending its meetings, contributed in no slight degree to its prosperity and popularity.

Bro. William Preston, author of the "Illustrations of Masonry," became a joining member in A.D. 1772, the same year in which the first edition of his famous work appeared. James Heseltine, Grand Secretary, also joined the lodge at the same time. In April, 1773, a Lodge of Instruction was founded, in connection with the lodge, in order to promote a knowledge of Masonry among the members, and we suppose tobacco was freely provided at the meetings for the use of the brethren, as a payment is noticed in the Treasurer's accounts, October 20th, 1777, for herb tobacco.

The lodge was a contributor to the Freemasons' Hall Loan Fund, and subsequently resigned its claim to repayment, for which handsome donation the Grand Lodge passed a vote of thanks, and presented a medal to the lodge, as a mark of distinction, to be worn ever afterwards by the Master for the time being.

In 1780 the lodge united with the "Mourning Bush," and it is from this union that the Emulation derives its antiquity, the name of the younger lodge being continued, but the number 12 was retained, and the place of the Mourning Bush on the roll of lodges was accordingly occupied by the Emulation, representing lodges of A.D. 1723 and 1767 respectively.

The right of a lodge to return a Grand Steward is considered to be a very valuable privilege. Eighteen exercise that right annually at the present time, but prior to the Union of A.D. 1810, only twelve did. This distinction was possessed by the Mourning Bush Lodge, and for 140 years (with the Emulation) in uninterrupted succession this privilege has been retained. Bro. Fotherly Baker represented the lodge as Grand Steward, 30th March, 1734, and in 1747 was appointed Deputy Grand Master. Another member, Bro. John Jesse, Grand Steward in 1756, was Grand Treasurer from 1758 to 1752. Bro. Rowland Berkely, Grand Steward for the Lodge 1760, was elected Grand Treasurer from 1760 to 1785. Other Masons of note, members of this ancient Lodge, might be mentioned, such as Bro. W. P. Norris, Treasurer, 1799, on the death of his father-in-law, Bro. S. Clark, who had held that office from 1775. The office of Treasurer was held in the same family for a period of 32 years.

The Grand Secretary initiated his brother, Thomas Edward White, in 1813, who served all the lodge offices, and continued a member until his death, in 1835. His son, Bro. Thomas Reynolds White, P.G.D. is still a member of the Lodge, as is also Bro. Thomas W. White, the son of the last named; some representative of the family being thus on the roll of members from 1770 to the present time.

Bro. James Deans, who distinguished himself by the prominent part he took in promoting the Union of the two Grand Lodges, was initiated in the Emulation Lodge, 20th October, 1783, was Grand Steward in 1801, W.M. in 1811 and 1812, and was appointed J.G.W. in 1811. In November 1813, he initiated his son into the lodge, who was afterwards Grand Sword Bearer.

Many of the minutes quoted by Bro. Baker are most interesting, and we are sorry the excellent little book has been printed for "private circulation" only, as it has a value far beyond the limited circle of actual friendship.

The minute books of the Mourning Bush commence 24th December, 1756 (the earlier records being unfortunately lost), and those of the Emulation comprise all the years from the beginning of the Constitution Lodge in 1767, its absorption in 1770, and from then, to its union with the Mourning Bush, in 1780. The minute books from 1780, to the present, are, we are glad to say, happily preserved, and long may they be kept as an evidence of the career of one of the most successful early lodges which yet exist.

There are only ten lodges older than this lodge, viz., Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, and 20, the Grand Steward's being several years its junior, and the odd numbers from the Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, to the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, have all been warranted since A.D. 1750, by the ancients. Hence, in point of age, it should now stand as No. 11.

We hope to see more of such histories of lodges, as many should, we think, contain much of a valuable and instructive character, illustrative of the progress of Freemasonry, during the last century, and if every centenary lodge is fortunate to possess so able a writer as No. 21, there is yet much pleasure in store for us all.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The half yearly election of this Institution took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday last, Bro. J. Symonds, V.P., presided. The following were the successful Candidates:—

Durant, Pauline Le Clerc .....	1183
Broadbent, Lucinda.....	1089
Gardner, Frances E. ....	1052
Wilson, Edith Ann.....	969
Harryman, Ellen.....	905
Nash, Edith Mary .....	898

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## Craft Masonry.

## METROPOLITAN.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The first regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., Bro. J. Harris, W.M., in the chair, fully supported by his officers as follows:—Bros. F. Trott, S.W.; George Abbott, J.W.; W. Goodyear, P.M., Treasurer; J.G. Marsh, P.M., Secretary; George Newman, S.D.; Thomas Cohu, J.D.; Charles Arkell, I.G.; E. Jones, D.C. The Lodge was opened in the first degree. The minutes of the last regular meeting, and that of the emergency subsequent thereto were read and confirmed. The W.M. then opened the Lodge in 2nd and 3rd degrees. Bro. J. W. Michael was then raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The Lodge was then resumed in the 1st and opened in the 2nd degree, Bros. David McVicar, A. G. Manske, and F. Fellows, were duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge having been again resumed in the 1st

degree, Bro. William Waring was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, the ceremonies being worked by the W.M. in a very able manner. The Secretary, (Bro. Marsh) informed the brethren that since the meeting in March last, the lodge had lost two of its members, Bro. John King, and Bro. Walter Putnam. The lodge passed a vote of condolence to Bro. E. King, P.M., in the melancholy loss he had sustained by the decease of his father, who was an old member of this lodge, and ordered the same to be entered on the minutes. A few notices of motion having been given, the lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to the next regular meeting. The remainder of the members present were—Bros. George Kenning, I.P.M.; E. King, P.M.; E. Roberts, P.M.; S. Lucas, F. Jackson, S. Edwards, T. Fisher, W. Figes, George Parker, J. Anderson, H. Davis, Charles Cann, T. Gardner, J. Cook, S. Haynes, F. Scott, W. Cotter, F. Baker, W. R. Baker, J. Kent, W. Donne, W. Harwood, A. J. Garnett, H. Legg, W. F. Bates, and B. Marsland. The brethren then repaired to a sumptuous banquet, well served by Bro. S. Spencer (the proprietor of the hotel), under the management of Bro. W. F. Bates, at which Bro. J. Harris, W.M., presided. The cloth being removed, the W.M. (during the evening) gave the customary loyal and Masonic toasts in the most efficient and appropriate terms, which were amply and heartily responded to, not excluding that of "The Visitors," of which there were several present. Each returned thanks in excellent speeches, thanking the W.M. and brethren for the kind and genial hospitality they always received from the Lion and Lamb Lodge. The well-known summons of the Tyler to the back of the Master's chair, brought a very pleasant gathering to a close. The visitors present on this occasion were—Bros. W. Worrall, W.M. 1339; W. E. P. Carter, S.D. 211; G. A. Archer, 407; H. Dyne, J.W. 396; J. Linsdell, J.W. 311; G. E. Quinton, 473, Ireland.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**STRONG MAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.**—The usual meeting of this ancient Lodge of Instruction was held on Monday last at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, Bro. Flanes, W.M.; Reuters, S.W.; Owens, J.W., and several other brethren were present. Bro. Beckett, the Preceptor, gave the assemblage the benefit of his knowledge of Masonic lore, and at the close of the business Bro. Defries presented the lodge with a beautiful pair of compasses, and Bro. Davies presented a handsome square. Both jewels are of silver and bear a suitable inscription, these handsome presents will complete the jewels of the lodge in silver. Some of the working tools are very old, dating so far back as 1797, and we doubt if any other lodge of instruction has such ancient implements of labour.

#### CORNWALL.

**BODMIN.—One and All Lodge** (No. 336).—The members of this lodge assembled at their Hall, on the 23rd ult., for the purpose of practically showing their appreciation of two of their oldest and most esteemed brethren. Bro. John R. Collins, W.M., Prov. G. Reg., was in the chair, and in a few introductory observations, explained the object of the meeting. The W.M. then, in a most appropriate speech, presented two Gold Past Master's Jewels to Bro. Captain Hugh G. Colvill, P.G.W. of Cornwall and R. Rich, G.W. of Cornwall. Bro. Colvill, the W.M. remarked, had been of great service to the Craft, not only in this country, and especially at Bodmin, but also in India, where on his leaving, even greater honours had been paid him than the One and All Lodge was able to perform. What the members however had unanimously agreed to do, was done with the best of feeling and with the greatest of pleasure. To Bro. Richard Rich, a Past Master of the lodge of some twenty-two years standing, the lodge was considerably indebted, and having been their Secretary for several years, and though old in the service of the Craft, still continued to discharge the onerous duties of that office, it was no wonder that the lodge had carried, with acclamation, the proposition to present the jewels to two such worthy and distinguished brethren. The W.M. also stated that the members feel that the

election of the widow of the late Bro. White, as an annuitant of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, and of Bro. Harvey as a member of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund, was mainly due to their exertions. Bro. Captain Colvill, in a neat speech, thanked the W.M. and members for the compliment paid to him, and referred to the time when he joined the lodge, some twelve years since, and the warm greeting he received then, which, together with their present kindness, would ever be cherished most warmly by him. Bro. Rich spoke in most grateful terms of the flattering acknowledgement his humble services had received at the hands of No. 330. As an old Past Master, he took a great interest in the welfare of the lodge, and he considered he had done no more than his duty in seeking to attain the objects so ably mentioned by the W.M. in his speech. He was very glad to state that the lodge was never in such a fit condition as at the present time. It was formed 73 years ago, and at no period of its history had it been financially and numerically so prosperous as now. The brethren were highly pleased with the whole of the proceedings, which were brought to a close amidst the plaudits of the brethren. The ex-Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. W. J. Hugham, P.M. 113, was specially invited to attend, and as honorary member of the lodge, would have been delighted to do so in honour of the occasion, but a prior engagement prevented his doing so. The jewels were selected from the stock of Bro. George Keming, (London and Liverpool), and were much admired for their excellence of workmanship and beauty of design.

**CHACEWATER.—Boscawen Lodge** (No. 699).—The usual monthly meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Monday last, Bro. Rev. G. L. Church, P.G. Chaplain, W.M. The business of the evening was to ballot for a joining member, to pass Bro. Lenkin, and raise Bro. Symons; there were a large number of the lodge present. After the lodge had been duly worked up, and brought back to the first degree, Bro. Ninnes, P.M., P. Prov. G.R., after a few appropriate remarks, proposed—"That this lodge having heard with the deepest regret, of the decease of the Prov. G. Master, Bro. Augustus Smith, do record on the minute book, its sense of the very great loss the Province of Cornwall, and the fraternity at large has sustained thereby, that the unvarying kindness, sympathy, and ability of the Prov. G. Master, evinced towards the brethren, and in the successful administration of the affairs of the Province, had so endeared to the hearts of one and all, that his memory will not soon be forgotten." This was seconded by Bro. Paull, P.M., P. Prov. G.S. Supt. of Works. Bro. P.M. Paull proposed that the brethren of this, the largest lodge in the province, invite their W.M. to draw up a petition to be signed by himself and the Past Masters of the lodge, to the Most Worshipful G.M., the Marquis of Ripon, in favour of the appointment of Bro. Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., P.J.G.W. of England, as Prov. G. Master of Cornwall. This was seconded by Bro. Hugham, P.M., P.G. Steward, and supported by the W.M., Bro. Hall, P.M., PG.S.D., and carried with applause. The following is a copy of the petition:—"To the M.W.G.M., the Marquis of Ripon, K.G., &c., &c. The undersigned, W.M. and Past Masters of the Boscawen Lodge, No. 699, Chacewater, desire to address your Grace under the following circumstances. The Province of Cornwall has, by the fiat of the G.A.O.T.U., been deprived by death of the guidance and government of its late P.G.M., Bro. Augustus Smith. It would scarcely become us to do more than recall to your Grace's remembrance the many valuable services which our late P.G.M. rendered to the cause of Masonry, especially in his own Province, as we are well assured those services were not unknown to your Grace. Passing on from this, we look forward with anxiety, and at the same time with confidence, to the appointment of our future P.G.M., and we humbly beg to draw your Grace's attention to the very deep interest which Bro. Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., P.G.J.W., and Past Prov. G.S.W., has always shown to Masonry in Grand Lodge, as in his own Province, but most especially to his munificent assistance to all Masonic institutions.

We beg to conclude, by assuring your Grace, that whoever may be appointed by the M.W.G.M. as the P.G.M. of Cornwall, will receive from the brethren of this lodge that dutiful allegiance which should at all times characterise the fraternity. Signed, George Lemon Church, W.M. No. 699, Prov. G. Chaplain; Samuel G. Moyle, P.M. 699, P. Prov. G.S.; John Ninnes, P.M. 699, P. Prov. G. Reg.; William Bray, P.M. 699; John Paull, P.M. 699, P. Prov. G. Wks.; John Hall, P.M. 699, Prov. G.J.D.; W. P. Hugoe, P.M. 699, Prov. G.S.; William Buckingham, P.M. 699; Samuel Mitchell, P.M. 699; James Bryant, P.M. 699.

#### LANCASHIRE (WEST).

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—The Baldwin Lodge** (No. 1398).—The first regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 12th August, in the lodge-room, the Castle, Dalton-in-Furness. In the absence of Bro. W. J. A. Baldwin, W.M., the lodge was duly opened by Bro. R. Pearson, W.M. of Lodge of Furness, 995, Ulverston, who was supported by Bros. J. Case, P.M. 995; W. Whiteside, S.W.; J. Postlewaite, J.W.; and other officers, and a full lodge of brethren. The minutes of the Consecration and Installation were read and confirmed. A proposition was received for the admission of a candidate as serving brother, to perform the office of Tyler. Five candidates for initiation, and four brethren as joining members, were proposed. The proposed bye-laws were taken as read, and the lodge was finally closed by the acting W.M. A lodge of emergency was held on the 27th Aug., when, under a dispensation obtained for the purpose, Mr. Thomas Cooper was duly initiated as serving brother, by Bro. Pearson, W.M., who announced that in respect to the memory of the late Prov. G. Master, Sir Thomas George Fermor-Hesketh, Bart., M.P., the lodge would assume mourning for the ensuing three months. The second regular meeting was held on the 9th ult., under the presidency of Bro. R. Pearson, acting W.M. The ballot was taken for four joining members, and was unanimous in their favour. The ballot was also taken for five candidates, which proved favourable in two cases. Mr. James Harrison was duly initiated by the W.M., the charge being given by Bro. W. Whiteside, S.W. Two propositions for admission, and one as joining member, were received. A motion was made by the S.W., and seconded by the J.W., that a letter of thanks be forwarded in the name of the lodge to Edward Wadham, Esq., the local agent of His Grace the Duke of Buccleuch, for his great kindness in granting the use of the ancient castle for the purposes of Masonry. The lodge was closed at 8:30 p.m. At a lodge of emergency held on the 25th ult., presided over by Bro. Pearson, acting W.M., one candidate was initiated, and the serving brother, having proved his proficiency was passed to the Fellow Craft Degree. The lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

**ULVERSTON.—Lodge of Furness** (No. 995).—The usual monthly communication was held at the Masonic Temple, on the 1st instant. There was a large attendance of brethren. The lodge was opened in due form, by the W.M., Bro. R. Pearson, whose officers were all in their places. After the usual formal business, Mr. James Spedding, being in attendance, was duly initiated by the W.M., in his usual impressive manner. The working tools were admirably explained by W. Bro. T. Dodgson, I.P.M., and the charge by W. Bro. Barber, M.D., P.M. The votes of the Masonic Charities, requiring attention, were, as usual, placed at the discretion of the Master and Wardens. Considering the age of this lodge, the position it holds by virtue of the votes it has secured in the London and Provincial Masonic institutions, offers a praiseworthy example to young lodges. W. Bro. Barber, M.D., P.M., the founder and first W.M. of this lodge, rose, and said he wished to bring before the brethren a subject which he knew would recommend itself to every brother present, he referred to the appointment of their Worshipful Bro. Roger Dodgson, 86, S.W. 995, and W.M. 1390, to an office, in the P.G. Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland, and remarked that the honour conferred

upon their brother, was in his opinion, a very proper testimony to merit and ability, and he was sure every brother in the lodge would take it as a compliment to No. 995. He had watched the Masonic career of their distinguished brother, and from the zeal, ability, and energy he had displayed, he considered that the P.G. Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland had, in his case, maintained the grand landmarks of the Order, "merit and ability," in the selection of the W.M. of No. 1390, as P.G.S.B. He hoped the lodge would convey to Worshipful Bro. R. Dodgson, their sincere and hearty congratulations. The W.M., in seconding the proposition, expressed his entire concurrence in the testimony borne by P.M. Barber, to the zeal, ability, and perseverance manifested by Bro. R. Dodgson in Masonry, and in submitting the resolution to the brethren, suggested that their acquiescence might be testified by heartily joining in that Masonic chant, "Prosper the Art," which was rendered in a joyous and spirited manner. Bro. R. Dodgson said he replied with much disidence, and in thanking the brethren for this additional mark of their esteem, remarked that he looked upon the appointment more as a compliment to the Whitewell Lodge, No. 1390, than a reward for any services he had been able to render to Masonry. W. Bro. Quartermaster Sergeant Case, P.M., P.G.J. 86, 995, 1390, 1398, and Bro. Sergeant-major Paxton, Sec., testified to the profuse hospitality and fraternal greeting they had received during thier recent visit to Belgium from the Lodge of Liberty at Ghent. Bro. W. B. Atherstone, who was proposed as a joining member, addressed the W.M. and brethren, bestowing high praise on the excellent manner in which the working of the lodge was carried out. He thought it did them great credit, and proposed hearty good wishes from lodges 113, 950, 986, and 1390. Bro. A. W. Orr, in tendering the good wishes of No. 986, said he had often heard of the handsome Hall at Ulverston, and the correctness of the working; but he had never witnessed the fine ritual of the Order so effectually and musically rendered. Bro. Hunt, of the Joppa Lodge, London, expressed himself highly gratified that he had an opportunity of visiting the lodge. It was his privilege to attend several London lodges, and he could say that in the whole of his Masonic experience he had never seen a better appointed or more richly decorated Temple, neither had he been present on any occasion where the ceremonial had been more correctly rendered. He thought the arrangements of the choir were of such a perfect character as to greatly enhance the work of the evening. The whole business reflected great credit upon the W.M. and his officers, and it would afford him great pleasure to report to the lodges with which he was connected, the agreeable surprise he had met with. He concluded with good wishes. The choir mustered in good force, and rendered most substantial aid during the proceedings. The lodge was closed in ancient form, and with solemn prayer.

## HAMPSHIRE.

ALDERSHOT.—*Aldershot Camp Lodge* (No. 1331).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Royal Hotel, High-st., on the 3rd inst. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. J. Fenn, who has been removed to Dorchester, the chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. C. Carnegie, I.P.M., P.G.Purst. Hants, who was supported by the following officers: Bros. J. Osmond, P.M.; Capt. Richardson, R.E., S.W.; A. McKenzie, J.W.; R. White, Sec.; T.W. Mayer, as S.D.; R. Bennett, J.D.; F. Anderson, I.G.; U. Lucas, O.G. There were several visiting brethren from the regiments lately arrived in camp. The lodge was opened in form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Sergt. W. Drew, A.S. Corps, a candidate for initiation, and for Bro. Edmond, 1066, as a joining member, which proved unanimous in each case. Bro. Harper a candidate for the F.C. degree, was examined respecting his proficiency in the former degree, which proving satisfactory, he was entrusted with a test of merit, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bros. Thomas and Munro, candidates for the M.M. degree, were examined respecting their

proficiency in the F.C. degree, which being satisfactory, they were intrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bros. Thomas and Munro were raised to the sublime degree; the S.W. explaining the working tools in his usual effective manner, and the W.M. pro tem. giving the Charge, and putting round the questions appertaining to the degree, for the information the newly raised brethren. The lodge was closed down to the second degree, and Bro. Harper passed to the F.C. degree, the J.W. presenting the working tools. The lodge was closed down to the first degree, and Srgt. Drew, A.S. Corps, was initiated into Masonry by Bro. Osmond, P.M., the S.W. presenting the working tools. The brethren then proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. Capt. Richardson, R.E., was unanimously chosen; Bro. C. Carnegie, I.P.M., was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. Marversly, O.G. Bro. Dillon of the Goderich Lodge, Leeds, signed his Grand Lodge Certificate, which was then presented to him by the W.M. pro tem. It was proposed by Bro. Osmond, P.M. seconded by Bro. Bennett, J.D., and unanimously agreed to, that the outgoing W.M. Bro. J. Fenn, be presented with a Past Master's jewel, suitably inscribed. Two brethren were proposed as joining members, and some other business transacted, the lodge was closed in peace, harmony, and brotherly love.

SCOTLAND.  
CONSECRATION OF ST. ANDREW'S LODGE,  
ABERDEEN.

This lodge was consecrated on Wednesday, the 18th September, by the R.W. Bro. Capt. Hunter, F.R.S. and F.S.A. Scotland, Prov. G.M. of Aberdeenshire East, and his officers, their was a large assemblage of the brethren of the province, every lodge being represented, besides brethren from the Aberdeen City province, with the R.W. Bro. Dr. Beveridge, the P.G.M. of that province.

The Craft Lodge was opened at six o'clock at the St. Andrew's Hall, and the P.G.M. and his officers received at seven. The impressiveness of the consecration was much enhanced by the P.G. Chaplains, the V.W. Bros. John Stewart and McLean. Bro. McLean, of Fraserburgh, delivered an able address on the History of Free-masonry in Scotland from an early age. The music was led by Bro. Skakle of St. George's Lodge, Aberdeen, and was well executed.

After the ceremony was over the brethren adjourned to refreshment at the Episcopal School room, kindly given up to them by Bro. the Rev. Webster, of the St. Andrew's Lodge. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the meeting broke up at an early hour, as many of the brethren had great distances to go. The spirited way in which the St. Andrew's Lodge has been conducted since it was started received as it well deserved the warmest commendations from the Provincial Grand Master.

## Royal Arch.

LANCASHIRE (WEST),  
CONSECRATION OF A NEW CHAPTER AT  
BLACKPOOL.

Last Friday afternoon, the 4th inst., there was a large assembly of Royal Arch Masons at the Clifton Arms and Pier Hotel, Blackpool, for the purpose of assisting at the consecration of the Clifton Chapter, No. 703.

The interest in the business was greatly increased by the fact that Comp. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale had consented to take the chair as First Principal, thereby giving fresh evidence of his zeal for the Masonic cause, and his willingness to give active help in the furtherance of its prosperity and standing.

By appointment, the ceremonies of consecration and installation were performed by Comp. A. C. Mott, 32, 129, 143, 178, 341, 680, 823, 1086, P.Z., P.Prov.G.S.N., (whose working was of the most efficient and impressive kind), valuable assistance given by Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.Chaplain of England; T. Ashmores, P.Z., as H.; S. Forrest, Z. 823, and P.M. 241, as J.; Fryer, P.Z. as S.E.; R. Robinson, P.Z., as S.N.; and Steib, as H. The following were

also present:—Comps. Lord Skelmersdale, H.; W. Johnston, Z. 113; J. Skeaf, P.Prov.G.O., J. 216; D. Jones, P.Z.; J. Jones, E.; T. Nevett, E. 113; R. Landless, W. Smith, J., 314; Wilson, 333; Heap, J., 333; Ware 333; Collis, 345; Greaves, 113; Poole, E., 333; Crossley, 333; J. Wood, 1094; Treasurer 249; C. Haswell, and others.

In the course of the consecration ceremonial, an admirable oration, written by Comp. Young-husband, now of London, was delivered with impressive effect by Comp. S. Forrest. Comp. Skeaf presided at the organ with his well-known ability, and his anthem, "Behold how good," and other incidental pieces written by him, received fine rendering by Comps. J. Jones, D. Jones, and C. Haswell.

After the chapter had been constituted in antient form, Comp. Mott proceeded with the installation of Principals. Comp. Lord Skelmersdale was installed and invested as Z.; Comp. Ralph Landless as H.; and Comp. James Porter as J.

The First Principal then duly installed the following as his officers:—Comps. Thos. Nevett, S.E.; R. Robinson, P.S.; Capt. Whitehead, S.N.; and Steib, J.

At the conclusion of the business a sumptuous banquet, tabled in splendid style was served in the large dining hall of the "Clifton," Comp. Lord Skelmersdale, Z., presiding.

During the evening, the health of his Lordship was proposed by Comp. C. J. Martyn, who said he had heard with pleasure at the M.M.'s meeting in Manchester that his esteemed friend, Lord Skelmersdale, was to be installed First Principal of the new chapter at Blackpool. Having been present at his initiation into Masonry, he (Comp. Martyn) had watched with great pleasure his career in the Craft, and it had given him unbounded delight to be present that day. He had travelled to Blackpool specially for that purpose. He had been very much impressed with the efficient manner in which Comp. Mott had performed the ceremonies of consecration and installation, which, in the whole course of his experience he had never seen excelled. He was also very much pleased with the oration which had been delivered by Comp. Forrest. He concluded by wishing the greatest prosperity to the new chapter.

In response, Lord Skelmersdale said the principles of the Craft were very dear to him, and for that reason he had endeavoured to promote its interests in every way. It had given him great pleasure indeed, to see his esteemed friend, the P.G. Chaplain, present on that occasion. Above all, his thanks were due to his Excellent Companion Mott, as well as Companion Landless, for their exertions in establishing that chapter, and the former, for the impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation. He had no doubt that, from what he had seen that day, the chapter would become one of the most successful in the Province.

"The Queen," "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," "The Army, Navy, and the Auxiliary Forces," "The Marquis of Ripon, M.E. Grand Principal, and the rest of the Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter," "The Consecrating Officer," "The Visiting Companions," and "All poor and distressed Masons," were the other toasts on the list.

We have great pleasure in announcing that there is every prospect of a successful career in store for the new chapter, as fourteen members of Lodge 703 were proposed by the First Principal for exaltation. Great praise is due to Comp. Landless, H., for promoting the new chapter, as it is through his exertions it has been established.

## SCOTLAND.

GLASGOW.—*The Caledonian Unity Chapter* (No. 73).—This chapter met at the Masonic Hall, on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, for the election and installation of officers, Companion David Gilchrist, M.E.Z., presiding, who, in a feeling speech, announced his regret at having to leave them, after their kindness in having unanimously re-nominated him to that high office; but as he was about very unexpectedly to sail for Canada, he must ask them to elect some one else in his

place. Companions Wheeler and Balfin moved that a committee be appointed to get up a testimonial, to mark their approval of his conduct, not only in that chair, but for the service he had rendered to Arch Masonry throughout the Province; carried unanimously. The election was then proceeded with, and the following were unanimously elected:—Companions George M'Donald, M.E.Z.; George William Wheeler, H.; Robert Mitcher, J.; James Balfin, Scribe E.; J. M. C. Thyle, N.; Robert Bell, Treasurer; George M'Leod, First S.; John Kay, Second S.; John McMurray, Third S.; Wm. Jackson, Janitor. Companion D. Gilchrist then proceeded with the installation of those officers, after which he conferred the degree of Excellent Master upon Brothers T. Patter, D. Berral, William Macgregor, R. Guthrie, and J. F. Lanbridge; and also Brothers J. B. M'Nair, and William Thomson, 69, at the request of Comp. T. Humphreys, Z., of that chapter; the same seven gentlemen were afterwards duly exalted into the Royal Arch Degree, each of the ceremonies being conducted with that precision that has always distinguished Comp. Gilchrist's working. On Monday, the 30th ult., the Companions of this Chapter, and their friends, met, to present a testimonial to J. Gilchrist; it consisted of a very handsome P.Z.'s jewel, manufactured by Comp. G. Kenning, of London, on which was a suitable inscription, and which reflected great credit on the manufacturer of the jewel. There were also a set of gold earrings and brooch, for Mrs. Gilchrist. The chair was occupied by G. M'Donald, Z. of 73, and P.G.S.B.; the vice-chair was filled by Comp. R. Mitchell, J.S. 73. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, and duly honoured, the Chairman presented the jewel, alluding in grateful terms to the services rendered to Arch Masonry by their esteemed friend, Gilchrist. The committee, who had only five days to get up the testimonial, had worked with a will, and he had no doubt that, as it was the result of a private subscription, it would be more prized than anything that could have been voted from the Chapter fund. Comp. Gilbert said that he was really so surprised by the beautiful gift, as well as by the manner in which his name had been received, that it had really deprived him of the power of thanking them properly; he could only say 'that it would stimulate him in the future. Several other toasts were given and responded to, which want of space prevents us giving in extenso.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**THE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.**—This chapter of instruction resumed its meetings after the recess, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. at Freemasons' Hall, and amongst the companions present were Comps. J. Self, M.D. (who officiated as E. in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Brett, the Preceptor); F. C. Trowers, H.; J.T.V. Hardy, J.; R. Wentworth Little, S.E.; T. W. White, Asst. S.E.; A. A. Richards, S.N.; Major E. Finney, P.S.; P. Wayner and Griffiths Smith, Asst. Sojs., and others. The ceremony of exaltation was ably rehearsed, after which the bye-laws were read for information, and the officers duly elected for the ensuing fortnight. The committee for the ensuing year will be composed as follows:—Comps. John Boyd, Chairman; G. S. States, Deputy Chairman, Major E. H. Finney, James Lewis Thomas, James Self, M.D. We earnestly recommend all Royal Arch Masons who desire to attain proficiency in the beautiful ceremonies of the Order, to attend this chapter of improvement, as better teachers, and more correct teaching cannot be found in the metropolis.

#### Mark Masonry.

##### DEVONSHIRE.

**PLYMOUTH.**—*Temple Lodge* (No. 50).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 17th ult., at the Haynes Masonic Temple, Plymouth, when there were present a large number of members, including W. Bro. Andrews, W.M., P.G.S.B.; W. Bro. J. B. Gover, P.M., P. Prov. D.C.; W. Bro. J.D. Westcott, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B.; Bro. S. Jew, S.W., P. Prov. G.M.O.; Bros. H. F. Hearle, M.O.; R. Pen-

gelly, J.D.; H. H. Arnold, J. Rendle, G. V. Hilson, R. Stribbling S.O.; and visitors V. W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 104, 129, 139, Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex and Surrey, and P.G.J.O. England; V. W. Bro. Vincent Bird, P.M. 64, P.G.M.O. England; V. W. Bro. R. H. Rae, P.M. 35, P. Prov. G.T.; V. W. Bro. J. Montgomery, P.M. 76, P. Prov. G.D.C.; W. Bro. Brown, P.M. 96, P. Prov. G.P.; Bro. Adams, 91; Bro. Hearle, S.W. 96; The whole of the ceremony of advancement was gone through, under the superintendance of Bro. Stevens, whose lucid explanations of the lectures and ritual were listened to with deep attention and warm admiration. At the conclusion a vote of thanks, moved by Bro. Gover, seconded by Bro. Hearle, and supported by Brothers Rae, Bird, Jew, and Montgomery, who all warmly eulogised Bro. Stevens for his Masonic kindness and ability, was unanimously adopted, and eloquently replied to. The lodge then nominated their new Master, in the person of Bro. S. Jew, S.W., who was unanimously adopted. A committee was appointed to audit accounts, and the brethren retired to a collation, for which however there was little time, owing to the length of the lodge business.

#### LEICESTERSHIRE.

**LEICESTER.**—*Fowke Lodge* (No. 19).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall on the 26th ult. Bro. S. S. Partridge, W.M.; A. M. Duff, P.M.; W. Wear, S.W.; Rev. Dr. Haycroft, J.W.; C. Stretton, Treasurer; J. Rowlett, R.M.; J. M. McAllister, Secretary; G. Toller, M.O.; W. Sculthorpe, S.O.; L.L. Atwood, J.O.; R. Barber, S.D.; E.J. Crow, J.D.; J.T. Thorpe, I.G.

The Lodge being opened, the ballot was taken for Bro. Rev. J. Spittal, W.M. No. 30, as a joining member, and Bro. J. Edmunds as a candidate for advancement.

The result of the ballot having proved unanimously favourable in each case, Bro. Edmunds was admitted and duly advanced.

The ceremony was conducted by the worthy representative of Adoniram, with the strictest attention to all details, and evinced that zealous, and enthusiastic spirit, which, on all occasions characterizes the working of Bro. Partridge in any capacity connected with the various degrees of Masonry.

The W.M. is also to be congratulated on having the assistance of a staff of officers, comprising some of the most eminent masons in this province, who are thoroughly acquainted with their various duties, and effective in the discharge of the same.

Bro. Rowlett ably presided at the organ, and added greatly to the impressiveness of the ceremony by rendering the very appropriate music for this degree, composed by Bro. E. J. Crow, Mus. Bac. Cantab.

On the lodge being closed, the brethren retired for refreshment, and spent the remainder of the evening in harmony and good fellowship.

#### Knights Templar.

##### LANCASHIRE.

**ROCHDALE.**—*Albert Encampment.*—The regular meeting of this encampment was held in the Masonic Rooms, Anne-street, Rochdale, on Thursday, the 26th September. The encampment was opened in form by the Eminent Commander, Sir Knight William Ashworth, Provincial Grand First Captain of Lancashire, assisted by his officers, after which, the minutes of last regular meeting, and two meetings of emergency were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Companion Simeon Lord, of Chapter 266, who was unanimously elected, installed, and proclaimed a Sir Knight of the Order. Amongst the Sir Knights present, were Sir Knight William Roberts, P.G.C., P. Prov. G. Chamberlain; James Holroyd, P.E.C., P.G. Almoner, C. M. Jones, P.E.C.; Herod Turner, P.G. First Herald; and Sir Knights Fothergill Woodcock, Davies, Firth, Gorton, Midgley, Briggs, Mills, Lord and Ashworth. The E. C. reported the receipt of a large copy of bye laws, for the use of the encampment, and a supply of smaller ones

for the use of the Sir Knights, to each of whom a copy was presented. He also reported the Prelate's Ritual, beautifully got up, and presented to the encampment, by the indefatigable and Templar loving Companion, Eminent Sir Knight William Henry Wright, Deputy Provincial Grand Commander, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded for the presentation, which was ordered to be recorded in the minutes. A circular letter from the Prov. Grand Chancellor, was read, calling the attention of the E.C. and Sir Knights, to the proceedings of the Grand Conclave, wherein it was resolved and ordered, that the minimum fee for the installation of a Companion into the Order of the Temple, be £5 5s. The proceedings were approved. The labours of the evening being ended, the encampment was duly closed by the E.C. The Sir Knights adjourned to banquet, at which the Eminent Commander announced that the Very Eminent Prov. Grand Commander, Sir Knight Albert Hudson Royds, had written to say he would not be able to attend the meeting that evening, and hoped the fact of his daughter's marriage being fixed for that day, might be considered a sufficient reason for his absence. The Eminent Commander stated that Miss Royds had that day been married to Colonel Scobell, the High Sheriff of Worcester, and called upon the Sir Knights to join him in wishing health, long life, and happiness to the newly married pair, which was honoured in a bumper, and with applause. The cloth having been removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, were duly honoured. "Our Prov. Grand Commander," proposed by the E.C., which is always received with applause, being on this festive occasion specially honoured. That the day may ever be remembered with pleasure and pride by the P.G.C., is the wish of every Sir Knight of the encampment which bears his honoured name, and in which name they truly rejoice.

#### SCOTLAND.

**GLASGOW.**—*St. Mungo Encampment.*—The installation of the officers of the St. Mungo Encampment of Knights Templar took place in the Masonic Hall, Buchanan street, Glasgow, on Wednesday, when a deputation from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Edinburgh attended, together with the members of the English Grand Conclave. The encampment was opened in St. Mark's Hall, when the Acting Grand Master, Major Ramsay, expressed the pleasure it gave him to confirm the old charter of the Girvan Knights, and empower them to work under the new name of St. Mungo Encampment. The accession of so large and influential a body, he trusted would influence the other independent bodies of the Knights of the Temple existing in Scotland to come and join them, that they might again become one united body. He then proceeded to instal Sir Knight Robert Bell as the Eminent Commander of the St. Mungo Encampment, together with 20 office-bearers. The E. C. having thanked the deputation, the Knights adjourned to St. John's Hall, where a banquet had been provided. After full justice had been done to the excellent repast, provided by Comp. Middleton, the chair was taken by R. Bell, and the Croupier's seat by J. E. Spiers, Generalissimo.

The Chairman was supported by Major Hamilton Ramsey, Sir Knight A. Hay, J. Lawrie, D. Dickson, J. Lewis and R. Brice of the Supreme Grand Chapter, and Sir Knight R. Pullen and E. C. Smith, C.E. of the English Constitution. On the dais were also the Rev. J. C. Stiratt, Prelate; and J. A. Fergus, S.B.; the Croupier was supported by Sir Knt. Butler, P.C.; J. Tweed, D.C.; R. Mitchell, S.C. and F. Clanachan, Treas.; while the south was occupied by M. Clanachan, C.C., and G.W. Wheeler Sec.

The Chairman gave the toast, "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Prince of Wales and Knights Templarism all over the world," which were loyally and enthusiastically received.

The next toast was, "The Supreme Grand Priory of Scotland," coupled with our General Grand Master, Sir Knight Whyte Melville, to which Major Ramsey, as Acting Grand Master, on behalf of Sir Knight White, Prelate, and the Grand Chapter General of Scotland, replied. Sir Knight Frank Gibb Dugal gave "The

Army, Navy, and Volunteers," and coupled with it the name of Sir Knight Major Ramsay, who appropriately responded.

The next sentiment "The Grand Commanderies and Encampments of America," was given in a very excellent speech by Sir Knight G. W. Wheeler.

Sir Knight the Rev. J. C. Stewart, responded.

Sir Knight Ramsey, G.R., and Grand Prior of Lothian, then proposed "Prosperity to the Saint Mungo Encamement."

Sir Knight T. Clanchan, P.E.C., responded.

The Chairman then gave "The Grand Conclave, and Knights Templars of England," to which Sir Knight Pullen responded.

The Croupier then gave the "The Clergy of Glasgow."

The Rev. J. C. Stewart, Prelate of Mungo, responded.

Sir Knight J. Scott, in glowing terms, proposed "The Lord Provost and Magistrates of the city."

Sir Knight A. Neilson, Town Councillor, replied.

Sir Knight Patterson proposed the "Absent Knights of the Encampment."

G. W. Wheeler, Secretary, replied.

Sir Knight G. B. Adams proposed the health of the Croupier, who acknowledged the toast in a suitable manner.

### Red Cross of Constantine.

#### METROPOLITAN.

**ST. ANDREW'S CONCLAVE (No. 15.)**—An assembly of the Knights of this conclave was held at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-st., on Wednesday, the 25th ult., V.E. Sir. Knt. Frederick Binckes, M.P.S., on the throne, supported by his Viceroy, E. Sir. Knt. W. Jones; Sir. Knt. S. Rosenthal, S.G.; Sir. Knt. Wm. Roebuck, A.P.; and Sir. Knt. J.G. Marsh, Recorder. The conclave having been opened in imperial form, the minutes of the last assembly were read and confirmed. The Sir. Knts. then proceeded to the election of a M.P.S., for the year ensuing, which resulted in the unanimous election of Sir. Knt. Wm. Jones, V. Sir. Knt. S. Rosenthal, was also elected Viceroy, and Sir. Knt. Robt. Kenyon, P.S., was reelected Treasurer. The Permanent Council for the year were then appointed. There being no further business the conclave was closed. The Sir. Knts. then retired to an excellent dinner served Bro. by Gosden, ably presided over by M.P.S., Sir. Knt. Binckes, who performed all the duties of the evening with his well-known ability. Amongst the companions present were Sir. Knts. D.M. Dewar, W. Figes, and Tanner.

#### BRO. PERKINS, SHERIFF OF LONDON.

It will gratify our reader to learn that one of the newly elected Sheriffs of London, Bro. F. Perkins, is a member of the Craft, being Past Master of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130, and P. Prov. G. W. Hants.

Bro. Perkins was born at Southampton in 1826. He is a son of Mr. Richard Hopkins Perkins and Sarah Perkins, of Cumberland Hall Southampton. He was married to Isabella Bloomfield, eldest daughter of Joseph Rodney Croskey, Esq., late American Consul at the above-named port. The Perkins family have long held a leading position in the town. Bro. Sheriff Perkins is not new to public life, having been Mayor of Southampton no less than five times. He was first chosen in 1859, his year of office, like the four subsequent ones, being characterised by a display of public spirit, energy, and lavish hospitality, which won for him golden opinions. In his first year of office he entertained Captain Allen Young and the officers of the Arctic exploring vessel "Fox," sent out from Southampton by Mr. Croskey on the Atlantic Telegraph Expedition, together with a distinguished company of savants, including Sir Roderick Murchison, at a grand banquet, and Bro. Perkins was subsequently elected a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, Hay-

ing had a child born during his mayoralty, he was presented with a costly and magnificent piece of plate, in the form of a silver cradle or candelabra, weighing over six hundred ounces.

In 1861 Bro. Perkins was again elected Mayor of Southampton, and was re-elected in November of the following year. During the former of these periods the Hartley Institution was opened by the late Lord Palmerston, to whom a magnificent public reception was accorded by Bro. Perkins, on behalf of the people of Southampton, his Lordship being entertained at a grand banquet, and the town brilliantly illuminated in his honour. In March, 1863, Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, as Mayor and Mayoress of Southampton, had the honour of receiving the Prince and Princess of Wales, upon the occasion of the marriage of their Royal Highnesses. In the same year the inhabitants gave a grand ball to the Mayor and Mayoress, presenting the former with a full-length portrait, and the latter with a handsome gold necklace and diamond pendant. In November, 1868, Bro. Perkins was, for a fourth time, elected Mayor. On the returning 9th of November, in 1869, Bro. Perkins was chosen or the fifth time Mayor of the borough, and in 1870 gave a magnificent fancy dress ball in honour of the then approaching marriage of the Princess Louise. Bro. Perkins presented a handsome statue of the late Prince Consort (by Thed) to the Bishop's Waltham Infirmary, which was unveiled by the Princess Helena, accompanied by the Princess Louise. In the last named year, the Mayor and Mayoress had again the honour of receiving the Prince and Princess of Wales in passing through Southampton; and again, to mark their sense of the public spirit and liberality which Bro. Perkins had displayed, especially in connection with the festivities of the Bath and West of England Agricultural Society's Show in 1868, the town presented him with a magnificent dessert service of silver gilt—the presentation being made by the Right Hon. Russell Gurney, Q.C., one of the Parliamentary representatives of the borough. During his several mayoralties Bro. Perkins lost no opportunities of promoting the commercial and maritime interests of Southampton, and he has taken a foremost place in all municipal, social and educational matters.

Bro. F. Perkins appointed as his Chaplain the Rev. G. Bradshaw, D.D., LL.D., of Southampton; a well deserved compliment to one who has long laboured in two important chaplaincies in Southampton, in which he has given great satisfaction. As Sheriff's Chaplain in London, the rev. doctor will have an opportunity, in a large and influential sphere, of exhibiting his great talents as a reader and preacher.

#### Original Correspondence.

To the Editor of *The Freemason.*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think it the duty of every Mason to assist a worthy Brother in his legitimate attempt to obtain any office of position his ambition may prompt him to aspire to, should they consider him qualified to fill the office he seeks to obtain.

I am therefore pleased to find a brother of so high a standing as Bro. Hughan pointing to one who I know is desirous of showing his ability on behalf of the Girls' Institution, I mean Bro. Wentworth Little, one who I feel convinced will be a worthy successor of our poor dear friend Bro. Patten, should it be found necessary to appoint another in his stead.

I am Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally

MAGNUS OHREX.

W.M. No. 33, &c.

**SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY.**—Scottish Rite Masonry, is said to be making considerable progress on the Pacific coast. During the months of March and April fifteen Lodges representing that branch of Masonry, were organized in Puget Sound.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, October 18, 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, OCT. 12TH.

Lodge 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1361, United Service, Swan Hotel, Wimbledon, Mark Lodge 104, Macdonald, Head Quarters First Surrey Rifles, Brunswick-road, Camberwell.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. S. Dilley, Preceptor, Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern Camberwell-road, at 7:30; Bros. Thomas and Worthington, Preceptors.

Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. Ash, P.M., Preceptor.

#### MONDAY, OCT. 14.

Quarterly Meeting Boys' School, at 12.

Lodge 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.

" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 879, Peckham, Malmore Arms Tavern, Park-road, Peckham.

" 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.

Chap. 22, Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.

Mark Lodge 69, United Service, Red Lion Hotel, Brompton.

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. Gottheil, 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.

West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-Hill, at 7:30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

#### TUESDAY, OCT. 15.

Board of General Purposes at 3.

Lodge 30, United Matrices, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.

" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.

" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-st.

" 435, Salisbury, 71, Dean-st., Soho.

Chap. 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.

" 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.

Sydney Lodge of Instruction, Cambridge Hotel, Upper Norwood.

Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel) at 8; Bro. C. A. Cotterne, Preceptor.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John 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.

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, OCT. 16.

General Committee of Grand Chapter at 3.

Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.

" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Hotel, Gresham-st.

" 619, Beadon, Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich.

" 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.

" 1044, New Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hotel, New Wandsworth.

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" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.  
 " 1365, Chapter  
 Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.  
 " 217 Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-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's 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 at 8; 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 OCT. 17.

Lodge 49 Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.  
 Lodge 55, Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.  
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.  
 " 181, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
 " 1139, South Norwood, South Norwood Hall, South Norwood.  
 " 1287, Great Northern, Great Northern Hotel, Kings Cross.  
 " 1339, Stockwell, Duke of Edinburgh Tav., Stockwell.  
 Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.

The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; 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.  
 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.  
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.  
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.

## FRIDAY, OCT. 18.

House Committee, Boys' School.  
 Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.  
 " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.  
 Rose Croix Chapter, Invicta, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.  
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 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.  
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733) Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-Street, at 8.  
 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; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.  
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.  
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-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's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.

## Advertisements.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

St. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

At a Quarterly General Court of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Thursday, the 10th day of October, 1872, John Symonds, Esq., in the Chair, after the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the election by ballot of Six Children into the Institution, from a list of twenty-four approved candidates when the following were declared duly elected:—

No. on List:	Votes.
7 Durant, Pauline Le Clerc.....	1183
10 Broadbent, Lucinda .....	1089
6 Gardner, Frances, E. ....	1052
13 Wilson, Edith Anne .....	969
24 Harryman, Ellen .....	905
9 Nash, Edith Mary .....	898

The votes of the following unsuccessful Candidates will be carried forward to the Election in April next if eligible:—

No. on List,	Votes,
1 Chapman, Ada G. ....	664
2 Greene, H. Minott .....	220
3 Tippett, Anne G. ....	314
4 Bindon, B. A. ....	414
5 Senger, Ellen Augusta .....	797
8 Simpson, Frances C. ....	859
11 Norris, Mary .....	120
12 Day, Mary Ann.....	73
14 Reeds, Lillias E. ....	192
15 Faithful, Florence C. ....	127
16 Oates, Louisa C. ....	—
17 Duke, Jessie .....	720
18 Moore, Laura .....	506
19 Emery, Katharine .....	417
20 Nash, Florence .....	683
21 Seaton, E. Ida M. ....	375
22 Hill, Florence M. E. ....	641
23 Jay, Charlotte A. ....	441

For EDWARD HENRY PATTEN, Secretary,  
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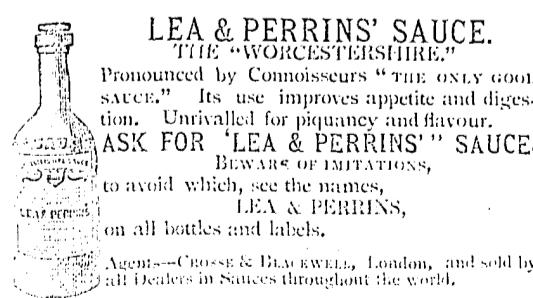
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