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NOTES ON THE "UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL."

A Lecture delivered before the Freres of the Prudence Encampment of Masonic Knights Templar, at Ipswich, on the 31st July, 1872.

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"Therefore I have appointed signs unknown to and out of the reach of the false brethren, to be orally delivered by fellow soldiers, and in the manner that in the Grand Convent it has already been pleased to deliver them.

"But which signs are only communicated, after due profession and consecration as a Knight, according to the statutes, rites, and usages of fellow soldiers of the Temple, transmitted by me to the aforesaid Eminent Commander, as I have had them delivered into my hand from the Worshipful Master, and most holy Martyr."

Sir Sidney Smith, the modern Cœur de Lion, as he has been called, became Grand Master in 1838, and he appointed the Duke of Sussex, who, as you know, was Grand Master of the English Masonic Knights Templar, Grand Prior of England; conferring upon the Earl of Durham (Prov. Grand Commander of Durham, and, I believe, a P.E.C. of the Royal Kent Encampment at Newcastle-on-Tyne), the rank of Grand Prior of Scotland.

Napoleon recognised it as a public order of Chivalry in France, and some authors say he joined the Order (Bro. Woof says not), but it never recovered the Papal sanction to be enrolled amongst the surviving Orders of religious military character.

Barrow, in his life of Sir Sidney Smith, says that Don Pedro of Portugal, Emperor of Brazil, was desirous of being elected Grand Master of the Order, but in spite of Don Pedro's magnificent offer to re-establish the Order in Portugal in all its former splendour, with lands and houses as the seat of a Grand Prior, declined to put his Majesty in nomination, averring that he could not regard rank as having any claim *per se* in an Order where promotion should be based solely upon the merits of the candidate.

The Duke of Sussex accepted the office of Grand Prior of England about 1824 or 1825,

says Bro. Woof, and in doing so stipulated that no Englishman should be admitted into the Order without his special sanction.

This condition the Grand Master subsequently sought to set aside, and in consequence, a coolness, which soon amounted to a total breach of official intercourse, followed.

A convent existed in London, and another was founded in Liverpool (the latter without the Duke's sanction, who would not recognise the members). No chapter has been held in this country since 1836, and the two convents have long been extinct.

Amongst the names Bro. Woof gives us as members of the Metropolitan Convent of London are Henry, Duke of Beaufort, K.G., Lord William Cholmondeley, General Sir Hugh Davison, George, Marquis of Donegal, K.G., the Earl of Durham, Sir James Fellowes, Colonel Kemys Tynte, afterwards Grand Master of the Masonic Knights Templar, Charles Mills (the author of the History of Chivalry), the Duke of Leinster, Grand Prior of Ireland, (Grand Master of the Masonic High Knights Templar of Ireland), the Earl of Hamilton, Lord Dorrington, and others.

In the Grand Priory of Scotland we observe the names of William Alexander Laurie, (sometime Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the author of the History of Freemasonry); and in the Grand Priory of India we see the name of Sir James Outram.

Of the Metropolitan Convent, only eight members were living in 1865, and only four remained of the Liverpool Convent.

Wilke, who of course disbelieves in the Charter of Larmenius, and quotes against its genuineness the fact of Du Guesclin signing his name when he could not write—an objection of which I have already disposed—adds:—

"From 1705 the signatures are all of historical persons—for instance, Philip, Duke of Orleans till 1724; Lewis Augustus, Duke of Marne, till 1737; Louis Henry, Duke of Bourbon Condé till 1741; Lewis Francis of Bourbon Conti, till 1766; the last were Grand Masters of French Freemasonry; but under the last mentioned Grand Master the Templars separated themselves from the lodges, and under Cossé Brissac first formed an independent society."

This is important, since it connects the "Ordre du Temple" with Freemasonry.

It is now time that I should briefly note the connection between the Templars and Hospitallers of modern date, as well as their union with the Freemasons.

The readers of the *Freemason* are, no doubt, perfectly aware that the Hospitallers, as such, were not originally a military body—indeed, I think I have already adverted to this fact at an early stage of this lecture.

Addison informs us* that Gerard, the head of the Hospitallers in 1118, had the title of Guardian of the Poor. What would our workhouse authorities say to that?

Pope Innocent, in 1130, issued a bull, exhorting the bishops and clergy to minister to the necessities of the Hospitallers, as they maintained at their own expense a body of horsemen and foot soldiers.

The Hospitallers became from this time a military body, though it was not till 1168, when Gilbert D'Assalit succeeded to the guardianship of the Hospital, that they became organised, much against the wishes of the senior members of the Order, as a great military order.

I have before alluded to the curious similarity of Chivalric and Masonic titles, and, perhaps, I ought to apologise to my readers for again referring to the subject. But whilst speaking of the Knights of St. John, I am reminded that among the Cottonian MSS. is preserved a letter from Clement West (dated at Malta) to Sir William Weston, the Prior of England, from which we extract the following, as likely to interest your readers.

"Right Worchypfull,—After all hearty, &c. It may be your pleasure to undystond, the whych is the xvii. of the last past dep'ted thys lyf the good Lord Master Pryn de Pount; and xxii of the same the elecsyon was chosen the Priour of Tholoze yn Ffrance, gret master of our relygyon, and that elexyon during, yet pleased them by her to schoose me ffor Regent, whych onor hath . . . (never before) . . . byn gyffen to an Englishman."

This Clement West was one of the Knights to whom an annuity was granted upon the suppression of the Priory at Clerkenwell.

The Order of Knights Hospitallers of St. John was suppressed in 1540 in England and Ireland, when a bill was brought before Parliament for that purpose, by order of Henry VIII., and the Knights belonging to the various establishments were enjoined no longer to use the habit or their former titles. "The suppression of the Hospitallers," observes Fuller, "deserveth especial notice, because the manner thereof was different from the other religious houses; for manfully they stood it out to the last, in despite of several assaults. The Knights Hospitallers (whose chief mansion was at Clerkenwell, *nigh* London) being gentlemen and soldiers, of ancient families and high spirits, would not be brought to present to Henry the Eighth such puling petitions and public recognitions of their errors, as other Orders had done. Wherefore, like stout fellows, they opposed any that thought to enrich themselves with their ample revenues, and stood on their own defence and justification. But Barnabas' Day itself hath a night, and this long lived Order, which in England went over the grave of all others, came at last to its own."*

Sir William Weston did not survive the suppression of the priory, "but was himself dissolved by death on the day of the dissolution of his house†" He was buried in the chancel of the church belonging to the suppressed nunnery of St. Mary, Clerkenwell, where it was discovered, April 27, 1788, in a leaden coffin, with the cross of the Hospitallers on the lid. This was the cross pattée, the same as is worn upon our Templar cloaks, and borne upon the banner of the Agnus Dei in the Templar seal, found at Bristol, to which I shall refer.

From Stow's Annals, we learn that at the suppression of the nun Hospitallers, to whom Henry II., in 1180, gave the Preceptory of Buckland, in Somersetshire, but whose chief house had

*Fuller's Holy War.

†Seymour's Survey, Fuller.

*History of Knights Templar, page 34.

been at Jerusalem, and who were ladies of distinction, various pensions were granted to them as had been allowed to the Knights. Catherine Bower, the Prioress, was granted £50 per annum; Joan Hylbere, Thomasina Huntingdon, Katherine Popham, Anne Mawndefield, and others, £4 each; and to William Mawndesley, clerk (no doubt the Chaplain and Confessor attached to the Preceptory), £4.*

Though the greater number of the Hospitallers remained in England during the proceedings connected with the suppression of their Order, some retired to Malta. Upon the death of the Grand Master, Wallen says† "Care was taken to make a permanent provision for the English Knights in the principal places of residence of the Order. John D'Omedes succeeded Villiers de L'isle Adam, and during his Grand Mastership, Mary ascended the throne of England, and restored the Hospitallers to their former consequence,‡ Sir Thomas Tresham, Knight, being elected the Prior of Clerkenwell; but within a twelve month afterwards the establishment was again suppressed by Queen Elizabeth."

From the indistinctness of the words on Prior Weston's monument, an engraving of which was given in the *Gentleman's Magazine* (Vol. 58 page 101), and a copy of which may be found in Wallen's excellent little work, much difference of opinion has arisen as to the exact import of the motto borne by the Priors of Clerkenwell. Cromwell says that if we consider the words to be "Sane Baro," and translate them "truly a Baron," or "a Baron indeed," the motto is then reconcilable with the well-known dignity of the Prior of the Order, who were said to be the first Barons of England. Supposing the above to be the correct words of the motto, we subjoin the following extract from 24 Henry VIII., chap. 13, which is entitled, "An Act for the reformation of excesse in apparelle," in order to prove the dignity of the Priors of the Hospital, "No man under the state of an earle, shall use, or weare in his apparelle of his body, or upon his hors, mule, or other beaste, or harneis of the same beaste, any cloth of gold, or of silver, or tynseld-saten, or any other silke or cloth mixed or embroidered with gold or silver, nor also any fures of sables; excepte that it shall be lefull for Viscountes, the Pryour of Seint John Jherusalem, within this realme, and barons, to weare in their doublettes or sleveles cootes, cloth of gold, silver, or tynsell."

This Act was repealed by James I., chap 25.

As I have said before, Henry VIII. suppressed the Knights Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem in 1540, but the Order was revived in England in 1557.

Queen Elizabeth again suppressed the Order, it is said, by Act 1, chap., 24, but Bro. Woof is of opinion that this Act did not actually dissolve the Order of St. John.

In 1798 Buonaparte destroyed the sovereignty of the Order by taking Malta, which had been given to the Knights by Charles V. when they lost Rhodes.

The French, Spanish, and Portuguese

*History of Abbeys: Vol. 11., page 196.

†History of the Round Church, at Little Maplestead, page 124.

‡Newcourt.

languages seceded from the Order, and the sixti-ninth Grand Master, Hompesch, retired to Trieste.

A considerable number of knights proceeded to Russia, and elected the Emperor Paul as Grand Master in the same year, and he was publicly invested on the 10th December with the insignia of office.

(To be continued.)

ROYAL VISITORS AT LATHOM HOUSE.

The Right Hon. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.S.W. of England, D.G.M. of the Province of West Lancashire, D.P.G.M. of M.M. Masons, &c., has just been honoured with a visit from his His Serene Highness Prince Teck, and Her Royal Highness Princess Mary of Cambridge, at Lathom House, his country seat, near Ormskirk. The august visit was made the occasion of general rejoicing in the neighbourhood, and the enthusiasm displayed by the people was as much a compliment to his lordship, who is an extremely popular landlord and neighbour, as an evidence of loyalty towards the representatives of the "blood royal." The arrival of their Highnesses at Ormskirk railway station took place on Tuesday afternoon, the 8th inst., and the whole town, especially the route to Lathom House, was gay with flags and decorations. One arch bore the inscription, "Welcome to the ancient and loyal town of Ormskirk," while another had inscribed upon it, "Health, happiness, and prosperity to Lord and Lady Skelmersdale."

In connection with the Royal visit, an emergency of the recently consecrated West Lancashire Lodge, No. 1403, was opened at twelve o'clock, at the Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk. Bro. S. Wylde, W.M., was supported by the following officers and brethren of his own and sister lodges:—Bros. W. C. Edge, J.W.; J. B. Forshaw, Treas.; I. Simms, Sec.; P. B. Forshaw, S.D.; J. Goodman, J.D.; J. B. Lambert, D.C.; E. Rimmer, R. Chamberlain, J. Gaskill, J. Winnard, D.C.; H. Hill, P.M. 724, 1296, and 321; P. G. Gee, W.M. 1264; J. Hotchen, P.M. 673; T. Ashmore, P.M. 823; C. Davies, P.M. 84; J. R. Fowler, S.W. 86; T. Chuck, S.W. 1013; J. Kenyon, P.M. 42; J. Lunt, P.M. 1086; R. S. Holden, P.M. 1086; W. C. Connell, P.M. 137; John Knowles, P.M.; T. Jackson, W.M. 580; T. Yeatman, 667; C. Leighton, 249, 594 and 1094; W. Roberts, J.D. 1264; J. Hayes, J.D. 249; J. Wood, 249, Treas. 1094; J. Thompson, S.D. 1013; H. Ashmore, 823; E. Ramson, 249; M. Mawson, D.C. 1013; J. Raw, S.S. 220, &c.

After the lodge had been duly opened, five candidates were initiated into the mysteries of the Order, the work being efficiently performed by Bro. T. Ashmore. During the proceedings, a dispensation was read from the M.W.G.M., allowing the brethren and visitors to appear that day in public in full Craft Masonic clothing. The lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren proceeded to the scene of assembly for the day's procession.

About 3 o'clock a procession, headed by the band of the 1st L.R.V., in which the Freemasons formed the most conspicuous feature, formed in

the Market-place and proceeded to the railway station, where they were accommodated as far as the limited space would permit. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale arrived about ½ past 3 o'clock, and awaited the arrival of his distinguished visitors, meanwhile conversing familiarly and freely with several of the Masonic brethren, and expressing his regret that he could not appear amongst them and with them in his Masonic clothing. When the approach of the royal visitors' train was announced by fog signals, there was immediate, long continued, and stentorian cheers until the Prince and Princess alighted and were received by Lord Skelmersdale. Bro. Alty, 1403, S.W., the constable of the Court Leet, then presented the following address, on vellum, which was read by Bro. Wareing, Steward of the ancient court.

"To His Serene Highness the Duke Teck and Her Royal Highness the Princess Mary of Cambridge, Duchess of Teck.

"May it please your Royal Highnesses,—We, the members of the Earl of Derby's Court Leet, the inhabitants of the ancient town of Ormskirk, desire to approach your Royal Highnesses with an expression of welcome befitting the occasion, which has called you so far from home, to perform a gracious act to the neighbouring borough, Southport. Our welcome associates itself with past royal events, and past royal visits. We allude to the visit of Henry VII., A.D. 1495, to his stepfather, Thomas, first Earl of Derby, at Lathom House, the house which, besieged for two years (1644-5) was so heroically defended against the Parliamentary forces by the renowned Countess Charlotte de la Tremouille, wife of James, seventh Earl of Derby, who sacrificed his life in defence of a royal cause. Other events might be mentioned, but we do not wish to delay your Royal Highnesses longer than is necessary to receive that which we beg you graciously to accept, both on your own account, and also on behalf of her Most Gracious Majesty, our beloved Queen, this expression of our gratitude for your royal presence amongst us. With these words of hearty welcome, which we ask your Royal Highnesses graciously to accept from the people of Ormskirk, we say 'God speed,' Lathom House, whose noble owner we very highly esteem and love."

Her Royal Highness, Princess Mary, whose evident kindness of disposition and affability were generally remarked during this short interview, briefly, but feelingly replied. Her Royal Highness said:—

"I am very much obliged to you for so loyal and kind a welcome. It is always a pleasure to me to find myself amongst Englishmen, and wherever I see bright, smiling, and loyal faces about me. Anything I can do, as at Southport, I shall always be charmed to be able to do."

The Princess was then led by Lord Skelmersdale to the open carriage in waiting, and the Royal party was driven in the direction of Lathom House, his lordship riding on horseback by the side of the vehicle. They were accompanied along the route by a detachment of forty of his lordship's troop of Lancashire Hussars, under the command of Bro. Sergeant-major Nunnerley. The school children lined portions of the route, and they cheered lustily as the royal carriage passed.

Lathom House, which for centuries formed the principal seat of the Stanleys, is believed to have been erected by Robert de Lathom, and was several times enlarged from the time of Henry IV., when Sir John Stanley married Isabella, daughter and heiress of the famous Sir Thomas Lathom, and thus the estate passed into the hands of the Stanley family; but during the civil wars the mansion had been so much damaged that the family seat was transferred to Knowsley. The estate afterwards became the property of various owners successively, until it came into the possession of the Wilbraham family, represented by the present Lord Skelmersdale.

In the evening, the dinner party at Lathom House included, besides their Highnesses, the following, who were also guests during the royal visit:—The Earl of Clarendon, Lord and Lady Edward Cavendish, Sir Robert and Miss Gerard, Captain the Hon. George Villiers, the Hon. Norman Grosvenor, M.P., Colonel Wilson-Patten, M.P., and Miss Patten, the Hon. Frederick Cadogan, and the Hon. Miss Cadogan, and Mr. Augustus Lumley.

On Wednesday, their Royal Highnesses laid the foundation stone of the Cambridge Hall, Southport, amidst the most general rejoicing. On Thursday evening they were present at a ball, given by Lord and Lady Skelmersdale at Lotham House; and on Friday they paid a visit to Liverpool, where they were entertained, along with a distinguished company, at luncheon, by Bro. J. Pierson, the Mayor, at the Town Hall. On Saturday they left Lathom House for Manchester.

On Tuesday evening the whole of the visiting brethren were entertained at a banquet by the W.M., officers, and members of the West Lancashire Lodge, No. 1403, at the Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk. During the evening the loyal toasts, including that of "Prince Teck and Princess Mary of Cambridge," were drunk with more than ordinary enthusiasm. A number of other toasts were given and responded to with Masonic cordiality, and the highly enjoyable gathering was greatly enlivened by the excellent singing of Bros. Glover, Raw, Chuck, and others. During the evening warm thanks were given to the following gentlemen and firms for lending their national flags, collections of banners, and ensigns, which had added greatly to the striking character of the day's display: the Brazilian Consul, Mr. Anders, Messrs Bahr, Behrend & Co.; Mr. J. Lacey, Redcross-street, Liverpool; Bro. Chuck, Bro. Williams, Gorse-piazzas, Liverpool; and Messrs. Roper, sail makers, James-street, Liverpool.

"A VISIT TO EPPS'S COCOA MANUFACTORY.—Through the kindness of Messrs. Epps, I recently had an opportunity of seeing the many complicated varied processes the Cacao 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 manufactory, I thought a brief account of the Cacao 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 *Land and Water*.—See Article in *Land and Water* October 14.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—It is indispensable that the dark and dreary days of winter depress the mind and disorder the body, the most certain incentives of sickness, which will assail those who disregard at such times the all predominating necessity of purifying, regulating, and strengthening the various organs of the body, whose functions are deranged. Holloway's remedies present the most safe and effectual means of attaining these ends. They cleanse the blood from any taint, the body from every noxious matter, and exert such a general good effect upon the system, that indigestion, biliousness, headache, dimness of sight, loss of appetite, debility, and nervousness disappear under their influence. These Pills may be relied upon by both sexes, under all climates and circumstances.—ADVERT.

MELROSE ABBEY.

Sir Walter Scott, whose name and fame are synonymous terms in all climes where Literature and Poesy are not wanting in votaries, on one occasion, prompted by the local inspiration, said—

"If thou would'st view fair Melrose aright,
Go visit it by the pale moonlight;
For the gay beams of lightsome day
Gild, but to flout, the ruins gray.
When the broken arches are black in night,
And each shafted oriel glimmers white:
When the cold lights' uncertain shower
Streams on the ruined central tower;
When buttress and buttress, alternately,
Seem framed of ebony and ivory;
When silver edges the imagery,
And the scrolls that teach thee to live or die;
When distant Tweed is heard to rave,
And the owl to hoot o'er the dead man's grave,

Then go—but go alone the while—
Then view St. David's ruined pile;
And home returning, soothly swear
Was never scene so sad and fair!

Whether our Ill. Bro. Major Edward H. Kent, 32°, of this city, visited "the beautiful ruins, as the poet suggests, by the pale moonlight," he certainly considered his pen powerless to describe them; the solution of this problem our readers will readily establish. "Our voyage out," says Bro. K., in his letter, dated London, July 27th, "was but a repetition of all pleasant sea voyages, we having splendid weather all the way, and, individually, no sea sickness. The Fourth of July was duly celebrated by both Americans and foreigners, if I may so call those upon our English ship who have the misfortune not to be born upon American soil. There was quite a Masonic gathering in the evening, your correspondent being the only 32° present. Upon our arrival at Cork we went to the Royal Hotel, kept by Bro. Wilson, a M.M., who treated us very kindly; from there we went to Killarney, stopping at the Railroad Hotel, kept by Comp. P. Curry, who extended to us all Masonic hospitalities; from thence to Edinburgh, via Dublin and Belfast, visiting everything of note upon the way. After viewing the lakes, highlands, and trossacks of Edinburgh, we started for Melrose Abbey, where every Mason can find objects of interest to the fraternity. We first visited Abbotsford, once the residence of Sir Walter Scott, then to the abbey, of the Masonic beauties of which I find my pen powerless to describe. The building of Melrose Abbey dates back to the year A.D. 640, since which it has been several times destroyed and rebuilt, the only antiquated remains of the old monastery now to be seen being a rudely carved head and cowl of a monk in stone—a mutilated head, of very coarse workmanship, symbolic of the Pascal Lamb, and the letter B cut in most antique character upon what appears to have been the head-stone or tablet of a tomb. On the left side of this letter are two cross-bars with four Masonic points, surrounded with a single fleur-de-lis at their terminations. The old monastery was built of red sandstone, obtained in the quarry of Dryburgh, the peculiarity of which was that it cut soft in the bosom of the strata, but afterwards, on exposure, became so hard as to preserve indelibly the lines of the chisel, and even now exhibits but few traces of decomposition after the lapse of centuries. In the tenth century the wages paid for lifting this stone was only one penny per man per day.

"Newstead, close by Melrose, is famous for its Roman relics and antiquities, immense foundations of Roman buildings having been ploughed up; several arched vaults, substructions and arches for the support of upper works, have been laid bare, also of Roman origin, for only to the Romans at that early period could be known the key and mystery of the Arch.

"Newstead was early noted for a society of Masons settled there. Their craft was in high repute, and what they bequeathed us, although in ruins, sustains their ancient reputation. The early Masons were chiefly of French extraction, and were probably sent from rising continental countries to build the monastery of St. Mary, Melrose, and other monasteries of Teviotdale. The insti-

tution of St. John's Lodge of Freemasons, Melrose is said to be as ancient as the building of Melrose Abbey in 1136—one John Mordo, who, by the chronicle of Melrose, had in keeping all Mason work, at the building of St. Mary's Monastery, having been the first Grand Master. Near Melrose are the ruins of Red Abbey, which seems to have no connection with the neighbouring institutions. If it was a hospital of the Templars, as some suppose, their distinguishing badge was a red cross, and the Red Cross Knights were all of the Masonic fraternity. The Masons of Newstead might have given vitality to such an institution. The Chapel of Melrose abounds in Masonic allegory. It is said the arrangement represents a human body—the chancel being the head; the transepts, the hands and arms; the nave and aisles toward the west, the rest of the body; the sacrifices of the altar, the vows of heart; the length of the church, fortitude; the breadth, charity; the height, hope of future retribution; the door, obedience; the pavement, humility; the transepts stretching out crossways tell of atonement; the communion of saints is set forth by the chapels clustering round choir and nave; the union of many members is shadowed forth by the multiplex arcade; the duty of letting our light shine before men, by the pierced and flowered parapet that crowns the whole. In the other decorations the Resurrection is set forth by the phoenix rising from its ashes; the meritorious passion of Christ, by the pelican feeding its young; the sacrament, by grapes and wheat ears; strength, by the eagle; purity and innocence, by the dove. Outwardly the hideous forms that seem hanging from the eaves, speak the misery of the hardened and impenitent who have been cast out. The figures of the blind carrying the lame, saints, martyrs, and apostles, have each their proper and peculiar meaning.

"None of these things are by chance, but design, and being such, admit of unequivocal interpretation, and have been conveyed from age to age with unimpeachable fidelity. I would like very much to send you a full description of this Masonic monument, but time and space forbid. Mr. Lockhart, writing on the subject, says: "There is one cloister, along the whole length of which runs a cornice of flowers and plants, entirely unrivalled, to my mind, by anything extant, in architecture whatever. Roses and lilies, thistles, ferns and heaths in all their varieties, oak leaves, ash leaves, and a thousand beautiful shapes beside, are chiselled with such inimitable truth, and grace, and nature, that the finest botanist in the world could not desire a better hortus siccus, so far as they go. So beautiful and accurately chiselled is the foliage upon the capitals of the pilasters on each side of the arched doorway, that a straw will pass through the interstices between the leaves and stalks. Triple arch keystones of moulded ribs of groined arches are numerous, each having some unique carving upon it. The stone spouts to carry water from the roof are carved in the form of animals and monsters with gaping mouths. One of these represents a sow playing on bagpipes. Over the south door is the mutilated figure of St. John the Baptist, with eyes directed upward, bearing the inscription, 'Behold the Son of God!' while in nearly every carving may be discovered some Masonic tradition or allusion, nearly all of which have been wantonly mutilated and broken down. Heavy instruments have been in requisition, as in some places ornamental stones have been broken or cut clean away, and many removed out of the very face of the wall by dint of strength and suitable tools. The building was built for eternal duration, and but for the sacrilegious hand of man, would still be standing one of the noblest monuments of the operative mason's skill and art. In what still remains there is sufficient for the initiated to easily see that the builders were free as well as operative Masons, the figures in many cases being placed in such a position that for several of the lower degrees one tell at a glance what degree it is meant to represent."—*New York Dispatch*.

"MR. JAMES BARNETT, Chemist, Birmingham, writes, June 18:—"Your Pain Killer is gaining many friends in this section. Among the many cures effected by it which have come under my notice, I may mention the case of a lady, who, after suffering from long neuralgia, and trying many reputed remedies without benefit, was at length cured, and that almost instantly, with the first application of your Pain Killer."—To Perry Davis & Son, London, W.C."

Obituary.

BRO. SIMON GRIS BENITEZ, D.G.M. OF SPAIN.

On the occasion of the death of the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Spain, Bro. Simon Gris Benitez, we read in the Bulletin *Official* of the 15th ult., the following:—

THE LAST HOMAGE.

Spanish Freemasonry is in mourning. The mystic chain is broken, one of its links is missed, and nobody can restore it. Its name has been given for three times to the wind, which has not returned the beloved name.

We have traversed our valleys, and the Craftsman whom we seek has not sheltered anywhere.

We have asked Apprentices; they could not give us any information.

We have asked the Masters, and they knew nothing.

We have walked in the night as well as by day, from Degree to Degree, from Temple to Temple, from East to West, between North and South, and our clamours have been lost in the mist of the unknown.

We stumbled over broken pillars, and dumb attributes; tears lined our cheeks, and the wind of desolation met our faces.

In our most abject pilgrimage we have only found the sacred word.

Some wearied and mournful Craftsmen came and showed the empty Chair of the Lodge Charity.*

We then understood why there was a lodge without a Master, and why a link lost.

We then turned our sight toward that eternity which springs forth, and we read a name in the standard of the Rose Croix.

We looked farther, and we perceived a blazing sword under the eash of the 33.

The Angel of Predestination who keeps the threshold of Futurity with imposing attitude, has inscribed a name on the sacred pedestal of Immortality: it is SIMON GRIS BENITEZ.

His voice will no more resound in our Conclaves, his words will no more be heard within the vaults of our Temples, and his love will no longer touch our hearts.

His life was a task, his death is a rest, neither labour crushed him, nor adversity extinguished the enthusiasm of his soul.

He struggled in the wilderness of adversity with doubt and scandal, crime and infamy, dismay and apostasy, and he repelled them, and went forward to the mansion of love, doubtless and faithful, fearless and unblamable.

He wrought in our Royal Art as an enthusiast and good worker. He obeyed the maxims of brotherly love, and raised temples to Virtue, crowning them with emblems of liberty.

His wife was his joy, his children his constant adoration, and humanity the dream of his life.

He shared his couch with the pilgrim, his table with the hungry, he clothed the naked, and his home was the shelter of the helpless.

He loved God in spirit and reality, was a brother to his brethren, was a protector to the downtrodden, a comforter to the forsaken, a supporter to the feeble, and exercised charity to all mankind.

He excelled greatly in his profession, but much more at home; the profane respected him, and he was beloved by all his brethren.

Old by maturity and young by age, he has disappeared from amongst us, and his body, hidden by the darkness of destruction, illumines itself by the splendence of Predestination.

His task is finished, and his working tools are laid beside his work.

He wrought his stone, and received his reward. The emblems of mourning now cover the chair he once filled.

The Lodge "Charity" mourns him, and Masonry misses him.

Beloved brethren! let us turn our eyes toward the starry region, the mystic arch, the brilliant square, and the luminous compasses are there. The soul of our brother has ascended above Spanish Nations. Do not forget his name.

*Bro. Gris Benitez was at the same time W.M. of the Lodge Charity, No. 14, Madrid.

ample; let us follow the footsteps which he has delineated, and let us contemplate the architectural work he has executed. Let us inspire ourselves with his plans and designs, and when the thorns of disenchantment shall destroy our feet, the gall of persecution embitter our souls, and the trial of martyrdom crush us, let us elevate our thoughts to heaven, and remember Simon Gris Benitez. Comforted and fortified, let us return to our daily tasks.

Let us remember that our work is indestructible, and lastly, let us imitate the virtues of he who travelled with us.

Peace, peace, and honour to those who have passed!

Peace, peace, and love to our Deputy Grand Master.

FREEMASONRY AT THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

At Grahamstown Lodge Albany, No. 389, the annual festival of St. John was celebrated by this ancient lodge. The business of the day included the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year, and the investiture of officers. The effectiveness of the occasion was happily enhanced by the joint meeting, at high noon, on that day, of Albany and St. John's, No. 828, both performing the like solemn ceremony simultaneously, rendered, in fact, almost necessary, as both lodges hold their place of assemblage in the same room. The muster of brethren was exceedingly numerous, gathered from lodges far and near. Past Masters Maynard, Waller, Solomon, and Simuts (St. John's) assisted for both lodges in the ceremony of installation, with their usual tact and ability; Bro. P.M. R. Currin being duly installed as W.M. of Albany, since 1863 for the third time, and Bro. H. Linton W.M. of St. John's. This ceremony completed, the venerable and esteemed W.M. of Albany invested the following brethren with their respective insignia of office, viz:—Bros. E. B. James, S.W.; W. A. Smith, J.W.; J. S. Wilson, Treasurer; J. Valls, Secretary; W. Wedderburn, S.D.; F. W. Hepburn, J.D.; O. Lester and G. C. Goodwin, Stewards; W. T. Moore, I.G.; and A. Will, Tyler.

Instead of a banquet, a grand ball was given by the brethren of the Craft to the citizens of Grahamstown, which was, in every sense, a brilliant success. The ball room was tastefully decorated with festoons of drapery and flags, and a variety of ornaments symbolic of the Craft, while the stage at the end of the room was occupied by a very unique model of the R.A. Chapter St. Andrew's (S.C.). Before dancing commenced, the brethren entered the room in procession by two doors, and marched in parallel lines—Albany on the right, and St. John's on the left—and faced each other according to rank, and with hands uplifted, formed an arch. On being complete, there was a pause, and the officers of the R. A. entered, and proceeded to their place on the dais, when one of the principal officers thanked the company for their attendance, and wished them all a pleasant evening. A grand salute terminated the Masonic ceremonies, and dancing commenced, which was kept up to the usual orthodox small hours of the morning.

This lodge is the oldest but one in the colony, its charter being dated in 1828, and, of course, is in its forty-fourth year. If a jubilee medal was granted to lodges of half a century, this lodge would shortly become entitled to one.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NERBYN.

The Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of Masons of the Province held its annual meeting on Thursday, 10th October, at the Masonic Temple, St. Helier. It was opened in form just at 4 o'clock p.m., by the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Dr. J. Le Cronier acting P.G.M., supported by Bro. Schmitt, acting Deputy Prov. G.M. James Durrell, S.W.; Ed. A. Lott, J.W.; W. T. Pugsley, Reg.; P. W. Benham, P.Prov. G.S.W., Treasurer; John O. Le Marquand, Secretary; G. Dodge, S.D.; Abrah-

am Niel, Supt. of Works; H. L. Manuel, Dir. of Cers.; E. Hinckman, S.B.; G. Walden, Pursuivant; M. Gallichan, P.Prov. G.S.W.; S. Jewell, P.Prov. G.S.W.; C. Kingsworth, P.Prov. G.S.W.; T. W. Dunill, P.Prov. G.J.W.; Rev. Charles Maritt, P.Prov. G. Chaplain; the Stewards, Masters, and Wardens of the several lodges of the Province.

The Prov. G. Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which were confirmed.

The Prov. G. Treasurer presented his balance sheet, duly audited, which was also approved.

The reports of the several meetings in reference to the Local Fund of Benevolence were read and adopted, as were also those of the Local Board of General Purposes.

Bros. S. Jewell and P. W. Benham were candidates for the office of Treasurer. A ballot was taken, when Bro. Benham was re-elected by a small majority.

The following appointments of Prov. Grand Officers were made, and duly invested:—

J. G. L. Scott,	Prov. G. S. W.
W. T. Pugsley,	Prov. G. J. W.
Charles Maret,	Prov. G. Chaplain.
Frederick Cooke,	Prov. G. Treasurer.
P. W. Benham,	Prov. G. Registrar.
John O. Le Sacur,	Prov. G. Secretary.
George J. Renouf,	Prov. G. S. D.
R. Barrow,	Prov. G. J. D.
Ellis A. Owen,	Prov. G. S. of W.
H. L. Manuel,	Prov. G. D. of C.
D. Le Geyt,	Prov. G. As. D. of C.
Joseph Gregg,	Prov. G. Organist.
Major Woodall,	Prov. G. Swd. B.
John Catley,	Prov. G. Purst.
F. P. Le Marquand,	Prov. G. Steward.
P. O'Brien,	" " "
G. Grigg,	" " "
Marbel,	" " "
Taylor,	" " "
Bennett,	" " "
William Toms,	Prov. G. Tyler.

A ballot was then taken for members of the Local Board of General Purposes, when the following were chosen:—Bros. G. J. Renouf, P.M. 590; A. J. Bouiller, W.M. 1003; F. P. Le Marquand, W.M. 491; Joseph Grigg, W.M. 590; Abraham Viel, P.M. 590; O. Dodge, W.M. 245. To these, in accordance with the bye laws, the Acting P.G.M. added Bro. O'Brien, W.M. 958, and named Bro. A. Schmitt, as President. On the proposition of Bro. Benham, duly seconded, a donation of £5 5s. was voted to the Masonic School for Girls.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was closed with the usual forms, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, presided over by the Acting P.G.M.

THE BIRKBECK LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTION, Southampton-buildings, Chancery-lane.—This Institution has just issued its prospectus for the Winter Session. Numerous and well organised classes in Art, Language, Mathematics, Physical and Mental Science, are open to both ladies and gentlemen. A Legal Department has been added, comprising Equity, Conveyancing, and Common Law. Arrangements have also been made by which a complete course of technical instruction can be obtained. This will be most valuable for students preparing for the Examinations for the Whitworth Scholarships. The hours at which the classes meet will be found to be very convenient to those engaged in business during the day, while the fees are so moderate as to be within the reach of all. The list of lectures contains the names of several of the most eminent occupants of the platform. The library has been greatly improved, and the reading room is well supplied with current literature.

After repeated investigation has proved that the substances which accumulate between the teeth contain animal and vegetable parasites, and that the tooth pointers, pickers, and washes in general have no effect upon these, Messrs. Gabriel's Carbolic Tooth-paste and Royal Dentifrice (sold by all chemists and perfumers at 1s. 6d. per box) completely destroy and remove these parasites, and also preserve and beautify the teeth. Prepared only by Messrs. Gabriel, the old established dentists, 64, Ludgate Hill, and 56, Mark Lane, London, where they practice their unique system of painless dentistry.

CONSECRATION OF ANERLEY LODGE, NO. 1397.

The consecration of the above lodge took place at the Thicket Hotel, Tuesday, 22nd inst., there being present—Bro. W. Locock Webb, P. Prov. G.S.W., W.M. designate; Bro. G. C. Ring, S.W. designate; Bro. Bennett, J.W. designate, and the following brethren, members:—Bros. Dr. Cantrill, Dommett, P.G. Registrar, Sparks, and others.

The visitors were—Bro. C. Locock Webb, P.G.D.; Bro. H. Frances, P.M. 857, Consecrating Master; Bro. Honeywell, S.D. 889; Bro. Ingliss, 776; Bro. Lossam, 1269; Bro. J. Ringwell, 1269; Bro. Ring, W.M. 1269; Bro. Dr. Gibbs, 742; Bro. Williams, 19.

The ceremony of consecration was most impressively performed by Bro. Frances, aided by the musical abilities of Bro. Honeywell, R.A.M., who presided as Organist. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. Frances installed Bro. W. L. Webb into the chair of K.S., in a manner which gave the greatest delight to all present, while the worthy brother whom he inducted into the chair, was greeted with the utmost enthusiasm.

The W.M. then appointed his officers, viz., Bros. C. Ring, S.W.; Bennett, J.W.; Dommett, S.D.; and Sparks, J.D., while Bro. Dr. Cantrill was duly elected and invested as Treasurer.

A vote of thanks was most cordially returned to the Consecrating Master and Organist for their services, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

This part of the evening's pleasure was a great success and gave unqualified satisfaction, and the worthy host, Bro. Lossam was much complimented. The banquet was *à la russe*, and the tables were set out with exquisite taste, charming the eye, while the more substantial part of the entertainment was equally gratifying.

After the cloth was removed, the Masonic toasts were given, and received with acclamation.

Bro. C. Locock Webb, P.G.D., in replying for the Grand Officers, in the course of an able speech, alluded to the excellent example set by those noblemen who held the highest rank in the Craft, and who, from their political positions, must be necessarily greatly engaged, and yet found time to attend to their Masonic duties, and did those duties in a manner that set an example to all. He thanked the brethren for their cordial greeting to his name, when coupled with the Grand Officers.

Bro. C. L. Webb proposed "Prosperity to the Anerley Lodge."

The W. Master's health was then proposed in eulogistic terms, by Bro. Dr. Cantrill.

Bro. W. L. Webb, in reply, said he thanked the brethren most sincerely for their kindness. They must excuse any rustiness they might find in him in working the ceremonies. He had attained high honours in F.M., and, as he thought, retired from active duties; but the wishes of the brethren of the Anerley Lodge had brought him into life again, and he believed he was serving the interests of the Craft, and the happiness of the

brethren, in accepting the honour they gave him of presiding over the Anerley Lodge as its first Master.

The W.M. then gave the health of the visitors, reminding the brethren of the valuable aid his brother, C. Locock Webb, P.G.O., had given the lodge in their attempt to procure their charter. Of Bro. Frances' solemn and impressive ceremony of Consecration, which he should remember, and he thought it wise of all the brethren to remember it, as it not only reminded them of their duty in this life, but would help them in that which was to come. He had been much delighted with the ceremony of installation, likewise, and thanked Bro. Frances, for himself and the lodge, for his kindness and trouble. Bro. Honeywell, the Organist, had also merited their best thanks, while Bros. Williams and Adams had also materially assisted by their taking an active part in the duties of the evening. He had to thank their neighbouring lodge, the Stanhope, represented by Bro. Ring, W.M., for its able assistance.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. Frances, in reply, said he thanked the brethren for their cordiality, and was glad to find that his attempts to give satisfaction were successful. It was the first time he performed the ceremony of consecration, and he hoped the brethren would excuse all imperfectness. The ceremony they had heard, was his own composition, and he had not departed in the least from ancient form. In that little essay, dignified by the name of an oration, he had not so much endeavoured to find historical evidence of the origin of Freemasonry as to inculcate its vital principles, which, if rightly understood and practised, they might then truly build a Tower of Babel, whose foundation would be on the earth, but whose topmost storey would be in the highest heavens, for the foundation stone and the cape stone would have but one inscription, understood by all nations—that of brotherly love. He, Bro. Frances, had not penned one line in that oration that he did not sincerely feel, and thoroughly mean. He had been happy to have the pleasure to place his old friend, Bro. Webb, in the chair, and should always be pleased to be of service to this lodge.

Bros. Honeywell, Williams, and Ring, also returned thanks in happy terms.

The toast of "The Officers" was duly responded to by Bro. Dommett, P.G.R., and the Tyler's toast was the finale to a most agreeable evening.

MARK MASONRY IN CHESHIRE.

On the occasion of the late visit of the M.W.G.M.M. to Manchester, a deputation of brethren from Cheshire and North Wales waited on the Chief of the Order, and represented the benefit that was likely to result from the appointment of a Prov. G.M.M. for that district. The M.W. Bro. Portal promised to take the matter into his immediate consideration, and we understand that the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, J.P., has, at the G.M.M.'s request, consented to take charge of the new Province.

Original Correspondence.

QUERIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you allow me to make, through your valuable paper, a few queries, which I should be glad to have answered by any brother in possession of the requisite information. The replies should be found in the Constitutions as the only legal reference book of the Craft.

First, concerning Grand Stewards. There are 18 nominated annually, by as many Lodges. If these were the 18 oldest lodges (Nos. 1 to 18) we might understand their right, but this is not so. When was the right of nomination given to these particular lodges, and why to them in preference to all other lodges? What, also, are the qualifications, duties and privileges of the Grand Stewards.

Second, concerning Grand Standard Bearers. We find in the Constitutions (p. 41, edit. 1871) "They are not, however, by their appointment, members of the Grand Lodge, nor are they to wear the clothing of a Grand Officer." (sic). Why then, if not members of Grand Lodge, are they called Grand Standard Bearers? Again, "Any Grand Officer entitled to have a standard may appoint a standard bearer." What Grand Officers are entitled to have standards.

Third, are Prov. Grand Masters entitled to appoint assistant Prov. Grand Officers? Some decision was, I believe made on this subject lately. In the bye laws of an important province now before me I find Assistant P.G. Director of Ceremonies, and Assistant P.G. Pursuivant, and I have also seen Assistant P.G. Secretary.

Fourth, whence is derived the authority for wearing gauntlets? They are entirely unnoticed in the Constitutions, which are very minute respecting the other regalia, yet we find them worn in Grand Lodge, all Prov. Grand Lodges, and by the W.M. and Wardens of most private lodges.

These little things are trifles, no doubt, but where so much exactness is found upon other points, surely the Constitutions should not omit these.

Yours fraternally,

LATOMUS.

PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have noted with much interest the letters which have appeared in your valued columns respecting the appointment of Provincial Grand Officers, a subject which, if duly ventilated, would doubtless lead to a more satisfactory distribution of provincial honours, but a report of a petition from Lodge 699 exceeds all bounds of Masonic propriety, and to the regret of many leading Masons in the Province of Cornwall, paragraphs have appeared in the Plymouth and Cornwall papers, also in your journal, assuming, unwarrantably, that the unanimous vote of the fraternity would be in favor of one therein named. The impropriety, to say the least of it, of such assumption, as well as of the petition alluded to, must be evident. Masons are not required to profess a willingness to submit to any appointment made by our G. Master, since we are bound to do so by our O.B. Fortunately, we have no voice in the selection, but confidently rely on the wisdom of our G. Master to appoint as his representative in Cornwall, an independent brother, uninfluenced by local ties or interest, whether social or political.

PAST P.G.O.

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On Saturday, October 26th, and during the week, the performance will commence with THE GOOSE WITH THE GOLDEN EGGS. Messrs. Bousfield and Skinner; Mesdames Bramah and Allen. After which, THE DUKE'S DAUGHTER. Legardiere, Mr. C. Sennett; Gonzague, Mr. C. Power; De Nevers, Mr. Vaughan; Cocardasse, Mr. J. Fawn; Passepoil, Mr. G. Skinner; Peyrolles, Mr. Leigh; Regent, Mr. Bousfield; Chaverney, Mr. Prescott; Staupitz, Mr. Parker; Petite, Miss Allen; Blanche De Nevers, Miss M. Henderson; Blanche De Caylus, Mrs. C. T. Burleigh. To be followed by THE LADY OF THE LAKE. Roderick, Miss Pattie Goddard; Malcolm, Miss Maude; James Fitzjames, Miss Bramah; Malise, Miss Allen; Ellen, Miss H. Farren; Douglas, Mr. C. Power; Family Bard, Mr. Leigh; Blanche, Mr. J. Fawn. To conclude with a Grand Ballet Divertissement, entitled LOVE; Mademoiselle Rosine and a numerous and magnificent Corps de Ballet. Stage Manager, Mr. C. T. Burleigh.

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Answers to Correspondents.

A NORTH COUNTRY P.M.—The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" should always be given with Masonic honors. After the Grand Master, the Past Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, should be given, and then the Earl of Carnarvon, D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers.

W. S. 759.—No person can be made a Mason unless he is 21 years of age (unless by dispensation). The initiation fee varies in many Lodges, but four or five guineas is the average amount in country lodges. Propositions for membership must be made through a member of a lodge, and seconded by another. Apply to any friend who may happen to be a Mason.

A CRAFTSMAN.—Declined with thanks.

The Freemason,

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SUPREME GRAND COUNCIL 33°, NORTHERN JURISDICTION, UNITED STATES.

We have been favoured with a copy of this really useful publication, through the medium of the Illustrious Bro. Albert G. Goodall, of New York. (The General Foreign Representative.)

The volume for 1871-2 does not appear to us quite equal to the former, issued 1870-1, but for all that, it possesses much to recommend it to the notice of the thinking members of our Fraternity. We cannot speak too highly of the manner in which the editorial duties have been performed. All who have the honour of knowing the Ill. Bro. Daniel Sickels, and are acquainted with the Masonic Publishing Co., of No. 52, Bleeker-street, will be aware that perfection is written in unmistakeable character on all their typographical productions.

The Annual Assembly was presided over by that accomplished Mason, Josiah H. Drummond, M.P. Sov. Grand Commander. A very excellent Masonic feeling appears to have pervaded the minds of the Illustrious Brethren who met in honour of the occasion, and we are gratified to notice that those who could not attend, sent letters of apology to the Sec. General, and they were formally excused.

The respected Chief, in his address, remarked that peace and prosperity throughout, wholly unmixed with disaster, had taken up their abode with the Supreme Grand Council. He paid a long tribute to the memories of the various members deceased since the last session, and then proceeded to chronicle the numerous subordinates which had been constituted during the previous term.

The 33° was conferred whilst the recess was being enjoyed upon some twenty-five brethren. This degree, it must be remembered, is the highest degree in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and Masonically, apart from the Craft, is the acmé of official distinction; although such is the case, we are astonished to find that 33° brethren are quite numerous in America. In the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States alone, there are now upwards of 40 active members 33°, 4 emeritus members, and two hundred honorary members, 33°, making some two hundred and fifty in all, so that in all America it is probable there are not far short of a thousand legitimate members of the 33°! Surely such an extension was never intended by the originators of the system, less than a century ago? In this country our Supreme Grand Council favours a much more conservative and restrictive policy, and a new 33° is quite a grand event in the experience of that body.

Our article entitled "A Body without a Head," which appeared in *The Freemason* some time since regarding Freemasonry in France is quoted,

and is endorsed as the American opinion in general.

We notice in the correspondence, that the suspension of the Bath Rose Croix Chapter (Antiquity) was formally communicated to the United States Grand Councils, and a list of the members thereof was furnished, to render their admission to any chapters abroad, almost an impossibility. The expulsion of a well-known brother, who was an 18°, is also notified.

In a letter dated 25 February, 1871, signed by the Sec. Gen. 33° (Bro. J. M. P. Montagu), the opinions of the members here are correctly expressed respecting the negro race. We prefer to let each Grand Council be perfectly free in its action, and decide each for itself as it seems best. Some of our supporters of the Rite in this country however will be astonished to find that in the same epistle it is expressly stated that "abstractedly we entirely agree with the views held by the Grand Orient of France, with regard to all who recognise a Supreme Being, being eligible for initiation into our Rites and Ceremonies." We never supposed it was intended for Brethren of religious persuasions, other than Christian, to become members of the A. and A. Rite. Surely some of the degrees are so obviously Christian in their Rituals, that the presence of any brethren opposed to the Christian religion would be most unseemly.

We have heard the A. and A. Rite defended and supported because of its being Christian Freemasonry, and we are aware that many have joined it on that ground. We are told, however, virtually, that a Deist is eligible for the degrees, and are certainly surprised thereat. The introduction of the Rite of Mizraim into this country is mentioned by Bro. Montague, 33°, in far from a complimentary manner, and certainly neither flattering nor just to these who were concerned in the matter.

However we have no desire to again stir up this vexatious subject, and as peace reigns at the present time, we would be the last to throw in a "bone for contention."

Bro. Goodall's elaborate report, as General Foreign Representative, is to our mind the chief attraction, and well repays a careful study.

Bro. Stocker, 33°, presented from Brothers Charles Eugene Myer 33°, John Harrold 33°, and M. R. Muckle, an original copy of the balustré issued by the Supreme Grand Council, Charleston, U. S., dated 1872. The thanks of the members were of course unanimously voted for the same.

The Grand Commander stated that the Grand Secretary had found in an old book store in the City of York, the original record of the Cerneau Consistory.

This reminds us of one of Bro. Hughan's adventures, who is always in quest of Masonic curiosities. Entering a shop lately in Plymouth he was offered a copy of the Grand Lodge of Scotland Regulations, and at once purchased it. On examining the Book it turned out to be a scarce edition, the property the "Lodge of Edinburgh", and our zealous masonic student at once relinquished his prize, and presented it to the rightful owners.

The Supreme Grand Council extended a warm invitation to the members of the English Supreme Grand Council, should they visit the Dependencies

of the British Crown in North America, in 1872, as was intended.

The session was mainly taken up with devising charitable bequests, in conclusion, and right masonically did the members perform that duty.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE (No. 73).—The winter season of this well-known old lodge commenced on Tuesday, the 15th inst., by the lodge being held at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. G. Free, the lodge was opened by Bro. F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., who presided in an admirable manner, and did all the work in his usual first rate style. There were present during the evening, Bros. D. Rose, P.M.; T. J. Sabine, P.M.; F. Walters, P.M.; E. Harris, P.M., Treasurer; G. J. Grace, S.W., P.M. 178; A. Dussek, J. S. Gomme, J. D.; C. Rayden, W.S.; H. Keeble, W.M. 1275; J. M. Spindler, F. E. Cooper, W. Herbert, R. G. Chipperfield, T. Sutton, W. Charlesworth, W. Gregory, G. Austen, W. Arnold, G. W. Muskett, J. F. Timms, and others. The visitors were—Bros. R. W. Little, P.G. Sec. Middlesex, P.M. 975; T. Robins, 25; B. Isaacson, 23 American Constitution. The minutes having been read and unanimously confirmed, the work done was passing Bros. W. Arnold, G. W. Muskett, and W. Arnold to the second degree. Ten guineas were unanimously voted to the widow of a deceased member, from the lodge charity fund. Other business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed. It was ordered to meet on Tuesday, November 19th, at five p.m. There was not any banquet, out of respect to the memory of two P.M.'s who had died since last meeting, viz., M. A. Loewenstark and J. Donkin.

STOCKWELL LODGE (No. 1339).—This lodge met at the Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, Brixton, on Thursday, the 17th inst., Bro. William Worrell, W.M., in the chair. Also present—Bros. J. Pain, S.W.; W. J. Brighten, J.W.; J. M. Klenck, S.D.; Sidwell, I.G.; C. Hammerton, P.M. and Treasurer; H. Frances, P.M. and Sec.; C. H. Benham, D.C.; Price, Hinckman, Bowyer, Coe, and visitor Bro. E. Draper, of the William Preston Lodge, No. 766. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The business of the evening was the passing of Bro. Bowyer, the raising of Bro. Hinckman, and the initiation of Mr. John Coe. The three ceremonies were worked by the W.M. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, the W.M. giving the usual Masonic toasts, and a very agreeable evening was passed.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

MILLOM.—*Whitwell Lodge (No. 1390).*—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge, took place on Tuesday, the 15th inst. The lodge was opened at seven o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Roger Dodgson, Prov. Grand Swd. Bearer, supported by the S.W., Bro. T. Dodgson, P.M. 995, Bro. Mills, J. W., P. G. Steward, and others. The minutes of last regular communication were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Henry Waiting, as a candidate for Freemasonry, and for Bro. Milner, of Whitehaven, as a joining member, which proved in each case unanimous in their favour. Mr. Waiting being in attendance, was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. Waiting having retired, Bro. Meakin, a candidate for the second degree, was entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, when, at the request of the W.M., the S.W., Bro. T. Dodgson, P.M. 995, assumed the chair, and passed Bro. Meakin

who withdrew. Bros. Scott, Crook, and Holloway being present, were examined as to their proficiency as F.C.'s, and were each entrusted, and retired. The W.M. again took the chair of K.S., and raised Bro. Scott, Bro. Crook being raised by the S.W., the work being performed throughout with great care and ability. The W.M. then closed the lodge down to the first degree, when hearty good wishes were given from 119 and 343, the lodge being closed at 10.50 p.m. with solemn prayer.

ESSEX.

HARWICH.—*Star in the East Lodge (No. 650).*—On the 14th inst. the members of this lodge held their annual meeting for the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Edward Jervis White Jarvis, M.P. A large muster of the members of the lodge assembled, besides several visitors from the Prince of Wales Lodge, Ipswich, amongst whom were Bro. C. T. Townsend, P.Prov. G.S.W. Suffolk; Bro. Westgate, P.Prov. M.C. for Suffolk; Bro. Barber, P.Prov. G.O.; Bro. Dr. Barton, P.Prov. G.M. for Western India, and others. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. John Heseldine, and the minutes of the last lodge were confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, when the W.M. called upon Bro. Townsend to perform the ceremony of installation, the W.M. elect having been presented in due form, and the necessary part of the Installation having been gone through, the lodge was opened in the third degree, when those brethren below the rank of Installed Master retired, and a Board of Installed Masters to the number of ten, being formed, Bro. Edward Jervis White Jarvis, Colonel in H.M. Army, and Member of Parliament, was duly installed into the chair of K.S., and saluted with high honours by the Installed Masters. The Board having been closed, the Master Masons were re-admitted, when the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted, according to ancient custom, and there being no business in this, the Master Masons' Lodge was closed in the name of the Most High. The Installing Master then proclaimed the W.M. for the second time, and in the West, and called upon the brethren to salute him as Fellow Crafts, and the lodge was closed in the second degree. The W.M. was again proclaimed in the South, and saluted. The usual ceremony on such occasions was concluded by the Installing Master presenting the Warrant of Constitution to the new Worshipful Master, expressing the great pleasure he had experienced by handing the same to Bro. Jervis, observing that this was the sixth year he had had the honour of Installing the W.M. of the Star in the East Lodge; that it had passed through the hands of true and trusty brethren; that he now committed it to the care of the newly installed Master, not fearing that he would duly appreciate the importance of the charge; and, in conclusion, expressing a hope that the Great Architect of the Universe would grant him a year of office, creditable to himself and beneficial to the lodge. The W.M. then invested the I.P.M., and appointed the officers for the ensuing year. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation, a vote of thanks passed to the retiring W.M., and the lodge was closed in harmony. The whole of the ceremony passed off without a hitch, and to the gratification of those present. P.M. Westgate, of the Prince of Wales Lodge, acted as Master of the Ceremonies in his usual excellent style. At the banquet, to which the brethren retired to the number of 30, they were honoured with the presence of the R.W. Bro. Bagshaw, P.G. Master for Essex. After dinner, which was served in the usual splendid manner, for which Bro. Price, of the Pier Hotel, is so celebrated, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The W.M., in proposing the Health of their P.G.M. and thanking him for his attendance, expressed his regret that their worthy chief had been unable to give them his attendance in lodge. The P.G. Master returned thanks in a long speech, in which he expatiated on the principles of the Order, stating that he was now seventy years of age, and that he owed all his success in life to Freemasonry, concluding by calling upon the

brethren to charge their glasses, and drink in bumpers to their new Worshipful Master. The W. Master rose, and responded to the toast. He said the R.W.P.G.M. has put the principles of Freemasonry so clearly before you, brethren, that I cannot enlarge upon them. I trust that we shall ever meet as brethren, and when we separate to part in harmony, concluding with other remarks suitable to the occasion, and proposing the health of their eminent Bro. Dr. Barton, P. Prov. G.M. for Western India. Bro. Barton acknowledged the compliment, stating that he had seen Masonry in many parts of the world, that he had met men of all colours and creeds in Masonic lodges, but never met with anything but the greatest kindness and fraternal friendship. He could endorse all their P.G.M. had said, and could also say with him that he was indebted to Freemasonry for the great success in life he had enjoyed. The health of the Acting Master of Ceremonies was given, and responded to by Bro. Westgate, who expressed the great pleasure he had in being allowed to assist on the present occasion. The jewel he wore, which was presented to him by the members of the Star of the East, reminded him that his duty was to do all he could for the lodge. Bro. Dr. Barton rose, and, with the permission of the W.M., proposed that before they separated there was a toast they ought to have brought to their notice; it was that of the health of Bro. Townsend, who acted that day as Installing Master. He considered that they were very much indebted for the admirable way in which he had performed the ceremony, especially as that brother was not aware, on his arrival an hour previous to the opening of the lodge, that he would be called upon to fulfil the high post of Installing Master. It proved to the brethren how well Bro. Townsend kept up his work. The Installing Master acknowledged the toast in suitable terms, expressing the high honour he felt they had paid him, by allowing him to install so eminent a person, for there were very few humble individuals like himself, on whom the great honour had been conferred of installing into the chair of a lodge a Member of Parliament. The health of the Wardens and Officers was given, and responded to. Several Masonic songs, by Bro. Cohen, enlivened the evening, and the brethren parted at an early hour.

HAMPSHIRE.

ALDERSHOT.—*Pannure Lodge (No. 723).*—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th October, inst., in the lodge room, at the Wellington Hotel. In the absence of Bro. Grover, W.M., the lodge was duly opened and ruled by Bro. R. Eve, P.G.S.W. and I.P.M., supported by Bro. J. Hickley, P.M. After the formal business of the evening, Bro. Bridger was passed to the second degree. Bros. Martin, Crozier, Johnson, and Rinsey, having passed a satisfactory examination, were each duly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. After the ceremony of raising had taken place, Bro. Eve called the attention of the brethren to the Bible upon which the obligations had been taken, and stated that it had been kindly entrusted to him by Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Catty, commanding the 46th Regiment, for the purpose of raising three officers of his regiment, Bros. Martin, Johnson, and Crozier. The Bible was the property of the regiment, and highly prized as an interesting relic of the lodge, formerly attached to the regiment, called the Lodge of Social and Military Virtues. On that sacred volume, General Washington received a degree in Masonry. Afterwards, during the American war of independence, when the corps, for its courage and gallantry, obtained the "Red Feather," the Bible fell into the possession of the enemy, and was generously returned to the regiment in a true, fraternal spirit, by General Washington, under a flag of truce. At the attack on Dominica by the French, in 1805, the Bible again fell into the hands of the enemy, together with the lodge and mess plate. The Bible was returned under a flag of truce, but the plate was lost. On the motion of Bro. Eve, seconded by Bro. Hacker, S.W., the thanks of the lodge were unanimously voted to Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Catty, for his kindness in allow-

ing the Bible to be used by the lodge on the occasion of raising three of the officers of the regiment to the sublime degree. At the close of the lodge, the Bible was examined with much interest by the brethren. It is in excellent preservation, and bears the date of its publication, 1712, with many Masonic symbols on its cover. Inside are particulars of many interesting occasions on which the Bible has been used in Masonic ceremonies at several places where the regiment has been stationed. The regiment has never left any station without taking with it the kindest wishes of the inhabitants, and the most cordial feelings of all those who have been brought in contact with the corps, which the excellent qualities of the officers, and the good conduct of the men have amply merited. When the time for quitting Aldershot shall arrive, the absence of the regiment will be deeply regretted.

HERTFORDSHIRE.

WALTHAM.—*King Harold Lodge* (No. 1327).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town, on the 15th inst., when Bro. Edward Parker, P.G.P. Herts, was duly installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. Edward West, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D. Herts. The appointment and investiture of officers followed. Bro. C. Lacy, P.M., was appointed S.W., pro. tem.; Bro. J. W. H. Evans, J.W.; Bro. J. Barwick, Treasurer; Bro. T. Reilly, Secretary; Bro. W. Gilbert, S.D.; Bro. Etherington, J.D.; Bro. F. Copeland, I.G.; Bro. Auber, Organist, and Bro. W. Allison, Tyler. Messrs. John Brown and John Cole were initiated. There was a good muster of members, and several visitors, amongst whom were Bro. Wilson, P. Prov. J.G.D. Middlesex; Bro. Tye, P.G.P. Middlesex, and W.M. of the Enfield Lodge, No. 1237; Bro. Brayshaw, W.M. elect Capper, No. 1076; Bro. Henderson, P.M. and Secretary 1076; Bro. Park, Treasurer 1076, and Bro. Wyatt. When the business of the meeting was concluded, the lodge was closed down, and the brethren, numbering about forty, retired to a splendid banquet, provided by the worthy host, Bro. John Sheldon. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily responded to, and the brethren separated at an early hour, after spending a very pleasant evening.

LANCASHIRE (WEST).

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—*Baldwin Lodge* (No. 1398).—The usual monthly communication of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 14th inst., in the Masonic Temple, the ancient Castle, Dalton-in-Furness. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. W. J. A. Baldwin, who is at present abroad, the lodge was ably presided over by Bro. Reuben Pearson, W.M. of Lodge of Furness (No. 995). Ulverston, who was supported by Bro. W. Whiteside, S.W., and Bro. James Postlethwaite, J.W. The attendance of members was very full, and included several visiting brethren, amongst whom we may mention Bro. James Porter, St. John's Lodge, 327, P.G. S.W., P.G.S.; Bro. Roger Dodgson, S.W. 995, Lodge of Furness, W.M., 1390, Whitwell Lodge, and P.G.S.B. Cumberland and Westmoreland; Bro. John Case, P.M. 995; Bro. John Barron, W.M. 1353, Duke of Lancaster Lodge, and others. The minutes of the previous meetings having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for two candidates and one joining member, and proved in each case favourable. Bro. James Harrison, having proved proficiency, was passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. William Dalzell, of Dalton, was afterwards duly and solemnly initiated by the acting W.M., the initiation charge being delivered by the S.W., and the working tools presented by the J.W. The ceremonies were much enlivened by the presence of the musical brethren of Lodge of Furness, 995, Bros. Matthews, Harper, and Parker, the latter of whom presided at the harmonium, with marked effect upon all present. Two candidates were afterwards proposed for initiation. Lodges of Instruction and Emergency were fixed

upon, and the hearty good wishes of lodges 1353 and 995 having been expressed by Bros. John Barrow and J. H. Matthews respectively, and the questions put in the first degree, the lodge was duly and formally closed at 9.5 p.m., all present having thoroughly enjoyed the evening's proceedings.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

LEICESTER.—*Commercial Lodge* (No. 1391).—The ninth meeting of this young lodge was held on the 12th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. Officers present—Bros. J. B. Hall, W.M.; S. P. Ekin, P. P. C. Northants and Hunts, as I.P.M.; J. Halford, J.W.; Rev. W. T. Fry, M.A., Chap.; L. L. Attwood, P.G. Dir. of Cers., D.C.; Dr. Clifton, Sec.; R. A. Barber, jun., Treasurer; A. Chamberlain, J.D.; Alfred Chamberlain, Assistant Org.; James Henry Ward, Steward; and Bros. J. Wright, J. G. Crofts, F. Sketty, E. Mason, as I.G.; R. W. Sheppard, B. Moore, Henry Hitchman, Thomas Turner, J. M. Brown. Visitors—Bros. R. Waite, P.M. 1330, P. Prov. D.C., Lincoln; John Walker, P.M. 57, Humber Lodge, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works, North E. Riding, York; G. Foller, jun., P.M. 523, P. Prov. G. Reg. Leicester and Rutland; S. S. Partridge, 523, Prov. G. Sec.; W. Weare, P.M. 279, P. Prov. G.D.; Edwin Crow, W.M. 279, P. Prov. G. Org.; J. M. McAllister, P.G. Supt. Works, Secretary 279; S. Tebbatt, 279; T. A. Wykes, 523. The lodge was opened in form, in the first degree, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Bro. Rev. J. Halford, P.G. Chap., as honorary member; and for Mr. George Matts, and Mr. J. H. Hunt, candidates for initiation, which proved unanimous in each case. The lodge having been opened in the second degree, Bro. Brown, a candidate for the sublime degree, was examined as to his proficiency as a Craftsman, which proving satisfactory, he was entrusted with a test of merit, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, when Bro. Brown was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M., Bro. S. P. Ekin, P.M., explaining the Tracing Board, and presenting the working tools. The lodge was then lowered to the first degree, when Mr. George Matts was initiated. The music, arranged and combined by Bro. Crow, P. Prov. G. Org., W.M. 279, was effectively rendered by Bros. Wykes, Tebbatt, Chamberlain, Moore, &c., adding greatly to the impressiveness of the ceremony. We trust Bro. Tebbatt's scheme of forming a choir, consisting of members of each of the town lodges, may be carried out, for by that means the vocal part of the ceremonies would be most efficiently rendered. The W.M. having risen for the first time, the sum of five guineas was voted to the fund being raised by the brethren of the Province, to purchase into the Boy's school the son of the late J.W. Widdowson, J.W. 279, who visited the lodge at its last regular meeting, and died the Monday following, very suddenly, casting a gloom upon the fraternity, for he had won the respect and esteem of every brother who knew him. Upwards of eighty guineas had been already subscribed, and it is the earnest wish of the brethren that the whole amount will soon be raised. The W.M. then rose for the second time, after acknowledging hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren. The Master rose for the third and last time. Nothing further offering itself for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

LEICESTER.—*John A. Gaunt's Lodge* (No. 523).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 17th inst. Bro. Rev. Nathaniel Haycroft, D.D., W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by the following officers:—Bros. W. Scalthorpe, I.P.M. E. J. Baines, S.W.; S. S. Partridge, J.W.; W. B. Smith, P.M., Treasurer; Rev. W. T. Fry, S.D.; Alex. Ross, I.G.; John T. Thorpe, Secretary. The following brethren were also present:—Bros. G. Toller, jun., P.M.; E. J. Crow, W.M. 279; James B. Hall, W.M. 1391; Charles Johnson, P.M.; T. A. Wykes, J. F. Smith, Charles Whittaker, Thomas Charles-

worth, William Bunney, C. B. Lange, Richard Taylor, C. S. Thompson. Bros. Alfred Chamberlain, E. Mason, F. J. Petty, John Halford, J.W.; Arthur Cooper, Benjamin Moore, W. Wilkinson, S.D., all of No. 1391; Bros. J. M. McAllister, Secretary; H. T. Kirby, Thomas Scampton, of 279; Bro. Fred Kingston 502; Robert C. Podmore, of Oneida Lodge, No. 207, New York, U.S.A.. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the former meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Bro. John Lorriner and Hugh Atkins, who were initiated at the last meeting, having passed their examination in a very satisfactory manner were passed to the degree of F.C.; the charge and lecture of this degree were given in an efficient manner by the W.M. Bro. William Ingram and Bro. H. S. Gee were initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, the ceremony being conducted by the W.M. in his usual faultless style. The brethren were reminded by the W.M. that a subscription list had been opened for the object of buying into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys a son of the late Bro. R. W. Widdowson, J.W. 279. The sum of 105 guineas was required, and he was pleased to say a considerable amount had been already promised. The sum of 10 guineas was unanimously voted from the lodge funds, and various private subscriptions from the brethren present brought the list up to nearly £100. Hearty good wishes having been given by various brethren, the lodge was closed in due form.

MIDDLESEX.

TWICKENHAM.—*Villiers Lodge* (No. 1194).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th instant, at the Groth Hotel, Twickenham. Bro. Arliss was raised to the third degree, and Bro. Gambrell was initiated by the W.M., Bro. Allman, who afterwards installed the W. Master elect, Bro. Osbaldeston; the whole of the ceremonies were carefully and correctly performed. Bro. Allman is the second Master, who has installed his successor in the Villiers, and has thus set a good example in the Province of Middlesex, which now consists of twelve or fourteen lodges, about half that number being junior to the Villiers. The following is a list of the officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. E. T. Osbaldeston, W.M.; Frederick J. Lancaster, S.W.; Thomas Small, J.W.; R. A. Steel, S.D.; William Harvey, J.D.; Thomas L. Green, I.G.; Thomas Verity, Treasurer; William Dodd, P.M., Secretary; E. H. Dalby, C.S.; G. R. Ridge, D.C.; T. Woodbridge, W.S. The brethren adjourned to a banquet, and enjoyed themselves till time warned them to depart for the iron road to town. It is proposed to hold a lodge of emergency in January, should there be any business. Amongst the members present were—Bro. Cubitt, P.S.G.D., Middlesex; Bro. Buss, Grand Treas. Middlesex; Bro. Pendlebury, Bro. Bailey, Bro. Cross, Bro. Fisher. This is evidently one of the lodges that make a proper selection of candidates for initiation, without resorting to the practice of blackballing.

HAMPTON.—*Lebanon Lodge* (No. 1326).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Thursday, 17th inst. Punctually at one o'clock, p.m., the lodge was opened by the Secretary, Bro. Frederick Walters. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots, taken separately, for Messrs. G. Arnold, C. H. Dye, and B. Lindsey, proved unanimous in favour of their admission, and in the order named, they were initiated into the privileges and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. Brothers W. J. Cox, R. Gower, R. Godfrey, F. Moon, T. Barrikill, R. G. Sprules, J. Marsh, F. W. Vine, 1310, having given proofs of their proficiency, were introduced, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the entire ceremony being given, including the lecture on the Tracing Board. Bros. J. Symes and J. Richards were put through the usual examination, and having acquitted themselves creditably, were duly passed to the Fellow Craft degree. The members and visitors were unanimous in their thanks and praise to the well-known hard working Secretary,

for the great treat he had given them by rendering every portion of the work. The event of the meeting was the return from Margate, of the ever-esteemed and highly popular W.M., Bro. J. T. Moss, Prov. G.S.D., who received quite an ovation and a hearty welcome on his return to London, more especially to this lodge, where he is so deservedly popular. Some routine business having been disposed of, the W.M., in a feeling speech, informed the members of the cause of the absence of the popular Senior Warden, Bro. D. D. Beck, W.M. 1306, which was caused through ill-health. Great sympathy was expressed for the S.W., and heartfelt hopes expressed for his speedy recovery. Four propositions for joining members were received, and five for initiation. It was decided unanimously to meet on Thursday, November 22nd, at one o'clock, so as to get through the heavy amount of work on the agenda paper. Business being ended, the lodge was closed. The usual banquet was served, under the personal superintendence of the host, Bro. R. Lawrence, which, as usual, gave great satisfaction. Some good songs, recitations, and music, brought a successful meeting to a happy close. There were present, besides those above named, Bros. E. Hopwood, P.M.; H. Potter, P.M., W.S.; W. Hammond, P.M., S.D.; J. W. Jackson, I.G.; J. Hayward, J. W. Baldwin, J. Craven, H. Cutress, J. Duckworth, E. Gilbert, H. Stevens, J. McRichie, J. M. Jennings, and some others. The visitors were—Bros. G. Stuart, 140; W. Vine, 1310; Smith, Keeling, Mabbs, and others.

NORTH WALES.

CARNARVON.—*Segontium Lodge* (No. 606).—This lodge held its annual meeting at the Masonic Hall, Carnarvon Castle, on Thursday last, when there was a large muster of the members to do honour to their new Master, including Bros. Potter, P.M.; Arthur Jones, P.M.; Humphrey, P.G.S.B. for North Wales; Carter P.M.; and the following visitors: Bro. Dr. Roden, P.M. and P. Prov. G.S.W. Warwickshire; Michael Emanuel, W.M. 205; Roberts, W.M. 384; George Jupp, 261; John Thomas Jones, 360. The lodge was opened at 2 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Robert Humphreys, assisted by all his officers. The minutes of the previous lodge and lodge of emergency having been read and confirmed, Bro. Emanuel stated that with regard to that portion recommending the petition for the new chapter he had much pleasure to inform the lodge that he had that morning received a letter stating that the petition had been recommended by the Board of General Purposes, and would be laid before the Grand Chapter for confirmation on Nov. 6th. The Auditor's report was then read, by which it appeared that the lodge now numbered 85 members, and that during the past year 21 have been initiated, and 6 had joined the lodge, and that the receipts had been £180 18s. 5d. The report was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The W.M. then presented Bro. Roden, P.M., with his portrait, painted in oil by Bro. Mercer, and stated he had great pleasure in being the medium of conveying to him this token of their appreciation of his long services to the lodge and for his travelling so many years such a distance to install the new W.M. Bro. Roden, who on rising was received with marks of applause, stated he could not find words to express his thanks for the great surprise they had in store for him; that he always considered it not only a duty but a pleasure to assist the lodge in any capacity, and returned his sincere thanks to the brethren for the mark of their friendship, and desired them to convey to Bro. Mercer, who had painted the picture, his high appreciation of the value of the portrait as a work of art. A testimonial of a Past Master's jewel was then voted by the lodge to the I.P.M. Bro. Roden, P.M., who acted as Installing Master, then assumed the chair, and the W.M. dect having taken the obligation, all below the rank of Installed Master retired, when a Board of Installed Masters was formed, no less than seven being present, and Bro. Poole was installed in the chair of K. S. according to ancient custom, in a manner which Bro. Roden is so competent to fulfil. The brethren were then re-admitted, and the newly installed

Master having been proclaimed, greeted, and saluted in the three degrees, he invested the following brethren as his officers:—G. Bradbury, S.W.; T. H. Webb, J.W. and Treasurer; Charles Foulkes, Sec.; Reet, S.D.; R. Halahan, J. D.; W. Harwood, I.G.; W. Hayden, Organist; S. Griffiths and W. Owen, Stewards; J. Hawkrigge, Tyler. The lodge then adjourned to the Sportsman's Hotel, where a banquet was served in Bro. Pugh's usual liberal style. After the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and masonic toasts having been given, the health of the W.M. was proposed by the I.P.M., who stated that no words of his were required to enhance the value of the present toast, as the W.M. was known by all the brethren to be a painstaking and attentive brother, and he would therefore merely propose his health. The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the cordial manner they had responded to his health, and that, as brevity was the soul of wit, he would merely add that he should do his best for the future prosperity of the lodge. The W.M. then proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge," saying that in Bro. Roden they had still a most zealous officer; that much of the success of the lodge during the past year was due to the I.P.M.; that Past Masters Bros. Jones and Potter were ever ready to do duty when required, and Bro. Emanuel had shown his intelligence to give instruction in Masonry, as he had so lately given the lectures on the Tracing Boards and worked several of the sections. The I.P.M., in reply, thanked the brethren heartily for the cordial manner in which they had responded to the toast, and although he admitted the labour during the past year had been arduous, it was fully repaid by finding he had given satisfaction. The past year had been a most prosperous one, and the new lodge was nearly out of debt, although it had lost nearly £300. Past Masters Roden, Lewis, and Potter, briefly returned thanks. Bro. Emanuel replied as follows:—W. M. and brethren, with more than ordinary feelings of pleasure do I return you my thanks for so cordially responding to my health, not alone from its being the first time as a member of the lodge I have had to do so, but also for the very flattering way in which the W.M. has spoken of my giving the Tracing Board Lectures, but let me assure you nothing at any time affords me, or any other good Mason, greater pleasure than to impart to others what we may have learnt of the beauties of Masonry. Brethren, you have this evening commenced a new year, under a new Master, whom I doubt not will prove equally as proficient as the former. Your other officers are also working up, in due course of time, also to fill that important office, and here let me assure you that, however good, however proficient a master may be, unless he has good officers to second his endeavours, the various ceremonies cannot have the same effect; and as I am in Carnarvon twice a year for a week, I shall be only happy if the officers will meet me during that period, when I may be able to give them some advice and example as to the method of working in the London lodges. Brethren, but a few weeks since, in working the sections, I endeavoured to explain the three Grand Principles of the Order, brotherly love, relief, and truth. I gave you the Masonic illustration of the four Cardinal Virtues, Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice. I pointed out the characteristics of a Freemason, Virtue, Honour, and Mercy; by other extracts I showed you, what were the precepts which Masonry teaches, now I will prove to you the practice. Let me ask you to look round this table and contemplate the countenances of those present. Where are now those cares, those harassing anxieties of which we all have a portion? Forgotten as soon as we enter the portals of a lodge. A second time look round, and observe the various politics of the several brethren. Where are now those politics? Outside the door of the lodge. A third time look round, and note the various religious beliefs of those assembled. Where are now those religious differences? Left to keep company with politics, its sister blessing or curse, according as they are properly or improperly applied. Here we have but one religion, to adore the same Almighty Father; but one politic, to honour the same beloved Queen. It is this that enables me, the only member of the Hebrew

faith present, not only to know I am welcome amongst you but to feel that the same good feeling I entertain towards you is reciprocated by all present. It is this that teaches us, when we grasp each other's hands, not to consider it as a matter of form, but as the genuine expression of the heart's feelings. It is this that has given energy and permanency to the constitutions of Masonry, enabling it to survive the wreck of mighty empires and to resist the destroying hand of time; and finally it is this that enables us to extend the benefit to others, not members of the Fraternity, as we proved by our munificent donation to the Patriotic Fund during the Crimean War, to the Persian Famine Fund, and to the relief of the sick and wounded during the Franco-German War. Brethren think of all these things, recall to your memory that Masonry teaches morality and goodfellowship, support firmly and truly the great pillars of the order, practise the four cardinal virtues, impart to others the characteristics of a Mason, and instil into the minds of your fellow creatures, that all men are created by the same Almighty Father, and sent into the world for the mutual aid, support, and protection of each other. By these means you will not only create friendship amongst all men, but will hasten the arrival of that prophesied time when all the scattered nations of the earth shall be gathered together and abide in love and harmony, all worshipping the same Almighty Creator. Once more accept my thanks, and I feel sure that as the First Principal of your new Chapter I shall, in the various ceremonies, show you still more the beauties of Masonry, and incite in you a still greater veneration for the principles it teaches. The health of the Architect of the lodge, Bro. R. J. Davies, was proposed by the W.M. as a toast worthy of being responded to, as Bro. Davies had provided the whole of the plans and specifications gratuitously, and also superintended the same. Bro. Davies replied, saying he had done the best he could with the amount at his disposal, and there were other brethren who had also greatly assisted, among them Bro. Capt. Morgan, who was prevented by business from being present, and he (Bro. Davies) would always be delighted to assist to the extent of his power in any object for the good of the lodge. The toast of "The Visitors," responded to by Bro. Jupps, and "The Officers of the lodge," responded to by the various brethren; the Secretary, in his reply, stating that a certain Roman Emperor boasted that he found Rome brick and left it marble, and so it was with the I.P.M., who had proved that he was the right man in the right place, brought the proceedings to a close. The hilarity of the evening was considerably increased by songs from many of the brethren, and at a seasonable hour the last toast, "All Poor and Distressed Masons," having been drank, the brethren departed to their several homes.

SUFFOLK.

IPSWICH.—*British Union Lodge* (No. 114).—The first monthly meeting, after the summer recess, of this exclusive but prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Friday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. C. F. Long, W.M., Dr. Beaumont, R.N., S.W.; C. Wright, J.W.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P. Prov. G. Chaplain; Emra Holmes, P.M., P.G. Reg., M.C.; W. Roby, P.M.; W. Spalding, Sec.; P. Cornell, I.P.M., P.G.S.D.; A. J. Barber, P.G.O.; Rev. E. I. Lockwood, D.P.G.M.; A. D. George, S.D.; Rev. A. W. G. Moore, I.G.; the Rev. T. G. Beaumont, and others. Visiting Bros. Captain Saxton, R.A., 150, and Lieut. Fairtlough, R.A., D.G. Deacon Malta, No. 155. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. R. B. Barton, LL.D., P. Prov. G. M. for Western India (S.C.), and P. De Lande Long, W.M. Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, No. 1150, who were both accepted as joining members. The ballot was taken for the Rev. J. Barthorp Tweed, Rector of Capel St. Mary, who was a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry, and who was unanimously accepted. The candidate being present, he was admitted, obligated, and initiated as an E.A., the impressive ceremony being ably

performed by Bro. Sanderson, who afterwards delivered in admirable style the lecture in the first degree, the usual charge not being given. Bro. Emra Holmes gave notice that at the next regular meeting he should move that the subscription of non-resident members should be reduced to 10s. per annum. His reason for making this motion, was that many Masons, from a distance, would probably wish to join this lodge, especially as a centenary jewel were granted to it, and, in his opinion, the introduction of eligible brethren residing at a distance from Ipswich, would be a positive advantage to the lodge, and ought to be encouraged. At the same time, it was hard upon those who could but seldom attend, on account of the considerable distance they had to travel, to expect them to pay the same as brethren who were always present. Bro. Barber hoped the brethren would hesitate before reducing the subscription of members. Bro. Cornell gave notice that he should move at next meeting, that steps be taken for the formation of General Lodge of Instruction. After the business of the lodge had been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to the dining hall, where a substantial supper, in Bro. Spalding's best style, was served, to which ample justice was done. After the usual toasts had been given from the chair, Bro. Bobby proposed "The Masonic Charities" in his usual pleasant and emphatic style, and strongly recommended the formation of a subscription society, within the Masonic community here, to assist the noble objects entertained by the Masonic institutions, and immediate steps were taken to carry out the scheme proposed by the worthy and esteemed brother. A very pleasant evening was spent by all present.

YORKSHIRE (WEST).

BRADFORD.—*Lodge of Hope* (No. 302).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held under the presidency of Bro. Will. W. Barlow, the W.M., on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Godwin-street. There was the unusually large number of 54 visiting brethren present, and rarely is witnessed such a gathering in a private lodge. The W.M. must have felt complimented and honoured by the presence of so many visitors and brethren of his own lodge, an evidence that although his year of office is nearly ended, it is not so with the interest taken in his proceedings by his brethren. After lodge business the W.M. invited all present to adjourn to the refreshment room and partake of supper. Upwards of 80 brethren accepted his invitation, and although the number of visitors was much larger than usual, it was gratifying to see that the elasticity of the commissariat department was quite equal to the occasion, and that all had ample provision in the "shape of fish, flesh, fowl, &c., moistened, as in the days of the monks of old, by flagons of claret. The W.M. was supported on his left by Rev. Bro. J. Oddy, Prov. G.C. and Chaplain of the lodge; Bros. J. A. Unna, P.M. 600, P. Prov. G.R.; M. Rhodes, P.M. 302, P. Prov. G.S.W.; John White, W.M. Scientific, 439; J. J. Schaeppi, P.M. 302, Prov. G.S.D.; John Taylor, P.M. 387; S. B. Walmsley, P.M. 974; and on his right by Bros. F. W. Booth, W.M. Airedale 387; C. F. Unna, W.M. Harmony, 600; A. Nicholson, W.M. Airedale, 1018; Thos. Peel, P.M. 600, P. Prov. G.R.; C. J. Banister, P.M. 1018, P.G.S.B. of E.; John Sutcliffe, King Solomon 422, Australia; Thos. Renton, P.M. 387; N. Walker, P.M. 387; Isider Ahrens, P.M. 600; J. R. Riley, P.M. 387; S. O. Bailey, P.M. 600, P. Prov. S. of W.; James Wright, P.M. 600, Rob. Johnson, P.M. 600. The cloth being drawn, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, referring in graceful terms of condolence, in proposing the health of the Queen, to her recent affliction in the death of her beloved sister. Bros. the Rev. J. Oddy, Prov. G.C., and Chaplain of the Hope Lodge, and J. J. Schaeppi, Prov. G.S.D. responded on the part of the Prov. G. Officers. The W.M. then called upon Bro. M. Rhodes, P. M., P. Prov. G.S.W., to propose the "Masonic Charities," which he did, urging the brethren the desirability of completing the second £1000 for

the De Grey Presentation Fund, announcing that it was very nearly so, and during the week he had (in addition to the large sum previously subscribed by the brethren of the Hope Lodge) received further donations amounting to £36. The W.M. then proposed respectively the healths of the W.M.'s, P.M.'s, officers and brethren of the Airedale, 387, Scientific, 439, Harmony, 600, and Shakespeare, 1018, there being no less than 51 visiting brethren from these lodges present. The W.M. of these lodges responded, as did also Bro. J. A. Unna, P.M., 600, P. Prov. G.R., who some 20 years ago was a constant attendant, along with the present W.M. of the Hope Lodge, at its meetings. Bro. John Taylor, P.M. 439, also responded, referring to the time, long ago, when he too was an active member of the Hope Lodge. Bro. F. W. Booth, W.M. of the Airedale Lodge, 387, then, speaking in flattering terms of the mode of working the Lodge, and the general conduct of business by the W.M., proposed his health, congratulating him on the great gathering that evening, and on his admirable arrangements for the pleasure and comfort of his guests: and heartily thanking him on, their part, for the excellent entertainment they had enjoyed, and expressing the hope that, before his term of office expired, he and his brethren would again have the pleasure of his company in the Airedale Lodge. Bro. W. W. Barlow, W.M. responding heartily thanked Bro. Booth, W.M. for the too kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordial way in which they had received, it assuring them that he felt more than repaid for any little efforts on his part in catering for their enjoyment, and before resuming his seat begged to propose "The Health of the Past Masters of the Lodge," to whom they were so much indebted, and on whom they relied for advice in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the lodge. Bro. M. Rhodes, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., responded on behalf of the P.M., taking occasion to congratulate the W.M. on the great honour done him by the presence of so unusually large a number of visiting brethren from other lodges, at the same time assuring him of all the assistance in the power of the Past Masters to render. The W.M., in proposing the health of the other visiting brethren, coupled with the toast the name of Bro. John Sutcliffe, 422, King Solomon Lodge, Australia, expressing to him the gratification afforded by his presence amongst them. Bro. Sutcliffe in responding spoke in high terms of the flourishing state of the Craft in Australia, and promised the brethren that if they would only pay a visit to his lodge, they would meet with a most hearty reception. The W.M. in proposing the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge of Hope," referred in highest terms of praise to their co-operation in carrying out the working of the lodge, and expressed his deep obligation to them for their valuable assistance, coupling with the toast the names of Bros. B. Broughton S.W.; and T. G. Andrews, L.S. Bro. Broughton, S.W., in responding, thanked the W.M. for the very flattering and complimentary manner in which he had been pleased to introduce the toast, and to assure the brethren that it had been a labour of love on his part and that of the officers to serve them. Bro. T. G. Andrews also thanked the W.M. for his recognition of the junior officers, assuring him that it had given the officers very much pleasure to serve under him during the past year, and trusted that now their term of office was drawing to a close they would receive recommendations to higher situations. The W.M. then brought this exceedingly agreeable meeting to a close by proposing the Tyler's Toast. We ought not to omit to say that the enjoyment of the evening was much increased by harmony from Bros. Robert Richardson, Unna, Sutcliffe, Muller, and Meyer, an apology being given for the absence of the Organist.

SCOTLAND.

GLASGOW.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 3. bis.) met in their hall, 123, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, the 15th October, to hear a lecture from Bro. McTaggart, M.A., P.G.S., on the "Order of Masons." The lecturer, in a very able manner, proceeded to consider the Order historically, examining the various theories that have been

advanced by its origin, stating, as his own conclusions, that in its present form it only dates from the building of the Cathedral of Strasburg. He then considered the Order in its social aspect, promising in the next lecture to treat of it morally and intellectually. There was a large assemblage of the members of this ancient lodge, as well as a number of visiting brethren; and at the close of the proceedings, on the vote of the lodge, Bro. McMillan affiliated the worthy Provincial Secretary as an honorary member of St. John's, not only on account of the highly instructive lecture he had delivered, but also on account of the great services he had rendered the Province since he has fulfilled the arduous office of P.G.S.

Royal Arch.

METROPOLITAN.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st., on Thursday, 16th October. Present Comps. Kenning, M.E.Z.; Roberts, H.; King J.; S. Muggeridge, S.E.; Harris, S.N.; Newman, P. J.; Ridley, 1st A.S.; Birdseye, 2nd A.S.; F. D. R. Copestick, D.C.; and Comps. Arkell, Kent, Sidney, Spencer, Jones, Figes, W. E. Newton, Cann, and Henry Muggeridge. The chapter was opened in solemn form, and Comp. Henry Muggeridge Past Grand Standard Bearer of England, exalted Bros. Chapman and Hooton to the supreme degree of Royal Arch Masonry, in his usual impressive manner. Comps. Dyer and Kain were elected joining members. The officers elected for the ensuing year were Comp. Roberts, M.E.Z.; Comp. King, H.; Comp. Harris, J.; Comp. Kenning, Treasurer; Comp. S. Muggeridge, S.E.; Comp. Newman, S.N.; Comp. Birdseye, P.S.; and Gilbert Janitor. The visitors were Comps. A. Bryant, M.E.Z. 22; John Gale, 22; and W. Palmer, S.E. 177. The chapter was then closed in due form and adjourned to the 3rd Wednesday in January, 1873. The Comps. afterwards partook of a very nice supper, supplied in Comp. Spencer's usual style of excellence.

BERKS AND BUCKS.

WINDSOR.—*Windsor Castle Chapter* (No. 771).—An important convocation of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Windsor, on Thursday, the 17th inst.:—Amongst the numerous companions present were the M. E. Z., Comp. James Stevens, P.Z.; E. Comp. R. Harvey, M. E.Z. 720, H.; E. Comp. Joseph Devereux, I.P.Z. 771, J.; E. Comp. Past Principals Capt. John Godwin, P.Z. No. 1, Cork, and J. Bolingbroke Ribbans, P.Z.; Comp. J. S. Tolley, S. E.; H. H. Hodges, S.N.; Ed. Grisbrook P.S.; F. Fleck, Welham Clarke, Caleb Holden, Peter Watson, Richard Martin, John Fuller, Nowell, &c. The chapter having been, after a considerable interval, resuscitated by the exertions of Comp. Devereux, Stevens, and Tolly, a preliminary convocation had been held in July, at which the installation of Comp. Stevens as M.E.Z. took place, and subsequently a dispensation was granted by Grand Chapter, authorising the installation of Companions Martin and Fuller as H. and J. respectively. The present convocation therefore became the first installation meeting of the newly resuscitated chapter, and the proceedings of the evening were consequently of considerable interest. The chapter having been duly opened and the previous minutes confirmed, the dispensation from Grand Chapter was read, and Comp. Martin was then installed as J. and subsequently as H. Comp. Fuller was at the same time installed as J. The M.E.Z. then, with suitable addresses, invested the officers of the chapter in the following order, viz:—Comp. Tolly S.E.; Hodges, S.N.; Devereux, I.P.Z. Treasurer; Grisbrook, P.S.; Fleck, 1st A.S.; Welham Clarke, 2nd A.S.; Nowell, Janitor. The chapter having been thus duly perfected, the exaltation of brethren in attendance was proceeded with, and Bros. Captain Cutler, Captain Avery Tyrrell, and

Alf. Kirby were severally admitted to the degree of the Holy Royal Arch, with perfect ceremony, the effect of which was greatly enhanced by the performance of members of the Choir of St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. The beautiful appointments of the Chapter, and the manifold accessories of the Hall in which it was held, gave great satisfaction to the visiting companions, which was increased by the excellent working of all the officers. Propositions for the exaltation of Bros. Lord Ruthven, John Cross, B. Nathali, and J. C. Freemantle, at the ensuing convocation in January, were taken, and after the disposal of other Masonic business, the Chapter was duly closed. The members and visitors soon after assembled at the Castle Hotel, where a well served dinner awaited them. The cloth having been cleared, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the M.E.Z. and duly honoured. Comp. Devereux, I.P.Z., in proposing the health of the M.E.Z. took occasion to express, on behalf of the chapter, the warm thanks of its members for the valuable assistance which had been rendered by Comp. Stevens in securing the resuscitation of the chapter, and eulogised the energy and perseverance which had resulted so successfully. In reply the M.E.Z. observed that he could not so entirely take credit for the present position of the chapter as Comp. Devereux appeared to desire he should, as all his efforts would certainly have been fruitless, but for the indefatigable endeavours of Comp. Devereux himself and Comp. Tolley. Now, however, the members might all look forward to a prosperous career; the muster roll was reasonably large; the place of meeting specially adapted for their work; the furniture and appointments costly and perfect of their kind; and, what was of more importance than all, their officers anxious to acquit themselves with credit in the performance of their respective duties. If, with all these advantages, the Windsor Castle Chapter did not in the future hold its own with any provincial chapter in the kingdom, it would be a great disappointment to all concerned, but he entertained no apprehension that such would be the case. He thanked the companions for the honourable position in which they had placed him, and assured them that continued efforts on his part should not be wanting to promote the influence and prosperity of the chapter. The healths of the newly-installed H. and J., the I.P.Z., and other officers of the chapter, were drank with much cordiality, and ably responded to in each case, and the companions separated, pleased with the entire proceedings, and sanguine as to the complete success of the Windsor Castle Chapter.

LANCASHIRE (WEST).

LIVERPOOL.—*Walton Chapter*, (No. 1086).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, on Friday, the 4th inst. There were present Comps. Thos. Chesworth, M.E.Z.; J. C. Lunt, H.; Geo. de la Perrelle, J.; Wm. Archer, P.Z., Treas.; Jno. Lunt, P.Z.; J. P. McArthur, P.S.; P. Armstrong, S.E.; and a number of other companions. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Bro. Lieut. Walker, of the Walton Lodge who was unanimously elected, and was subsequently exalted to the supreme degree of R.A.M. by the M.E.Z., the Historical and Symbolic Lectures, being given respectively by Comps. J. C. Lunt, and Geo. de la Perrelle. Two candidates were proposed for exaltation at the next meeting. The chapter was then closed in due form.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—*De Mowbray Chapter* (No. 1330).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the George Hotel, on Thursday, the 10th inst. Amongst the companions present were William Kelly, Prov. G. Supt.; Henry Douglas, M.E.Z.; J. J. Past, H. elect.; Henry Deane, J.; Rev. W. Longley, P.Z.; Duncombe, E.; Adcock, N.; Oxford, P.Z.; Bright, P.S.; Oldham, Lead-beater and others. A conclave of Installed Prin-

cipals was held, and the P.G. Supt. installed Comp. Past into the second Chair, he having been unavoidably absent at the previous chapter. Bros. MacKinder, W.M. of the Spilsby Lodge, and Jas. King, of the Rutland Lodge, were ballotted and elected for exaltation, but both were unable to attend on this occasion. There being no further business, the chapter was closed in solemn form and with prayer.

Mark Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

MACDONALD MARK MASTER MASONS LODGE (No. 104).—A numerous attended meeting of this lodge was held at the head quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, at Camberwell, on Saturday, the 12th instant, the V.W. Bro. Thomas Meggy, P.G.O., P.M., &c., in the absence of W. Bro. C. Hammerton, W.M., presiding. The V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.O., P.M., Provincial Grand Mark Secretary Middlesex and Surrey, assisted the Acting W.M. in the working of the lodge, in exact accordance with the newly revised ritual of the degree, the considerable improvement in which gave great satisfaction to the many earnest brethren, who are so thoroughly united in the endeavour to make this lodge a perfect exponent of Mark Masonry. Nothing was wanting to render the ceremony of advancement most impressive, and the candidates admitted to this honourable degree on this occasion were unanimous in their expressions of satisfaction and admiration. Amongst the many brethren present, were, in addition to the above, Bros. T. Poore, as J.W.; W. Bro. Edgar Drewett, Prov. G.O. Middlesex and Surrey; W. Bro. W. Worrell, Prov. G. Org. Middlesex and Surrey, J.W.; W. Bro. W. S. Webster, Prov. Grand Deacon Middlesex and Surrey, M.O.; Bro. Thomas White, S.O. and Secretary; Bro. G. Newman, J.O.; Bro. North Ritherden, I.G.; W. Bro. W. C. Hale, Prov. G.S.B. Middlesex and Surrey; and Bros. A. Southam, A. Anderson, G. Motion, F. H. Cozens, H. A. Graham, S. W. O'Neill, and others. Five candidates, out of seven proposed, were in attendance, and were severally introduced and advanced with full musical ceremony in each case, and the lecture of the degree was delivered by Bro. Stevens, in completion of the working. Several propositions of candidates and joining members were taken, and some further Masonic business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, after which the usual and loyal and Mark Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Members and newly advanced brethren were unanimous in their expressions of satisfaction with the proceedings of this most successful and agreeable meeting. We are requested to state that the next meeting of the lodge will be held on Saturday, the 14th December, and that the members will be pleased to meet such members of other lodges who may desire to become acquainted with the now recognised working of the degree.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—*Howe Lodge* (No. 21).—The members of this lodge assembled at the George Hotel, on Thursday, the 10th inst., for the installation of the W.M. elect, the appointment of officers, and other business. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Fast, and the R.W. P.G.M., Bro. Kelly, being present, was saluted in due form by the brethren. The chair was then taken by the P.G.M.M., for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. the Rev. W. Langley, P.M. and Past D.P.G.M.M. The whole ceremony, however was not performed, the Rev. brother having been some years since installed as W.M. of the lodge. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers, all of them, with one exception, being the same brethren who occupied the same posts under him during his previous Mastership. The Treasurer's

report was received and passed, and some further business having been transacted, the lodge was closed and adjourned until December next.

SOMERSET.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

By command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master of the province of Somerset, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Prov. G. Officers, W. Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Overseers of various lodges under his Lordship's Masonic government, were summoned to attend a Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Emergency at the Masonic Hall, Frome, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., to assist in the consecration of the new Mark Lodge, No. 155, named after the M.W. Grand Mark Master of England, Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal.

The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Mark Master being unable to attend, the Prov. G. Mark Lodge was opened by the V.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Mark Master, Bro. Capt. Francis George Irwin, assisted by the following Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers and brethren: Fred. Vizard, Prov. Grand Mark Senior Warden, and W.M. of Mark Lodge 102; William S. Gillard, Prov. G.J.W., and W.M. of Mark Lodge 128; Richard Charles Else, Prov. G.M.O., W.M. of Mark Lodge 155; Edwin T. Inskip, P. Prov. G.S.O., W.M. of Mark Lodge 119; W. H. Davies, Prov. G.S.O.; Rev. J. E. Percy, Prov. G. M. Chaplain; E. Turner Payne, Prov. G. Treas.; B. Cox, Prov. G. Sec.; Ernest Walker, Prov. A.G. Sec.; Thos. E. Jelley, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; B. Atwell, Prov. G.S.B.; C. E. Benthall, Prov. G.S.B.; J. Mantell and J. Fry, Prov. G.S.; J. Coles, Prov. G.T.; R. Skinner, Prov. A.G.T.; Bros. R. De M. Lawson, G.S.O. of England; Bros. R. Taylor, W. Swaggett, T. H. Holroyd, and others.

Excuses were read from Bros. W. Thomson, Prov. J.O.; A. W. Witter, Prov. S.D.; S. Jones, Prov. J.D., for their absence.

The warrant having been read by the Provincial Grand Mark Secretary, the brethren expressed their wish that the lodge might be consecrated.

The V.W. Deputy Prov. G. Mark Master proceeded to consecrate the Portal Lodge, No. 155, according to ancient form, scattering corn, P.M. Bro. Vizard, Prov. G.S.W., pouring wine, and P.M. Bro. Gillard, Prov. G.S.W., pouring oil.

After the completion of the consecration, the Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. W. Cox, presented for installation the W.M. designate, Bro. Richard Else, Prov. G. Mark M. Overseer, P. Prov. G.S.W., and Prov. Grand Secretary of the Craft Prov. of Somerset, when he was installed and placed in the chair of Adoniram, by the Installing Master, the V.W.D.P.G. Mark Master, Bro. Captain Irwin.

The W.M. thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him by making him the first W.M. of this new lodge, which promised to be so successful and prosperous, and appointed Bro. E. T. Inskip, the I.P.M.; Bro. Rev. W. Spragget, S.W.; Bro. R. De M. Lawson, J.W.; Bro. R. Holroyd, M.O.; and T. Taylor, S.O. The W.M. then informed the brethren that he would make the other appointments at the next meeting of the lodge.

The W.M. proposed, and Bro. Inskip seconded, a vote of thanks to the V.W.D.P.G. Mark M., and all Prov. Grand Officers, for their attendance on this occasion; and Bro. Rev. W. J. E. Percy, Prov. G. Chaplain, expressed, on behalf of the Wincanton Lodge, No. 128, their readiness to assist in the working of the Portal Lodge, should the W.M. require their services at any future time.

The W.M. having closed the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the George Hotel, where a substantial banquet was provided by Bro. Marston. After the usual toasts having been given and responded to, the brethren separated at an early

hour, some of the brethren travelling more than one hundred and twenty miles to take part in the day's proceedings.

Knights Templar.

LANCASHIRE (WEST).

PRESCOT.—*William de la More Encampment*.—The Knights of this influential encampment were summoned to attend a conclave of the Order at the new Court House, Prescott, on Friday, the 11th inst. The conclave was opened at five o'clock by Sir Knight J. W. J. Fowler, E.C., who was supported by Sir Knights R. Young, P.; G. Turner, Second Captain; J. K. Smith, Almoner; W. Doyle, Expert; T. Clark, S.B.; J. E. Jackson, C. of the Line; there being also present Sir Knights W. Cranshaw, P.E.C.; J. S. Robertson, R. Brown, J. Wood, and M. Mawson. After the transaction of some formal business, Sir Knight George Turner was elected E.C., and Sir Knt. Joseph Wood, Treasurer. A communication was read from the P. G. Chancellor, intimating that the initiation fee should not be less than five guineas. The conclave was then closed, and the Sir Knights of the encampment sat down to an excellent banquet at the Royal Hotel.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LANCASHIRE.

LIVERPOOL.—*Liverpool Conclave* (No. 55).—The periodical meeting of this conclave was held on Friday evening, the 18th inst., at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool. Eminent Sir Knight J. R. Goepel, M.P.S., occupied the throne during the evening's business, supported by the following principals:—Ill. Sir Knight G. Turner, Int. Gen. for West Lancashire; Ill. Sir Knight J. K. Smith, D. Int. Gen. for West Lancashire; E. Sir Knight H. M. Molyneux, V.E.; Sir Knights H. James, S.G.; R. Washington, H.P.; J. Wood, Treasurer; W. Doyle, Recorder; J. E. Jackson, Prefect; S. Hague, Orator; J. Skeaf, Organist; R. Young and M. Mawson, Stewards; G. H. Turner, D.C.; and P. Ball, Sentinel. The other members present were:—Em. Sir Knight T. Ashmore, M.P.S. 77; Em. Sir Knight H. Nelson, V.E. 77; Sir Knights G. H. Wilson, I. W. Robinson, W. Crow, R. Brown, and others. The visitors were:—Sir Knights H. Jackson, Orator 77; H. Burrows, 77; and C. Leighton, 77. After the conclave had been duly constituted, the records read, and the muster roll called, the following brethren were admitted and exalted with all the solemn ceremonial of the illustrious order:—Bros. C. M. Thomas, 1299; J. W. Kelly, 1299; W. H. Shakespeare, and Colin McNab, 1035. An excellent banquet was subsequently served in the large handsome dining hall of the hotel, and the assembled Knights enjoyed one of the most pleasant evenings since the consecration of the now highly influential conclave.

LIVERPOOL.—*Skelmersdale Conclave* (No. 77). The usual assembly of the Knights of this conclave was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Monday evening, the 7th inst., V.E. Sir Knight T. Ashmore, M.P.S., occupied the throne, supported, at their respective posts, by Em. Sir Knight H. Nelson, V.; Sir Knight J. Callow, I.G.; Sir Knight J. Banning, H.P.; Sir Knight W. Cotterill, K.; Sir Knight J. J. Rose, P.; Sir Knight M. Mawson, S.B.; F. Day, H.; and Sir Knight H. Jackson, O. V.E. Sir Knight J. K. Smith, D.I. Gen. for West Lancashire, was present during the assembly, and the other members of the conclave were:—Sir Knights J. McCarthy, W. Bradshaw, H. Burrows, and J. Wood. The conclave was opened at half-past six o'clock by the M.P.S., assisted by the various officers of his conclave, when the minutes and muster roll were read. Bros. Raniskill, 249; C.

Leighton, 249; and Thomas Josephs, 1264; were balloted for, and duly exalted. Sir Knight S. Hague, Orator of the Liverpool Conclave, No. 55, was also admitted as a joining member. Two brethren were proposed for exaltation, after which, the conclave was closed in peace and harmony.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

LEICESTER.—*Byzantine Conclave* (No. 44).—An assembly of this conclave was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., under the presidency of the M.P.S., the V.E. Sir Knight George Toller, jun., K.G.L., nearly all the officers being at their respective posts. The Ill. Int. Gen. for the Province, Sir Knight W. Kelly, honoured the conclave with his presence. The business on the agenda paper comprised the installation of three candidates, but from various causes they were all prevented from attending. The ceremony of installation was worked by way of instruction, the musical accompaniments, composed by Sir Knight Belcher, Mus. Doc. Oxon, Organist of the Rose of Sharon Conclave, Birmingham, adding greatly to the beauty and impressiveness of the degree. A hearty vote of thanks to Sir Knight Belcher for his kindness in presenting a copy of the musical accompaniments was duly passed. Some business of a routine character having been disposed of, the conclave was closed.

INTERESTING TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF ST. LAWRENCE.—The Escorial, in Spain, which was nearly burnt the other day, is one of the most remarkable buildings in the world; it was commenced by Philip II. in 1563, but was not completed until 1586. It is in the form of a gridiron, and was nearly getting into the condition of one, that shape having been selected in honour of St. Lawrence. According to a calculation which has been made, the total length of the rooms is upwards of one hundred and twenty English miles.

THE OYSTER FISHERIES OF IRELAND.—Major Hayes, one of the Inspectors of Irish Fisheries, held an inquiry at Passage Courthouse on Monday, into the state of the oyster fisheries in Cork harbour, particularly as regarded the destruction of oysters under two and a half inches in diameter. Having taken evidence which tended to show that the quantity of oysters in the beds in the river had decreased during the past twenty years, and also that the capture of spat was carried on to a considerable extent, he warned the fishermen that if they did not desist from their illegal practices it might be found necessary to close altogether the oyster fisheries in the river.

THE QUEEN OF THE NETHERLANDS IN LIVERPOOL.—Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands and suite, who are present the guests of the Earl and Countess of Derby at Knowsley Hall, paid a visit to Liverpool on Wednesday last. They arrived at the Town Hall about half past one, accompanied by Lord and Lady Derby, and were received by the Mayor (Mr. John Pearson).

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 1, 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. 26th.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor. 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. 28.

Lodge 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 831, British Oak, Beaumont Hall, Beaumont-square, Mile-end.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, Angel Hotel, Great Ilford.
Chap. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

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. Dilley, P.M. 11.55; Preceptor. St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; 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. 29.

Lodge 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
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 Tav., 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. Cottebrune, Preceptor. Varborough 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. 30.

Lodge 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.
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. 31.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4. Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
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. Stenn, 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, NOV. 1.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
 „ 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 Chapter 3, Fidelity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-si.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction, No. 217, Guildhall Tavern, 33, Gresham-street, City, at 6; Bro. Henry Muggeridge, P.M. 192 and 715, Preceptor.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8. Bro. W. Watson, P.M.
 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; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.

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