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BRO. EMRA HOLMES'S LECTURE ON THE "UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL."

NOTES BY LUPUS.—No. 1.

I venture to trouble the readers of *The Freemason* with a few remarks upon statements made in recent portions of Bro. Holmes' lecture, and to offer for consideration such additional historic facts as appear to me necessary to prevent erroneous inferences on the points to which I propose to refer.

I much appreciate the labour of Bro. Holmes, and I pen these lines with a full conviction that he will read them as being published with a complete absence of any discourtesy to himself.

I will first address myself to the existence of the present *English langue* of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of which His Grace the Duke of Manchester is Grand Prior; with a view to its being known to your readers, once for all, what this body is. Bro. Holmes says, at page 711:—"Between the years 1826 and 1831, an *English langue* had been re-organised under the authority of the French Knights;" and he subsequently refers to it as "a Protestant body, under the Duke of Manchester, appointed by themselves." These brief notices constitute the main references to it. At the same page Bro. Holmes tells us that during the congress of Vienna, "several knights formed a General Chapter at Paris under the Prince de Rohan" and petitioned the Congress for the sovereignty of an island in lieu of Malta, but without success. Let me now call attention to the fact that these "several knights" were appointed by a Chapter General assembled at Paris in 1814, and formed a commission, which was confirmed by Pontifical Bull of Pope Pius VII. on the 10th of August in that year, and was recognized by the then Sacred Council of the Order by an instrument dated the 9th of October following, and addressed to seven distinguished Baillis and Commanders of the Order, including the Prince

de Rohan. This commission treated on behalf of the whole Order at the Congress of Vienna in 1814; with the French King and Chambers in 1816; again at the Congress of Verona in 1822. On many other important occasions it exercised powers of a fully representative character, and its numerous and important services met the approval of the Order. It will thus be seen that instead of "several knights" the French Commission was an important and authorised body, treating on behalf of the Order with congresses of nations and with royal governments. The *English langue*, as it now exists, was revived by deeds, or articles of convention dated the 11th of June, 1826, and the 24th of August and 15th of October, 1872, made by the knights then composing the French Commission, at chapters representative of five out of the eight divisions of the Order, and the *Langue* has pursued an unobtrusive career to the present date; it has no connection with Freemasonry in any shape, and therefore, offers no rivalry to any Masonic body.

The roll of the *English Langue* probably does not record more than 150 names, but amongst the number may be found very many which are historically distinguished, as well as representatives of the highest attainments in the world of science. The revenue of the *Langue* is devoted to the relief of convalescent patients of some of our hospitals, as well as to other objects, having for their intention the benefit of our suffering fellows, whilst its aid in the cause of the sick and wounded during the recent calamitous war, and the brave and indefatigable exertions of many of its members, both abroad and at home, have been before the public and are well known. The additions to the ranks of the *Langue* may generally be seen in the *Times*, and no secret is sought to be made of its operations.

There are no doubt members of the Order in England who are of the Roman Catholic Faith, and who derive their appointment from the Roman Council of the Order, but whether a Priory of these Knights has been established, or not, I am unable to say. There is room for all, and I shall gladly learn that difference of faith can, at all events, make no difference in work *pro utilitate hominum*. I have written this article only in reference to that body, of which the members mostly belong to the Church of England and I express my conviction that the *Langue* which they compose has still before it a future of much social importance in the country, and, let us hope, of advantage to its suffering poor.

CONSECRATION OF THE LANGTHORNE LODGE (No. 1421), AT STRATFORD, E.

That the cause of Freemasonry is making rapid progress in the East-end of London, is a fact too well known amongst the members of the Craft to admit of a single doubt, and which a perusal of the Masonic Calendar will at once establish, as year after year we find new lodges added to the long list of those already flourishing in and around this vast metropolis.

Thursday, the 12th of December, 1872, will be a day long to be remembered by the Freemasons of Stratford and the surrounding neighbourhood,

it being the day on which the Langthorne Lodge was ushered into existence, with more *éclat* than the most sanguine of its promoters could have anticipated. In so populous a town as Stratford, containing, as it does, many zealous and painstaking members of the Craft, the want of a "local habitation" has long been felt by them, and several difficulties have had to be overcome ere the promoters of the new lodge felt they could present a petition likely to find favour with the Grand Master and his officers. Happily, their efforts have been crowned with success, and the new lodge was solemnly consecrated and dedicated on Thursday last, at the Strand Hotel, Stratford, E., by the very Worshipful Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary (the officer appointed by the Grand Master), assisted by Bros. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain; the Very Worshipful John Boyd, Grand Pursuivant; the Worshipful James Brett, Past Grand Pursuivant; R. Wentworth Little, Prov. Grand Secretary Middlesex; and Bro. James Terry, P. Prov. G. S.B. Herts. The ceremony was fixed to take place at 3 o'clock, by which hour not less than 150 brethren had assembled to meet the Grand Officers, and to witness the beautiful ceremony of consecration. The Grand Officers having arrived, and assumed the regalia of their several offices, a procession was formed, which marched to the lodge room under the direction of Bros. R. Wentworth Little, and Thos. Mortlock, Acting Directors of Ceremonies.

Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, (as consecrating officer) then assumed the chair, and appointed as his Wardens pro. tem.; Bros. James Brett, P.G.P., S.W.; and James Terry, P.P.G.S. B. Herts, J.W.

The lodge was opened in the three degrees, and an address on the nature of the meeting delivered by the presiding officer. Prayer was then offered by the Chaplain; after which Bro. R. Wentworth Little, on behalf of the brethren of the new lodge, addressed the presiding officer, praying him to constitute them into a regular lodge. The brethren of the new lodge, were then arranged in order, and the petition and warrant having been read by the Acting Secretary, the brethren signified their approval of the officers named therein in Masonic form. The Presiding Officer then formally constituted the lodge, and a beautiful oration on the nature and principles of the Institution was delivered by the Chaplain, which was listened to with rapt attention, and gained for the reverend brother the ecomiums of all present. The anthem (133rd Psalm) "Behold how good and joyful" was then sung, and the first portion of the dedication prayer offered by the Chaplain, followed by the Sanctus "Glory be to thee Oh Lord" by the Choir. A portion of Scripture (2nd Chron., 2nd Chap. v. 1 to 16.) having been read by the Chaplain, the Lodge board was uncovered, and the Elements of Consecration carried three times round the lodge by the presiding Officer and Wardens pro. tem. The lodge was then solemnly dedicated, and the Anthem "Glory be to God on High" sung, after which the censer was taken three times round the lodge by the Chaplain, who delivered the second portion of the dedica-

tion prayer. The lodge was then constituted by the presiding Officer, and the Anthem "Glory to God in the Highest" brought the ceremony of Consecration to a close. The lodge was then resumed in the second degree, and Bro. Charles Lacey, P.M., 174. (W.M. designate) was presented by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, to the presiding Officer, for installation as the first W.M., which ceremony was also performed by Bro. Hervey. No fewer than thirty-eight Installed Masters were present, and witnessed the induction of Bro. Charles Lacey into the Chair of the lodge. The newly installed W.M. appointed and invested the following as his officers viz., Bros. G. T. W. Mugliston, S.W.; Geo. E. Slee, J.W.; Geo. Levick, Treasurer (pro. tem.); C. W. Ashdown, P.M., Secretary; R. G. Owen, S.D.; B. Cundick J.D.; Geo. Hollington, I.G. T. Mortlock, P.M. (in the absence of Bro. Stevens) D.C. pro. tem.; and H. Carter, W.S.; The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. Hervey; that to the Wardens by Bro. Jas. Brett, and that to the Brethren by Bro. Terry. Bros. Hervey, Rev. R. J. Simpson, Boyd, Brett, Terry and Little, were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge, and several propositions for brethren as joining members made, and the lodge closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet-room, where about 50 sat down to a most sumptuous repast, served in a style that reflects the highest credit upon the worthy host, Bro. Kirby, and gave the greatest satisfaction to all present. The attendance was good, and the wines of excellent quality. The chair was occupied by the W.M., supported by the whole of the Grand Officers, with the exception of Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, who, through a prior engagement, was unfortunately compelled to leave after the closing of the lodge. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. "The Health of the W.M." (Bro. Lacy) was proposed by Bro. Hervey, who expressed the great pleasure it afforded him, as representative of the Grand Master, to have consecrated the Langthorne Lodge, and he trusted that, under the management of so experienced a Mason as Bro. Lacey, it would become a prosperous and flourishing lodge, and take a very high rank in the Craft. The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was responded to by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, on behalf of the Girls' School, and by Bro. Jas. Terry on behalf of the Benevolent Institution for Aged and Distressed Freemasons and their Widows. The speeches of these brethren were delivered with that force and persuasiveness for which they are so justly renowned when pleading the cause of these or any other charities, and the result, as might be expected, was that a goodly sum was added to the list of the W.M., who has undertaken to represent the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February next.

Altogether, a most pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, shortly after 11 p.m. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. G. T. Carter, assisted by Bros. Lawler, Hodges, and Jeckyll (of West-

minster Abbey), who sang several songs, glees, &c., during the evening.

The banqueting-room was most tastefully decorated with flags, evergreens, shrubs, &c., and reflected the highest credit upon the taste and skill displayed by the Stewards, Bros. Mortlock and Owen, who undertook this portion of the labour. The furniture and jewels were much admired, as was also a beautiful banner bearing the arms of the ancient Abbey of Langthorne, and presented to the lodge by Bro. Jno. G. Stevens, one of the founders, whose absence on the occasion, through severe indisposition, was greatly regretted by the brethren.

#### CONSECRATION OF A ROSE CROIX CHAPTER IN BRIGHTON.

On Friday, the 6th December inst., the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales and the Colonial Dependencies of the British Crown, visited Brighton for the purpose of consecrating and establishing the Eureka Chapter, Rose Croix, which will henceforth hold its regular meetings at the Masonic Rooms in the Pavilion.

The following members of the Council were present on the occasion:—The M.P. Sovereign Grand Commander of the Order, Bro. Charles J. Vigne, P.G. Commander of Dorset and P.P. Senior Grand Warden of Somerset; the V.P. Lt. Grand Commander, Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G. Commander of Suffolk and Cambridge and P.P. Senior Grand Warden; the Grand Chancellor, General H. Clerk, P.G. Commander of Kent; the Secretary General, J. M. P. Montagu, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Dorset; accompanied by Bro. W. Hyde Pullen, 33°, P.D.P.G.M. of Isle of Wight, Secretary to the Council, and P.G.S.B. of England. The remaining members—viz.: The Earl of Carnarvon, Deputy Grand Master of England; Sir Michael Costa; Col. A. W. Adair, Past Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Somerset; the Rev. E. H. H. Vernon; and Dr. R. Hamilton, District Grand Master and Superintendent of Jamaica—were unavoidably prevented from attending.

The following Brethren, members of the Order, on whose petition the Chapter has been granted, were present to receive the Supreme Council:—Ill. Bro. Major Shadwell Clerke, 32°, P.M.W. Sov., (P. Prov. G. Com. West Indies and P. Prov. Sen. Grand Warden, Devon); Ill. Bro. Charles Horsley, 30° (Pro. G. Reg. Middlesex); Ill. Bro. Jabez S. Gower, 30°; Ill. Bro. Capt. J. R. Molyneux, 30°; Ill. Bro. H. Dubosc, 30°, M.W. Sov. Huyshe; Ex. Bro. Capt. Edward Walker, 18°; Ex. Bro. M. B. Tanner, M.D., 18°, M.W. Sov. Nominate; Ex. Bro. J. Lucas Allen, 18°; Ex. Bro. Charles J. Smith, 18°; with Ex. Bro. T. Lane, 18°, Metropolitan Chapter.

The Supreme Council having entered the Chapter Rooms in procession, and having taken their seats, a Chapter of the Order was, by their command, opened by Bro. W. Hyde Pullen, 33°, and the following candidates for admission to the Order, being in attendance, were duly perfected and received therein.—Bros. J. Lanson, W. R. Wood, J. Wood, H. G. Kennedy, the Rev. E. Walker, T. H. Mosely, T. J. Sabine,

T. Trollope, M.D.; M. D. Sayers,—the ceremony being most impressively performed by Bros. W. Hyde Pullen, and Major Shadwell Clerke. At its conclusion, the Supreme Council, having retired, shortly after re-entered the Chapter Room in procession, attended by their principal officers, and were received by all the brethren under the Arch of Steel, and having called on the Grand Marshal to read the Patent of Constitution, the M.P.S.G. Commander proceeded to constitute the "Eureka" as a lawful Chapter of Rose Croix, and declared it regularly enrolled as such in the archives of the Order.

Bro. Dr. M. B. Tanner, 18°, the M.W. Sovereign Nominate for the ensuing year, was next installed in his high office, with the customary ceremonies, by Bro. W. H. Pullen, and thereupon appointed the following as his officers:—Bros. the Rev. E. Walker, H.P.; C. Horsley, 1st General; Captain Molyneux, 2nd General; T. J. Sabine, Recr.; J. S. Gower, Treas.; C. J. Smith, Grand Master; T. Trollope, R.; W. R. Wood, C. of G.; J. W. Lanson, H.; H. Dubosc, D. of C.; and J. Hughes, O.G.

The M.W. Sovereign, having appropriately acknowledged the kindness of the chapter in electing him as its first M.W. Sovereign, then, in the name of the chapter, thanked the members of the Supreme Council for the honour they had that day done them by being present, to which the M.P. Sovereign Grand Commander replied in suitable terms.

Votes of thanks were then proposed and carried unanimously to Bro. W. Hyde Pullen, for his admirable rendering of the various ceremonies of the day; to Bro. Major Shadwell Clerke, for the great assistance and service he had rendered in the establishment and fitting of the chapter; to Bro. Capt. Edward Walker, for similar services; and to Bro. J. S. Gower, for his handsome promised gift of a loving cup.

A committee was appointed to draw up by-laws, and the usual concluding ceremonies having been performed, the chapter was duly closed. The brethren subsequently dined together at Markwell's Royal Hotel.

A unanimous feeling of gratitude was most warmly expressed by all the brethren for the great kindness shewn to the chapter by Mrs. M. B. Tanner, the wife of its M.W. Sovereign, in having at a short notice undertaken the preparation of the handsome and elegant fittings of the chapter, a task of which she acquitted herself with the greatest success.

We congratulate the Masons of Brighton on the introduction amongst them of "The Ancient and Accepted Rite of Masonry,"—a long-established Order, which is universally known and is esteemed in all quarters of the world, and which is extending itself in England most rapidly, a result not to be wondered at, considering its nature and merits, and the social position of its members, many of whom hold the highest positions in Craft Masonry, to which it is not only unantagonistic, but is in strict accord therewith. We take this opportunity of mentioning that the beautiful Chivalric Degrees of the Orders of the Temple and Malta are also about to be established in Brighton, a preceptory being in course of formation. These Orders are on the eve of receiving additional éclat from the circumstance of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales being about to assume the active Grand Mastership of the United Orders, in the three kingdoms.

### CONSECRATION OF A ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER AT CARNARVON.

Nothing is more pleasing to the Fraternity than to see Masonry flourish in all parts, and nothing affords us greater gratification than to be able to announce in these columns that another "Red-letter day" has taken place, for when this term is used it is understood that another lodge or chapter has been opened. It is but a few weeks since that, in our report of the meeting of Grand Chapter, the brethren may have observed that a charter had been granted to certain companions to open a chapter to be attached to the Segontium Lodge at Carnarvon, and Tuesday week was the day fixed for its consecration, and the choice of a consecrating officer having been left by the members to Comp. Emanuel, M.E.Z. designate, he prevailed on Comp. W. Littaur, P.M. and P.Z., who had previously installed him as W.M. of the Lodge of Israel, and with whom he has been and is still associated, in the several degrees of Masonry, to accompany him to Carnarvon, as well to consecrate the chapter as to instal him as First Principal.

The companions, consisting of Littaur, P.Z. Joppa Chapter; Worrall, M.E.Z. Grosvenor Chapter; Jones, M.E.Z. Zion Chapter; the Hon. Love-Jones Parry, M.P.; M. Emanuel, P.S., No. 188; Humphreys, Hathaway, Poole, and others having assembled at 2 p.m., a chapter was opened, Comps. Littaur, Worrall, and Jones filling the three chairs, Comp. Poole acting as S.E., and the Hon. Lloyd Parry as D.C. The S.E. having read the warrant, the chapter was duly consecrated and dedicated by Comp. Littaur, in a manner which elicited the hearty approval of the companions present, and after the usual three circuits with corn, wine, and oil, Comp. Littaur delivered the following oration:—

Companions:—King Solomon, when he determined upon building the temple at Jerusalem, sent word to Hiram, King of Tyre, saying: "Behold I build an house to the name of the Lord, my God, to dedicate it to him." In like manner, in our humble way, we have this day consecrated the Segontium Chapter to the honour and glory of the Most High, for henceforth will be taught in it that there is in the world but one master, whose name is J——. Freemasonry in general teaches us we are all children of the same father, and ought consequently to love one another. Hence it is that Masons, without being personally acquainted, at once become friends; and without being relations, at once become brothers. It also tells us that our individual happiness is inseparably connected with that of all our fellow creatures, whether Masons or not Masons, and therefore, if it depended upon us Masons, the whole world would form but one single and happy family. As in Craft Masonry, so are we inspired in the Royal Arch by that Book of Books which serves to guide us Masons as the compass the mariner. Considering the doctrines of the R. A. in particular, I have no hesitation in saying that they are identical with those of the ancient mysteries, of which Plato, in his Phædo, says, "that their object was to restore the soul to its primitive purity, and to bring it back again to that state of perfection whence it had fallen." The R. A. therefore, forms, so to speak, a mystic ladder, by means of which, like on another Jacob's ladder, we may ascend from perfection to perfection, and, let us hope, finally, to God, the centre and universal centre of all that exists. In the R. A. we gain a better knowledge of that most extraordinary mortal who had stamped on the chosen people its original character and imperishable nationality, to whom we are indebted for Genesis and the Tables of the Law—viz., Moses. We also gain a better insight of those two personages who could do all manner of work, and who were appointed by the Lord for the work of the tabernacle; who made the Ark, the mercy-seat with the two cherubims, the table of Shittimwood with the vessels of pure gold; the candlestick with the seven lamps of pure gold; the altar of pure gold, that of burnt offerings; the laver of brass, and the holy priestly garments. The more, therefore, we penetrate into the R. A. Masonry, the more we find its rites most sublime, its ethics stern and severe, and its promise supremely consolatory.

In the *Compo Santo*, or cemetery, at Brescia, in Lombardy, stands an immense lighthouse, the top of which is illuminated both day and night by a most brilliant light. This light concerns not the mariner on the watery ocean, for Brescia has no scaport, but it concerns all of us, who are still floating on the ocean of this life. The fact is this beacon is constantly pointing to the grave. It is a kind of *memento mori*, incessantly reminding us of the inevitable destiny awaiting us. Now I consider the doctrines contained in the . . . with respect to a future state of existence, do not go beyond what is intended to be conveyed by the Brescia lighthouse, for even the . . . foreshadowed but dimly the doctrine of the Resurrection. It is in the H.R.A. only where the momentous question of the hereafter is thoroughly taken up and satisfactorily solved, for it tells us in forcible and unmistakable language we shall live, and thus impresses on death itself the seal of immortality. I therefore consider the R.A. to be the *ne plus ultra* of Masonry. This being so, I think only those ought to be allowed to partake of its mysteries whose moral and religious character will bear the strictest investigation. Should we therefore ever become guilty of introducing into this earthly R.A.—intended to become an Arch of Alliance between heaven and earth—we most assuredly shall have to account for it hereafter. The Egyptians, to intimate that anything heard or seen in their mysterious celebrations might never be divulged, set up the statue of Harpocrates with his right hand on the breast, his left pendant by his side, the whole statue being full with eyes and ears, but without a tongue. The Greeks had at Athens a statue of brass, without a tongue; and finally, the Romans had also their goddess of Silence, depicted with the forefinger on her lips. In like manner, and following the illustrious example of . . . who rather . . . let us constantly set a watch over that unruly member, the tongue, that it may never utter what we were so solemnly cautioned never to reveal, and let our motto always be: "*Prius mori, quam fidem fallere.*"

The companions having signified their approval of the three Principals as named in the warrant, Comp. Michael Emanuel, W.M. Lodge of Israel, Robert Humphreys, I.P.M. Segonitum Lodge, and Thomas Hathawaze, P.M. Bangor Lodge, were presented to the installing officer to receive the benefit of installation, and all companions below that rank having retired, they were installed in the several chairs with the usual formalities. The companions were then re-admitted and having saluted, the M.E.Z. returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, not alone for being the head of the first working chapter in the Principality, but also for his name being attached to the warrant as such, and that long after he had gone to the Grand Lodge above his name would be handed down as one who had been earnest in his endeavours to promote the prosperity of Masonry and the happiness of the brethren. It was then resolved that Comps. Littaur, Worrall, and Jones, the three acting Principals at the consecration, be elected honorary members of the chapter. As no candidates can be exalted on the day of consecration an equally as pleasing a matter as the consecration took place. The Hon. Love-Jones Parry and Major Platt being proposed as joining members, and no less than 18 brethren, nearly all members of the Segontium Lodge, being proposed for exaltation, a number which fully promises stability to the chapter, and we have no doubt under the careful guidance of the three Principals, who appear to be proficient in Masonry, the chapter will soon prove as prosperous as any in the Craft, and having as their M.E.Z. Comp. Emanuel, W.M. of Lodge of Israel, and P.Z. of Joppa Chapter, they will have the advantage of being instructed in the working of the London chapters, a task for which he appears fully fitted, and we trust that now he has arrived at the top of the ladder he will not rest contented until he has by instruction assisted others to the same position.

The regalia, furniture and the whole of (which was of oak to correspond with the fittings of the room) was supplied by Comp. George Kenning, of London, and as usual gave entire satisfaction

### Original Correspondence.

#### BRO. EMRA HOLMES'S NOTES.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I hope you will kindly permit this letter to follow the article I have contributed on "The Order of St. John," so that I may explain that it was written and sent for insertion in the week preceding the Grand Conclave (where I was unable to be present), and not after I had seen the very positive statements which were there made. I am glad that General Clerk has put on record his very proper objection to what has the appearance of attempting to interfere with an existing body.

The Duke of Sussex was, no doubt, Grand Prior in England of the French *Ordre du Temple* (which was not a Masonic body), but this did not convert the English Masonic Templars into members of the French Order. I do not know that the French Order is extinct, but (without offering any opinion upon objections which have been made to the French Order) I entirely deny that, if it be so, the Masonic Order has a right to assume its title. There have been nearly 170 public Orders of Knighthood in Europe which are now extinct. Can it be said that Freemasons may select, and assume the title of, any one of these? I deny that the Duke of Sussex was ever appointed by the Emperor of Russia, or by any constituted authority, Grand Prior of the Order of Malta in England. I further venture to state that the Duke of Sussex was not a member of any branch of the original Order, as I will show, if I have the opportunity to contribute the few articles I at present propose to do. If the Duke had been ever appointed Grand Prior of the genuine Order, it could have no effect whatever upon any Masonic body to which he belonged.

I have shown, in the foregoing article that the knights who met in Paris were an authorised body of distinguished and honoured members of the Order, and if it is a matter of consequence in the estimation of any who join in these discussions, I may state that they were not a Protestant body; but I would further add that the documents relating to the revival of the English *Langue* declare that no departure from the laws of the institution shall take place "but for the modifications required for the religion of the United Kingdom," as the *Langue* "must be in harmony, in respect of religion, with the Anglican church, and with the Grand Priorities of the reformed and Greek religion of Brandenburg and Russia." The body thus revived, and now under the rule of the Duke of Manchester, continues an unostentatious existence, has never interfered with any Masonic institution, and it does not appear to me seemly that it should be dragged into a discussion for the purpose of making comparisons upon the right of a Masonic body to appropriate a name or title. Surely these assertions of such strange claims can be made without the addition of observations reflecting upon a fraternity whose efforts are unobtrusively directed only the amelioration of human ills. An official publication of this body says; "No one can interest himself with the state of our poorer brethren and especially with those of them reduced to inactivity by accident or disease, without feeling the absolute necessity of something more suitable to the exigency than what is afforded by public charity; especially, perhaps, in the case of convalescents, where, through lack of timely and easily administered aid, many valuable lives are daily sacrificed, and those dependent on them are reduced to hopeless pauperism." Again: "The precise objects which the Order had before it no longer exist for modern workers, but others sufficiently like them cry aloud for our sympathy, and moreover enable us to show that our profession is not an empty phantom, a mere thing of sentiment and romance, but that in the varied needs around us it sees an enemy to be attacked, and in its own position and power a means of attacking the same with good hope of success."

Faternally yours,

LURUS.

## Answers to Correspondents.

The following Reports and Communications stand over:—Notes on the Orders of the Temple and Hospital, by Bro. Emra Holmes. Mark Lodge No. 102; Moore Mark Lodge; Reports of Lodges 302, 1353; Chapters 279. 17 s.c., 175 s.c.

## Public Amusements.

## Sadler's Wells Theatre.

On Monday evening, December 30th, 1872, and following evenings, will be produced the Grand Christmas Comic Pantomime, entitled, GOODY TWO-SHOES; or, Harlequin King Gold and the World of Coins. Written and adapted by J. Strachan from the late W. Brough's Burlesque opening. Supported by Messrs Hudspeith, Leigh, Evans, Skinner, Cullen, Belasco, Howard, Sidney, and Power; Mesdames Brunah, Rainbow, Keridge, Newton, Cross, Fenton, Durham, French, Jones, Davis, Thompson, and Wilkes; Masters Holland and Steyne. "The Enchanted Wood." "Cottage of Goody Two Shoes." "Beauty's Boudoir." Grand Ballet, by Mademoiselle Rosine, supported by an extensive troupe of coryphees, "The Realm of Toys (Peace)," "English Homestead in the Olden Time." "The Pavilion of King Gold in the World of Coins." "The Realm of Toys (War)." "Capital City of the Counterfeits." "A Fairy Glade." "Down Among the Coals." The Magnificent and Dazzlingly Brilliant Transformation Scene, the "Judgment of Paris." Designed and Executed by R. M. Hyde. Clown, Mr. G. W. Gale; Pantaloon, Mr. Bousfield; Harlequin, Mr. Baker; Columbine, Miss Florence; Harlequina (by desire), Madlle. Rosine; Sprites, the Carlo Troupe; Policeman, Mr. J. Wilson. Doors open at half-past 6, commence at 7 o'clock. Stage Manager, Mr. C. T. Burleigh. Gallery, 4s.; Pit, 6d.; Box, 1s.; Boxes, 1s. 6d.; Reserved Circle, 2s. 6d.; Private Boxes, One Guinea. Half-price—Boxes, 6d.; Reserved Circle, 1s. Private Entrance—Open on Saturdays and Mondays at half-past 5, Gallery 7d., and all other parts of the house 6d. extra.

## Victoria Theatre.

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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

STOCKPORT.—Lodge of St. John (No. 104).—On Monday, the 9th instant, the Installation of the Worshipful Master of this lodge, and Festival of "St. John's," as it was Masonically termed, took place at the Old Admiral, Hillgate. Upwards of 50 Brethren were present including Bro. Kirk, W.M. 1045, P.G.O.; Bro. Beresford, P.M. 104, P.S.G.D.; Bro. Fleming, W.M. 322; Bro. Sudren, P.M. 1045; Bro. Sykes, P.M. 104; Bro. Wood, P.M. 104, P.G.O.; Bro. E. T. Plews, P.M. 1161; Bro. S. P. Bidder, P.M. 104; Bro. R. Jackson, P.M. 104; Bro. J. Bladon, P.M. 317; Bro. Aspinall, W.M. 287; Bro. W. Greatorex, P.M. 287; Bro. W. C. Fleming, W.M. 322; Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, W.M. Business commenced at half-past three o'clock; the installation ceremony being very ably performed by Bro. Goodacre, the retiring W.M., assisted by Bros. Beresford, and Sykes. The W.M. elect was Bro. Charles Pepper, of Moss Side, Manchester. The following brethren were invested with the insignia of their respective offices by Bro. Beresford, P.S.G.D.:—Bro. W. H. Wakefield, S.W.; Bro. J. Moore, J.W.; Bro. W. Goodacre, P.M., Treasurer; Bro. H. Finch, Secretary; Bro. C. Cooke, S.D.; Bro. J. Swindells, J.D.; Bro. G. Shaw, I.G.; Bros. T. Potts, R. K. Payne, G. Barber, Stewards; Bro. W. Gee, Tyler. At the close of the lodge business the names of three candidates for initiation were announced, and after the usual expressions of goodwill from the members of other lodges present, the lodge was closed in due form at six o'clock. At the subsequent banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed; the speeches being chiefly of a complimentary and congratulatory character. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Collier, with Bros. Edmondson, W. Dumville, and Lovatt as vocalists. In proposing the toast of "The Provincial Officers," Bro. Goodacre referred to the fact that the lodge had made its mark in the province, as was evidenced by the recent appointment of one of its members, Bro. J. Beresford, P.M., to an important office in the Provincial Grand Lodge. The toast of the evening. The health of the newly installed W.M. was very favourably received, and suitably responded to. The health of the I.P.M. was proposed by the W.M., who referred to the excellent management of the lodge during the past year, which was mainly owing to the assiduous efforts of Bro. Goodacre. The working of the lodge had been such as he (the W.M.) should try to emulate. On behalf of the members of the lodge he had to present Bro. Goodacre with a Past Master's jewel, as a token of the high regard in which he was held by every member of the lodge. The jewel was of very chaste design, of 18 carat gold, and bore a suitable inscription. Bro. Goodacre,

in thanking the brethren for this expression of their esteem, and of their appreciation of the manner in which he had fulfilled his duties, congratulated them on the prosperous condition of the lodge. They had during the year initiated no than 25 new members; they had cleared off the adverse balance which had appeared in the Treasurer's annual account for some six or seven years; and they had been able to contribute to the masonic charities the sum of fifty guineas. There was every reason to believe that the lodge would go on and prosper, and that it would make its weight felt in the province. Other toasts followed, and the concluding toast, "All poor and distressed Masons," was given by the Tyler shortly after ten o'clock, when the brethren dispersed.

DURHAM.—Marquis of Granby Lodge (No. 124).—On Tuesday week, Henry Lawrence, Esq., of the Grange Ironworks, was duly elected Worshipful Master of the Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124, Durham, and Bro. James Raine was re-elected Treasurer.—On Wednesday evening week, Bro. William Coxon, of the firm of Johnson and Coxon, Durham, was duly elected Worshipful Master of the Earl of Durham Lodge, Chester-le-Street, and John Crawford, Esq., of Lumley Thicks, was re-elected Treasurer.

SWANSEA.—Indefatigable Lodge (No. 237).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Carr Street, on Tuesday, 10th inst. About 50 brethren were present, including five Past Masters, the W.M. of Lodge Prince of Wales, Llanelly, and a few visitors. The lodge was opened at 7 o'clock, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed. Bros. Thomas, Struthers, and Gregor, having passed the necessary examination, were raised to the sublime degree by W. Bro. Bradford, W.M. The brethren then proceeded to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year. The result was unanimously in favour of Bro. W. E. Brown, S.W., who acknowledged the honour conferred upon him in a very appropriate manner. The election of a Treasurer also proved unanimous; W. Bro. Powell, P.M., being elected to that responsible office for the sixteenth time. Bro. Symonds was also re-elected Tyler by show of hands. There being no further business before the lodge it was closed in perfect harmony at 10 p.m.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Room, Athenaeum. There were present Bros. William Hall, W.M.; Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of England, I.P.M.; W. Fleming, S.W.; E. Airey, J.W.; and about forty Past Masters and brethren. After other business had been transacted the ballot was taken for the election of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of Bro. William Fleming, S.W. Bro. James Hatch, P.M., the energetic Treasurer of the lodge, was re-elected to that important office, and Bro. John Watson was re-elected as Tyler. The installation was fixed to take place on Monday, the 30th inst., the ceremony to be conducted by Bro. Dr. Moore, I.P.M., &c. Some communications were made respecting proposed improvements in the accommodation, and the lodge was closed in due form.

STOCKPORT.—Lodge of Concord (No. 323).—The brethren of this lodge on Wednesday evening, the 11th inst., held their annual meeting—their "St. John"—at which Bro. John Hopwood Tatton was installed W.M. for the ensuing year in a very able manner by Bro. Beresford, P.M. No. 104; and P.S.G.D. Cheshire, after which the following brethren were respectively placed in their positions—namely, Bros. John Slack, S.W.; George Roy, J.W.; Josiah Hill, S.D.; Spedding, J.D.; Pritchard, I.G.; Swindells, Sec.; Fearn and Hargreaves, Stewards; Ross, Organist. After labour, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which in this case meant an elaborate banquet, got up by Mrs. Gleave, at the Golden Ball Inn, Millgate, where the lodge meets, in her neat and efficient way, not to be excelled in any particular. The evening passed, as such evenings should, in a particularly pleasant manner. Of course the usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were done ample justice to.

**PENRITH—Lodge of Unanimity (No. 339).**—On Thursday last the members of this lodge met in their lodge room at the Crown Hotel. The lodge was opened in due form and the ordinary business transacted. The installation of the W.M. elect., Bro. C. J. Smith, was then proceeded with. The solemn and impressive ceremony was performed by Bros. W. T. Greaves, P.P.D.G.M. according to antient usage, in a full lodge of Installed Masters, after which the W.M. appointed and invested his principal and assistant officers for the ensuing year. At 5 o'clock the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Host Bro. Wagstaff, at which the newly installed W.M. presided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and most heartily received, and the evening was spent in a truly pleasant and harmonious manner.

**HAWORTH—Lodge of the Three Graces (No. 408).**—On Monday, the 16th inst., the festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated by the Lodge of Three Graces, at the Black Bull Hotel, Haworth. After the lodge business had been transacted, Bro. Frank Hebden, of Halifax, was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, according to ancient custom, by Bro. James Charnock, P.M. of the Lodge of St. James, No. 448, Halifax; Bro. Rhodes, of the Royal Yorkshire Lodge, Keighley, acting as S.W.; and Bro. Edward Taylor, P.M. No. 448, acting as J.W.; Bro. Taylor, P.M. of the Scientific Lodge, No. 439, Bingley, as S.D.; Br. Land, P.M., as J.D.; Bro. James Whitham, P.M., as I.G. At the close of the installation ceremony, the W.M., Bro. Frank Hebden, invested his officers, as follows:—Bros. Robert Riley, of the Prince George Lodge, No. 508, S.W.; Thomas Ogden, Halifax, J.W.; W. Wood, P.M., Treasurer; W. Brown, P.M., Secretary; Arthur Woodhouse, Halifax, S.D.; J. Leach, Bradford, J.D.; W. S. Lerrill, Halifax, I.G.; Joseph Whitham, P.M., O.G. The W.M. at the same time took the opportunity of expressing his deep obligation to the lodge. Subsequently an excellent banquet was served by Mrs. Sugden in her usual first-class manner. The W.M. presided, and gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, which were heartily received, that of "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces" being responded to by Bros. James Charnock, P.M., Halifax; Granham, Bradford; and Captain Williamson, of the Royal Yorkshire, Keighley. In very complimentary terms, the W.M. proposed the health of "The M.W.G.M. of England, the Right Hon. the Marquis of Ripon, the R.W.D.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and the officers of the Grand Lodge, past and present;" also "The R.W. the Provincial G.M. of West Yorkshire, P.G.M., and Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present." These toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "Masonic Charities," which was responded to by Bro. Taylor Bingley. Bro. E. Pawson, the immediate P.M. 408, proposed "The W.M. of the Lodge of Three Graces," which was responded to by Bro. Frank Hebden. "The Senior and Junior Wardens of the Lodge" having been proposed, the toast was responded to by Bro. R. Riley, and Bro. T. Ogden, of Halifax. The health of "The Installing Officer, Bro. James Charnock, P.M.," was proposed by the W.M. in very complimentary terms, thanking him for the honour done in being installed by a brother so very much devoted to the interests of the Craft. "The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Joseph Nichol, of the Ryburn Lodge, Sowerby Bridge, and others. The concluding toasts were "The Marchioness of Ripon, and the Ladies," and "Distressed Masons," both of which were proposed by the W.M.; the former being responded to by Bro. T. Ogden, and the latter by Bro. F. Taylor, P.M. Songs were given by Bros. Charnock, Morley, Asquith, Whitham, and others, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**STOURPORT—Vernon Lodge (No. 560).**—This small, yet flourishing lodge, celebrated its annual festival on Tuesday, 17th inst. Originally founded as the Clive Lodge, at Bromsgrove, it was removed in a few years to Dudley; when the name was altered to the "Vernon," so called

in honour of the much respected then Prov. G.M. of Worcestershire, Brother H. C. Vernon; but there being already two lodges there, it was found that a third was more than could be adequately supported. At that time several brethren living at and near Stourport, in a quiet country district, miles away from the nearest lodge, determined on having one nearer home, and negotiations were entered into to transfer the Vernon, which in June, 1866, was happily accomplished. Since then the lodge has been steadily prospering. A goodly muster of the brethren assembled at the annual festivity, among whom were Bros. W. Woods, P.M. 280, P.S.G.W.; C. C. W. Griffiths, P. M., W.M. 280, P.P.S.G.W.; Thomas L. Smith, P.M. 280; Fitzgerald, P.M. 377, P.P.G.O; Southall, P.M. 377; J. R. Wood, P.M. 377, P.G.P.; Robins, P.M. 377; Billitzy, P.M. 377, P.P.G.S.B.; and the following Past Masters of the Vernon Lodge:—George Baldwin, Enoch Baldwin, John Blundell, and W. L. Fawcett. Brother G. W. Grosvenor's election having been confirmed in the manner directed by the Book of Constitutions, he was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. G. Baldwin, the senior P.M., different parts of the ceremony being performed most admirably by Bros. G. Woods, Griffiths, Fitzgerald, and Fawcett. The officers for the current year were invested as follows:—Bros. G. W. Grosvenor, W.M.; W. L. Fawcett, I.P.M.; E. A. Broome, S.W.; Jas. Morton, J.W.; E. Baldwin, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Bedford, Sec.; C. J. Dixon, S.D.; G. W. Naylor, J.D.; G. Cartwright, D.C.; E. Barton, I.G.; W. Mills, Tyler. After business the brethren adjourned to refreshment; a most enjoyable evening was passed; the greatest cordiality of feeling was manifested, not only among the members of the lodge, but also by the numerous visitors present; a hearty determination being expressed to maintain the proud motto on the banner of the lodge, *Vernon semper vivet*.

**ST. HELENS—Lodge of Loyalty (No. 897).**—On Tuesday, the 10th inst. the annual festival of St. John was celebrated by the brethren of this lodge at the Assembly Rooms, Fleece Hotel, St. Helens. Among the visitors present were Bros. J. W. J. Fowles, P. Prov. G.A.D.C.; J. Hamer; P.P.G.T.; Capt. Geo. Turner, P.M. 86 and 823; W. Woods, 148, P.M. 1250; J. W. R. Fowler, W.M., 86; S. Wylde, W.M., 1403; R. Young, J.W. 86; R. Cork, S.D., 86; J. W. Wareing, I.G. 86; W. Jameson, Treasurer, 1384; J. Newsome, 86; I. Jones, 148; W. Savage, 148; W. B. Thompson, 180; R. D. Simpson, Secretary, 1394; W. R. Robinson, 1325. The W.M. having opened the lodge, and the minutes having been read, the installation of the W.M. elect. (Bro. William Leather) was proceeded with, the installing officer being Bro. J. Hamer, P. Prov. G.T., by whom the ceremony was performed in his usual efficient manner. The W.M. then proceeded to invest the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year viz:—Bros. W. Harrison, I. P.M.; A. Hanson; S.W.; J. Wolfenden, J.W.; J. G. Dunn, Secretary; H. S. L. Gurney, S.D.; C. C. Wilson, J.D.; Knowles, Org.; J. Kenyon, and W. J. Warren, Stewards; J. Harry, M.C.; J. Appleton, I.G.; and J. Taylor, Tyler. Some other business having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. During the evening a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented by Bro. Hamer, P. Prov. G.T., on behalf of the lodge, to Bro. Harrison, I.P.M., as a cordial recognition of his valued services in the Chair of K.S. during the past two years; this elicited a warm and hearty response from the recipient who took occasion to congratulate the brethren on the present highly gratifying condition of the lodge, and confidently anticipated continued prosperity under the presidency of the newly elected W.M. The brethren finally separated, after having enjoyed a very pleasant and harmonious evening.

**LIVERPOOL—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1035).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 12th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Bro. G. Morgan, W.M., presiding. There was a large attendance of officers, P.M.'s and visiting brethren, some from Ireland and London. The lodge was

opened at 6 o'clock, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, three brethren were balloted for and elected unanimously. Messrs. Peake, Osborne, and Williams, being in attendance, were solemnly initiated by the W.M. into the sublime mysteries of the Order, and entrusted with the sacred secrets of the first degree. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, when four brethren were carefully examined in their Masonic knowledge, and as they proved apt scholars, the lodge was opened in the third degree, when they were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The lodge then proceeded to the election of W.M., when Bro. Sculthorpe, S.W., was declared elected by a large majority. Bro. P. M. Bunting, was also unanimously and by acclamation re-elected Treasurer. It was also agreed that P.M.'s jewels should be presented to Bro. Morgan, W.M., and Bro. Williams, P.M. The widow of a deceased seafaring brother was voted five guineas from the funds of the lodge, and a guinea was granted to a French brother to enable him to return to his native country, the case being supported by Bro. Bucknall. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments to the "Black Bull." It deserves notice that Bro. Holdens, proprietor of the hall, has made valuable improvements in the interior gas arrangements, the effect of which was especially noticeable in the course of the ceremony of giving the third degree.

**LANCASTER—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).**—The meeting for the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, and installation of the W.M. elect, took place at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on Friday, 28th December. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Wilson Barker, the chair of K.S. was occupied by the I.P.M., Bro. J. Daniel Moore, M.D., P.G.S.B. of England, who was supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. W. Hall, as I.P.M.; W. J. Sly, S.W.; Edward Airey, as J.W.; James Taylor, S.D.; James Bolton, J.D.; J. L. Bradshaw, as I.G.; John Watson, Tyler; Thos. Jackson, Robert Harger, Henry Longman, F.C.; George Sutton, F.C.; visitors, Bros. John Hatch, P.M., 281; Edmund Simpson, P.M., 281; William Hall, W.M. 281; William Fleming, W.M. Elect 281; Charles Dunn, 859; James Eilershaw, 1358. After the minutes had been confirmed and other business transacted, the W.M. Elect, Bro. W. J. Sly, was presented to the installing officer by Bros. W. Hall, P.M., and W. Hall, W.M. 281, to receive the benefit of installation. The qualification for the Master's chair were rehearsed and agreed to by the candidate, who afterwards gave his consent to the ancient charges, which were read by Bro. E. Simpson, P.M. The ceremony was proceeded with, and in a Board of Installed Masters, consisting of Bros. Moore, W. Hall, 201; W. Hall, 1051; Simpson, and Hatch, Bro. William John Sly was duly installed into the chair of the lodge, according to ancient custom, and received greetings and salutations from the brethren in the several degrees. He then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Wilson Barker, I.P.M., and Treas.; Edward Airey, S.W.; John L. Bradshaw, J.W.; J. Daniel Moore, P.M., Sec.; James Taylor, S.D.; Robert Harger, J.D.; John Watson, Tyler. The charges were delivered to the W.M. by the installing officer, and to the Wardens and brethren by Bro. John Hatch, P.M., the working tools in the various degrees being presented by Bro. W. Hall, P.M. 1051; Bro. W. Hall, W.M. 281; and Bro. Hatch. A vote of thanks was awarded by acclamation to Bro. Moore, for his services as installing officer, and the lodge was closed in due form. A number of the brethren afterwards accepted the conjoint invitation of the retiring and newly installed Worshipful Masters, Bros. W. Barker and W. J. Sly, to a supper at the King's Arms Hotel, which was of a most sumptuous and recherché description, and after the cloth was drawn the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured; that of the W.M. and I.P.M. being enthusiastically received. The Installing Officer, Wardens, Officers of the Lodge, Visitors, &c., were not forgotten, and the proceedings of the evening terminated with the reception of the Tyler's toast, proposed by Bro. Moore, each brother leaving the room with a

pleasant recollection that he had passed a most enjoyable evening.

**HAMPTON—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1325).**—On Wednesday, 18th inst., this flourishing lodge met at the Red Lion Hotel, Lion Square. Bro. F. Walters, P.M., Sec., opened the lodge at one o'clock. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of Bros. H. Tozer and J. Hopkins as joining members, and Messrs. H. Jones, J. Deekes, T. Archer, J. Thompson, M. Mildred, J. Newton, and B. Hall. Messrs. B. Hall, H. Jones, J. Deekes, T. Archer, were initiated, Bros. A. W. Dray, T. Walkley, J. R. Moore, C. Heitzmann, H. Thomas, and H. Goodwin were passed to the second degree. Bro. J. W. Richardson, was raised to the third degree, Bro. J. T. Moss, P.G.S.D. Middlesex, W.M., initiated Mr. J. Thompson. The work was well done. These gentlemen who attended for initiation viz: Messrs. M. Mildred, J. Newton and Partridge had to be deferred until another meeting, in consequence of the legal number, five, having been initiated. A large number of propositions for initiation and some joining members were proposed. All business being ended, the lodge was closed. Banquet and dessert followed. There were present besides those named Bros. H. A. Dubois, J.W.; W. Hammond, P.M., S.D.; E. Gilbert, I.G.; H. Potter, P.M., W.S.; J. Hammond, P.M.; E. Hopwood, P.M.; R. Lawrence, J. F. Woodley, H. Gloster, J. W. Baldwin, E. H. Thieally, W. J. Cox, J. Symes, and others. Visitors:—Bro. W. J. Laing, and J. Hopkins.

**CUMBERLAND—Whitwell Lodge (No. 1390).**—This lodge held its usual monthly communication, on Thursday, the 17th. The Chair of K.S. was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Roger Dodgson, P.G.S.B.; supported by the whole of the officers. The lodge was opened at seven o'clock by the W.M., the minutes of last regular lodge, were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. William Bell, which proved to be unanimous in his favour. Mr. Bell being in attendance was initiated into the mysteries of the Order by the W.M., the working tools being presented by the J.W., Bro. Mills, P.G. Steward. At the request of the W.M., Bro. T. Dodgson, S.W., P.M., assumed the Chair, and opened the Lodge in the second degree, when Bros. Meakin, and Waiting, being in attendance, answered the usual questions, and were then entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bro. Meakin being admitted, was raised to the Sublime degree of M.M. He retired and the W.M. again resumed his place, and raised Bro. Waiting, who retired, and being re-admitted, the W.M. gave the historical lecture to both the candidates. The lodge was then closed in the third and second degrees, when the W.M. read a letter he had received from Bro. Lord Muncaster, P.G. Reg., expressing regret that he was unable to be present, on account of being in London. One candidate was proposed for initiation, and the lodge was finally closed at 10.30 p.m. with solemn prayer.

*Reports of Meetings continued in Extra Sheet.*

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*For us, who are:* all Nature is a Law.  
Our first and last undeviating Teacher,  
Ever in Time's predestinative maw  
Digesting, reproducing every feature  
Sooner or later.  
We live within it's circles, and obey  
The force centrifugal that all impels,  
Atoms of radii, we bear His sway  
To whose rapt Harmony the great whole swells,  
Nature's Creator!

Rejoice with me! to know that all Creation  
When ripened to its prime, must all decay.  
Mourn not at all for buried Civilisation;  
From Night infallibly will issue—Day  
In contrast splendid.  
We die—to enter into *Life* again,  
To higher ends our elements combine;  
No atom ever lived and died in vain,  
For we the heirs, in an unbroken line  
With it are blended.

Though forms are changing, *Matter* is the same  
In quantity and indestructibility,  
Since with the primal generative flame  
TIME set to work to mould perfectibility  
Of the Grand Scheme.  
Our Earth with all it comprehends to day,  
Is still the self-same elements evolving  
Which the first Adam, by the Solar ray  
Perceived around. And periods revolving  
Pass like a dream.

The Solar rays impinge upon the Earth,  
Responsive gases work throughout the orb.  
Its latent powers are quickened into birth  
For ever to emit and re-absorb  
In known mutation.  
Precipitated waters, to and fro  
By a diurnal and resistless spell  
Are driven, vivifying as they go;  
The atmospheric zones close up or swell  
With like sensation.

The currents of the wind fill up contractions  
Where Solar influence displaces Air,  
And violently lash up passive fractions  
Till ocean-surfaces are shattered there  
In waves and surges.  
Plants throughout Earth and Sea develope still,  
With animated shapes in sequence certain,  
Obedient to th' inexorable Will  
That aye through Space, through whatsoever  
curtain,

On all converges,  
Whence? From the Sun's inspiring Light and  
Heat,  
Which liberate all elements, which enter  
Into the plant and animal, and beat,  
The hills and waves from surface into centre  
And glorify.  
For this did erst, the ancient Magians bend  
In adoration to that disc of Day  
On which all our existences depend,  
Which on to Matter sheds its glowing ray  
To vivify.

Behold! That Sun, a unit is, of millions,  
Of which each rules its planets in their station  
Our vision fails before those massed quadrillions.  
And yet—that infinite illumination  
*Law weighs and measures*  
Chaldaea and Egypt knew the mystic bond  
Our Newtons and our Keplers rediscover;  
And the recondite Arcanum beyond  
Their Sages' minds could unlock and pore over,  
Spending its treasures.

Were the keys lost? Why did the human Mind  
Hailing the seven lesser Glories, view them  
As Deities, and fondly deem Mankind  
Might claim their influence, and Priests endue  
them  
With fancies flighty?  
*The ancient symbols* seem but Myth and Fable  
Hid in the darkened intervening Ages.  
But now! *We, who the time old Keys enable,*  
*Unveil the MACROCOSM OF THE SAGES.*—  
INFINITUDE'S ALMIGHTY !!!

By Him alone, all Nature is alive.  
He bade the new developments arise,  
The debris recreate, the ashes thrive;  
He makes each Sun to rule its vaulted skies  
By *Law's* high Mystery.  
Through him, we Men perpetuate, obeying,

Our attributes transmitted, are the same;  
Each atom reproducing and decaying  
In ceaseless course, bequeaths to us His name;  
And that is History!

Progressive culture speeds around the World,  
Germs in the van and Wonders in the rear.  
Where brightest human records are unfurled.  
Time circles o'er,—and Marvels disappear  
In deserts hoary.  
Wonders arise in other lands and seas,  
In turn to the same barren deserts tending;  
From East to West the transformation flees  
In time—*Eternal*: in Place—*Ever-ending*.  
An Arc of Glory.

**Reviews.**

*Almanack and Diary for 1873*, issued by E. Moses and Son, of Minorities, &c., &c., at the low price of one penny, is a handy little book for the pocket, full of information, and with plenty of space for memoranda.

*Music in the Western Church*, by WILLIAM A. LEONARD, Bristol (London: F. Pitman, Paternoster-row), traces the history of music from the earliest time. This is an interesting little volume, and will doubtless prove acceptable to the very many who take an interest in psalmody.

**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.**

For the Week ending Friday, January 3, 1873.

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

**SATURDAY, Dec. 28.**

- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dille, 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.
- Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worthington, Preceptors.

**MONDAY, Dec. 30.**

- Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- " 831, British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Bancroft-place, Mile-end.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James'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. Dille, P.M. 1155, 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, Dec. 31.**

- Sydney Lodge of Instruction, Cambridge Hotel, Upper Norwood.
- Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8. Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, Preceptor.
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
- Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
- St. Maryibone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 1.

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, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, Jan. 2.

45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.  
 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.  
 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.  
 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.  
 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.  
 1351, St. Clement Danes, 265, Strand.  
 1381, Kennington, Surrey Club House, Kennington.  
 The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams' Preceptor.  
 Paumure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.  
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.  
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.  
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.  
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.  
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.  
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

FRIDAY, JAN. 3.

Lodge 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 Chapter 3, Fidelity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.  
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction, (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.  
 Stability Lodge of Instruction, (217), Guildhall Tavern, 33, Gresham-street, City, at 6; Bro. Henry Muggerridge, P.M. 192 and 715, Preceptor.  
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson, P.M.  
 Union's 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), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.  
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, 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.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 4, 1873.

MONDAY, DEC. 30.

Lodge of Lights (148), Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.  
 TUESDAY, DEC. 31.  
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1.

St. John's Lodge (673), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, 6.30.  
 Royal Victoria Lodge (1013), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, 6.  
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (No. 1356)-40, North-hill-street, Foxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.  
 THURSDAY, JAN. 2.  
 Mariners' Lodge (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, 6.  
 Cestrian Lodge (425), Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, 4.  
 Bridgewater Chapter, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, 6.  
 FRIDAY, JAN. 3.  
 Sefton Lodge (680), Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, 4.30.  
 Walton Chapter, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, 6.  
 Neptune Lodge (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, 6.

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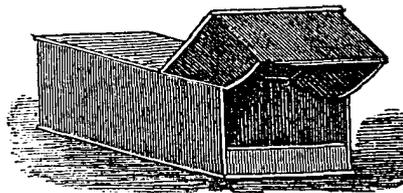
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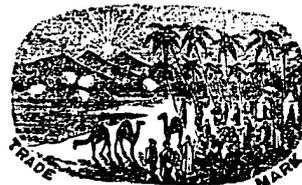


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## Mark Masonry.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE AT FALMOUTH.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

On Tuesday, the 17th inst., we left the Truro station at half-past one, in company with our well-known Bro. Fredck. Binckes, Grand Mark Secretary, (P.G.W.) and a goodly number of Mark Masters, representing the various lodges in the Province. Until 1865, there was not a Grand Lodge in Cornwall, but now there are five, and many more might be found, if the leading spirits in this degree in the far West, had more time at their disposal. To show what can be done by a few determined and zealous brethren we may mention that Bro. Hughan, the Senior Past Master in the county has advanced upwards of 200 brethren, and feels quite certain that as many more would offer themselves in different parts of the Province had he but leisure to visit them. But to proceed with our sketch. We arrived duly at Falmouth, and some in busses, some in cabs, and some on foot, we all eventually reached the Royal Hotel, and having been duly marshalled we entered the Lodge of Love and Honour, No. 94, when the Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Prov. Grand Mark Master, the R.W. Bro. Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., *M.P.* Unfortunately the friends at Falmouth had made no provision for recording the names of the brethren present, so as the number was large we only managed to jot down a few. We noticed at the right of the Prov. G.M., Bros. Reginald Rogers, D. Prov. G.M.; the Rev. G. L. Church, Acting Prov. G. Chap.; John Ninness, Grand J.O.; E. T. Carlyon, P.M. 78; Major Law, F. E. Remfrey, (No. 112 Isaac University Lodge,) J. Bray, W.M. nominated 78; and on the left of the chair sat the Grand Mark Secretary, Bros. W. J. Hughan, Past Grand Warden, &c.; Thomas Solomon, *J.P.*, P.M. 78, Prov. G. Registrar; Thomas Chirgwin, Prov. Grand Secretary; R. John, W.M. 78, Prov. Grand D.C.; Geo. Brown, Prov. G.M. Overseer, Leicestershire and Rutland; W. J. Johns, P.M. 98, Prov. J.G. Warden; and others. Bro. W. Tweedy, P.G.W., occupied the west chair as Senior Prov. G. Warden. There was a capital muster from the Cornubian Lodge, Hayle, including Dr. James Mudge, P.M. 87, Past G.M. Overseer; J. H. Burrall, P.M. 87, Prov. S.G.D.; N. J. West, W.M. 87, G.S.B.; F. H. Pool, P.S.W., Prov. G. Herald; J. P. Smith, J.W. 87; all tried and proved friends as Mark Masters.

The lodge had been opened prior to this assemblage, so the Prov. Grand Officers having taken their positions as the regular lodge officers, the Prov. Grand Lodge was opened as we have just said, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ordinary business was regularly transacted. Bro. J. P. Smith, J.W. 87, then made a few observations respecting

the desirability of holding the Prov. Grand Lodge meetings more frequently as they tended greatly to promote the progress of Mark Masonry, and certainly once in three years was nothing like often enough in which to meet. The Prov. Grand Master explained the cause of the delay, and pledged himself to hold another Prov. G. Lodge in 1873, and Bro. John Ninness, P.M. 101, having extended a hearty invite to the Prov. Grand Lodge, supported by the Rev. G. Church, the Boscawen Lodge, Chacewater, was selected by the Prov. Grand Master for the next meeting, when no doubt a very successful gathering will be held.

The Prov. Grand Master very warmly welcomed the Grand Secretary, Bro. Binckes in the Prov. Grand Lodge, and expressed his high appreciation of the honour conferred upon him individually, as well as on the Prov. Grand Lodge, by the attendance of so able and distinguished a brother. The G. Secretary responded in his usual able and eloquent manner, and stated how delighted he was to find that the general progress of the Mark degree had been fully sustained in Cornwall.

Bro. Hughan, P.M. 78, &c., proposed that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and be placed on Br. G. Brown's list as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in the name of Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., *M.P.* Bro. Hughan explained that his reason for so doing was that their esteemed Prov. Grand Master, by virtue of having been so large a donor to the Boys' School had now 98 votes at each election, and the sum now proposed would change the number to 100, which would be a most graceful act on their part to one who had done so much on behalf of the Masonic Charities second only in England as respects his contributions to this particular Institution, and excelled by none on the warmth of his interest in all that concerns the welfare of Freemasonry, Bro. Hughan having been informed by the indefatigable Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, that Sir Frederick stood third in the list of contributors, remarked that he desired to alter his statement, to a Masonic number, viz., three, and felt quite sure that the province would carry the proposition by acclamation. The prophecy was quickly realised, for the brethren "one and all" testified their approval in the most enthusiastic manner, and carried the proposition so heartily, that the Prov. Grand Master was visibly affected, in thanking them for their kindness, and promised the members that he would always be ready in the future as heretofore, to aid them in helping the "widow and the fatherless."

The Prov. Grand Lodge was soon after closed, but before leaving the ancient lodge room, the Prov. Grand Master appointed the following brethren for his officers during the ensuing year:—Bros. Reginald Rogers, P.M. 94, D. Grand Master; W. F. Newman, P.M. 94, Senior Grand Warden; John

Ninness, P.M. 101, Junior Grand Warden; N. J. West, W.M. 89, Grand Master Overseer; John Paull, P.M. 101, Grand Senior Overseer; W. H. Dunstan, S.W. 97, Grand Junior Overseer; Rev. G. L. Church, M.O. 101, Grand Chaplain; Richard, John, P.M. 78, Grand Registrar; Dr. James Mudge, P.M. 87, Grand Treasurer; Thomas Solomon, *J.P.*, P.M. 78, Grand Secretary; F. H. Pool, P.S.W. 87, Senior Grand Deacon; J. P. Smith, J.W. 87, Junior Grand Deacon; John Hall, P.M. 101, Grand Supt. of Works; John Bray, S.W. 78, Grand Dir. of Cers.; —Michell 94, Asst. Grand Dir. of Cers.; Michael Little, J.W. 94, G. Sword Bearer; James Pool, J.O. 87, Grand Organist; Saml. Harvey, 78, Grand Pursuivant; Dr. Hugoe W.M. 101, W. Middleton J.O. 78, C. Trenthick J.D. 78, Grand Stewards; John Langdon, Grand Tyler.

The brethren were also particularly gratified to find their old brother Henry Griffin was able to attend. He is Tyler of No. 94, and was initiated in 1820 at Falmouth, and is one of the oldest Masons and Mark Masters in England. Although he has survived over eighty winters, he is still wonderfully active and takes as much interest in Mark Masonry as ever. It seems to be his favourite degree, out of the many he has taken one time and another in the days of his prosperity, at home and abroad.

At four we adjourned to the banquet, and we must say it was worthy of the name, not for the mere gratification of the "good things of life" so bountifully supplied, but for the "feast of soul," for a more hearty, agreeable, and truly Masonic Festival we never attended. The toasts were few but important, and when we mention that Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., *M.P.*, presided, we say enough to guarantee a goodly attendance of choice speakers and excellent replies to the sentiments which so gracefully fell from the lips of the Prov. Grand Master. The usual loyal toasts having been given and received according to the fashion of Freemasons, the Prov. Grand Master proposed the Grand Master and the Grand Officers.

Bro. Binckes, P.G.W. and Grand Secretary, responded, and in his own happy way did justice to the many excellent qualities exhibited by the present Grand Master, to whom we are chiefly indebted for the wonderful spread of the degree, not only in this country, but also in the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. Bro. Binckes then alluded to the Province of Cornwall, and congratulated the members on having so worthy a Mason to rule over them. He knew that much of the success of Mark Masonry in the far West of England, was owing to Sir Frederick being the Prov. Grand Master, and it was no wonder so many Masons rallied round him, and so numerous supported him at all the provincial gatherings, when he was second to none in this country in his desire to aid in every possible way the great objects of the Craft, and even went out of his way in

seeking to find more ways of doing good, and of benefitting those who through misfortune, were unhappily in reduced circumstances. We cannot do anything like justice to Bro. Binckes eloquence, and must therefore simply state that the brethren heard his magnificent eulogium of Sir F. M. Williams (their Prov. Grand Master) with delight, and most rapturously applauded his most graceful tribute to a Mason, held in high esteem, wherever he is known, and universally beloved and respected throughout the province. The worthy Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, did not forget the cause of Masonic charity, and we feel sure the stirring words which fell from his lips, in the advocacy of its peculiar claims at the present time, will result in Bro. G. Brown's taking up with him a goodly list of contributors at the next Festival from Cornwall.

Bro. E. T. Carlyon, P.M. 78, the Craft Grand Secretary for Cornwall, then proposed the health of the Prov. G. Master. This excellent brother, who is a most careful discriminator of character, and one of the oldest and best Masons in the province, spoke so much to the point in favour of Sir F. M. Williams' claims to be considered the most liberal Mason of all others in the far West of England, that those present who knew the truth of such a statement were delighted, and most enthusiastically endorsed all the words so sincerely uttered by Bro. Carlyon, who not content even with acknowledging his belief in Sir F. M. Williams being the most fitting successor to the late esteemed Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall, expressed his regret that for the present his claims had been set aside. Bro. Carlyon however most strongly expressed his high sense of the many good qualities possessed by the distinguished brother appointed to succeed the lamented Bro. Augustus Smith, and felt sure he would to his utmost be found a Mason worthy of the name, only that the brethren had so long looked upon Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., *M.P.*, as their future Prov. Grand Master, that naturally they could not help being disappointed at seeing all their hopes for the present frustrated.

Sir Frederick thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had received the hearty proposition made by his friend Bro. Carlyon. Whatever good he had been able to do, had been cheerfully rendered, and he hoped to do still more on behalf of an Institution which he was so warmly attached to. He hoped also, that the Grand Secretary, Bro. Binckes, would find Cornwall ready to support him in his desire to raise a goodly sum for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys during the ensuing year, and he trusted that as Mark Masters, all present would do their utmost to aid the Stewards with their subscriptions. Relative to Bro. Carlyon's remarks respecting himself, and the Craft Prov. Grand Lodge, he felt bound to say that the Grand Master's appointment was to him one he highly approved of from the bottom

of his heart, and would have his most thorough support, for a more excellent nobleman could not be selected, he knew him intimately, and felt sure that his many virtues had only to be known to secure for him the hearty good wishes of all the Freemasons in Cornwall. He hoped the brethren would rally round their new Prov. Grand Master, and as he intended to do, be present on all occasions, and strive to show their appreciation of the appointment made by the M.W. the Grand Master.

The brethren cheered these words as they deserved, though the brethren were in no wise responsible for the introduction of so irrelevant a matter to the meeting in hand. We may say, it entirely resulted from the statement made by the D. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Rogers, (who is to be the Deputy of the new Prov. Grand Master,) when in Prov. Gr. Mark Lodge, and hence it was quite natural that he and they should say a few words on the subject. It had one good effect. It showed us still brighter characters. The thorough unselfishness of Sir F. M. Williams, and how delighted he was to obey his lawful superiors in the Craft, irrespective of his own claims to preferment. The other toasts we cannot now stay to describe. Bro. Hughan then pronounces his interesting observations on the Mark Degree which will be given in an ensuing number of the FREEMASON, and so for the time we say Adieu!

#### MASONIC BALL AT DARLINGTON.

On the 13th inst., a Grand Full Dress Masonic Ball, promoted by the brethren of Restoration Lodge (No. 111.) took place in the Central Hall, Darlington. The Restoration was founded about 113 years ago, and now enjoys the distinction of holding a centenary jewel granted by the Grand Lodge in virtue of having attained its hundredth birthday. During its long lease of life, the Restoration has passed through many vicissitudes, but it has all along held a high rank in Masonic circles, both for its attainments and for its respectability. Its register has always contained the names of some of the most influential inhabitants of the town, but it never was in a more healthy and vigorous condition than at present. The brethren, some time ago, acquired the old Baptist Chapel in Archer-street as a lodge-room, the cost of the purchase being about a £1,000, raised by shares among the brethren. The work of reconstructing the building to adapt it for the purposes of the lodge, involved a considerable outlay. This work was carried out with such thoroughness that the lodge is now one of the most handsome and convenient in the North of England. There is still a trifle of debt remaining to be cleared off, and it was resolved to apply the proceeds of the ball to this purpose. One of the primary objects of the ball was to do honour to W.M. John Morrell, who has been most zealous and attentive in the

discharge of his duties during his year of office. It is, indeed, largely due to his efforts that the Restoration Lodge has made such exceptional progress during the past year, and it will be difficult to find one who will occupy the chair with greater difficulty.

The ball was held under the most distinguished auspices, and was in all respects a signal success. Although the severity of the weather doubtless interfered with the attendance from neighbouring towns, the *élite* of Darlington was well represented. The Masters of the Ceremonies were Bros. Robert Hudson, Grand Director of Ceremonies for the Province of Durham; J. E. Mac Nay, P.P.J.G.G.; and J. W. Marshall, P.G.O. The Stewards were:—Bros. F. Mewburn, Dr. Arrowsmith, Dr. Watt, R. A. Luck, John Morrell, J. H. Greaveson, Christopher Jackson, W. Bell, B. Boulton, Mr. J. S. Trotter, Charles Willman, Dr. Canney, Mr. William Nelson, Mr. T. C. Davidson, Dr. Blackett, and Mr. Charles Ianson, jun.

The Central Hall was tastefully, although not profusely decorated. The most prominent object in the room was the orchestra, which occupied the middle of the floor, and was octagonal in shape, with a canopy of evergreens. From either side and from the ends of the hall banners and flags of different nations were suspended, and gracefully relieved here and there by a judicious distribution of evergreens. The form of the hall does not otherwise afford much cope for ornate treatment. On the platform, which was arranged and furnished as a drawing-room, there were a number of plants in bloom,—there were other decorative accessories that arrested attention. Among these was the portrait of Bro. Blackett, one of the oldest Masters of the lodge, which is justly regarded as one of the best works of the artist—Bewick. This picture is the property of the Restoration Lodge. On either side of the platform and in the centre, were the tracing boards of the lodge, which, doubtless, served to whet the curiosity of those unacquainted with the mysteries of Speculative Masonry. Over the centre of the platform, a noble banner, bearing the inscription "audi, vide, tace," was suspended, and at the other end of the hall over the doorway, hung another banner of the late Prince Consort.

The company began to arrive about nine o'clock, and by half-past that hour the ball-room wore a gay and animated appearance, the brethren present wearing their insignia of office, which relieved the otherwise sombre appearance of full dress, while the ladies appeared, as usual, in nearly all the colours of the rainbow.

Dancing was begun about half-past nine o'clock, to the excellent music of Thrush's (of York) excellent band, which merits special praise for the finished and artistic character of its performance.

Shortly before twelve o'clock, an adjournment was made to the supper-room, which was seated to accommodate fifty. Supper

had thus to be taken by instalments. Afterwards Terpischoe resumed the sway, and retained it until an advanced hour. There was no hitch in the arrangements—for which Mr. Mewburn, Mr. R. A. Luck, and Mr. Morrell are chiefly responsible. From first to last, and altogether, the Restoration Lodge has reason to congratulate itself on the results of the first Masonic ball in Darlington.

#### MASONIC BALL AT ROCHDALE.

The Masonic Ball, in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was held in the Town Hall, Rochdale, yesterday evening, when there was a large muster of members of "the craft" residing in Rochdale and the immediate neighbourhood, together with members from a distance, and a number of non-masons. The arrangements for the ball were most excellent. The large hall, in which the ball was held, was very handsomely decorated by Mr. Snowden, cabinet maker, of this town. In the refreshment department, the purveyor was Bro. John Rostron, of the Black Horse Hotel, Farnworth, near Bolton, and the refreshment rooms at the Southport and Bolton Railway Stations, and who deserves unqualified praise for his admirable catering, the bill of fare being most complete. It may be interesting to our readers to know that the Harmony Lodge, No. 298 (Rochdale), is one of the vice-patrons of the school, and that two Rochdale boys are now being educated there, whilst four have left the institution. The ball was under most influential patronage, the names of titled personages being prominent on the list. The local committee of management consisted of Bro. Ralph Collingwood, W.M. 363, president; Bro. D. Richardson, S.W. 1129, vice-president; and Bro. James Holroyd, P.M. 298, P.G.S.B., treasurer. Secretary Bro. W. Ashworth, Prov. First Grand Captain, Lancashire and representatives from the following lodges—Hope, Harmony, Keystone, Probity and Freedom, and St. Chad's. The dancing commenced shortly after nine o'clock to the strains of Bro. Goodwin's quadrille band. Mons. Paris officiated as master of the ceremonies. The brethren were in full dress craft clothing until eleven o'clock, after that hour the brethren appeared in the various dresses of Mark, Royal Arch, Knights Templar, Rose Croix, 30°, &c., and wore the jewels and insignia of their rank and office. Their appearance with the gaily coloured dresses of the ladies served to make quite a brilliant scene. The Stewards being distinguished by a beautiful badge or favour from the establishment of Bro. Geo. Kenning. Shortly after the ball commenced there were 200 dancers in the hall, and the number continued to increase up to eleven o'clock. The dancing was kept up with unflagging spirit until an early hour this morning.

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"I have much pleasure in stating that through using your Pain Killer I have had, and am still having, wonderful relief from a long and painful illness, arising from rheumatic gout and nervous convulsions, which have extended over a period of seven years, causing paralysis of the limbs. But I feel sure from what I have already experienced that your medicine will entirely restore me.—W. ALLEN, Hoxton, May, 1872.—To Perry Davis & Son, London, W.C."

#### GRAND LODGE AFFAIRS.

SIR,—I have delayed taking any notice of the letter written by "A Past Master" in the *Courant* of Monday, December 2, and of your article following on it, in the hope that "A Past Master" would have acknowledged the correctness of the statements of the Grand Master, and of the Grand Clerk, since published. "Past Master's" letter has been widely circulated, and has given rise to misapprehension. In these circumstances I beg to request the insertion of the following remarks.

The debt of Grand Lodge amounts as stated to about £13,000. That sum is heritably secured on property of Grand Lodge, and that property belongs exclusively to the *whole* members of the Scotch Craft, and not, as one would infer from the statements in the *Courant*, to *any section* of the order resident in Edinburgh or elsewhere. Lord Rosslyn's propositions gave shape to a desire which had long existed, that this debt should be extinguished, and that charities should be founded for the benefit of the order.

At the time Grand Lodge acquired its present subjects, it was possessed of a sum of about £3,000 only, and the property was acquired, and the hall and other buildings erected, by the consent of all. These buildings are situated in one of the best and most improving parts of the city, and are valued by experienced valuers at about £17,000. Debt was thus necessarily contracted; but Grand Lodge has an equivalent for it, and more, in the value of the buildings themselves. In these circumstances the question really comes to be—Is this property to be retained, or sold? If sold, Grand Lodge must again hold its meetings in hotels, or other similar places. This is undesirable, as the craft would injure its influence and position, and many necessary facilities would be lost in the working of the order, both as regards Grand Lodge itself, and daughter lodges. I believe the universal wish is to retain the property. If this be so, the balance of its *price* must be paid.

Now, how is this to be done? The subjects are the common property of *every individual* member of the Scotch constitution, and these members, rich and poor, are alike benefitted by them, and are thus in reality the debtors.

Some years ago the fees of diplomas were 4s. 6d. each, and were then reduced to 2s. 6d. Grand Lodge has again increased the fee to 5s. In making this increase, Grand Lodge has virtually re-enacted its former charger; and this charge is paid by entrants only on their admission, and once for all. Grand Lodge also some years ago recommended daughter (we have no "affiliated") lodges to pay £1 annually towards liquidation of the debt, but which is in reality the balance of the price, which is secured to the persons who advanced that balance by the bonds over the subjects. This recommendation has in some instances been given effect to, and all that Grand Lodge has now done is to make the recommended payment compulsory.

There is nothing out of the way or oppressive in all this; and if these payments are made the result will be that in nine years or thereby the *whole* debt of Grand Lodge will be extinguished, and its whole annual surplus revenues, which will be then upwards of £2,000, devoted to charitable purposes.

Grand Lodge has resolved to apply this annual surplus by distributing it among its several Masonic Provinces, according to the number of their annual entrants. In place of crippling the efforts of lodges in "the projects of education and beneficence," these exactions will benefit very greatly our provincial brethren; and in provinces already having a benevolent fund, the money which will be thus allocated will form an invaluable aid; and in other districts, where no benevolent efforts have yet been made, the brethren there may apply the money towards any charitable objects they may select.

Grand Lodge has further provided, in order to secure the proper application of the money to

be thus raised, a board of trustees, consisting of three members of each Provincial Grand Lodge, the Substitute Grand Master, and two members of Grand Committee.

Of this scheme all members of Grand Lodge had intimation; and not only so, but the Grand Secretary, in order to ascertain the views of leading members of the Craft, did what is unusual—communicated the various motions on the subject to them. Of the brethren so consulted one only disapproved of the scheme, and while doing so he agreed to the propriety of the liquidation of the debt, but propounded another scheme which did not meet with acceptance.

The Metropolitan Lodge, as "A Past Master," terms Grand Lodge, is common to all, and its existence is essential to the wellbeing and good government of the whole Craft. Like the Houses of Parliament, and other national institutions, its maintenance is derived from the contributions of the body of which it is the common head; and it cannot be said that the increase on the diploma fee, and the small annual payment of one pound yearly by daughter lodges, will "make the terms of membership onerous throughout the country." It is well known that the entrance fees in Scotch lodges are very small, and that they are considered so by members of other Grand Lodges; and it is certainly undesirable to admit any man to the privileges of the Order who is unable to pay so small an increase as half-a-crown on these fees. As to the small annual payment by the lodges, I cannot believe that any lodge exists which has twenty members who will hesitate to contribute one shilling yearly towards its payments.

If, therefore, the balance due on the *price* of Grand Lodge property is to be paid, it is scarcely possible to conceive any scheme more simple, which would fall more lightly on the members of lodges, and which would be more easily collected.

The suggestion "Past Master" makes to raise the money by subscriptions was taken into consideration by the Substitute Grand Master, and others, and these experienced brethren and men of business, after deliberation, arrived at the conclusion that although a most liberal subscription were obtained it would be wholly inadequate in amount for the purpose.

"Past Master" states that Grand Lodge has seldom or never made any assessment imposed exclusively on its members, and that it sanctions "prodigal expenditure in banquetings and gatherings for parade and pleasure." These statements are unjust and incorrect, and ought not to have been made without enquiry. The brethren attending banquetings and gatherings bear their own charges; and the members of Grand Lodge do have exclusive imposts made on them; and from that source, and the annual payments of the lodges in Edinburgh alone, is derived the income of the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence; and that fund is chiefly, as is well known, applied in relieving the necessities of brethren in places other than Edinburgh, whose lodges do not contribute one sixpence towards the fund. Apart from the Benevolent Fund, members of the Grand Lodge contribute an annual payment of considerable amount towards the common funds of the Order; and I may mention that so anxious were the members of Grand Lodge to facilitate the liquidation of its debt, that by a majority of something like 200 to 12 it renounced its interest in the diploma fees, and resolved that the expenditure of Grand Lodge must be restricted by the sum thus surrendered.

I may observe, as showing a curious inconsistency, that it was the proxy master of a leading Ayrshire Lodge (Kilwinning) who objected to this enforced economy in Grand Lodge expenditure, and that the Provincial Grand Master of East Renfrew and the Depute Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow were among the few who voted with him.

As regards the conjunction of the offices of Grand Secretary and Grand Clerk, "A Past Master" must, or at least ought, to know that repeated motions within the last seven years

have been made to conjoin these offices; and that these motions have not been carried, chiefly through the opposition of west county members. This motion has been again repeated, and I hope that your correspondent will attend next Grand Lodge communication, and use his influence to carry it.

I quite concur with "Past Master" in his just acknowledgment of Grand Master's zeal and services; and in the hope that a spirit of enquiry will be awakened in the minds of our brethren which would ensure a more active supervision of Grand Lodge affairs, for to the apathy which has hitherto existed on the part chiefly of provincial members, our present position is mainly indebted. Speaking, as I may do, for the leading members of Grand Committee, I can assure "Past Master" of their thorough support in securing any object for the better administration of the Craft, and of their sincere desire that he would continue to aid them in that object.

Since writing the above I have seen in your to-day's issue the letter of a member of St. Mark's Lodge, Glasgow. He has fallen into the same error regarding the non-publication of Grand Lodge's accounts as "A Past Master." A vidimus of these accounts is published annually in the Grand Lodge Reporter; but although the Grand Lodge financial year ends on 30th April, and its accounts are said to be audited monthly, for an unsatisfactory reason the auditor has not yet handed the vidimus of last year's accounts to the Grand Secretary, and the publication of the Reporter for last year has been unfortunately delayed. The Grand Committee at its last meeting resolved that the auditor should be requested to return the accounts, audited or unaudited, within a month from that date, and the brethren may thus hope soon to have them.—Your obedient servant.

ANOTHER PAST MASTER.

Edinburgh Courier, Dec. 9th, 1872.

Sir, you did me the favour of inserting my letter on Grand Lodge affairs in your impression of Monday's evening, and as you deemed it a subject of sufficient importance for editorial comment on the day following, perhaps you will think proper to say one word in reply to the letter of the Grand Clerk which appeared in your issue of Wednesday last? The same day the observations in your journal are "fair, exact, and formal, and in many respects correct." However, instead of pointing out the inaccuracies and omissions, he invites "any Master or other member of a lodge, or other duly qualified person" to call at his office and inspect a statement of the financial affairs of Grand Lodge of Scotland. I am afraid that few Masons in Scotland would be inclined to do this, in order to ascertain the "sources of annual income and expenditure, as well as the particular amount of debt and the causes thereof, and the means taken for its reduction." As you do not an abstract of the accounts of Grand Lodge, published in the Reporter for April 1872, was done in the Reporter for April 1872. I presume that the latter was circulated among the daughter lodges. On referring to it, I find that there was a deficit of £7,438, in consequence of the outlay on account of Mr. Andrew's festival. This does not quite agree with the Grand Master's statement in depreciation of censure:—"It scarcely calls for any fault-finding when we pay that (the dinner) out of our own pocket." But this is a matter of no moment compared with the charges for paid officers. I find, under the head of salaries, the following items: 40 successive Grand Secretaries, £315; Grand Clerks, £212; Grand Tyler, £75; Chief Grand Marshal, £448; Grand Marshal, £228; Outer Guard, £228; Auditor and Accountants—1868-69, £265; 1869-70, £265;—£660 18s. in all. Total income of 1870-71, £2,489 3s. 3d. For charities during the year—8 was voted by the committee to fifty applicants, £206 10s.; casual charities, £12 13s. 3d.; other, £219 3s. 3d. We already know how Grand Lodge has arranged to pay off its debt—namely, by a requisition of

2s. 6d. more from each entrant, and by an assessment of one pound in addition to the five shilling certificate annually.

Will the Grand Clerk venture to contradict this statement, or to say that it is "inaccurate and a misrepresentation?" I deem it my duty to say that, however much we may differ, I have personally a very great respect for the Grand Clerk; and it is known to me that he performs the duties of his office in a manner which is highly satisfactory to the Scottish brotherhood. Nor have I any doubt, whatever, that the Grand Secretary is altogether worthy of the confidence which Grand Lodge has reposed in him; but I repeat that I can see no necessity for having two highly-paid officers.

Furthermore, if Grand Lodge is to continue its course under peaceful and happy auspices, it must devise some other means of wiping off its debt, than by levying tribute from the Provincial Lodges.

I do not write in a captious spirit, nor am I (as some may think) finding fault because I have not the honour to hold office in the Grand Lodge. I have enjoyed the privilege of occupying the position in a lodge which a king might covet and which the Bard of Ceila was proud to commemorate:—

"Oft honour'd with supreme command,  
Presided o'er the Sons of Light."

And so convinced am I of the benignant influence of Masonry, that I only wish I had the power to unfold the whole human race in its bonds of brotherhood. I have many a time and oft seen its beneficent and fraternal services dry up the tears of the widow, gladden the heart of the orphan, and call down the blessing of the otherwise forlorn and indigent craftsman.

My desire is therefore, for the prosperity of the communion to which I belong, and in whose welfare I am deeply interested, I hope that Lord Rosslyn will see the propriety of giving the point I have alluded to his unblissed consideration.

I trust the honour is reserved for him, in addition to his many other claims to our esteem, of amicably arranging a matter which might otherwise breed alienation between the Grand Lodge and daughter lodges of Scotland.

I am, &c.,

A PAST MASTER.

Edinburgh Courier.

INTERESTING ART PRESENTATION IN LIVERPOOL.

The closing of the Corporation Exhibition of Paintings at the Free Library and Museum, Liverpool, on Saturday last was marked by an interesting presentation to Bro. his Worship the Mayor (E. Samuelson, Esq.) and P. H. Rathbone, who have done so much in an efficient way to advance the cause of Fine Arts in Liverpool. As was stated in the Reporter a few weeks ago, a large number of metropolitan and provincial artists resolved to present each of these gentlemen with a handsomely-bound folio of water-colour sketches, all of which are the production of the contributors. Amongst the artists who thus contributed were Messrs. E. Deane, F. W. Topham, H. B. Roberts, J. Finney, Mole, Kerry, Bishop, S. Pratt, Mangles, Edwards, Gresh, Collingwood, Huggins, Oakes, Moffat, Hite, and Burton. Each folio contained no fewer than 51 sketches—all, it is needless to say, beautiful specimens of the particular branch of the painter's art to which they belong—and had on the inside of the case an illuminated inscription, which was executed by Mr. J. O. Mangles of the Liverpool and London Chambers, Dale-street. The folio presented to the Mayor was inscribed as follows:—"This folio of sketches is presented to Edward Samuelson, Esq., Mayor of Liverpool, by the following artists, in appreciation of his energetic, judicious, and valued labours in the promotion of art in Liverpool, as Chairman of the autumn exhibition of pictures." The inscription on the folio given to Mr. Rathbone was, "This folio of sketches is presented to P. H. Rathbone, Esq., treasurer of the autumn exhibition of pictures,

by metropolitan and provincial artists, in recognition of his earnest efforts in the encouragement of art in Liverpool." The interesting ceremony was attended by a large number of ladies and gentlemen, the chairman of the library and museum committee, Mr. J. A. Picton, occupying the chair.

The Chairman gave an interesting sketch of the history of art exhibitions in Liverpool, the first of which was held about 100 years ago and in the course of his remarks he said it was principally owing to the efforts of Mr. Edward Samuelson and Mr. P. H. Rathbone that they were at length revived after many years cessation. The first of the new exhibitions was held last year, and on the whole proved a great success, inasmuch as the value of the pictures sold was £6,300, and the exhibition so far paid its way that all expenses were defrayed and a surplus of about £600 remained, which had been appropriated by the corporation to the purchase of pictures for the benefit of the town. Last year, £500 worth of pictures was purchased for that purpose, and this year £600 had been expended in the same manner. This year's exhibition had also met with very satisfactory success. (Applause.) The value of the pictures sold was about £6,000, which was within £300 of the amount last year, when one picture obtained £1,350.

After some reference to the patronage bestowed by the public on that season's exhibition, the Chairman said that the number of pictures sold both this year and last was larger than in any other provincial town. It was also gratifying to know that there were being gradually accumulated in that building pictures and other works of art such as would eventually form for the town a very creditable collection. He next alluded to the fact that Mr. P. H. Rathbone had recently presented to the town a picture which cost £400—(applause)—and announced that at the next meeting of the town council one of the merchants of Liverpool would present his fellow-townsmen with a valuable work of art. (Cheers.)

Mr. Bishop, senior artist in Liverpool, then made the presentations in suitable terms.

The Mayor, in returning thanks, said he should always regard the folio they had presented to him as one of the happiest reminiscences of his public career. (Applause.) He had long felt that something should be done to promote the cause of art in this town, and but for the assistance he had received from Mr. Picton and a number of artists, his efforts to establish an art collection would have failed. In this attempt to resuscitate art in Liverpool he was aided by Messrs. Roberts, Bishop, Kerry, and Finney. Now that the plan had been so far successful, nothing would satisfy him but a permanent gallery of art, and it would afford him the greatest satisfaction to lay the foundation-stone of such a building during his Mayoralty. He believed that the desired object could be effected without trenching on the pockets of the ratepayers, and he hoped he might rely upon the assistance of the library and museum committee in this matter. Why should we not have an art congress here periodically? He believed it would be the means of engendering a much greater love of the Fine Arts, which was an object that every one interested in the cause of education should desire to promote. (Applause.)

Mr. P. H. Rathbone also thanked the contributors, who had given something which would in the future speak messages of sympathy and encouragement to the Mayor and himself in the work on which they had entered.

The interesting proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

It is extremely probable that the Fine Art Gallery in Liverpool, above referred to, will be an accomplished fact before long.

It may be also interesting to state that during Bro. Samuelson's year of office, a three days' musical festival will be arranged and carried out in Liverpool. The Mayor's musical abilities are well-known, and this festival would be a prominent feature, as well as a becoming compliment to him during his Mayoralty.

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.  
ADDRESS BY BRO. BREMOND, ORATOR.

My Brethren:—

Called by the Council of the Order to replace our very dear Bro. Lagache, whose illness has forced him to relinquish the duties of the office which I now fill, I will give you a short resumé of the work performed during the present session.

A happy modification in the order of our work has permitted us rapidly to organise the assembly and its several committees. We had the first day time to nominate the committees, and to repeat the reports submitted for discussion during the session, so I hesitate not to say that the present assembly has shown more practical spirit and knowledge of affairs than its predecessor has done; this we have already been able to verify, for we talk less and work more. Is this not a step in the right direction?

You, my brothers, have recompensed labours and services rendered by conferring the Presidency of this assembly upon our very dear Bro. De Saint Jean. You know him, therefore there is no necessity for me to speak of his merits; besides, it is customary for the Grand Orient of France to refrain from eulogizing a brother until after his death. Long may that event be postponed is, I am persuaded, the desire of every member present.

I will now bring to your notice, and ask you to devote a few minutes to the important question of instruction, which has caused you to be called upon for a small personal contribution. You have liberally met the question and renewed the offering made in 1870, which you have charged your President to present to the Minister of Public Instruction, and to inform him that Freemasonry has ever been in favour of gratuitous and obligatory instruction, and to tell him also that in 1870 the Freemasons signed by thousands, and transmitted to M. Jules Simon, the petition which they renew to day by the voice of their representatives, and in short to tell him that as lovers of order, of the Republic, and of peace, we wish by the diffusion of light, by the influence of intelligence and of labour, and by the pressure which French sentiment has exercised on the world, we wish to take the only revenge worthy of us, that of making Germany comprehend that hearts yield not to force, and that sooner or later the arrival of the hour of justice will be marked on the dial of time.

But we must leave politics alone, my brothers, and return to the affairs of the Masonic Order. A serious disagreement has separated French and American Masons. Before asking the continuance of a separation so grievous you have charged your representatives to convey to the American Grand Lodges our fraternal representations and hopes that all that has awakened the just susceptibilities of the American people will disappear with the proclamation of a Republic in France, and the relationship momentarily interrupted be renewed. The cause of the rupture was a question as to the regularity of a new Supreme Council A. and A. Rite in Louisiana. You have submitted judgment in the matter to a tribunal composed of delegates from all the Supreme Councils of A. and A. Rite, and it will be for them to decide upon the establishment of the Council of Louisiana.

The next question brought before the assembly was, should a profane initiated, contrary to our regulations, be considered as a Mason, or should he be considered as one initiated in an irregular lodge. You have, by a severe but just application of the law, declared that you could not consider him as one regularly initiated, but that the door of our Temple would be opened to him if he applied a second time in a proper and regular manner. The person concerned should not complain of the decision, but draw from it advantageous lessons. It is in scrupulously observing our statutes that we are enabled to keep up the dignity of our Order, and you have wisely reminded the lodges that they should not initiate a profane without being well assured that he had not been previously admitted in another lodge, or without attending to the directions issued by the Grand Orient of France for guidance in like cases.

The examination of the votes deposited at the

last convention has caused us to discuss the question of the desirability of suppressing all Masonic grades superior to that of Master. Our Constitutions oblige all members of chapters to belong to a symbolical lodge, so that each year they are represented first by the Master, and a second time by the President of the chapter to which they belong. This double representation has long been an anomaly and a mistake. You have now, by a wise and prudent measure, decided that these chapters, without ceding their rights, shall cease to send representatives, and shall participate only through their lodges in the active administration of Grand Orient.

In short, my brothers, you have terminated this laborious session by a careful examination of the financial resources of the Grand Orient, and you have ascertained that if our position is not so flourishing as we deemed at first, yet it is sufficiently prosperous to cause us to have no fear for the future of our funds.

I was right, then, to say at the commencement of my speech, that you had usefully employed the time devoted to this session. In returning to your lodges, you will bear to our brother's testimony of the utility and advantage of these annual re-unions, which unites in one common interest all the Masons under the Grand Orient of France. Strangers one to the other at first, we have learned to know and esteem each other in working together.

Work is the bond which unites all classes of the people. It is the origin of exchange and commerce, both of which we should be proud to be connected with; for these necessitate labour, by means of which the intellect is sure to be expanded. Study well Article 3 of our Constitutions; it contains the great principles to be found in the declaration of rights and duties of the year III., and you will comprehend the importance of the following formula:—"Masonry considers the obligation to work as one of the imperative laws of humanity, and requires from each, according to his strength, and condemns voluntary idleness. We set aside at once traditions which treat work as undignified, or considers it a punishment. The church tells us that mankind were placed in a terrestrial paradise; in the midst of his joys he was cast out for having disobeyed God, and God punished man by condemning him henceforth to gain his bread by the sweat of his brow. Thus noblemen assert that labour was not originally intended, but was the consequence of crime, and that all work is undignified, so all who work forfeit their claim to nobility; and when, in 1789, Mirabeau, repulsed by his peers when he wished to enter the States General, presented himself as a candidate for the suffrages of the people. Before doing so, however, he opened a shop in one of the streets of the town of Aix, and placed on his sign "Mirabeau, Cloth Merchant."

For us, my brothers, who believe that man elevates and ennobles himself by work, we can have no hesitation in saying that each person owes to society all that their intelligence and strength can perform. It is the exchange of services which constitutes our social compact. The poor man, who works all the week in order to earn a modest salary wherewith to support his family and pay his proportion towards the support of the State, is far more noble than the courtier, who struts ostentatiously, but uselessly, through the Courts of Europe.

Our last Grand Master (whose absence from our midst this year we much regret) was transformed into our President, and the members of the Council of the Order by their zeal have obliterated the stain imposed by a former assembly.

We have, I am sorry to say, suffered a grievous loss; two members of the Council have been snatched by death from the bosoms of their families and their friends, two good Masons, two citizens, and two good men; have left us all to deplore their loss, and their absence from our midst during the deliberations of the Grand Orient. We would neglect our duty did we not give official expression to our grief and regret at their loss.

We are now about to part, my brothers. To Masons so jealous, so devoted, I say (while wishing you good-bye for the present) return

next year to our circle and assist us in our fraternal labours.

The President thanked the Orator for his able speech, which was frequently interrupted by the applause of the brethren.

The following officers were appointed at the third meeting:—

Bros. Douc, W.M. Lodge Reunion O. de Toulon, Senior Warden; Rieau, W.M. Lodge Union and Confidence, O. Lyon, Junior Warden; Lagache, member of the council, Orator; Messieu, W.M. Lodge of Knowledge, Chambéry, Assistant Orator; Pouille, member of the council, Secretary; Ansant du Tresnet, W.M. Lodge Friendship, Boulogne, sur-Mer, Assistant Secretary; Rediand, Delegate, Rouen, Grand Expert; Ponzin, Delegate, Mantes, 1st Expert; Limon, W.M., Delegate, Paris, 2nd Expert, Bros. Dislire, Olszewski, Izembart, Lequarte, Cammas, and Ichau were appointed to the remaining offices.

[We have to thank Bro. Thévenot the courteous and talented chief Secretary for the last number of the Bulletin, from which we have taken the foregoing extracts.]

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.  
(CONTINUED).

BRADFORD.—*Pentatpha Lodge* (No. 974).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst. Bro. Robt. Richardson, W.M., presided, and there was no business beyond the installation of Bro. John Ambler, P.S.W. 302, as W.M., and the investiture of his officers. This done the brethren adjourned to the room, held in such high repute after the labours of the day, to refresh and re-invigorate themselves by partaking of the excellent dinner there served in the style for which this lodge is famous, the wine flowing freely as a river. Bro. Ambler, W.M., presided at the dinner, being supported on his right by Bros. C. F. Unan, W.M. 600; D. Salmond, P.M. 302; J. White, W.M. 439; A. Briggs, P.M. 974; Will. W. Barlow, W.M. 302; J. D. Sugden, P.M. 302; Sefton, P.M. 680, P. Prov. G.S.B., West Lancashire; T. Murgatroyd, P.M. 387; I. Evans, P.M. 974, and on his left by Rev. Bro. R. A. King, Chaplain of the lodge; M. Rhodes, P.M. 302, P. Prov. G.S.W.; Thos. Hill, P.M. 302, P. Prov. G.J.W.; Henry Smith, P.M. 387, P.G. Sec; S. B. Walmsley, P.M. 974; W. Ibbotson, P.M. 302, P.G.J.D.; A. Hunter, P.M. 302; I. Gaunt, P.M. 302; J. B. Armitage, P.M. 332; H. O. Mawson, P.M. 974; and C. H. Taylor, P.M. 974. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Evans, P.M., in apt and curt terms gave, "The Clergy," which was responded to in a rather long speech by Rev. C. L. Thomas, P. Prov. G.C. The W.M. then gave "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces." Bro. A. Briggs, P.M. (Captain Artillery) in response, alluded to the great Battle of Waterloo, being won by a force mainly of raw recruits, but that the glory of arms was mainly owing to small battles, and that the most scientific war ever waged was that of Abyssinia. He considered that the commander of that exploit would compare favourably with Moltke in the recent war with France. He had every confidence that the military and naval forces of our country would be ever ready for any emergency, and on their behalf he begged to thank them for the honour done them. Bro. D. Salmond, P.M. (Major Volunteers), endorsed all Bro. Briggs had said, and could add still more, he thought, of officers and commanders of former times, such as the Duke of Marlborough, the memorable Nelson or Blake, and saw our navy, instead of tiers of guns, with walls of steel, such as the "Woolwich Infant," they would be astonished; and it was quite likely the implements of war would come to something quite annihilating. Bro. Barraclough, P.M. (Captain Volunteers), when called upon, said he could not make a speech—great commanders never could make speeches (much laughter). Nelson never could, nor Wellington, whose most famous speech was, "Up lads and at them." A brother suggested "guards," but Bro. Barraclough said history had it "lads." He would conclude by thanking them for the oppor-

tunity that had been afforded him of making a soldier's speech. Bro. Rev. R. A. King, Chaplain, felt that after the speech of Bro. Captain Barraclough, it was somewhat an inappropriate opportunity to propose "The Immortal Memory of St. John the Evangelist." Brethren, you all know the special claim the Evangelist has upon the veneration of Freemasons; you all know that that charity, which is the very soul and centre of his Epistles, is so also of Freemasons, and that a nearer approach has been made by Freemasons to that universal brotherhood preached by St. John than by any other society of men. As I looked round me to-night in this hall, and saw so many brethren of different callings and professions, with different interests and different tastes, all brought together and held together in harmony by the mystic bond of our brotherhood, I could not help feeling proud of the thought that Freemasonry has solved the problem of which other societies of men in all ages, and especially in our age, have sought a solution in vain—the problem which International Societies, Peace Societies, Societies of Socialists or Communists, have striven to master in vain—the problem of uniting together, by a bond at once strong and elastic, not only men of the same race or language, religion or country, but men of all races, languages, countries, and creeds, without any regard to external, accidental, or temporary differences, but with every regard to that difference which is spiritual, essential, and external, the difference between that man whose pride in life is truth, uprightness, and charity, and that man who is the slave of selfishness and falsehood; and this word "slave," worshipful sir, reminds me of another claim that the Christian Evangelist St. John has upon the love and veneration of Freemasons. It is, you know, in his Gospel that these words occur, which I consider to be the charter of our Craft:—"You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." You know, fellow Freemasons, that this word "free" is the most English word in the English language; for the idea of freedom is the one thing which the world owes to England, and England to herself alone. Yes, England may owe the origin of her literature to Greece and Rome, of her art to Italy, of her science and invention to France; she may owe her greatness in part to her commerce, in part to her Geographical position. But her freedom, on whose soil and in whose atmosphere alone Art, Science, Literature, Commerce, and Empire can reach their utmost perfection. Her freedom is especially her own, she has won it for herself, she is winning it for the world. Therefore it is I say that the word free is the most English word in the English language, that the idea of freedom is the one thing the world owes to England and England to herself alone, and that the love of freedom has grown amongst us into an instinct strong as the love of life itself. As the poet puts it nobly "we must be free or die, who speak the tongue that Shakespeare spoke: the faith and morals hold which Milton held." But remember this, fellow Freemasons—and the very word Freemason should recall it to you. This freedom of which you are so proud—this freedom which is the special birthright of Englishmen and the special glory of England—which you have bought with the blood of revolutions, and which you hold as sacred and as inseparable from yourselves as your life—this freedom, I say, is but the type, the shadow, the mere faint and feeble figure of another, a higher and a happier freedom—freedom not of the body but of the soul—not from the tyranny of an absolute master or monarch, or government, but from the baser tyranny, the more abject slavery, the more bitter bondage of a soul enslaved to ignorance and superstition, to ignoble passions, to degrading vice, or to sordid self-seeking and selfishness. It is to this freedom Freemasonry calls you, and the words of the first preacher of this freedom are recorded by the Evangelist, whose memory you honour by your presence here to-night. I propose, therefore to you the memory of St. John, as having the twofold claim on the veneration of Freemasons of being the Evangelist of love, and the Evangelist of freedom of the truth—the true freedom of Freemasonry. Bro. M. Rhodes, P.M., proposed the

health of "The Retiring Master," first expressing the pleasure he felt in seeing the present W.M. placed in the chair, and he was certain he had the best wishes of all that he might have a good year. He had during the day asked a kind brother if he could give him a text for this toast he had to propose, and he said, "Yes, he's a trump," and I say he is a trump. The qualifications for that chair are such as require great judgment, and Bro. Richardson had that. He shook hands with him on being shelved. He has been a trump, enlisting the sympathies, love, and esteem of every brother. But we have to leave and get into the shade, and other bright spirits come in, and every Master seems to excel the other, and I don't know where it will end. I am glad to see the Pentalpha attain such high honour. I congratulate Bro. Richardson on his year of office, and welcome his successor. Bro. Robt. Richardson, I.P.M., in responding, said I rise with feelings of pride and pleasure, but feel that I have nothing new to say, having so often had to respond on similar occasions. However, I assure you I appreciate the honour bestowed. I have endeavoured to do all I could during my year, and the lodge has continued to prosper with the assistance of the Past Masters. I regret I am not a speaker, I regret leaving the Chair; still there is a pleasure in retiring in taking my place with the Past Masters. Before I sit down I will propose the next toast, the toast of the evening, "The Worshipful Master" his good qualities are so well known that it would be quite superfluous on my part to say anything on his behalf, I can assure him we shall do all we can to support him in his position. The W.M. said I have a significant sign given to me that a little music would be agreeable, I will rest therefore until our Organist favours me. After an excellent song the W.M. again rose and said there are times in men's lives when they should be both happy and proud, it has been my ambition, when it should be my opportunity, to accept this position. It has come soon, as being a young man, but when told another brother did not wish it, I was glad to accept I will do all I can to cement that harmony which should adorn every lodge, and belonging, as I do, to another lodge, it will be my aim and hope to do all I can for both looking on the Lodge of Hope, as a foster brother, rather than as my mother lodge. I feel the responsibilities of office and shall never forget the duties of promoting the charities of our order. The W.M. then proposed the "Visiting Brethren," expressing the great thankfulness he felt to those brethren who had honoured them with their company. He said, I am afraid of making invidious selections to respond, the brethren might consider the number we have, and they whose names are not mentioned will kindly excuse. He would couple with the toast the names of Bros. George Richardson, W.M. elect of the Lodge of Hope, and O. White, P.M., of Liverpool, and leave the rest as may be thought proper. Bro. Richardson in responding said he acknowledged he had been ambitious for the post of W.M. of the Hope, to which he had been elected. Position gave a man opportunity for doing good, and he hoped to do some in his day. He thanked the brethren very cordially for the compliment paid to the visitors. Brother S. White, P.M., also shortly thanked the brethren for the honour done him, and the rest of the visitors. Brother C. F. Unna, W.M. Harmony, 600, also thanked the brethren and hoped that good feeling might exist between the various lodges. Brother Barlow, W.M. Hope, 302, being called upon, congratulated the W.M. as a P.S.W. in the Hope on his election to the chair in the Pentalpha, and on the part of the old lodge of Hope to thank him for omitting to allude to the W.M. of that lodge in proposing their toast. The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters" in very complimentary terms, to which Bro. A. Briggs, P.M., shortly responded, as the evening was far advanced. Several other toasts were given, but we have already occupied more space than usual in the reports of proceedings of private lodges in order to give a lengthy report of Bro. Rev. R. A. King's excellent speech, we regret not being able to insert them.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, R.W.P.G.M. Lincolnshire, will preside at the Annual Festival.

*Stockwell Lodge (No. 1339).*—This lodge met for the first time at its new place of meeting the Half Moon, Herne Hill, on Thursday, the 10th. Present, Bros. W. Worrell, W.M.; W. G. Brighton, J.W.; H. E. Frances, Sec.; I. Klenck, S.D.; C. H. Benham, D.C.; I. Sidnell, I.G.; also Bros. Coe, Bowyer, Hincksman, and Price. Visitors, Bros. Sprague, W.M. 190; W. Withall, J.D. 720; G. Cragg, J.D. 766; N. I. F. Bassett, 22; and T. H. Clarke, of Chicago. The business of the evening was the passing of Bro. Coe, and the raising of Bro. Bowyer. Bro. Brighton, J.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Hammerton re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Dolan, Tyler. Bros. Price, Benham, and Bowyer were elected to serve on the Audit Committee, in addition to the W.M., P.M.'s, and Wardens. Two candidates were proposed for initiation, and Bro. Bassett for joining at the ensuing meeting, and the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a very excellent supper, presided over by the W.M., who gave the usual Masonic toasts. The visitors each expressed themselves very pleased at their first visit to the Stockport Lodge.

### Original Correspondence.

#### A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me, by way of preamble, to say that I have been a regular reader of *The Freemason* ever since that journal was launched upon the rough waters of newspaper enterprise, and am pleased to mention that I have invariably found in its pages much matter of an interesting, instructive, and suggestive character to the Masonic student.

Occasional inaccuracies, both typographical and otherwise, are incidental to the press, and are quite unavoidable, as every one will readily admit who has a knowledge of the onerous duties of an editor and the eccentricities of that universal scapegoat, "the printer." To a generous mind, these defects, however great or trivial, do not detract one iota from the merits of a publication, for

"Errors, like straws, upon the surface flow  
He who would search for pearls must dive below."

In perusing the last number of your estimable print, I discovered in page 808 an article describing a Freemason's adventure abroad. The *Norwich Argus*, I find, is credited with being the original source from which the account was copied. The inference naturally drawn from this statement by the reader is that the particulars were primarily conveyed to the paper named. Such, however, is not the case, for the notice first appeared in the columns of the *Sunday Times* newspaper.

I feel convinced that you will allow me to correct this erroneous impression by affording room for the insertion of this letter in an early number of *The Freemason*. It may be interesting to your readers to hear that Bro. A. F. Forrest, with whom I am personally acquainted, has quite recovered from the maltreatment, received during his late sojourn in Spain, and that he fully appreciates the solicitude and sympathetic expressions evinced towards him by the Craft since he returned to England.

Yours fraternally,

THE AUTHOR OF THE ARTICLE.

\* Microscopical investigation has proved that the substances which accumulate between the teeth contain animal and vegetable parasites, and that the tooth powders, pastes, and washes in general use have no effect upon these. Messrs. Gabriel's Coralite Tooth Paste and Royal Dentifrice (sold by all chemists and perfumers at 1s. 6d. per box) completely destroy and remove these animalcules and also preserve and beautify the teeth. Prepared only by Messrs. Gabriel, the old established dentist, 64, Ludgate Hill, and 56, Harley-street, Cavendish-square, London, where they practise their unique system of painless dentistry.