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The favour of your Vote and Interest is earnestly solicited on behalf of

ALBERT EDWARD ROWLSTONE,

AGED TEN YEARS,

Son of Bro. HENRY WILLIAM ROWLSTONE, late of the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, and of No. 13, Kent Terrace, Lower Sydenham, S.E.

Bro. Rowlstone, the Father of the Candidate, for many years held a good position in the town of Woolwich, as Estate Agent and Builder. Through unfortunate land and building speculations he lost the greater part of his property, and paralysis of the brain and other afflictions overtaking him, rendered him quite unfit for business. Under these circumstances your Vote and Interest is earnestly solicited to ensure for one of his sons the benefit of the Masonic Institution for Boys.

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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

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OCTAVIA HELEN WHEELER,

AGED EIGHT YEARS,

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Bro. WHEELER was initiated in the Worcester Lodge (now 280) in 1842; in 1843, joined the St. John's Lodge, Leicester, No. 279, served the offices, and was twice elected W.M., 1856, and 1857, and continued a subscribing member until 1859; he was also Past Z. of the Chapter of Fortitude, Leicester, and a S.G.W. of that Province; in December, 1858, he joined the St. Tuden Lodge, Llandudno, No. 1057, at its formation, and continued to subscribe until December, 1861, 1861, when he returned to Worcester, again becoming a subscribing member of the Worcester Lodge, No. 280, and so continued until his severe illness in 1868, which terminated in his death.

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HARRY WALLIS WOOD,

AGED NINE YEARS,

Son of the late Bro. EDWARD JAMES WOOD, who, at the time of his death, was a Commercial Traveller, and formerly a Government Clerk on the Registry of Seamen's Office, Board of Trade. He died rather suddenly (and had been a great sufferer for two years before death), leaving a widow and three children totally unprovided for. Bro. Wood was a member of the Sidney Lodge 829, up to the time of his death.

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JAMES HYDE WISEMAN,

AGED SEVEN YEARS.

His father, Bro. David Wiseman, was initiated in the United Mariners' Lodge No. 30, and served various offices, including Senior Warden. He died very suddenly in April, 1871, leaving a Widow and three Children (and one born since) quite unprovided for.

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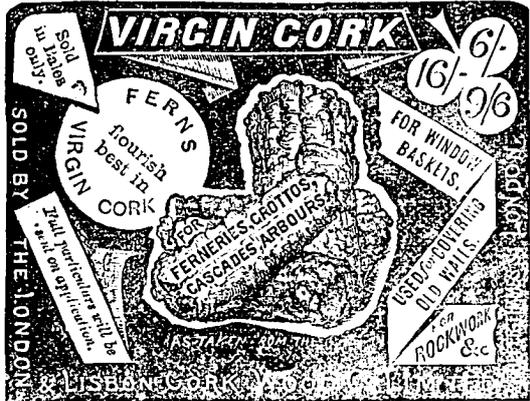
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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE (No. 73).—This old and prosperous lodge met on Tuesday, March 18th, at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark. Bro. George Jolly Grace, W.M. presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of Bros. Prince, and Bennett, as joining members, and Mr. T. H. Philpott, as a candidate for initiation. The work, done in good style, was the passing Bro. Syer and Cooper, to the second degree, and initiating Mr. T. H. Philpott, into Freemasonry. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved to give ten guineas to the Girls' School in the name of the Junior Deacon of the lodge for the time being, as all the officers above that rank in the lodge possessed the privilege of being Life Governors; The W.M. being Vice President of all the Masonic Charities. It was explained it would be in time the intention of the lodge to make every officer in the lodge a Life Governor of that Charity, similar to the arrangement made in the case of the Boys' School, of which all the officers including the Immediate Past Master, possessed during their term of office, the advantage of being Life Governors. This old lodge sets a good example to all others in supporting the Charities of the Order. Although far excelling lodges of its class in doing so much good to the Charities, and possessing amongst its Past Masters, Past Stewards and Life Governors to all the Masonic Charities, yet strange to say no one has been selected from this lodge to be a Grand Lodge Officer. The merits of some member will, it is hoped, secure that acknowledgement being conferred on him and that, too, in good time. Some gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed. Banquet followed: there were present in addition to the W.M., Bros. A. L. Dussek, S.W.; J. Harman, J.W.; E. Harris, P.M. Treas.; F. Walters P.M., Sec.; J. S. Gomme, S.D.; J. T. H. Wilkins, J.D.; J. H. Butten, I.G.; C. Rayden, D.C.; D. Rose, P.M.; G. Morris, P.M.; F. H. Elsworth, P.M.; J. H. Spencer, H. Keeble, T. S. Hill, A. J. Treton, J. Mercer, G. W. Muskett, W. Rutlin, and others. Amongst the large number of visitors were Bros. Dosell P.M. 55; R. Limpus, J.D. 1309; Jesse Smith, 1326, and many whose names we were unable to ascertain.

LEICESTER.—*St. Johns' Lodge* (No. 279).—The monthly communication of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday the 5th inst. Bro. Clement Stretton, P.G.W., W.M., in the chair. Bro. Kelly, P.P.G.M., P.M., conjointly with Bro. Toller, P.P.G.R. and Bro. Crow, P.M., assisted the W.M. in the initiation of two candidates, and recommended to their considera-

tion the beauties of our mystic art in a manner which could not fail to impress their minds with a reverence for the grand principles upon which our Order is founded. This system of a division of labour, is more attractive to the brethren, judging from the presence of some who have recently been rather remiss in their attendance and the arrangement receives their hearty commendation. Bro. Crow, I.P.M., received an appreciative acknowledgement of his ability in the discharge of the duties of the chair during the past year. A well merited compliment was also paid to the deservedly popular brother, George Toller, jun., P.P.G.R., in unanimously electing him an Honorary Member of the lodge. We have also to notice the presence of Bros. Sculthorpe, P. Prov. G.S.D.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G.S.; Atwood, Chicago; Atwood, Sen.; R. Goodman, 354, Glasgow; C. E. Stretton, J.D.; J. T. Thorp, Prov. Grand Steward; and J. M. McAllister, Secretary.

LIVERPOOL.—*Ancient Union Lodge* (No. 203).—The usual monthly meeting of the brethren connected with this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 20th inst., the special business on the paper being the installation of Bro. T. W. Sergeant, W.M. elect. The lodge was opened shortly after five o'clock by Bro. John Parsons, W.M., who was supported by Bros. H. James, I.P.M.; Rowson, P.M., P.G.S.; T. W. Sergeant, S.W.; C. Bromley, P.M., Treasurer; P. McF. Neill, Secretary; H. Glover, S.D.; J. Parker, I.G.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; J. Hewitt, J. Winsor, J. Pipe, E. Johnson, &c. The visitors' list embraced the names of Bros. T. Armstrong, P.G. Treasurer; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. Hamer, P.P.G. Treasurer; C. H. Hill, P.M. 724 and 1276; S. Haynes, P.M. 823; E. Hughes, W.M. 249; J. Kenyon, W.M. 1013; J. Jones, S.W. 1393; J. Devaynes, P.M. 667, &c. After the minutes had been confirmed, Bro. J. Parsons proceeded to install his successor in the chair of K.S., which he did in a highly efficient manner. The following brethren were afterwards invested as officers:—Bro. P. McF. Neill, S.W.; Hugh Glover, J.W.; E. Johnston, Secretary; C. Bromley, P.M., Treasurer; J. Birtles, S.D.; T. Armstrong, J.D.; J. Winsor, I.G.; M. Aronsberg and Wilson, Stewards. The newly-installed W.M. then initiated two candidates in a highly creditable manner. At the close of the business, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, and during the evening a handsome marble timepiece and two bronze ornaments was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. J. Parsons. A silver plate on the clock bore the following inscription "Presented to Bro. Past Master Parsons by the brethren of the Ancient Union Lodge as a mark of esteem. Liverpool, 20th March, 1873." After Bro. Parsons had responded, he, in name of the brethren, presented Bro. P.M. Charles Bromley, Treasurer, with a very handsome silver cup, subscribed for by the brethren. The cup bore the following inscription:—Presented to Bro. Charles Bromley, P.M., by the members of the Ancient Union Lodge, No. 203, as a token of their high appreciation of his services as Treasurer, 1873." The whole of the proceedings were marked by the greatest cordiality and true brotherly feeling.

LIVERPOOL.—*Everton Lodge* (No. 823).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge, which took place on Wednesday evening, the 19th inst., was the largest and most interesting which has taken place for some time. The presence of Bro. E. Samuelson, P.P.J.G.D. of Cheshire, Mayor of Liverpool, caused the liveliest interest, and indicated how deep is the interest he takes in the progress of the Craft. There were about 70 members and 30 visitors present, and the whole of the evening's business was conducted in the finest spirit and efficiency. The lodge was opened shortly after six o'clock by Bro. J. Holland, W.M., the officers being Bros. T. D. Pearce, I.P.M.; J. S. Taylor, P.M.; S. Haynes, P.M.; T. Ashmore, P.M.; W. J. Lunt, P.M., Treas.; W. Boulton, S.W.; W. Cottrell, Sec.; T. Shaw, S.D.; W. Wilson, J.D.; W. G. Veale, Org.; J. Houlding, S.; and H. Ashmore, S. Amongst the principal visitors were Bros. E. Samuelson, P.P.J.G.D., Cheshire; E. Hughes, W.M. 240;

Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M. 249, 1094; T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; H. W. Nicholas, 249; P.B. Gee, W.M. 1264; J. Hyde, 249; Dr. McGeorge, P.M. 241; W. Shortis, W.M. 724; Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, P.M. 1094; J. Ball, Sec. 673. After the transaction of some formal business the W.M. initiated three candidates with striking effect—Messrs. Warriner, Parry and Hynes. The lodge was subsequently opened in the third degree, when Bro. Dr. Taylor raised Bros. Parker and Graham to the sublime degree of M.M.'s in impressive style. Bro. his Worship the Mayor, after expressing his pleasure with the working of the lodge, left immediately after the conclusion of the business. The brethren afterwards supped together, and a pleasant evening was passed.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—*St. Edmund's Lodge* (No. 1008).—On Friday, the 14th inst., the ninth anniversary and installation of W.M. of the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, No. 1008, took place in the spacious new lodge room in the Angel Hotel, Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds. The "annuals" of the St. Edmunds lodge have already become known as some of the most pleasant Masonic gatherings in the province, and there was a large assemblage of brethren of this and the neighbouring lodges, amongst those present being Bros. J. F. Hills, W.M., 1224, P.J.G.W. Suffolk; Spencer Freeman, P.M. 516, P.G. Treasurer Suffolk; W. H. Lucia, P.M. 100, 1008, P.G. Sec. and P.P.J.G.W. Suffolk; T. J. Huddleston, I.P.M. 1008, P.P. J.G.W. Suffolk; J. N. York, P.M. 88, and W.M. and P.M. 1008, P.Z., and P.P.S.G.W. Cambridge-shire; J. D. Perrott, P.M. 651, 1072, and P.P. S.C.W. Wales; F. B. Marriott, P.M. 516, P.P.G. Sec. Suffolk; S. H. Wright, P.M. 516, P.P.G. Reg. Suffolk; G. Thompson, P.M. 1008, W. Bailey, P.M. 155, 343, 703; and about forty other brethren. Bro. J. N. York acted very ably as installing master, and Bro. W. H. Lucia (secretary) read the ancient charges. Bro. Captain T. J. Huddleston presented to the Installing Master the brother on whom the choice of the lodge had fallen as W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. W. E. Bailey, P.G.A. Sec., Suffolk, who was then regularly inducted into the chair of K.S. and proclaimed and saluted in the several degrees. The impressive manner in which the ceremony was performed elicited the highest encomiums, many old Masons present averring that they had never seen it done more effectively. The W.M. afterwards proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows, delivering a short appropriate address to each:—S. W. Bro. Captain C. J. T. Oakes; J. W. Bro. J. Hedley Bevan; S. D. Bro. F. Fearnside; J. D. Bro. W. G. Patrick; I. G. Bro. Henry Miller; Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Dr. Bennett; Organist, Bro. W. J. Nunn; M. C. Bro. W. Armstrong; Steward, Bro. W. Clarke; Secretary, Bro. W. H. Lucia. The brethren then elected Bro. Captain Huddleston as Treasurer, and Bro. Gooch as Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. W. Clarke for a pair of very handsome globes, celestial and terrestrial, which he that evening presented to the lodge, and also to the I.P.M. Bro. York, for the very admirable manner in which he had gone through the ceremony of installation. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet which included all the delicacies of the season, and was served in a manner which reflected infinite credit on Bro. W. G. Guy, who on this, as on all occasions, displayed the utmost consideration for the comfort of the brethren. In the course of the evening the W.M. proposed the toast of the "Masonic Charities," and made an earnest appeal to the brethren on their behalf, to which they liberally responded by depositing in the "broken column," a sum sufficient, with the few donations from absent brethren, to purchase a life governorship of one of the charities. Bro. Marriott, P.P.G. Sec., in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," characterised the Royal Bury St. Edmunds lodge as second only to one, in point of numbers, in the province of Suffolk, and certainly inferior to none in status, either socially or masonically. Several admirable glees and songs were sung by the brethren, and a most happy evening was spent in "peace and harmony." A Royal Arch Chapter in connection with this lodge is to be instituted during the ensuing month.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—*Rutland Lodge* (No. 1130).—The regular monthly meeting of this

lodge was held on Thursday, 13th ult., when there was a fair gathering of brethren, the W.M. Bro. Adcock in the chair. Amongst the visitors were:—Bros. Orford, P.M. 466; H. Bagg, and Bro. Markham, I.P.M. of 1265. A P.M.'s jewel of a very chaste design was presented to the I.P.M. Bro. Bright, whose good working during his year of office had well sustained the credit of the chair of this lodge.

GREENWICH.—*Star Lodge* (No. 1275).—At the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, the regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Friday, 7th inst. Brother Henry Keeble, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballots proved unanimous in favour of the admission of all the candidates. The W.M., in a correct manner, raised one to the third degree, and initiated two gentlemen into the Order. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The lodge having been closed, a splendid banquet followed. After the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were given and responded to. Great credit was justly taken for the successful efforts put forth by the lodge in sending Stewards to represent them at the festivals, viz., one for each. However, thanks to the energy and perseverance of the hard-working Secretary that success has been achieved. After a few hours spent in enjoyment, the brethren separated. There were present Bros. T. R. Darke, S.W.; G. Pymm, P.M., J.W.; J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.M., Secretary; G. F. Guest, S.D.; J. J. Limebeer, J.D.; W. Kipps, I.G. and Organist; W. Ough, P.G.P., P.M.; C. J. Hogg, P.G.S., P.M.; G. S. Elliott, J. Finch, J. Fox, and others. The visitors were Bros. W. Farnfield, P.M. 907; Rev. Vaughan, P.M. 907; E. Shalless 140; E. Mallett, 141; W. Vine, 1310.

WEST DERBY.—*Pembroke Lodge* (No. 1299).—The annual meeting of this admirable suburban lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool, the special business being the installation of Bro. Joseph Clegg, as W.M. for the ensuing year. Since its consecration a few years ago, the "Pembroke" has made steady progress, taking a well-earned place as one of the best worked and most harmonious lodges in the province of West Lancashire; and the election to the chair of a true and large hearted Mason like Bro. Clegg, who has done noble service to the cause of Masonry during his long connection with it, was not only a fitting and just reward of merit and zeal, but one eminently popular with the brethren and likely to prove beneficial to the lodge itself. Shortly before three o'clock, the lodge was opened in due form by Bro. J. Sellar, W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. Clegg, S.W.; P. Macmurdrow, J.W.; H. Liversage, Treas.; R. Bennett, Sec.; W. Jones, S.D.; and J. Robinson, Tyler. There was a good attendance of the brethren of the lodge, amongst those present being Bros. D. Saunders; J. Rockliffe, P.M. 1035; R. Langley, P.M. 477 and 823; J. W. Kelly, W. Nash, J. S. G. Aspinall, E. Bartlett, H. J. Gunn, J. L. Jones, A. Jones, T. Farms, A. T. Smith, W. Avis, T. G. Winstanley, and others. The attendance of visitors was also large including Bros. S. Y. Hess, P. Prov. J.G.W., Cheshire; A. C. Mott, P.G.S.W., Westmoreland and Cumberland; J. W. Baker, P.G.S., P.M. 220 and 241; W. Woods, P.M. 1182; D. W. Winstanley, P.M. 1094; W. T. May, W.M. 1393; R. R. Martin, S.W. 1094; R. Jones, P.M. 220; R. C. Yelland, J.D. 1064; J. Ball, Sec., 673; J. Busfield, J. Tabley, 594; and others. A letter of apology was read from Bro. W. Vines, P.M., who was necessarily absent on account of ill-health. Apologies had also been received by the W.M. elect from Bro. E. Saker, Bro. H. Leslie, and Bro. H. J. Loveday. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. J. Clegg was presented for installation to Bro. J. W. Baker, whose rendering of the impressive ritual was striking and efficient in the highest degree. After a board of Installed Masters had been held and Bro. Clegg duly "chained," the brethren were re-admitted and saluted the W.M. in the three degrees. The charges were also given by Bro. Baker with great force and impressiveness to the following officers, invested by the W.M. for the ensuing year:—Bros. P. Macmurdrow, S.W.;

W. Jones, J.W.; H. Liversage, Treas.; R. Bennett, Sec.; A. T. Smith, S.D.; M. Bush, J.D.; A. Jones, S.S.; W. Avis, J.S.; G. Aspinall, I.G.; and J. Robinson, Tyler. Mr. John Christian was subsequently initiated by Bro. Clegg, W.M., in a manner to which the slightest objection could not be taken, reflecting the highest credit upon his Masonic aptitude and intelligence. A sumptuous banquet was afterwards served by "mine host," to which a large number of the brethren sat down, under the presidency of the W.M., who after giving the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, gave "The Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present." Bro. S. Y. Hess, P. Prov. J.G.W., Cheshire, replied in an excellent speech, in which he expressed great pleasure in being present that day. In giving the health of the W.M., Bro. J. Sellar, I.P.M., said he had known Bro. Clegg for many years, not only in that, but other lodges, where he had held responsible offices, and judging from the satisfactory manner in which he had performed his duties that afternoon there could be little doubt that he would be an honour to the lodge during his year of office. The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for their kindness in unanimously electing him to fill the chair. When he received the telegram in London conveying this intelligence, nothing ever gave him greater pleasure, and he felt amply repaid for all the work which he had done in connection with Masonry. The W.M. then proposed the health of Bro. Sellar, I.P.M., and referred to him as the actual founder of the Pembroke Lodge, as having done good service in the different offices he had filled, and concluded by presenting him (Bro. Sellar), in name of the lodge, with a splendid set of diamond studs, hoping he would have health, wealth, and prosperity for many years to come. Bro. Sellar acknowledged the toast and presentation in a very feeling speech. "The Installing Master" was acknowledged by Bro. Baker, and "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution" by Bro. Capt. Mott, who spoke in eloquent terms of the progress made by the institution since its foundation. In the course of his speech he also referred with pride and pleasure to the fact that Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, their P.G.M., would preside at the annual meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in May next. While they ought to look to their own Masonic Charities at home, he felt that their sympathies ought to extend to the great London Masonic Charities, and therefore he had consented to act as one of the Stewards in which capacity he solicited their cordial help and donations. The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" was acknowledged by all the staff, and "The Visitors" by all who were present. Capital songs were contributed by Bros. J. Busfield, W. Jones, &c., and the brethren separated at an early hour, highly delighted with the whole of the afternoon's proceedings.

HAMPTON.—*Lebanon Lodge* (No. 1326).—This highly prosperous and successful lodge, held its meeting on Saturday, 15th March, at the Red Lion Hotel. The lodge was opened by Bro. William Hammond, P.M., S.D., punctually at three o'clock, p.m. The minutes of the meeting held in January were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballots were unanimous in favour of the admission of Bro. R. Limpus, S.D. 1309; C. Saunders, 1275; T. Wheeler, 1275; and R. Gutteridge 1275; as joining members, also for Messrs Came, I. Jones, Jesse Smith, G. Shott, J. N. White, and C. A. Grant, as candidates for initiation. Bro. F. Walters, P.M., Secretary, took the chair, and in his usual correct manner raised Bro. H. Nell, T. Archer, John Thompson, and B. Hall, to the third degree. He passed Bros. Joseph Thompson, J. Deeks, M. Mildred, J. Newton, Webster, 1309 and Collins, 1309; to the second degree. The W.M. Bro. J. T. Moss, P.G.S.D. Middlesex, having arrived, he took the chair and presided over the lodge for the remainder of the evening. He most impressively initiated Messrs Jesse Smith, Charles Allan Grant, George Shott, and W. N. Smith, into the secrets and mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. The name of Bro. James Robert Moore, was added to the twelve already sent in as Stewards to represent the lodge at the Girls' School Festival to be held on May 14th,

1873, as he expressed a wish to assist on that important occasion. Two visitors were proposed as joining members, four gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation, and the lodge was closed and declared adjourned until Thursday, April 17th. There were present besides those already named, Bro. H. A. Dubois, J.W.; J. W. Jackson, J.D.; W. H. Scott, D.C.; E. Hopwood, P.M.; J. Hammond, P.M.; H. Potter, P.M.; H. Woodrow, P.M.; C. W. Fox, J. Hayward, H. Jones, C. Heitzmann, G. Black, W. B. Smith, H. Gloster, R. Lawrence, J. W. Baldwin, J. Thomas, and many others. The visitors were Bros. A. Pulley, P.M. 169; W. Vine, 1310; Collins, 1309; Webster 1309; and others. Banquet followed the business.

ANDOVER.—*St. Hubert Lodge*.—It is gratifying to notice the progress of Freemasonry in Andover, with a lodge only twelve months old. At the regular monthly meeting on Monday last, the Rev. Bro. Evan Yorke Nepean, M.A., S.W. and P.G.C., was elected to the office of W.M., in the room of Bro. J. Rankin Stebbing, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, under whose guidance the St. Hubert has had so successful a training. The installation of the new W.M. will in all probability take place on the 21st prox., when it is expected the P.G.M. Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., will perform the ceremony. The annual meeting will be held at the same time, and a banquet will be given in the evening, when it is hoped a large number of brethren from other lodges will attend.

### Royal Arch.

LANCASTER.—*Roxley Chapter*, (No. 1051).—The regular meeting of this Chapter for the installation of the Principals Elect and investiture of Officers was held at the Chapter rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster, on Friday, March 14. There were present Comps. W. Hall, M.E.Z.; E. Simpson, H.; J. L. Whimpray, J.; J. Danl. Moore, P.Z., Prov. G.H., G.S.B. England; W. H. Bagnall, P.Z.; T. Mason, P.Z.; James M. Moore, E.; W. Heald, N.; F. Dean, A.S.; W. Hall, James Taylor, J. Watson, Janitor. The chapter was opened, muster roll called and other business transacted. Bro. Harger was elected as a candidate for Royal Arch Masonry, and being in attendance was effectively exalted to that supreme degree by Comp. W. Hall, M.E.Z., the lectures being delivered in the usual manner, and the duties of P.S., in the absence of Comp. Airey, being undertaken by Comp. J. M. Moore. The Installing Officer having taken the chair of the chapter, next proceeded, in a board of Installed Principals consisting of Comps. Moore, Mason, Bagnall, Hall, &c., to install the Principals Elect, as follows:—Comps. E. Simpson, Z.; J. L. Whimpray, H.; James M. Moore, J., and after the proclamations and salute, the newly installed M.E.Z. invested the following officers:—Comps. W. Hall, P.Z.; W. Heald, E.; E. Airey, N.; W. Barker, Treasurer; F. Dean, P.S.; R. Taylor, Janitor; after which the chapter was closed in due form.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—*De Mowbray Chapter* (1130).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, 13th ult., immediately before the Craft lodge, when there were present E. Comps. Langley, Orford and Newcome, P.Z.'s; Fast, H.; and Comps. Bright, Adcock, Markam, Past Scribe E.'s; R. Boughton Smith, Scribe E. of the Charnwood Chapter; Chester, Newcome, Duncombe, Bugg, and Norton. The candidates for exaltation were not in attendance, so no work was done, except the election of officers for the ensuing year, which was as follows:—Fast, Z.; Dean, H.; Duncombe, J.; Bright, Scribe E.; Johnson, Scribe N.; Boughton Smith, P.S. The chapter was then closed. Comp. Dean is H. in the Charnwood Chapter, and therefore will not require installation, but Comps. Fast and Duncombe will be installed at a meeting of the Chapter of Fortitude, at Leicester, in May.

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## Mark Masonry.

LEICESTER.—*Fourke Lodge* (No. 19).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemason's Hall, on Wednesday evening the 12th inst. Bro. S. S. Partridge, W.M., presiding. There was a good attendance of brethren, including Bro. W. Kelly, P.G.M.M.; Rev. John Spittal, D.P.G.M.M.; W. Weare, S.W.; George Toller, jun., M.O.; W. Scalthorpe, S.O.; J. M. McAllister, Secretary; W. T. Rowlett, R.M.; R. A. Barber, S.D.; E. J. Crow, J.D.; J. T. Thorpe, H. T. Bobart, and others. Five candidates for advancement were duly balloted for, and admitted, viz., Bros. S. Tebbutt, A. Ross, J. S. Tomlin, M. H. Bobart, and W. Saunders. The ceremony was ably conducted by the W.M., whose self-devotion to the welfare of the lodge has been fully exemplified by the fact that he has conferred this very interesting degree on no less than twenty candidates during his year of office.

BRIGHTON.—*Royal Sussex Lodge of Mark Masters* (No. 75).—The members of this lodge held their regular meeting for March, at the Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday evening, March 11th, 1873. The lodge was opened at five o'clock p.m., and Bro. S. Cowley was advanced into this beautiful and instructive degree, after which Bro. G. R. Lockyer, of Brighton, was duly installed as Worshipful Master, by Bro. Thos. Cook, P.M. 72, P.M. Mark Lodge 75, assisted by Bro. Dr. Cunningham, P.M. 811, 315, 1110, P.P.G.C.W., Sussex, a Past Master of the lodge and P.G.J.O. of Grand Mark Lodge, a special dispensation from the Grand Mark Lodge of England, Wales, &c., &c., having been granted upon the requisition of a large number of the members of the lodge, all who were eligible for the chief office signing the same. Bro. Lockyer then having appointed his officers for the ensuing year, a very elegant Past Master's jewel, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. John Robinson, P.M. 315, P.M. Mark Lodge No. 75, as a mark of respect, by the members of the lodge, on his retirement from the office of W.M. March, 1873," was presented to Bro. John Robinson, P.M. 315, on his retirement from the office of W.M. We are pleased to say that this lodge is in a highly flourishing state, having a list of between forty and fifty subscribing members. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Terminus Hotel, where Bro. Pearson served an excellent dinner in his usual style. It is rumoured that application will shortly be made to the Grand Master for a warrant to hold a lodge at Hayward's Heath (as a summer lodge), to be called the "Southdown Lodge," and of which Bro. W. Hudson, P.M. 315, P.P.G.D. Sussex (Craft), and P.M. Mark Lodge 75, and P.A.G.D. of C.M.M., is to be the first Master. Hayward's Heath is a station about twelve miles from Brighton, and the centre of an important district. The last train from London stops every night at 11.30 p.m. It is suggested that, if established, the lodge shall be holden on the first Saturdays in June, July, August, and September. It is also proposed to open another lodge of Mark Masons in Brighton before the close of the year; and a hope is entertained that at no distant day a provincial Grand Mark Lodge for Sussex will be founded. It will be considered an act of justice by those few members of the degree in Brighton who from the first have (through good report and evil report) against the unmistakable opposition of certain Craft Masons, kept the Mark degree not only alive, but by their constant efforts have so thoroughly established the Royal Sussex Lodge, that it is felt safe to establish other lodges for the promotion of a knowledge of this useful, instructive, and elegant degree in Freemasonry.

## Knights Templar.

ROCHDALE.—*Albert Encampment*.—The grand field day of this encampment was held at the Masonic Rooms, Rochdale, on Thursday last, the 26th day of March. The encampment was opened at 7 p.m. by the E.C. Sir Knt. Wm. Ashworth, assisted by his officers, Sir Knt. T. Jones, P.L.C. acting Prelate; when the master roll was called and the minutes read and con-

firmed. Comp. John Bell having been proposed, the same being regularly entered on the minutes of last meeting, was balloted for and unanimously elected, and afterwards duly installed a Knight of the Order of Temple by the Eminent Grand Prior of Lancashire, Sir Knt. Clement R. N. Beswicke Royds, who performed the ceremony in a faultless manner, and to the evident satisfaction and advantage of all present. The newly installed Sir Knight having been proclaimed, the Eminent Commander Sir Knt. Herod Turner, was presented by Sir Knt. Wm. Roberts, Grand Prior of West Yorkshire, for the benefit of installation by Sir Knt. Royds, First Grand Captain of England, who again distinguished himself in the performance of the ceremony, thereby proving to the Sir Knights that he takes great interest in the Order, and that he will, as he no doubt intends, at no distant day, to be of great use and advantage to the province. The Eminent Commander then appointed his officers as follows:—Sir Knts. Wm. Ashworth, P.E.C., Prelate; Wm. Davies, 1st Captain; John Pothergill, 2nd Captain; Wm. Roberts, Registrar; C. M. Jones, Treasurer; T. B. Ashworth, Director of Ceremonies; Simon Lord, Almoner; Robert Whitworth, Expert; Robert Butterworth, Captain of Lines; John Bell, 1st Standard Bearer; Richard Gorton, 2nd Standard Bearer; Robert Howard, 1st Herald; James Mills, 2nd Herald; Edmund Wrigley, Organist; Frater John Ashworth, Equerry. The business of the encampment having been regularly and efficiently despatched, the same was closed in due form, and the Knights adjourned to banquet, after which a pleasant hour was spent in the usual loyal and Masonic manner. The toasts specially honoured on this occasion being the Prince of Wales, Grand Master Designate; Sir Knts. A. H. Royds, V.E. Prov. Grand Commander; W. H. Wright, E. Dep. P.G.C. and Clement R. N. Beswicke Royds, Eminent Prov. Grand Prior. May their names ever remain a household word to Knights Templar.

## CONSECRATION OF THE UNION LODGE OF MARK MASTERS, No. 154 (E.C.), AUCKLAND, N.Z.

*From the (Daily Southern Cross).*

We are frequently called upon to lay before our readers accounts of Masonic meetings, presentations, banquets consequent thereon and picnics, but it is only at long intervals that an event such as is named at the head of this notice takes place. We hail the opening of this lodge with great pleasure, as it tends to show that the fraternity in this city, although they cannot boast of a hall of their own, are alive to their wants and requirements, and do their utmost to supply them.

A brief account of the origin of this lodge may not be uninteresting. About nine months ago a few of the members of the various lodges, having often discussed the want of a lodge for the working of the Mark Degree, met together, subscribed the necessary funds, and applied to the Grand Master in England for a warrant empowering them to open a lodge and to confer the degree. This was duly granted, and the requisite furniture and jewels were sent for to Bro. George Kenning, Little Britain (London), the eminent Masonic jeweller and publisher. Bro. Kenning has supplied articles superior to anything of the kind we have ever before seen, creditable alike to his establishment and to the lodge which has now the honour of wearing them. We have no doubt should a Masonic procession, or outdoor ceremony, at any time take place, that the statements we are now making with respect to the Mark regalia will be fully borne out by all who may see them—the fair sex included.

To enable the lodge to make a start, it was necessary that the assistance of brethren who had already received the degree should be obtained. A hearty co-operation and assistance to the new lodge was given by Bros. Hayward, Atkin, Savage, Seon, Ibbetson, and others.

Punctually at the hour appointed, the lodge was opened, and the ceremony of consecration performed, by Bro. W. R. Hayward, Worshipful Master of the Lodge. The usual elements—corn, wine, and oil—were duly scattered and sprinkled, according to ancient custom, solemn prayers being said, and appropriate portions of

Scripture read, dedicating the new undertaking to the Grand Geometrician of the Universe "who tries the blocks thus offered, with his unerring square."

Thereafter 23 candidates were duly balloted for, and advanced to the degree.

The requisite officers being selected from them, were installed as follows:—W. R. Hayward, W.M.; Alex. Fleming, acting P.M.; George Gledhill, acting S.W.; John Savage, J.W.; W. Batt, Treas.; H. G. Wade, Sec. and Reg. of Records; F. H. Ibbetson, M.O.; James C. Doull, S.O.; James Macready, J.O.; Walter Sloane, S.D.; Uriah Hurrell, J.D.; G. A. Avey, I.G.; Charles Porter, T. The newly-installed officers assisted at some part of the degree, and were highly complimented by the W.M. for their aptitude in acquiring their several parts.

Labour being ended by the closing of the lodge, the question of refreshment next occupied the attention of the brethren. An appropriate Masonic grace having been pronounced by Bro. Hayward, the good things set before them by the host were duly disposed of with a zeal worthy of the fraternity, and highly satisfactory to Bro. Avey, who in this, as in all previous undertakings, showed that the credit of the Masonic Hotel was being duly kept up.

The cloth having been removed, the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," by the W.M., commenced this part of the evening's proceedings, which was followed by "Bro. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales," also from the chair, both the toasts being honoured according to the customs of the Craft.—Song, "God Save the Queen," by the company.

Bro. Hayward next called for a bumper to the "Grand Mark Master of England and Wales," Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal. He briefly detailed the active and energetic interest displayed by the Grand Master in the cause of Mark Masonry in England, which was shown by the increase in the number of new lodges under this constitution.

The toast was duly honoured, and Bro. Ibbetson, as the oldest Mark Master present, suitably responded.

Another bumper was called for by Bro. Morrison to the health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. R. Hayward, whose efforts for the advancement of the lodge had been untiring, and who had that evening conferred the degree in such a correct and workmanlike manner as to elicit the commendations and admiration of all present.

The W.M., in responding, said that he considered this one of the most remarkable nights he had ever spent in connection with Freemasonry, and that the lodge just formed promised to be the most successful in Auckland.

The most amusing speech of the evening fell to the lot of Bro. Barnes, who was called upon to propose "Masons' Wives and Masons' Bairsn," which he did in very humorous terms, graphically describing the scenes which some times take place in domestic circles, when the "brother" announced to his better-half the ominous words, "I have to go to my lodge to-night." Bro. Barnes's speech was worthy of "Mrs. Caudie." Drunk with full Masonic honours.

Bro. Batt, in a neat speech, stood champion for the fair sex, and felt sure that if the ladies could only be led to believe how Masonic lodges were conducted, a great many of the objections existing in their minds against the Order would vanish, for "no mortal could more the ladies adore than a Free and Accepted Mason."

The Tyler's toast, "Poor and Distressed Masons," which in all well-conducted lodges terminates the proceedings, brought one of the most successful and pleasant night's entertainments which has ever taken place in connection with the Craft in this city, to a happy termination; "Auld Lang Syne" being the appropriate musical accompaniment.

We might add, in conclusion, that the name chosen for the lodge is most appropriate—"Union," all the lodges in the place being represented amongst its officers and members.

Local industry was also brought to bear on the manufacture of part of the lodge furniture, certain articles required for the degree having been made by Bros. Hurrell and Cole.

The brethren separated shortly before eleven.

## Original Correspondence.

## THE ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am accused of worshipping the rising sun. Such devotion is strictly Masonic, and of great antiquity, but I am not a Parsee and cannot plead guilty to it.

Those who know me best, however, will admit that my usual course is simply to stick to my colours and nothing more. I am loyal to the Order I have joined, and I did not enter its ranks to attack it, or to throw it over as others seem to have done, to follow the *ignis fatuus* of the English Langue of St. John of Jerusalem.

"True Blue," says I cannot join that newly revived and very exalted and exclusive body. Well, I am not ambitious, but if I were, I dare say I could satisfy the heralds on the point of genealogy, as well as some others who call themselves Knights of Justice and Knights of Grace.

When "True Blue" kindly suggests that I may hope to be rewarded with a brand new Cross of the Order of the Temple, I may simply remark that I am not desirous of pushing myself forward in any way, whatever others may be; that many of the anonymous writers who now attack me will be the first to accept such honours when they get the chance; that the Grand Cross will in all probability be restricted to knights; possible more distinguished than the gentlemen who dignify the Anglican Langue—persons who like the late Prince Consort, would fail to see the desirability of joining that much vaunted body; and that I for one certainly do not presume to aspire to wear the cross which will (mark my words) at no distant date, decorate the breasts of men the Duke's Order would gladly welcome.

I think very highly of the services of Sir Patrick Colquhoun, the Earl of Limerick, and others, and have not scrupled to say so frankly when, perhaps, it would be more politic to hold my tongue; and I am not ashamed of the course I have pursued—a course, I venture to say, consistent from the first—nor will I be frightened, nor put down by men who foresee, perhaps, the coming decadence and fall of their pet orders and degrees before the rise and progress of the Order of the Temple.

The Masonic Order of Malta has been unjustly and unwarrantably attacked by Masons who have taken the obligation to support and maintain it; but who, I suppose, in consequence of joining another (as they are pleased to think) more legitimate body, imagine they are justified in throwing over their old allegiance, and attacking those who are loyal to the Order.

And yet, "M.A. (Oxon)," and some others blame me for showing those gentlemen that their ground is untenable, that in seeking to make us out bastards they only throw a doubt on their own legitimacy.

Well, the Committee of Privileges of the House of Lords (the Sacred Council) has sat upon their claims, and whilst it says we are all illegitimate—a fact most of us have always admitted—decides that the would-be peer (the English Langue) has not made good the claim to a seat in the house—these Scotch marriages are so difficult to prove and French ones are sometimes worse.

I have laboured, and shall continue to do so, with no hope of reward, for I know full well that in Masonry, as in everything else, it is not those who have worked the hardest that get recognition and encouragement, but those who have been holding aloof, or, may be, insidiously urging on others to oppose, but who it is politic and desirable to buy over because of their influence, who get the prizes.

"True Blue" need only look at the Craft he vaunts so highly above the Temple for an illustration of the truth of what I say. I could name ten great Masons who have been taboed, to one whose work was acknowledged. But this is beside the question; only do not quote the beloved Craft for its superiority to the higher degrees in the prompt recognition of merit.

As to the different class of men in the respective Orders of Malta, Manchester and Masonic, again I say I have yet to learn that in social standing we are not as good every whit as they.

For 150 Knights of St. John of the English

Order I will undertake to name 500 Masonic Knights their equals in every respect by birth, breeding, education and profession. Will any Sir Knights accept my challenge? If they will not, then I ask them to kindly bear in mind that we have feelings as well as they, that we have as great a dislike to be called spurious and the members of a ten years' old Order, as they have; and let writers like "Sero sed Serio" (a Daniel come to judgment!) remember the Arab proverb quoted by General Damas, "Curses are like young chickens and oft come home to roost." For curses let him read abuse, and then, perhaps, he will bethink himself of the motto of the Order of the Thistle when he and his friends disparage the Templar Order and its supporters—"Nemo me impune lacessit."

Apologising for taking up your valuable space, I am, fraternally yours,

EMRA HOLMES, 31<sup>o</sup>,  
Grand Provost of England.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Two words in reply to "Civis." I did not call the Manchester Order of St. John "Brummagem," and I never spoke of the desire of the Order to crush the Masonic Order of the Temple.

I suggested that "Brummagem" might be an appropriate title for writers like "Sero sed Serio," and I hinted that there was a desire on the part of some of the members of the Manchester Langue to crush the Masonic Order of Malta.

And this I can prove if necessary, indeed your own columns show it. When "Civis" talks of my wild vituperation, I can afford to smile. Your readers, upon whose impartial judgment and good sense I rely, will readily see on whose side the "wild vituperation" has been; but I refrain from this date to take any further notice of anonymous scribblers, whose principal idea of argument is simple abuse.

A "Masonic Student" and "Lupus," are honourable opponents who most of us know, and whom it is a pleasure to meet in courteous controversy; but I decline to be the butt of gentlemen who dare not sign their names, but who gladly sting like one of "Civis's" snakes, and slink away under the shadow of their anonymity.

To "Lupus" I would briefly say that his very answer to the Roman document shows that I was right. The English Langue is not acknowledged, and is repudiated by the Sacred Council—the Governing Body of the Order—and until Bro. Lupus can adduce a single instance of a Langue being created, or revived, without the authority of the Sovereign, the Grand Master, or his representative, I must again repeat, that, notwithstanding the support of representatives of the five langues out of eight, notwithstanding the technical formalities in the Court of Queen's Bench, the English Langue of the Order of St. John's does not exist, and the Order, or "Honourable Society," calling itself by that name, has no more right to the title than we, the Masonic Order, have.

Yours fraternally,

EMRA HOLMES,  
Grand Provost,  
Past 2nd Grand Captain of Lines.

## NOTITIÆ TEMPLARIÆ.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As "Excelsior" thinks it ill-becomes a single member to complain, permit me to inform him, and the numerous readers of his letter, that the writer of "Notitie Templariæ" is, so far from being singular in his ideas with regard to the very underhand way in which the Statutes of the new Order of Knights Templar are carried, that a large and important Province was with difficulty prevented from seceding altogether from the present Order. Scotland, also, would not come in under the treaty, solely in consequence of her dislike to the new Statutes. There is no doubt (the old Grand Conclave being destroyed) that Masonic Knights Templar owe no allegiance to the present system. This is the more unfortunate both as every K.T. must

rejoice at the graciousness of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in consenting to rule over what was the United Order, and because there is no doubt—not a shadow of a doubt—if almost the very best evidence can be relied upon, that the Prince never said he would not rule over us unless we accepted the new Statutes, and that such a thought never even entered his head.

A MEMBER OF THE LAST GRAND CONCLAVE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read Bro. Holmes's most astonishing statement in last week's *Freemason*, that the members of the English Langue of the Order of St. John "desire to crush the Masonic Order of Malta" and I believe it to be utterly false. The English Langue occupies itself in helping, not in crushing, other people; it does not trouble itself with the affairs of other bodies which are in connection with it or its work, but I feel sure that all its members would rejoice to see any body, Masonic or not—but more especially a powerful body such as the Masonic Order of the Temple might be, under the Prince of Wales as Grand Master—occupying itself with more work and less play. The world is big enough for all of us to do our best and still leave room for others to do theirs; but don't let the Masonic Order forget that it is the Masonic Order, and nothing else—nobody else forgets it.

I am, yours obediently,

CHAS. J. BURGESS.

[This Correspondence must now be terminated.—ED. *Freemason*.]

## COMPOUNDING FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see in your account of the work done at Grand Lodge, that the motion of Bro. Smith to allow members of private lodges to compound for their annual subscriptions on their removal from the neighbourhood of their lodge, was referred to the Board of General Purposes. The passing of such an alteration in the Book of Constitutions would, I feel sure, be a great boon to many country Masons; but I would venture to suggest that the composition be paid not to the funds of the private lodge, but to Grand Lodge, which shall hold the sum in trust for the private lodge, and every year pay the interest accruing to the credit of the lodge. My reason for making this suggestion is, that in many cases lodges in country towns are not well managed as to their finances, and through many causes they may cease to exist; and thus both the individual Mason and Grand Lodge would be losers. It would be a very easy thing to arrange for the payment of the Provincial Lodge dues from the funds of the private lodge.

Hoping that the Board of General Purposes may report favourably upon the matter.

I am Sir, yours fraternally,

W. LANGLEY, P.M. 50 and 1130.

P.P.S.G.W. of Leicester.

## MASONIC MUSIC.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having for many years taken an active part and a deep interest in the introduction of suitable music into our various ceremonies, I may, perhaps, be permitted to remark, in reply to several brethren who have communicated with you on the subject, that there can be no question with all who desire to add solemn impressiveness to our ritual—that proper music, carefully rehearsed and performed, is of considerable importance, and happily, growing daily in favour with the Craft. Doubtless some of the "old hands" who have not been accustomed to music, and may be—have but little taste for the tuneful art, object to its introduction as a suitable and necessary adjunct; yet, few indeed who have participated as I have done, in the soul-stirring ceremonies of foreign lodges—can deny that music in the German, French, Swedish and other Continental lodges occupies a large and important part in their ritual, and that it tends to sublimate the working in a manner unknown in this country.

Being then fully impressed with the advantages to be derived from the introduction of appropriate music into our own lodges, I have for some years been engaged in compiling a work which should contain compositions "for all the ceremonies of Masonic order," and I am happy to add that this book ("The Freemason's Liber Musicus") which is now in course of publication, and will have attained next week to the eighth, out of twelve parts forming the complete publication, is already much used (as the numerous letters I have received testify), and is highly appreciated by the brethren of the various lodges where it has been successfully introduced.

Some of the most useful pieces are easily arranged for voices in unison, with accompaniments, so that where there is any vocal talent, their performance can be readily accomplished; but, even without vocal aid, the work contains voluntaries—with full directions for use—suitable for every part of the different ceremonies.

Before it is completed nothing will be omitted from the book which I deem likely to be of service in the various degrees of Freemasonry.

It is not only music for the ceremonies that we require, but good, suitable compositions for our refreshment and banquet table. Something has been done in this way by many esteemed brethren, but no other musical work has yet been published in England, containing the words and music of a large number of songs, duets, glees, &c., by various good composers, applicable to all those toasts which we are in the habit of giving and honouring on festive occasions.

The highest members of our Craft have encouraged me greatly in my undertaking, and I believe the whole work will be authoritatively recommended when completed. I have only to add that it will afford me much pleasure to give any information I may possess on this or any other subject connected with the introduction of music into our lodges, if any of the brethren will write to

Yours fraternally,

W. M. SPARK, Mus. D.,

P.P.G.O., W.Y. 289.

MASONIC HALLS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to an "Old P.M.," I would beg to say, that I believe all lodge rooms, duly set apart for Masonic purposes, should be confined to their own great object. But our brother opens up a very difficult question in itself, and one which all who have taken part in lodge work and proceedings have often had much trouble to settle satisfactorily.

The rule in a lodge with which I was for years connected, and of which I have still the privilege to be a member, was this:—

Our beautiful lodge room was kept for Masonic purposes entirely, or for a Masonic lecture, the handsome dining room, became the ball room and the concert room for the nonce, while our large committee room was used as a supper room, the great lodge room itself being thrown open simply as a promenade. But all lodges are not so happily situated or arranged, and no doubt in many cases, there is a difficulty in enforcing a strict observance of such wise regulations.

There is no actual law on the subject, and still less any uniform usage.

My own feeling long has been, that the strict rule should ever be observed, of not allowing anything to be transacted in the lodge room excepting what is of or belonging to Freemasonry, our rites and ceremonies, or our purely Masonic lectures.

I heartily sympathise with an "Old P.M." in his meritorious anxiety, to preserve the sacredness of the lodge room, duly set apart for Masonic purposes; I fought the battle years ago, and though it is not always a popular battle to fight, yet, I feel sure, that the principle is a right one and a true one in itself, and of untold benefit if carried out systematically, to Freemasonry in every way.

I am yours fraternally,

A VERY OLD P.M.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL:

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you permit me to correct an inaccuracy in the list of sums collected at the past festival of the Masonic Boys' School? A sum of £42 is there put down as the contribution from the Channel Islands, it should have been put down from "Guernsey." At the festival in 1871, I represented the Channel Islands as Steward, thus including Jersey and Alderney. On the recent occasion my list was contributed from Guernsey alone.

Fraternally yours,

W. T. KINNERSLY, W.M. No. 24.

EMANUEL MOEDANBORG:

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you or any of your readers say whether Emanuel Moedanborg was a Mason? I think not; but some who are enquiring, think he was.

Fraternally yours,

WILL. CARPENTER.

UNAUTHORISED OFFICES.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The words "in a private lodge" should have been inserted after the word "Ceremonies" in the tenth line of my letter in yours of last week. I am afraid that I omitted them, or perhaps your compositor overlooked them.

Please insert this correction, otherwise it may be thought that I was not aware of the difference between the laws of Grand and private lodges, as laid down in the Book of Constitutions.

Yours fraternally

B. E. T. A.

BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As an Englishman and a lover of fair play, I ask permission to add one letter more to those referring to my conduct at the last festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; and without making any reference to any one in particular, to state, first, that I never interfered, from first to last, with the arrangements of the seats on the dais. Secondly, I neither courteously, or rudely, removed, or caused to be removed, any brother from a seat on the dais, or spoke to any one to induce him to think I had any such intention.

I entered the dining room as an attendant on the Chairman (the Prince of Wales), went direct to the seat allotted to me, and did not remove from it until I attended the Prince to the Concert hall after dinner. For corroboration of this statement I appeal to the Chairman of the Board of Stewards, and to the Secretary as to the arrangements of seats. I may further add I did not in any manner interfere with the arrangements of the meeting beyond attention to the duties allotted to me as Treasurer of the Board of Stewards.

I am Sir, very respectfully yours,

JOSHUA NUNN, P.G.S.B.

20, Norfolk Terrace, Bayswater,

March 26th, 1873.

WINES AND SPIRITS (Foreign) on which

Duty was paid in the port of London by the principal Firms during the year 1872.

WINES (Foreign)		SPIRITS (Foreign)	
Gallons	Value	Gallons	Value
W. & A. Gilbey	675,975	W. & A. Gilbey	358,979
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Simon & Lightly	109,780	Dingwall, Portal & Co.	117,699
Mathieson, Furlong & Co.	97,996	R. Hooper & Sons	93,648
Cawltre & Co.	92,637	Seager, Evans & Co.	89,027
Dent, Urwick & Co.	82,403	Galbraith, Grant & Co.	69,935
P. Domecq & Co.	79,928	E. S. Pick & Co.	66,446
J. Albutt, jun. & Co.	75,259	R. Burnett & Co.	58,417
Max Gieger and Co.	74,212	Osmond & Co.	47,891
Daniel Taylor & Son	73,219	C. G. Phillips & Co.	45,182
G. A. Haig & Co.	72,093	Fulcher and Robinson	44,821
H. T. Mayfield & Co.	69,804	Dunn & Vallerant	44,314
Brooks & Oldham	68,879	J. Albutt, jun. & Co.	42,880

Besides the preceding, there were upwards of 2,000 Firms who paid Duty on Wines and Spirits in less quantities than those above mentioned.—*The Trade Review.*

Obituary.

BRO. RICHARD DOWSE.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Bro. Richard Dowse, M.D., Inspector-General of the Army Medical Department, who died at his residence at Plymouth, on the 21st inst., aged 79. Dr. Dowse entered the Army in 1814 as Assistant Surgeon, and served at the surrender of Martinique and Guadaloupe in 1815; also in the Ionian Islands during an epidemic of plague in 1826. He also served with his regiments, the 14th and 88th, three times in the West Indies, and was on the staff as Principal Medical Officer in Canada. In 1871, he was granted by Her Majesty, on the recommendation of H.R.H. Duke of Cambridge, the reward for distinguished services. He was a most devoted Mason, and during his service as Staff Surgeon to the Depot Battalion in the Isle of Wight in 1842-48, was W.M. of the Albany Lodge, and founded the Masonic Hall, in which his portrait, presented by the brothers, still hangs. During his residence in Canada he represented the Canadian Lodges in the United States, and on his return to England, in 1855, while stationed at Plymouth as Head of the Army Medical Department in the Western District, he connected himself with the Lodge of Sincerity 189, of which he was P.M., and held high positions in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon; of late years he was Treasurer of his lodge and the Almoner of the lodges in the district of South Devon. His manners were courteous and urbane, and of that gentlemanly type that carried with them the love and affection of all who knew him. It may be truly said of him that the principles of Masonry guided all his actions through life. He married in 1839 a sister of Bro. James Lewis Thorny, P.M., of St. Thomas's Lodge 142, whom he initiated into Masonry, and one of his daughters is the popular actress, Mrs. Rousby.

Masonic Tidings.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Bective will preside at the anniversary festival of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society, to be held at the London Tavern, on the 23rd of April. occasion. The labours of the evening will be followed by refreshment.

The *Gazette* officially notifies the appointment of the Marquess of Ripon to the Lord Lieutenancy of the North Riding of York.

CONFIDENCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, E.C. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the above lodge (by fifteen members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction) on Wednesday evening April 2nd, Bro. J. H. Stacey, P.M., W.M. on this occasion. Hour of meeting 6.30.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 507).—The ceremony of installation of W.M. will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction, meeting at the Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, on Friday next, April 4th at six p.m. precisely, Bro. James Stevens P.M. 25, 720, 1216, &c., will officiate as Installing Master, and a large muster of brethren is expected on the

"I was suffering greatly a few years ago from severe pains about the kidneys and excessive weakness in the back, accompanied with a nauseous sickness, and had been confined to my bed some weeks, when a friend who had long known and experienced great benefit from the use of your Vegetable Pain Killer brought me a bottle of it, which I used with the most favourable results.—A. SHREFFS, *Woodside, Aberdeen*, Oct., 1867.—To P. Davis & Son, London, W.C."

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## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1873.

## BRO. HOLMES'S ADDITIONAL NOTES OF THE 15th OF MARCH.

## BRIEF REPLIES BY LUPUS.

"O that mine enemy would write a book." This was an uncharitable desire, for is it not full of fervent hope, nay certainty, that in trusting himself to literary efforts the enemy must assuredly step into a pit-fall, and thus become the prey of his adversary?

If I could dispose myself to unseemly rejoicing over the self-inflicted immolation of Bro. Holmes and to exultation at his still dealing out these marvels, I should perhaps be tempted to exclaim "O that Bro. Holmes, may continue to publish additional notes in *The Freemason*."

Your readers would, however, view this as a

piece of unmitigated vindictiveness, and I admit at once that it would betray a gross absence of that charity which specially should mark the members of our ancient Craft; but I would say, in all brotherly regard, that if Bro. Holmes will persist in the course he has commenced, he should be more sure of his facts, and less reckless in his statements. Bro. Holmes has placed his foot upon ground which he need not have approached, and as some "rush in where angels fear to tread," so has our brother ventured upon treacherous places and they have let him in. I will spare your readers to my utmost power, and be as brief as possible in my replies.

1. I repeat that in 1853 "Grand Conclave having no faith in its claims abandoned the Masonic Order of Malta, but in 1852 set up a new Masonic Order" of the same name; I say emphatically an entirely new Order. This is a mere fact, and beyond the necessity for controversy.

Perhaps in inadvertently conveying the impression that the Grand Conclave enjoyed the exclusive merit of inventing the ritual for the new Masonic degree at the same time, I was not literally correct; I should perhaps have distinctly placed on record the sources whence that farrago of absurdity, which Bro. Holmes, with all his Masonic acumen, must well know is a ridiculous concoction, was derived; but I will now, since he will have the whole truth, put myself in a position of more perfect accuracy. The ritual of the Masonic Order of Malta which was severed from the Temple and abandoned in 1853, is very simple, consequently not wanting in some dignity, and is in strong contrast with the ridiculous concoction which was not brought from Malta, but was, in fact, the selected ritual of two curious specimens from the respective manufactories of Bros. Emly, and Shuttleworth and I am bound to say that it bears complete impress of its brilliant origin. There were no Masonic Templars at Malta until the, not very archaic year 1850.

2. It is a simple fact that the Masonic Templars in England did "appropriate," and usurp, the jewel of the "Ordre du Temple." I am unable to say how they attempted, if at all, to justify the act, but I may confess to some surprise that Bro. Holmes should think such a proceeding creditable: Would Bro. Holmes think the "Good Templars" justified in adopting the regalia of Grand Conclave? I am in a position to give considerable information relative to the "Ordre du Temple" and its insignia; but *cuilibet*? It is utterly beside the present question; it was not a Masonic body; the Masonic Templars in England have no connection with it, and the usurpation of the jewel by the English Masons could in no greater degree give them additional claims, than would the purchase of the insignia of the Garter entitle Bro. Holmes to a stall in the Chapel Royal at Windsor.

3. I called attention to the Baldwin document some weeks since, so it is no novelty to your readers. The private jewel of that Encampment has no resemblance to the cross of the French, or any other Knights of the genuine Order of St. John. It is an interesting jewel to the Masonic Templars, as it bears, in its engraving, a combination of the emblems of the High

Grades, and is no doubt a relic of the period when these Masonic degrees could only be obtained in an Encampment. The kindly observations of the Baldwin brother do him much credit; he will now have seen that the sections of the genuine Order of St. John are, and have been since the fall of Malta, independent institutions; that the Order was lawfully revived in England by an overwhelming majority of its remaining divisions; that its validity has never been impeached, and that it stands in the same position as the Priorities of Russia, Austria or Poland. As the language of the Baldwin document has been quoted, I may here express my belief that the introduction of a Maltese degree into the Masonic Templar Order had its origin in the absurd confusion of names at a period before any popular historic knowledge of the original Order had been disseminated. In old Masonic books and magazines they were styled "Knights Templar of St. John of Jerusalem;" the titles were used synonymously and the old lectures exchange them with charming confusion. This absurd admixture no doubt became apparent with the dawn of more extended information, and I conclude, and believe, that in seeking the explanation of such a jumble it was assumed that, in the confusion of the one name, two Masonic degrees must necessarily exist.

4. Bro. Holmes has the hardihood to affirm that the members of the English Langue of the Order of St. John "seek to crush the Masonic Order of Malta;" But Bro. Holmes knows full well that they have never interfered with Masonic, or any other Order; that they do not now object to its only proper title, the "Masonic Order of Malta;" that they made no sign whatever, even respecting recent occurrences, and he as well knows that he himself made a public, voluntary, and entirely unprovoked attack for which his utmost ingenuity can find no palliation, but for which his sense of justice should induce him to apologise in the same public manner.

5. Bro. Holmes says he has "yet to learn that in the Masonic Order we have an equal number of men of rank and family with those gentlemen who have joined the Manchester branch." I assume he means he still has to learn that we have not an equal number; but I have never cast any reflection upon the social status of the Masonic Templars, nor do I treat their Masonic title with the terms of discourtesy and disrespect in which I regret that Bro. Holmes should permit himself to indulge. The exclusiveness which our brother seems so much to desiderate appears hardly consistent with the principles of the ancient Craft. I have been under a considerable delusion if Freemasonry does not aim at an universal brotherhood of all classes. The "men of rank and family," suggested by Bro. Holmes, in entering the Masonic Fraternity, show that they do not consider themselves out of the pale of common humanity, and that they know they form part of the universal brotherhood of man; each one thus declares with Terence; *Homō sum humani nihil a me alienum puto*. Would our brother exclude from the association of these men, their fellows who are less fortunately placed in life? Would he preach a new doctrine

of Masonry, and remove those ancient landmarks which throughout so long a period have bound together, by common ties, a great and grand brotherhood extending from the rulers of Empires down to the humble trader?

6. I have never said that the Stuarts had no connection with high-grade Masonry. I said "it is not well known that the dethroned Stuarts revived the Templar Order," and I gave historic evidence (on the 15th of February) for my scepticism. Bro. Holmes is very ingenious, no doubt, in referring to imaginary statements, but let me adjure him, in the words of the old play, "of your courtesy I pray you read the preface."

7. I cannot conceive what benefit can possibly result from Bro. Holmes, perpetually hammering at the election of the Emperor Paul, which has been in no way at issue. Col. Porter, has no doubt said that the "great body" of the Knights went to Russia; he has also said that a "large number" went there; but he said also that the election was notoriously illegal; Bro. Woof, in his little book on the Masonic and other Orders, called them a "considerable number"; but he said that the election was utterly informal: Sutherland, a great authority, described them as "a few refugee Knights," and characterises their proceeding as shattering the very basis of the Order. Surely then, I, your humble contributor may be permitted, with all diffidence, to adopt the expressions of so great an authority as the last named; but, be this as it may, the Knights unfortunately were refugees, and whether their number was great, large, considerable, or few (and Bro. Holmes shall take his choice) the fact remains the same, it was an illegal act. The Roman Council derives its only title through this source, and is compelled to accept the act of a miscellaneous assemblage of Knights, not representing any one division of the Order, as a body, who assumed the very grave power of placing "a heretic" at the head of the institution when its lawful Grand Master was yet living. All the historians of eminence agree that the act was illegal, and Bro. Holmes himself has advanced the same opinion on the part of Sir Geo. Bowyer. What, then, can be the use of forcing the question in a manner so very unnecessary and uninteresting to your readers, threatening them, moreover, with almost a reprint of Colonel Porter's book, when a few lines, which I will reprint for Bro. Holmes's especial benefit, would explain that accomplished author's view. He tells how the Knights on proceeding to Russia "were received in the most gracious manner by the wily monarch, whose ambition prompted him to desire the post of Grand Master, in order that he might upon that title found a claim to the island of Malta, should it be wrested from the grasp of the French republic. This desire on his part speedily became known to the Knights, and on the 27th of October the farce was enacted of nominating the Emperor Grand Master of the Order, notwithstanding the fact that Hompesch who was still at Trieste, had not as yet resigned his office. Paul, however, did not consider his appointment free from cavil so long as the election of Hompesch remained unannulled. He therefore, caused such a pressure to be brought to bear upon that unfortunate knight that on the

6th of July, 1799, a formal act of abdication was forwarded to St. Petersburg, and from that date Paul was left in undisturbed possession of his new dignity."

I think after this, your readers will require no more reprints of Colonel Porter. I have already said that there were circumstances which excused the action taken by these knights, who, themselves proclaimed as their reason that any lawful action was then impossible; and I have fully assented to Sir George Bowyer's statement that it is "recognised though irregular."

I have not wished to raise these questions; I think it a great misfortune that they should be rashly forced upon me, and I refer to the subject with reluctance and regret.

8. Bro. Holmes tells us that Masonic Knights of Malta existed in 1780, which, in itself is distinct proof that they had no relation to the genuine Order which did not leave Malta until eight years after that date. I have examined minutes of Masonic bodies as early as the time of Malta's fall, but I find no traces which will in any way help Bro. Holmes; no copies of correspondence with the Grand Master Hompesch; no allusions to observance of Statutes or qualifications of entrants; indeed the Masonic Knights of that period appear to have been received in very free-and-easy manner, and to have attained their honours for the very modest foundation of seven-shillings and sixpence.

9. I have already explained, I trust to Bro. Holmes's satisfaction, how it came about that Prince Albert received the decoration of the Order from the Roman Council. He seems to have been anxious on this point, and to have hoped his unscrupulous assertion would touch a weak place; but now he knows the truth I think he would do himself no discredit in the estimation of your readers if he expressed his regret that he had been tempted to make an experimental assertion for which he can offer no justification.

### Masonic Notes and Queries.

#### A POINT OF MASONIC HISTORY.

We have a great many discussions, nowadays, in *The Freemason*, about questions of Masonic archaeological interest, ranging back sometimes through several centuries; but I propose to call attention to-day to a much later date, and to a fact in our annals, about which *à priori*, we might have thought there could not be much great difficulty, and certainly not any discrepancy among our Masonic Historians.

The date 1715, is familiar to us all, as the era of what is often and commonly called the "Masonic Revival," and to which some Brethren would also apparently limit the real antiquity of our Order, though most unwisely in my opinion.

Well, even about this memorable date, several discrepancies exist in our Masonic historians, and practically the proper date in all probability should be 1716, or 1717.

Smith in his *Freemasons' Pocket Companion*, 1736, gives us no account whatever of the Revival, though he adopts Anderson's history of the Order, in the *Constitutions of 1723*; and says, that at the date of his publication, 1736, "the number of Lodges" had "prodigiously increased within these few years in Great Britain and Ireland."

Anderson in his 1723 edition, says nothing of the Revival, but in his edition of 1738, gives us for the first time a history of that transaction. According to him in 1716, four lodges met at the

Apple Tree, "constituted themselves a Grand Lodge," "revived the Quarterly Communication of the Officers of Lodges called the Grand Lodge," and "resolved to hold the Annual Assembly and Feast, and then to choose a Grand Master from among themselves."

And we are told, that, "accordingly on St. John the Baptist's day, in the third year of King George, A.D. 1717, the Assembly and Feast of the Free and Accepted Masons were held at the Goose and Gridiron" and Mr. Anthony Sayer was elected by a majority of hands, Grand Master of Masons.

Such was in 1738 Anderson's history of the Revival which is repeated in Entick's Edition of the *Constitutions 1767*, and in Noorthouck's Edition of the *Constitutions of 1784*.

Preston's first edition of the "Illustrations of Masonry," appeared in 1772, in which however he does not give us any historical detail whatever of the Revival. His second edition appeared in 1775, and in that edition, he thus records the Revival. I give his words *in extenso* partly on account of their somewhat peculiar vagueness, and partly for the purpose of comparison with Anderson's statement on which they are evidently based as he admits himself, in the ninth edition 1796, page 239.

"On the accession of George the First, (that was as we know in 1714, as he entered London September 20th 1714,) the lodges resolved to cement under a new Grand Master, to be annually elected as in former times, to revive the communications and festival of the Society, to regulate the ancient usages and customs of the Fraternity, and to establish such modes only as might correspond with the practice of the Members of which the lodges were now principally composed." This statement of Preston is in itself somewhat vague, and might be *primà facie* understood to refer to a meeting of the Order in 1714, or 1715, for anything which appears to the contrary. Indeed the opening clause of the sentence seems to allude to the contemporary date of 1714. But then Preston goes on to say "Accordingly on the festival of St. John the Baptist, in 1717, a General Assembly of the Fraternity was convened. Four lodges attended in form and a Grand Lodge was constituted, the oldest Mason present being in the chair, the brethren proceeded to elect a Grand Master for the ensuing year, when the choice fell upon Anthony Sayer, Gent., who was declared duly elected."

So far the accounts of Anderson and Preston seem mainly to agree, but in his ninth edition which is the next I have, though probably also in one or more of the intermediate editions, Preston varies considerably his original account, and gives us that fuller record which is to be found in all the subsequent editions of his valuable work.

For he there talks of a preliminary meeting at the Apple Tree, in February 1717, as precedent in the same year, to the election of Anthony Sayer as G.M., St. John's Day, 1717. Thus he apparently gives up Anderson's statement of the meeting in 1716, and limits the Revival to 1717. The author of "*Multa Paucis*," whose work alike anonymous and undated, from internal evidence, was published not later than 1764, tells us a completely different story. Let us hear his words:

"The Masters and Wardens of six lodges assembled at the Apple Tree on St. John's Day, 1716 (and after the oldest Master Mason, who was also the Master of a Lodge, had taken the chair), they constituted themselves a Grand Lodge "pro tempore" and revived their Quarterly Communication, and their Annual Feast."

The author of "*Multa Paucis*" then goes on to record in almost "ipsisimis verbis" with Anderson and Preston, the meeting in 1717 at the Goose and Gridiron, and the election of Anthony Sayer as Grand Master. Thus we see, that while he agrees with Anderson as to 1716, being the date of the preliminary meeting, and concurs with both Anderson and Preston as to the election of Anthony Sayer in 1717, he entirely disagrees with them both as to the number of lodges represented, which he asserts to be *six* instead of *four*. Now the question is, which of these accounts is the correct one?

In what year did the Freemasons first assemble, was it 1715, or 1716, or 1717? And how many lodges were represented or congregated?

And when we remember that we are now dealing with the principal date of our speculative organization, it only serves to show how important is accuracy in small details as in larger matters, and how careful we should always be to give ourselves, or hand on to others, a perfectly correct and reliable account of transactions in which we take a part, or of matters in which we feel a personal interest. And this little difficulty at so late a period, as regards a point of Masonic History serves also to convince us how many are the difficulties attendant on the annals and chronology of earlier periods, and how much allowance we should always make for unavoidable errata and inevitable discrepancies.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

February 25th, 1873

THE ST. CLAIR CHARTERS.

The *Freemason* of June 8, 1872, contains a communication by Bro. Chalmers I. Paton, in which he professes to give copies of the St. Clair Charters "from Hay's MSS. in the Advocates' Library." These copies, minus the copyist's or printer's errors which they contain, appeared to me at the time to be a literal transcript of the copies from the originals made by myself for the "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel)" and published in *The Freemason* of August 27, 1870. I have since examined the Hay MSS., and am confirmed in that opinion. The document given by Bro. Paton is not a copy made from the Hay MSS. It differs considerably from it in orthography, in abbreviations, and in the arrangement and rendering of some of the signatures—and is simply a copy of my transcript of the originals published two years ago. I had previously, through *The Freemason*, informed Bro. Paton of the existence of the original Charters—a fact of which he was ignorant. If Bro. Paton was unable to decipher the original Hay MSS., he should not have palmed off my transcription of the original charters as copies of them, nor should he have appropriated my work in any case without the courtesy of acknowledgment.—D. MURRAY LYON.

JACOB NORTON.

The *Trowel*, Springfield, Illionis, which (as well as some other journals) has spoken severely of Jacob Norton, publishes a letter from a friend of his, objecting to the criticisms. We will add our testimony to that of the letter writer. While we think Bro. Norton frequently speaks too harshly, and imputes wrong motives to his brethren, whom he detects or thinks he detects in error, we have the highest respect for his motives and the highest appreciation of his Masonic labours, and when he occasionally drops in upon us we enjoy his visit, and can assure Bro. Reynolds that he will find him a genial and pleasant acquaintance, if he ever meets him. We think it safe to lay down as a general rule that when a Mason is sufficiently interested in Masonry to discuss it, he does so because he loves the Craft, and any man who loves the Craft should be criticised with loving kindness.—*Masonic Token*, U.S.A.

FREEMASONS' MONTHLY MAGAZINE.

Can any American brother kindly procure for me a copy of the "Freemasons' Monthly Magazine," Boston, April, 1863. If sent to the care of Bro. G. Kenning, 198, Fleet-street, it would reach me.—A MASONIC STUDENT.

SEDABENT.—The only guaranteed cure for Toothache.—This extraordinary application, marvellous in its effects, gives immediate relief, without injuring the tooth, and forms a temporary stopping. rs. 1/6d. post free rs. 3d. The CORALINE TOOTH PASTE, for cleansing and improving the teeth, imparts a natural redness to the gums, and gives brilliancy to the enamel. Price rs. 6d. The ROYAL DENTIFRICE, prepared from a recipe as used by her Majesty, gives the teeth a pearl-like whiteness, and imparts a delicious fragrance to the breath. Price rs. 6d. Sold by all chemists and perfumers and by the proprietors, MESSRS. GAMBLE, the old-established Dentists, 72, Ludgate-hill, and 56, Harley-street, Cavendish-square, London.

OLD MASONIC BOOKS.

Whatever may be the actual value of the pamphlet Bro. Jacob Norton, dilates upon in *The Freemason* of the 15th, we must all feel obliged to him for his interesting communication. Bro. W. J. Hughan, is quite right in saying, that Bro. Dr. Oliver, alludes to "the Grand Mystery," published in 1724, folio, of which I have a copy, and not to Briscoe's publication.

But Bro. Hughan, seems to overlook the fact that Bro. Dr. Oliver, does mention Briscoe's pamphlet at page 31, in the edition of the "Revelation of a Square" in 1855, where he gives the date at 1725.

It is quite clear, however, that Bro. Jacob Norton is in error, when he states that he has discovered "that our Bro. Dr. Oliver, describes Briscoe's pamphlet" in the beginning of the fourth chapter of the "Revelation of a Square;" all he says, is that the pamphlet itself was published in that year? Dr. Oliver alludes to Briscoe's pamphlet, undoubtedly, but his observations mainly refer to "The Grand Mystery"—published in 1724.

Neither does Dr. Oliver mention the 2nd edition of Briscoe's pamphlet in 1725; all he says is, that the pamphlet itself, or the work itself, was published in 1725. That a 2nd edition of Briscoe's pamphlet was published in 1725 is true, as there are two copies of the 2nd edition in the British Museum, and one of the first edition undated, or with the date cut off by the binder. In all probability Briscoe's pamphlet was issued after "The Grand Mystery," in 1724, and very little anterior to the 2nd edition in 1725.

I confess, that, my studies have not led me to attach much value to such works as Briscoe's pamphlet, which, sensational in themselves, are utterly unreliable as to data.

Many of the explanations they give are absurd in themselves, and many of the observances purely imaginary, meant, in fact, as a "skit" upon the order—resembling Dean Swift's more humorous but equally idle attack on Freemasonry. This is especially the case as regards a portion of Briscoe's pamphlet.

One cannot accept such works as authority on any moot questions which rest almost entirely on the "mala fides" of the publisher.

The writer of Briscoe's pamphlet may have seen the Harleian 2054 as Bro. Hughan thinks, but with all deference to him I should be inclined to think that he is more likely to have seen Roberts', reprint of 1722, or the original of the one printed for Mrs. Dodd, 1739. It is quite clear that if the writer of Briscoe's pamphlet saw 2054 he has completely altered its verbiage, modernised its archaisms, and departed from it in numberless instances, in some points very remarkably so.

The conclusion no way resembles the Harleian 2054, and we may have in Briscoe's pamphlet the transcript of another Constitution, varying from all the others in several interesting particulars. I confess I cannot believe that Briscoe copied Harleian 2054, though the M.S. he saw had much in common with Harleian 2054.

Interesting as Briscoe's pamphlet is in one respect, I attach little value to its contents for any purposes of Masonic History or Archæology.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

March 25th, 1873.

FUNERAL OF A ROYAL BROTHER.

The *Honolulu Commercial Advertiser* gives the following account of the funeral of his late Majesty Kamehameha V., on the 11th of January:—"A little before noon the order was given to start. The cavalry under the command of Captain Judd, led off, numbering some 40 rank and file. Following them was the fire department, headed by Acting Chief Engineer Waller, numbering about 75 strong. The Mechanics' Benefit Union came next, then the Good Templars, numbering 30; Knights of Pythias, 16; Oddfellows, 7; Masons, 24; Royal Arch, 17. A long line of natives in black, the Konohikis of the Crown lands and King's private lands followed, and then came the Governor of Oahu and his staff. The Hawaiian military band followed, playing a

splendid funeral march, after which came the military—viz., the Artillery, Captain Brown commanding, numbering 46 all told; Honolulu Rifles, Captain Gulick commanding, 35; Marine Corps of the United States ship *Benicia*, Lieutenant Ellsworth commanding, 20; and the household troops, Major Moehonue commanding, 40. Then followed the late king's purveyor and servants, and then the clergy. The various insignia of rank belonging to the late king were borne immediately in front of the hearse. This was composed of a substantial platform on wheels, drawn by four fine horses, with heavy black housings and with running footmen at their bridles; at each corner of the platform was a pillar upholding a canopy surmounted by the crown. The large and heavy case containing the remains of the late king was firmly secured beyond the possibility of displacement while on the way to the mausoleum, extraordinary pains having been taken with every detail on account of the great weight—something over a ton—of the coffin. Around the hearse were borne the large and small *Kahilis*, the many coloured feathers of which they are composed, together with their size and beauty, attracting much attention. Immediately following the hearse came the carriage, drawn by four horses, containing his Majesty and her Excellency Ruth Keelikolani, and the Hon. Mrs. Bishop. In the second carriage were Queen Emma and the Hon. Mrs. Naca. Next came mourning carriages containing the Chancellor, members of the Cabinet of the late King, foreign representatives, the captain and officers of the *Benicia*, Judges, Privy Council, Legislative Assembly, Governors of the Islands, Consular Body, clerks, Postmaster and Collector General, Marshal and Sheriff, members of the bar, &c. Upon the arrival of the head of the long line at the mausoleum grounds, the hearse was backed up to the platform built out over the steps, and the coffin, covered with a black velvet pall and the Royal feather cloak, was moved out on rollers. The chief mourners, together with the officiating clergy, Bishop Willis and his attendants, entered the mausoleum, and the coffin being moved into its place, the burial service was read, after which the Masonic ritual was performed. Upon the conclusion of these ceremonies a Royal salute was fired by the troops, and a requiem march played by the band. While the services were being gone through at the tomb a drizzling mist and rain made it uncomfortable for those who were without umbrellas. Upon the conclusion of the ceremonies, the procession escorted the King back to the palace, amid loud cheers for Lunalilo the King."

CONSECRATION OF THE CAMPBELL LODGE, No. 1415.

The fifteenth lodge in the Province of Middlesex was consecrated at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday the 8th inst., under very favourable auspices. The name of the lodge is derived from its worthy first Master, Sir Gilbert Edward Campbell, Bart., and its inauguration was attended by a goodly number of brethren, many of whom are distinguished members of the Craft. Colonel Burdett, the ever genial and popular Provincial Grand Master was unfortunately unable to be present, but he was represented as Consecrating Master by Brother Robt. Wentworth Little, Provincial Grand Secretary, whose impressive working elicited the warmest encomiums from the brethren.

At four p.m. the procession entered the lodge, when the chair was taken by Bro. Little, who appointed the following officers, pro. tem.:—Bros. John Hervey, Grand Secretary of England, S.W.; Sigismund Rosenthal, Prov. S.G.W., J.W.; T. W. White, W.M. 21, D.C.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.M. 142, I.P.M.; W. Mann, P.M. 144, 186, &c., I.G. The ceremony of consecration was then performed with the accustomed chants and anthems which were admirably rendered by the musical brethren.

At the conclusion of this ceremony, Bro. Little proceeded with the installation of the W.M. Designate, who was placed in the chair of K.S. in the presence of some twenty installed masters.

The officers appointed or elected were—Bros.

Edward Kimber, M.A., Ph. D., S.W.; Henry Carter, J.W.; Thomas Cubitt, Treasurer; Donald M. Dewar, S.D.; Thomas Keene, J.D.; Antonio J. Codner, I.G.; Wm. R. Woodman, M.D., D.C. The addresses were severally delivered by Bros. Little, J. C. Parkinson, and H. Muggeridge, and were each received with marked Masonic applause.

Sir Gilbert Campbell then said that he had a most pleasureable task to perform, namely to propose as honorary members of the lodge several brethren to whom they were all much indebted for their successful inauguration. Upon the W.M.'s proposition the following brethren were unanimously elected honorary members:—Col. Fras. Burdett, P.G.M.; John Hervey, G. Sec.; R. Wentworth Little, P.G.Sec.; Thomas W. White, W.M., 21, the D.C. Bro. Little having returned thanks for all, several propositions for initiates and joining members were made, and the lodge was closed.

At the banquet which succeeded, great satisfaction was manifested at the catering of "mine host" of the "Greyhound," which was of a very superior character. When the cloth was cleared the W.M. proposed the usual toasts which were duly honoured.

The names of Bros. J. Hervey, G. Sec., and J. Coutts, P.G. Purst., were coupled with the "Grand Officers," and evoked a kindly and cordial response from the first-named excellent representative of that body.

Colonel Burdett's health was drunk amidst general expressions of regret at his absence, and the health of the W.M., proposed by Bro. Thomas, was also enthusiastically received. "The Visitors" had a capital spokesman in Bro. J. C. Parkinson, W.M., "Bard of Avon," 778, P.M. 181, P.G.S., who eloquently expressed their feelings of gratification at the entire proceedings of the day; while the "Consecrating Master," a toast most felicitously proposed by the W.M., was appositely responded to by Bro. Little, who had officiated in that capacity. The S.W., Bro. Kimber, replied for the "Officers," and the proceedings of a very charming Masonic festival was brought to a close, in the usual manner, by the Tyler's toast.

Besides the brethren already mentioned, there were present Bros. F. Binckes, P.G.S., Colonel J. Peters, J. G. Marsh, A. A. Pendlebury, F. W. H. Ramsay, M.D.; H. C. Levander, S. C. Davison, C. B. Payne, W. Bristow, &c.

## Scotland.

### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHAPTER GENERAL OF SCOTLAND was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, March 11, 1873, Sir Knight J. Whyte Melville, Esq., of Bennochy, presiding. Amongst those present were the G. Chancellor Dr. Somerville, Bro. H. Ramsay, G.T. and G. Registrar, Prior of the Lothians; G. H. Harriett, G.P., J. Laurie; G. Chamberlain; R. Bell, M.N.C. St. Mungo; John Tweed, D. Commander; G. W. Wheeler, Secretary St. Mungo; and J. Bryce, G.S. Captain Shanks, P.E.C. of the Royal Veteran (E.C.) and P.G.S.B. was also present. The Chapter General having been duly opened the G.R. read the minutes of the last meeting, and also extracts from the correspondence received from the Priors of Sydney, Otago, St. John's and St. Mungo's. He then read the minutes relative to the admission of the Girvan Encampment to the Order, and the report of his visit to Glasgow, to confirm the Charter and instal the officers; speaking highly of the way in which the deputation had been received.

The report of the Council relative to the treaty with England and Ireland was then read, which stated that the Council were unanimously of opinion that they should decline to sign the treaty, as it contained provisions quite opposed to those which were originally suggested as the basis of the treaty. He also stated that he had received a letter from Aberdeen from the unrecognised body there, asking on what terms they could be received into communication with the Chapter General; he had replied that they could be re-

ceived on the same terms as the Girvan Encampment, but had got no direct reply, though one of their own old body had informed him that they were about to make an application to be received under the English Constitution.

Captain Shanks, as a member of the E.C., begged that they would not think of that for one moment, as he knew Sir P. Colquhoun and the other officers would not think of invading another territory, on the contrary he knew they were desirous of doing all in their power to conciliate their friends on this side of the border.

On the question of the confirmation of the Council's report, the most Eminent Grand Master asked if the Commander of St. Mungo's had anything to add to his letter in favour of the treaty.

Sir Knight Bell said: I approve entirely of the union, 1st. because I find each jurisdiction is to have the management of its own internal affairs; 2nd. I perfectly agree with the mode of electing the Grand Master, in fact it gives Scotland the greatest favour, making her equal to the other nationalities, while her population is less; 3rd. because I believe that Templarism would flourish better under one head than under three, and instead of remaining stationary, or nearly so, we might then expect to increase; 4th. unity would create uniformity of law and ritual, and greatly promote the peace and harmony of the Order, and give us a dignity and standing in the world equal, if not superior, to any other degree of Masonry; 5th. seeing that Knight Templarism is a Christian Order, I consider it the duty of every member to foster union. As we have but "one head, one faith, one baptism," so should we be but one body under Christ our head; and nothing would give me greater pleasure than to see every nation appointing delegates to a confederation for the purpose of assimilating Freemasonry in all its branches. Such a union would form a grand foundation on which to continue the erection of our moral temple; then we might construct some world-wide scheme of benevolence and make ourselves more and more like our Head, who was never weary of doing good but sacrificed Himself for the good of the poor. This would truly open up the way for evangelising the heathen, and promote that virtue which is yet to raise us above the ranks of seraphs, even to a union with the Godhead itself. Having devoted ourselves to the service of the Temple let us keep this glorious union in view, for I believe it to be the chief end of Masons. No other organisation is so well adapted for labours of love, hence the necessity of our remaining united. I trust, therefore, Most Excellent Grand Master that you and Chapter General will put forth every effort in your power to hasten a treaty with England and Ireland.

The Grand Registrar said that union was all very well, but if they read the terms of the treaty they would see that England would entirely swallow up Scotland. The whole power would be vested in the Grand Council sitting in London—there, too, would be situated the fountain of all the honours of the Order, and to London they must go if they had any appeal to make against the decision of any Preceptory. He was afraid that their friends of St. Mungo's had not well considered the terms of the treaty, or they would not consent to become a mere Province instead of the head of the Order.

Dr. Somerville, G.C., though one of the committee for drawing up the treaty, must confess that he was not well acquainted with some of its provisions, but he decidedly objected to Scotland being made a province of England, or subservient to it.

The Most Excellent Master said that along with the Grand Registrar he had no objection to a treaty to be formed between two equal powers for mutual aid and assistance, but he had a repugnance to being absorbed by any other body under the name of union.

Sir Knight Wheeler begged to assure the Chapter General that along with Sir Knight Bell he had given the terms of the treaty a most careful consideration, and yet he had come to quite a different conclusion to their Most Excellent Master and the Grand Registrar, for by the terms of that treaty Scotland, so far from having any right to complain of being swallowed up, or being treated as a mere Province, has had full justice

meeted out to her. Their G.M., like the G.M. of Ireland, might have had his rights fully protected, and had he, like the Duke of Leinster, resigned in favour of the Prince of Wales, no doubt he would have been appointed Grand Prior. Then, in future elections, Scotland was to have quite as much power as either Ireland or England—surely that was not treating her as a Province. True that the Prince of Wales would be the fountain of honour, but that was the right that must vest in whoever was the Grand Master, and the statutes provided how these honours were to be decreed. Where was the injustice to Scotland? She was to have as many of her sons entitled to honours as Ireland, though only half as many as England, and this though Ireland had nine Encampments, England twenty-nine, and Scotland one! Did this, he asked, look like being swallowed up and treated like a Province? Again, the meetings of the Convent General are to be held alternately in the three nations, so that if they might have to go to London to present an appeal, the Londoners might have to come to Edinburgh, or go to Dublin, to do the same. The M.N.C. of St. Mungo had dwelt so much on the advantage of union that he would not travel over that ground, but on the lower one of expediency he would ask them to consider it. He would not ask them to sacrifice any principle for expediency, but he would ask them to sacrifice some of their privileges for the sake of the good that undoubtedly would accrue to the order at large by their acceding to this treaty and forming a truly fraternal union.

The Grand Registrar remarked that small bodies had always suffered from union with large ones, and though the present rules might seem pretty equitable, they must remember that the English knights being much the largest body could outvote both the Irish and the Scotch, and so pass any fresh laws that they pleased at a future time.

The report of the Council was then passed.

The Grand Master then proceeded to nominate the Grand Officers for the ensuing year. He had first to announce with regret the death of two of those officers, T. C. Macritchie and A. J. Stewart, who had only died that week. Their loss would be severely felt, not only in that Order, but in the other degrees of Masonry. He would now appoint the following as the Grand Officers:—Seneschal, Viscount Strathallen; Preceptor, Earl of Roslyn; Constable, Colonel Kinloch; Admiral, Lord James C. P. Murray; Hospitaller and Almoner, Dr. Somerville; Chancellor, G. R. Harrall; Treasurer and Registrar, Major W. H. Ramsay; Primate, Rev. V. G. Faithfull, M.A.; Provost, G. W. Harrall; Beaucennifer, G. F. Colt; Bearer of the Vexillum Belli, H. Inglis Tarrance; Chamberlain, J. Lowrie; Steward, Vacant; Aide-de-Camp, Vacant; Jeweller to the Order, Francis L. Law.

This terminated the business of the Chapter General. There was no banquet, but the Sir Knights of St. Mungo and Capt. Shanks were entertained by the Prior of the Lothians previous to their return home.

### NEW MUSIC.

*L'Assemblée des Fées* and *The Fairy Harp*, by HENRY PARKER. Sheard: 192, High Holborn.

WE have received a copy of "L'Assemblée des Fées," and have great pleasure in adding another to the numerous favourable critiques that have already been awarded to it. There is a marked and charming melody running through this piece—a fact that is in itself no small recommendation to those who hear much of the modern style of pianoforte music. The piece commences with a strikingly original subject in the martial style, followed by a cantabile movement accompanied by arpeggios of a singularly graceful character in the right hand, and concludes with a return to the first subject.

To the "Fairy Harp," we can also give much the same praise, and can cordially advise our musical readers to become personally and practically acquainted with both pieces. They will, we are sure, do much to increase the reputation of their composers.

## HELP FOR A MASON'S FAMILY.

On the 8th October last, the steamer Scandaria, commanded by Bro. Capt. Upton, sailed from New York for a port in Wales, but, like many other noble ships, she has never since been heard of. The story is a sad one, and appeals directly to the hearts of every right-minded man. Bro. Upton has left a young widow and two fatherless children, to whom the loss of the bread-winner has proved a loss indeed. With the view of raising money to help our deceased brother's widow and family, a Concert of miscellaneous music was given at Bro. Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Bootle, near Liverpool, on the evening of the 18th inst. While the general public took a warm interest in the scheme, several brethren of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1035, of which Bro. Upton was a member, took an active part in organising and carrying it out. Bro. Turley, P.M. 1035, especially deserves credit for the zeal he displayed, and he was admirably assisted by Bros. Capt. Tobias, G. Morgan, P.M., T. Fozzard, P.M., S. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B., and Bro. Capt. Mott, P.G.S.W., Cumberland and Westmorland. As the spacious and elegantly appointed hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, there is good reason to expect that about £60 will be realised from the concert, and this sum, along with £10 voted by the members of 1035, will probably be ultimately increased to £100 from other sources. An excellent programme was furnished for the occasion, and it is due to the artistes engaged to state that all who appeared during the evening gave their services gratuitously. The singers were Miss T. Clensy, Miss Brown, Miss Newall, Miss Webster, Miss H. Webster, Miss H. Lowthian, Mr. Francis, Mr. Hobart, Mr. J. G. Clensy, and Mr. R. Peake. The efforts of the soloists were greatly appreciated, and more than one *encore* was given. Dr. Churchill also gave a reading between the parts, and the Highfield Musical Society, under the conductorate of Mr. Carmichael (which has only been in existence six weeks), sang several pieces in a highly creditable and intelligent manner. Bro. J. L. Parry fulfilled the duties of accompanist and director in a highly satisfactory style.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April 4, 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, March 29.

- Red Cross Conclave No. 3, Rose and Lily, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.  
 Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.  
 Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.  
 Manchester Lodge of Instruction, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. Ash, P.M., Preceptor.  
 Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worthington, Preceptors.  
 Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, March 31.

- Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
 " 831, British Oak, Beaumont Hall, Beaumont-square 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. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.  
 St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Moulack, Preceptor.  
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Paul's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.25; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.  
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Tottenham.

Tuesday, April 1.

- Colonial Board, at 3.  
 Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall,

- Lodge 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.  
 " 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
 " 217, Stability, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 " 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel.  
 " 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.  
 " 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, New Globe Tavern, Bow-road.  
 " 1261, Golden Rule, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.  
 " 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.  
 " 1381, Kennington, Surrey Club House, Kennington.  
 " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.  
 Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.  
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.  
 Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.  
 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, a 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.  
 St. Marybone 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), Wheatshaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, April 2.

- Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 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;  
 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, April 3.

- Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 27, Egyptian, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 " 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.  
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.  
 " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
 " 236, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 " 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.  
 " 1351, St. Clement Dames, 265, Strand.  
 Chapter 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 9, Moriah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.  
 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.  
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.  
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.  
 United Mechanics' 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.  
 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, Poultry-st., Millbank.  
 Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.

Friday, April 4.

- Lodge 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.  
 Chap. 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 Mark Lodge (8), Filde, Freemasons' Tavern.  
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction, (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.  
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, 35, Gresham-street, City, at 6; Bro. Henry Muggenidge, 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 Improvement Lodge of Instruction 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.  
 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.  
 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.  
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &amp;c.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 5, 1873.

Monday, March 31.

- Lodge of Lights (148), Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

Tuesday, April 1.

- St. John of Jerusalem Chapter, Masonic Temple, Liverpool at 6.  
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, April 2.

- Chapter of Fidelity, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, 6.  
 St. John's Lodge, No. 673, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.  
 Royal Victoria Lodge (1013), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
 West Lancashire Lodge (1413), Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.  
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (No. 1356) 140, North-hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30

Thursday, April 3.

- Mariners' Lodge (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, 6.  
 Cestrian Lodge (425), Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, 4.  
 Bridgewater Chapter, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, 6.  
 Friday, April 4.  
 Sefton Lodge (680), Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, 4.30.  
 Neptune Lodge (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, 6.  
 Walton Chapter, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, 6.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, April 5, 1873.

Monday, March 31.

- Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170 Buchanan-st.

Tuesday, April 1.

- Lodge 33, St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-st.  
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.  
 " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.  
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.  
 " 458, St. John's Busby, Freemasons' Hall, Busby.

Wednesday, April 2.

- Lodge 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-st.  
 " 117, Partick St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.  
 " 128, St. John's, Shettleston.  
 " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.

Thursday, April 3.

- Lodge 27, St. Mungo, Freemasons' Hall, 213 Buchanan-st.  
 " 354, Commercial, 19, Croy place.  
 " 465, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garnyad-rd.

Friday, April 4.

- Lodge 116, Royal Arch, Rutherglen.  
 " 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st.  
 Lodge 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.  
 " 512, Thormtree, Thormtree Bank.

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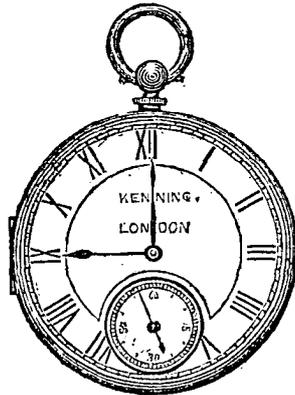
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