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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

JERSEY.—*La Césarée Lodge* (No. 590).—The twenty-second anniversary meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 29th May, at the Masonic Temple, for the purpose of installing the newly elected W.M. Immediately after four o'clock the lodge was opened by Bro. Jos. Gregg, W.M., supported by Bro. A. Viel, P.M., acting as S.W.; Ph. W. Binet, J.W.; A. Schmitt, P.M., Secretary; J. Durrell, P.M., Treasurer; E. J. Renouf, P.M.; J. Oatley, P.M.; Jos. Pallot, S.D. Among the visitors were Bros. Dr. J. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M.; W. Adams, W.M. 887; J. O. Le Sueur, P.M. 491, P.G. Secretary; Pitcher, W.M. 1003; J. Moss, P.M. 221, and others. The minutes were read and unanimously confirmed. The lodge was opened in the second degree, when, at the request of the W.M., Bro. Schmitt took the chair as Installing Master. Bro. Renouf presented Bro. Ph. W. Binet as W.M. elect. The ancient charges were read and duly assented to, and the Ob. of W.M. elect administered. The lodge was opened in the third degree, and all who had not passed the chair withdrew. A board of eleven Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Binet was duly placed in the chair of K.S., in accordance with ancient custom. On the board being closed, the several classes of M.M.'s, Fellow Crafts and Entered Apprentices were in turn admitted, and the customary ceremonies were gone through with exactitude and impressiveness. After the usual addresses to the W.M. were delivered, the following appointments were made, the Installing Master in each case offering appropriate observations: Bros. Jos. Gregg, I.P.M.; Jos. Pallot, S.W.; H. E. le V. dit Durrell, J.W. and Org.; J. Durrell, Treas.; A. Schmitt, Sec.; Ph. Le Brun, S.D.; Captain Ph. Messervy, J.D.; Ph. Pinel, I.G.; Abram Graut, Assistant Secretary; and H. Du Jardin, Tyler. The Secretary read the proceedings of the Committee of Management of the lodge, containing several suggestions and recommendations, according to his custom, the Secretary presented a detailed report of the proceedings, during the biennial tenure of office by the retiring W.M. It was resolved that these reports be received, approved and entered on the minutes. The Secretary then said:—Brethren, since you have just awarded to our I.P.M. a meed of your approbation, I may be permitted to ask you to put it into a tangible form. Considering the zeal, the fidelity, and the valuable services rendered by Bro. Jos. Gregg to our lodge, considering his courtesy and kindness which every member received at his hands, considering also the attention which he has devoted to the business of the lodge, and also the ability and discretion with which he conducted its affairs, I propose that some token be presented to our worthy brother by the lodge, as a visible testimony of our feelings of gratitude, of esteem, which we entertain towards him. The proposition, seconded by the Treasurer was carried unanimously. No other business offering, the lodge was closed in love and perfect harmony. The brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room and sat down to a dinner provided by the Guardian of the Temple, Bro. W. H. Long. The W.M. presided, having on his right Bros. Dr. J.

LeCronier, D.P.G.M.; A. Schmitt, John Durrell, Ph. Binet, John O. LeSueur, and on his left Bros. Jos. Gregg, Wm. Adams, Renouf, A. Viel, and others. The Worshipful Masters of all the lodges in the province had been invited, several of them were present. After the removal of the cloth, the usual Masonic toasts were given. The Secretary proposed the toast to "The memory of our late M.W. Bro., the Earl of Zetland, alluding to his death with feelings of sorrow, enumerating the immense services he has rendered to the Craft during his long Grand Mastership of twenty-five years." He also proposed "The Memory of the thirty Members of the Lodge, who were removed to the Grand Lodge above, pointing out the respective worth of nearly all of them. After the last toast, given by the Tyler, the brethren separated about 9.30. (The Masonic Temple was put into mourning by command of Bro. Schmitt, Hon. Sec. to Masonic Temple Co. (Limited) on account of the death of the M.W. Past Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland.)

CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).—This lodge met on Tuesday, at the Bull and Gate Tavern, Highgate-road, N.W., and was very fully attended. The W.M., Bro. Swatton, presided, and opened the lodge at 5.30, p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot taken for Mr. John Carter and Mr. E. G. Morris, the result in both cases being unanimous. The duties embraced the two initiations alluded to, and two passings, and the ceremonies were splendidly rendered by the W.M. Ten guineas, in addition to a previous donation of two guineas, were voted to a distressed brother. The vote was then taken for the W.M., and proved unanimous in favour of Bro. Boys, S.W. The proceedings then closed in perfect harmony. A banquet followed. The cloth having been removed and the usual Masonic toasts disposed of, the W.M. in the most impressive manner requested the brethren to drink in solemn silence to the revered memory of their late deceased Past Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland. The toast was received and responded to as desired. The health of the initiates having been proposed by the W.M., Bro. Morris responded, in a manner that was pleasing to the brethren, and trusted that all who joined, would enter Freemasonry with those favourable feelings and impressions that had just been stamped upon his mind for ever. He concluded by tendering his grateful thanks to Bro. P.M. Garratt, for introducing him, and the W.M. and brethren for having received him into their lodge. The health of the visitors was next proposed and responded to by Bros. P.M. Alexander, P.M. Myers, Collier, and other visiting brethren. Bro. Alexander, P.M., then rose, and eulogised the W.M. for the admirable working of his past onerous duties. Continually visiting other lodges, he had concluded that in all respects the Camden Lodge stood second to none. He further complimented Bro. Garratt for the excellent manner he invariably catered for the brethren. The healths of the W.M. and P.M.'s were likewise drank, and cordially responded to. Several excellent songs were given by brethren to the brilliant music rendered on the harmonium by Bro. Garratt, and the proceedings of a most enjoyable evening were at length brought to a close.

LANCASTER.—*Rowley Lodge* (No. 1051).—The regular meeting of the Rowley Lodge was held on Monday, 2nd June, at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. There were present Bros. W. J. Sly, W.M.; J. Daniel Moore, M.D., P.G.S.B. of England as I.P.M.; E. Airey, S.W.; James Taylor as J.W.; Richard Taylor as S.D.; T. Jackson as J.D.; H. Longman, I.G.; G. Sutton, Steward; J. Watson, Tyler; N. W. Helme. After some preliminary business had been transacted, the W.M. announced the lamented death of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. of England, and moved that a resolution expressive of the regret of the lodge at his lordship's death, and an earnest acknowledgment of the services that he had for upwards of a quarter of a century rendered to the Craft, should be entered upon the minutes of the meeting. The brethren appeared in Masonic mourning, in accordance with the direction of the Grand Lodge.

LANCASTER.—*Duke of Lancaster Lodge* (No. 1353).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., on which occasion, on account of the death of the M.W., Past Grand Master, the lodge was put into mourning. The W.M., Bro. J. Barrow, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Jonathan Acton, acting Secretary; John Bell, S.W.; William Heald, J.W.; William S. Carr, J.W., acting S.D.; J. Elenshaw, acting J.D.; R. Wolfenden, I.G., and a goodly number of other brethren. The W.M. moved that a resolution expressive of the regret of the brethren at the lamented death of the Rt. Hon. Earl of Zetland, be entered on the minutes of the lodge-book. Also, a thankful acknowledgment and recognition of the very able and valuable services he had for upwards of a quarter of a century rendered to the Craft. This was seconded by Bro. J. Bell, S.W., and carried unanimously. Other business was transacted, one brother raised, two initiated, and two candidates proposed for initiation, after which, the lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Arch.

SHERNESS.—*Adams Chapter* (No. 158).—The regular quarterly convocation of this old and flourishing chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Mile Town, on Tuesday evening, the 27th ult. and which was attended by about 20 Companions. The following officiated:—T. Hughes, Z.; E. J. Bagshaw, H.; Captain Shepherd, R.A., J.; A. Spears, I.P.Z.; A. Oyston, E.; W. Pannel, N.; W. Tailford, P.S.; Jas. Woodley R.N., 1st Asst.; T. Russell R.N., 2nd Asst. The convocation being opened in due form according to the ancient rites. Bros. Thurlow, Simmonds and Ashworth, all of Lodge 158, being candidates for exaltation, were examined entrusted, and exalted to the supreme degree of R.A.M. The ceremony was most ably performed by the M.E.Z. and the other Principals, assisted by Comp. Alexandra A. Spears, I.P.Z. Business of the chapter terminating, it was closed in due form, M.E. Comp. A. Spears, I.P.Z., delivering the parting address. Chapter being closed, the companions adjourned to the Britannia Inn, Mile Town, (Late Comp. Green, &c.) for refreshment, two hours being pleasantly spent in harmony and friendly intercourse.

Royal and Select Masters.

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

A meeting of the members of the Degree of Royal and Select Masters was held on Monday, in the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, Bro. Rev. G. Raymond Portal, M.A., M.P.G.M., presiding, assisted by Captain N.G. Phillips, in the 2nd chair; Bro. J. M. P. Montague, in the 3rd chair; Bro. Shaw, 33°, from America; and Bro. F. Binckes, G. Recorder. There were also present, Bros. G. Lambert, W. Hyde Pullen, Magnus Ohren, C. Hammerton, S. Rosenthal, James Stevens, and H. Massey.

The object of the meeting was to receive the report of the Finance Committee, to appoint a committee to draw up regulations for the Government of the Order, and to transact any other business which might arise.

The Grand body was constituted on the 4th August, 1871, and as the taking of the numerous valuable degrees under this head of Freemasonry has been making steady progress since that time, the necessity of drawing up a Book of Constitutions for the more certain regulation of the Order has daily become more apparent.

After the minutes of former meeting had been read and confirmed, a resolution was come to that the future meetings of the Grand Council should be held at 33, Golden-square.

A committee was then appointed to settle the rules, fees, &c., after which the report of the Finance Committee was read, received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The same steps were also taken with the Treasurer's report. It was afterwards resolved that the Finance Committee be the committee to prepare

a book of regulations for the Government of the Order; and subsequently a motion was carried that a circular reporting the proceedings of this meeting should be prepared and sent to the Mark lodges under the English jurisdiction.

After long and able discussions had taken place on the various matters of business before the brethren, the Grand Council was closed in due form.

GRAND MASTER'S COUNCIL (No. 1).—A meeting of the Grand Master's Council, No. 1, was held in the Hall, 33, Golden-square, Bro. Frederick Binckes in the Master's chair. There were also present—the W.P.G.M. Bro. the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, M.A., and Bros. J. M. P. Montague, Capt. N. G. Phillips, Magnus Ohren, James Stevens, W. Hyde Pullen, S. Rosenthal, C. Hammerton, John Read (G. Org.), E. Stanton Jones, and H. Massey. The meeting was held for the purpose of installing the Rev. G. Raymond Portal as Master, and the other chief officers for the year. After the opening of the Council, Bro. Binckes obligated, invested, and installed Bro. Portal as M. Master; Capt. Phillips as 2nd Officer; Bro. Montague as 3rd Officer; and Bro. Hyde Pullen as Recorder. There was no other business before the brethren, and the council was closed and adjourned.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MOORE CHAPTER ROSE CROIX.—The meeting of Moore Rose Croix Chapter, 18°, for the election of Most Wise Sovereign and Treasurer, took place on the 23rd April, at its Asylum, Ritchie's building, St. John's, New Brunswick. There was a full attendance. D. R. Munro, 33°, was elected M.W.S., and W. H. Thorne, 32°, Treas. This branch of the Masonic Order in St. John is becoming quite popular, a large number of the most influential members of the Craft being connected with it. The Harington Sov. Consistory, 32°, under registry of the Supreme Council of England, is also now fully organised for the Maritime Provinces of the Dominion of Canada; its principal place of meeting is the City of St. John, Province of New Brunswick.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LIVERPOOL.—Skelmersdale Conclave (No. 77).—An assembly of Sir Knights attached to the Skelmersdale Conclave of the Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, No. 76, was holden at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Monday evening last, the special business of the gathering being the enthronement of the M.P.S., and investiture of the officers. During its years' existence, the conclave has made steady progress, and it now numbers amongst its members many who are well-known within the mystic circle. The Knights were summoned for six o'clock, and shortly after that time the conclave was opened in due form by Em. Sir Knt. Thomas Ashmore, M.P.S., who was supported by the following:—Sir Knts. H. Nelson, V.E.; J. T. Callow, I.G.; J. Banning, H.P.; W. Cotterell, Rec.; J. J. Rose, Prefect; H. Jackson, O.; C. Leighton, Org.; P. Ball, Sentinel; J. Skeaf, Almoner; J. C. Lunt, T. Kamskill, J. Capell, T. Laurence, H. Burrows, H. Morris, W. Quayle, J. Lally, W. R. Corbin, J. McCarthy, W. H. Cooper, J. Dawson, J. C. McGuire, I. W. Robinson, T. Garrett, A. M. Elliott, &c. Ill. Sir Knight G. Turner, I.G. for West Lancashire; Em. Sir Knt. H. M. Molyneux, M.P.S.-elect, of the Liverpool Conclave, No. 55; and Sir Knt. F. Day, Conclave No. 55, were present as visitors. After the muster roll had been called, and the records of the conclave had been duly confirmed, Bros. W. Shortis, W.M. 724, and C. B. Tithian, of Lodge No. 1003, Jersey, were solemnly installed Knights of the Order. Em. Sir Knt. Ashmore then proceeded with the enthronement of Em. Sir Knt. Henry Nelson, as M.P.S., being ably assisted by Sir Knight Jackson, who gave the oration with striking effect. The newly-installed Sovereign subsequently invested the following his officers:—Sir Knts. Jas. Callow, V.E.;

Jesse Banning, S.G.; Wm. Cottrell, J.G.; Hy. Jackson, H.P.; Thos. Ashmore, Treas.; John McCarthy, Rec.; J. J. Rose, S. Prefect; J. Skeaf, J. Prefect; Wm. R. Corbin, S. Bearer; Hy. Morris, Orator; C. Leighton, Organist; Wm. Quayle, Herald; John Capell, S. Aide; Wm. Laurence, J. Aide; and P. Ball, Sentinel. The conclave was subsequently closed in peace and harmony, and the assembled Knights sat down to an excellent repast.

Scotland.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

GLASGOW.—A special meeting of St. Mungo Encampment was held on May 8th, the M.N.C., R. Bell, presiding, assisted by Sir Knts. J. E. Spiers, C.G.; D. Butler, D.C.; G. W. Wheeler, R.; M. Clanachan, C.E.; and J. Crabb, Acting Aide-de-Camp. Comp. T. S. Wilson was received into the Order of the Temple, after which a Priory of Knights of Malta was opened—R. Bell, Prior; G. W. Wheeler, Prelate—when Sir Knts. Johnston, Douglas, Currie, and Wilson were created Knights of Malta. Arrangements were then entered into for the purpose of welcoming our American Fraters on the 27th June, a committee was appointed, consisting of Sir Knts. Bell, Wheeler, Butler, Adams, and Crabb, to carry out the entertainment, and an order was given to Sir Knt. Kenning for some clothing and jewels for the officers to be properly clothed to meet them on that occasion.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this lodge was held at Louth, on Thursday the 29th inst., under the auspices of the Lindsey Lodge, 712.

In the absence of His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, the Provincial Grand Master, the throne was occupied by the W. Bro., W. H. Smyth, D.P.G.M.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in form at 2.30 p.m., when, in answer to the roll-call, every lodge in the province was represented to, the number of seventeen, minus one, the Doric, 362.

Among the brethren present were W. Bros. Locock, P.P.G.W.; C. M. Nesbitt, P.G. Treas.; W. G. Moore, P.G. Reg.; H. E. Turnover, P.S.G.D.; Rev. W. Ace, D.D., as P.G. Chap.; W. H. Radley, P.P.G.W., and Sec. to the Prov. Charity Committee; J. H. Barker, 985, P.P.G.S. (Cambridge); J. Sutcliffe, P.P.G.W.; T. E. Jacobson, P.J.G.W., 130; F. D. Marsden, P.G. Sec.; T. B. Hildred, P.J.G.D.; Jas. Fowler, P.P.G.S. of W., with many other brethren of note in the province.

Among the visitors was Bro. A. A. Ainsworth, J.D. 1024, and Bro. A. K. Sidebottom, of the Apollo Lodge; 130 brethren having signed the attendance book.

The minutes of the last P.G. Lodge having been read and confirmed, the P.G. Reg. read his financial statement, showing a considerable balance in hand.

The Prov. G. Sec. then read a report of the Committee of the P.G. Fund of Benevolence, showing that they had this day been able to alleviate the distresses of more than one necessitous member in the province, and that they still retain a balance in hand of £70 8s. 11d., together with a capital of £450 already invested.

From the returns given by the P. G. Reg. it appeared that there was an increase of subscribing members on the last year of twenty, and that a new lodge is in contemplation.

Bro. Radley P.P.G.W., and Sec. of the Charity Committee, then read an interesting account of the efforts of the said committee during the past year, from which it appeared that the province had been successful in gaining the election of a candidate into the Boys' School, likewise a widow into the Home for Aged Freemasons. The province can now boast of possessing some 600 votes in the three grand charities, and the Secretary called on the members for an increase of exertions.

It was decided to give the support of the

province for the ensuing year to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, W. Bro. Sutcliffe, 1294, P.P.G.W., kindly undertaking the duties of Prov. Grand Steward.

W. Bro. W. H. Smyth, D.P.G.M., in feeling terms, alluded to the death of our late P.G. Master, the Earl of Zetland, proposing a vote of condolence, to be sent to the family of the late Earl.

The following officers were then duly invested:—W. Bros. James Fowler, 712, S.G.W.; Joseph Bellamy, 588, J.G.W.; Rev. Daniel Ace, G. Chap.; W. G. Moore, 297, G. Reg.; C. M. Nesbitt, 712, G. Treas.; F. W. Marsden, 712, G. Sec.; J. H. Barker, 985, S.G.D.; J. Hadfield, 792, J.G.D.; Charles Hensman, 1304, G.S. of W.; H. Bates, 1294, G. Dir. of Cer.; Wm. Griffin, 712, Asst. Dir. of Cer.; Bro. A. Richdale, 426, G.S.B.; W. Bros. J. C. Lambert, 588, G.O.; T. Morris, G. Pursuivant; George Nelson, 1282, M. Cook, 792, C. Jackson, 272, C. Scorer, 297, T. J. Slater, 838, and Bro. J. G. Tapholme, 712, Grand Stewards; Bro. B. Box, 422, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed in due form, after which the brethren adjourned to the Corn Exchange, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. J. W. Richardson, 712, of the Masons' Arms Hotel, where a very enjoyable evening was passed in a truly Masonic spirit. Considerable disappointment was felt by the fact of Bro. Marsden, the W.M. of the Lindsey Lodge, being unable to be present, owing to a recent family bereavement. His chair was, however, ably filled by W. Bro. Porter, P.P.G.O., and I.P.M. of the Lindsey Lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

On Thursday, May 29th, there was a large gathering of Mark Masters of the Province of Devon, at the Huyshe Temple, to witness the installation of Bro. Captain John Tanner Davy, P.M. Mark Lodges 9, 29, P.P.S.G.W., Past G. Sword Bearer, G. Mark Lodge of England, in the room of Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe, M.A., the Right Worshipful the Grand Mark Master of the Province, who, in consequence of his advanced age and the heavy duties that devolved upon him, felt that he ought to resign. The Rev. Bro. has been Grand Master of the Mark in this Province for more than fifteen years, and in this, as in everything else, he has brought to his work a loving heart, a personal suavity, and an ability which has endeared him to all with whom he has come in contact. No one could have ever ruled a province with more satisfaction than the R.W. and Rev. Bro. who has been for many years past so intimately associated with Craft and Mark Masonry, as well as with the so called higher Orders, and his retirement from any of the offices he has held must be regarded with regret by all the brethren. He is, however, right to relieve himself of some of his heavy work, and we trust that he may yet live many years to enjoy a well-earned leisure.

The V.W. Bro. Gower called over the lodges and official members, in the order in which they should enter and take their places in the lodge. Bro. J. Hele, P.P.G. Org. of Cornwall, presided with great ability at the organ; and he was assisted in the musical ceremonies, which were elaborate and excellent, by Bros. J. Rendle, 50; W. H. W. Sargent, W.M. 96; W. S. Hearder, 18°, M.O. 50; Body, 76; P. B. Clemens, P.M. 64; and H. H. Arnold, Org. 96.

The Grand Officers then entered the lodge in procession, and the R.W. the Rev. John Huyshe having taken his seat, he proceeded to state the object of the meeting. Before he vacated that chair, which he had occupied for nearly sixteen years, he felt it to be his duty to thank the brethren for the great courtesy which they had always shown to him, and their ready acquiescence to all his commands. He need not tell them that, born as he was before the commencement of the present century, he had arrived at a time of life when it was impossible to carry out all the important duties with which he had been honoured during life. He could not now give the time or the physical strength to them. He believed that he had performed these duties to

their satisfaction. (Hear, hear.) If he had at any time made mistakes, which, of course, he had, they had been mistakes of the head, and not of the heart. He first of all thanked the Grand Master of England for having so readily acted upon his suggestion when he asked him to appoint some one to take his place. Among the many members whose position and claims he had to consider, there was one who had been the first to introduce Mark Masonry into the province, who had acted so as to gain the approbation of all. The Grand Master acceded to his request, and having heard that Captain Tanner Davy had been a Mark Mason for upwards of thirty years, he kindly appointed him to that office which he was now resigning. The Grand Secretary of England, Bro. Binckes, had very kindly come down expressly for the purpose of installing the new Grand Master of the Province, and he would now resign the chair to that distinguished brother, and ask him to proceed with the duties. (The R.W. Master, on vacating the chair, was greeted with warm applause).

Bro. Binckes, the officiating P.G.M., then took the chair, and the lodge was opened in due form. A deputation then left the lodge to escort and introduce the R.W. the P.G.M. in due form. On entering, the brethren stood in order, and the 1st Psalm was chanted. This finished, the patent of office was presented and read by Bro. Rogers of Exeter, the P.G.S.

The officiating P.G. Master then addressed the R.W.P. Grand Master nearly as follows:—I think this meeting sufficiently influential, and the occasion sufficiently important to justify something more than ordinary routine observation. Permit me, therefore, to occupy your time for a few minutes in taking a retrospect of the degree under the auspices of which we are this day assembled. In doing this it is unnecessary for me to insist on the intrinsic value of the degree in connection with the general Masonic system. I regard that as conceded—and its place properly assured—and this I have a right to infer, seeing the success which has followed the organisation of our Grand Lodge; a success which, even if achieved, could not be maintained if the object of that organisation had been a sham or a mockery—(hear, hear). And this reminds me that I am speaking in the presence of one who was mainly instrumental in founding the Grand Lodge, who for years was the main-spring of the machinery, by which the work was carried on, who long held a high and responsible office, and who was worthily rewarded with distinguished rank by our second Grand Master—I mean Bro. Captain Ridgway. Associated as Bro. Ridgway was not only with Craft Masonry, but with the higher degree in which he had attained great eminence, he lent the weight of his influence and his great abilities to the formation of a governing body, whose laws are quoted as a model of Masonic legislation; and I hope my friend is well satisfied with the vigorous maturity attained by the child at whose birth he assisted. Let me not forget to add that Bro. Ridgway had also the glories of actual paternity to boast of, for I believe I am correct in stating that your new R.W. Prov. Grand Master owes to him his Masonic birth—(cheers). The general Masonic merits of Bro. Ridgway must be well-known to Devon, as he has filled the office of Grand Warden of the province, both in Craft and Mark, and is, no doubt, destined to higher honours. The Grand Lodge was established in 1855, and in 1857 Bro. Rev. J. Huyshe was appointed G.M. of Devon. At that time there were only two lodges in the province. In 1873 Bro. Huyshe hands to his successor the charge of sixteen lodges in this province—(hear, hear). Of the high qualities of Bro. Huyshe, whether we regard him in his exoteric position, speaking Masonically, as a gentleman, a clergyman, a magistrate—it is impossible to speak in anything but terms of praise—in his esoteric position as bearing rule and sway in the various degrees in Masonry, whether recognised or unrecognised, it is difficult to find expression which shall adequately do justice to his deserts—(loud applause). His retirement, full of honour, owing to increasing years, which demand and deserve repose, is, I feel confident, deeply deplored by all—(cheers). Two sources of

consolation, however, are his—one that he carries with him the esteem and regard of all those amongst whom he has laboured, and over whom he has ruled with firmness and courtesy, and in whose memories he will be cherished in green remembrance; the other, that he is succeeded in the province by one in every way so worthy of his support and your trust—(applause). This brings me, Capt. Davy, to address you personally on the high position to which you are this day called. Initiated some years since, having filled the chair of your Craft Lodge, subsequently acted as M.M.M., and now for the second time occupying the chair of a Mark Lodge, having held high office in the Craft P.G. Lodge, and also in the Mark, you cannot be without experience in the science of ruling. The position of a Prov. G. Master is one of great importance and considerable responsibility, and is an honour sufficiently distinguished to be an object of laudable ambition—(hear, hear). It demands in its possessor high and varied qualifications—urbanity, firmness, patience, forbearance, and all the characteristics of a gentleman—knowledge of our laws and constitutions—a regard for order and regularity, and all the characteristics of a Mason. In none of these do we believe you to be wanting, and crediting you with the possession of all requisite qualifications for the efficient discharge of the duties appertaining to your office, we heartily welcome you as the head of this province, and bid you good speed in your work—(cheers). And now, brethren, bear with a few general remarks. You know the purpose for which you are this day assembled. A new chief has been legally placed over you. He has taken a solemn obligation to maintain the laws, and administer them impartially. And on your part, there is an implied obligation to render him your faithful allegiance, and a true and reasonable obedience, a kindly and fraternal support—(cheers). In a country such as ours, where we are enjoying to the fullest extent freedom, both of thought and expression where policy is openly discussed, and individuals sharply criticised, perfect unanimity is not, cannot be expected, and I have no right to regard the appointment to-day as an exceptional instance. I do not know of any divergence of opinion; I would fain hope there is none; but should there be, I ask from the minority a cheerful acquiescence in the wishes of the majority; I ask for a fair, dispassionate judgment on all questions affecting the order; I ask for a spirit of conciliation; I ask for loyal assistance and kindly sympathy, so that we may hope to be able to exclaim, "How good and joyful a thing it is to see these brethren dwelling together in unity." I look back at the history of Mark Masonry in this province, and I think I have warrant for taking the experience of the past as the foundation of the present, on which shall be reared the glorious superstructure of the future—(loud cheers).

The P.G. Mark Master having then taken his place in the chair, proceeded to return thanks for the distinguished honour which had been conferred upon him. He felt very much the kindness which had been lavished upon him on all sides. He then thanked collectively all those brethren who had contributed, by their expressions of good feeling, to his present elevation. He stood there in a very proud position; but it was one that was not unmingled with pain. He was the successor of one who had been for many years known to the Freemasons of the province, his old and much-valued friend, Bro. Huyshe, to whom his warmest thanks were due. (Cheers.) He was pained to think that his R.W. Brother, owing to increase of years, felt himself compelled to give up his office. He wished that he could have held the office for many years to come, for they all knew what judgment and kindness of heart he brought to bear in all his work. (Cheers.) Bro. Huyshe had most kindly promised to give him all the assistance in his power. The speaker then expressed his warmest thanks to Col. Elliott for accepting a renewal of office as D.P.G. Mark Master of the Province, and he added his personal thanks to Bro. Binckes for coming down expressly from London to instal him in his office. He next adverted to his indebtedness to Bro. Ridgway, who first instigated him to be-

come a Mark Mason, and after that he (Captain Davy) applied for a warrant and established the first Mark Mason's Lodge in the province, at Southmolton—though he believed that at some former time there had been a lodge at Plymouth, but not under the present constitution. He should endeavour to carry out the duties of his office without favour or affection, and it would be his desire in the distribution of the honours that the working bees should get the honey. (Cheers.) In conclusion, the R.W. gentleman said that Bro. Metham had sent a letter expressive of his regret that his absence in London on business connected with the Orphan Asylum prevented his being present.

Bro. Colonel Elliott was then appointed D.P.G. Mark Master, and duly obligated by Bro. Binckes, after which he expressed his sense of the honour that had been conferred upon him, stating that he took 24 hours to consider whether he would accept office, and when he had decided he determined that he would perform its duties to the best of his ability. (Cheers.)

The P.G. Master then asked all the brethren now in office to continue to hold their offices till the end of the year. Bro. Langridge, who was G. J. Deacon, having died, his place was filled by Bro. W. Browning, who was transferred from the office of Steward. Bro. I. Latimer was appointed to the office of Steward.

It was then proposed that five guineas should be voted to the Grand Master, as a contribution to the Mark Benevolent Fund. The Treasurer (Bro. V. Bird) said they could afford to vote ten guineas, but some economists opposing, a vote was eventually taken, and the larger sum was carried by a very large majority.

An anthem from Psalm cxxxiii. was then sung by the choir, after which the Chaplain, the Rev. Bro. Newnham, offered up prayer. After some other ceremonies, Bro. J. Rendle sang very beautifully Mendelssohn's air, "O, rest in the Lord," which was followed by the "Hallelujah Chorus."

The other business was then soon brought to a conclusion, and the lodge closed in due form.

After the installation, the brethren repaired to the Globe Hotel, and partook of a dinner in every way worthy of Bro. Watts' reputation. The newly-installed P.G.M. presided, and had on his right P.P.G.M. the Rev. J. Huyshe, D.P.G.M. Colonel Elliott, and Bro. J. Latimer, P.G.S.; and on his left, Bro. Binckes, G. Sec., and Bro. Capt. Ridgway, P.G.R.

The loyal toasts having been given, the P.G.M. gave "The G.M. of English Mark Masons, and other Officers of the Grand Lodge." They had present a distinguished member of the Grand Lodge in the person of Bro. Binckes, the G.S., who so ably performed the ceremony of installation that day. Then there was present almost the father of Mark Masonry, their old and valued friend Captain Ridgway, who was, at one time, G.R. of England. Bro. Hopkins, Bro. Bird, and their universally respected P.P.G.M. were also Past Masters of the Grand Lodge, and he hoped they would all long be spared to be useful to Mark Masonry.

Bro. Binckes, G.S., in responding, remarked that not only had their M.W.G.M. held the office for the allotted term of three years, but, owing to the illness of the G.M. Elect, Earl Perry, he had held it for an additional year, and during that time most unquestionably a very large advance had been made in Mark Masonry, a very large number of new lodges had been formed, and new provinces had been constituted. Unquestionably the degree had made very marked and considerable progress, and a large amount of that progress was due to the energy, zeal and ability displayed by their W.M., who was not content to bear the honours of the Order, but took a very active part in its management, and never shrank from any legitimate duty. Then their D.G.M., the Earl of Limerick had displayed such energy and zeal that they expected great things of him when he became G.M. Devonshire had a very fair proportion of grand lodge officers. Every discrimination was exercised in the choice of those officers, and there was no "back-stairs" influence used. The P.G.M.'s and Masters of lodges were asked for the names of those who had signalled themselves by zeal and ability on behalf of Mark

Masonry; and where merit was found, zeal displayed, and energy exhibited, there preferment was bestowed. Grand lodge officers had, therefore a right to infer that they might be proud of the distinction. This should be an incentive to others, and prove that the only road to promotion and preferment was hard work on behalf of the degree. Looking back at the history of the degree, and to its introduction, mainly through the exertions of Captain Ridgeway, in 1865, they could now see the seed sown spread in goodly proportions over the length and breadth, over the jurisdiction of Freemasonry in England, and shewing a vitality which surprised its friends, and those who at one time were its enemies, but were now numbered among its well-wishers. Unquestionably in its earliest origin Mark Masonry was regarded in a spirit of antagonism by the United Grand Lodge of England, but lately they had received from the Marquis of Ripon the best proof that a very different feeling now existed. Their great object was to preserve and conserve a valued degree in Masonry without at all forgetting their allegiance to the United Grand Lodge. He esteemed it a very high honour and privilege at being allowed to instal the P.G.M. in the chair at his (Capt. Tanner Davy's) express wish, and his earnest desire was that their new P.G.M. had that day commenced a career of happiness and prosperity—(applause).

The P.G.M. said he was now about to propose the health of a brother whose name had only to be mentioned to ensure its hearty reception and to raise the fervent hope that though that brother had retired from the P.G.M.'s chair of the Mark he would be long spared to preside over the Craft—(hear, hear). He had the opportunity of seeing Bro. Huyshe at home, and he could assure them he carried out the spirit and teaching of Freemasonry most thoroughly in his own parish—applause—for never a case of distress arose without its being relieved by Bro. Huyshe or his good lady—(hear, hear). He doubted if any P.G.M. had such a name for relieving the wants of the necessitous—(applause).

The Rev. J. Huyshe, received with applause, rose to respond with very mingled feelings, for it could not be supposed that a man who had held a very high position among Mark Masons could feel called upon to retire from that office without emotion. But there was no mistaking the inroads of age—there was no mistaking the fact that a man born in the last century could not exactly feel as he did some forty or fifty years ago. Then all was the hey-day of youth, and strength, and vigour. Now all was decrepitude. ("No, no.") To a certain extent it was, though perhaps not so much, thank God, as it might be, but still decrepitude, and sorrow, and labour. But he regretted it not; why should he? it was the natural law of man. Every man had his day, and he had his. If he had done any good, all the better for him and for those to whom it had been done. But he could hardly hope that the good had predominated, and if any good had come of his rule, it was simply from the kindness and ability of those brethren who had been his officers. And he had had most efficient officers, and to them he tendered his most sincere thanks. Though perhaps not in the immediate future, yet his separation from them must come before very long, and he should be acting sinfully if he hid his eyes to the fact. The friendships of this life were short, and it was well for them to keep before their eyes that they were short. Let them make the most of them whilst they lasted. He was happy in knowing that during the whole of his sixteen years' reign over them, no very serious difficulty had arose between them. It was impossible to prevent differences arising, and he liked that they should arise, because if in a provincial lodge with two thousand Freemasons there were no differences arising, he should feel sure differences existed in the heart, and that they simply agreed with him because he was their head and superior. He should not like that—(hear, hear)—and very much rather preferred a man's letting him know the difference of opinion he held, and the reasons for it. (Applause.) They had always acted on the principle that every man had a right to his own opinion, but that of the majority ought to prevail; and to his ruling on that principle, he

attributed the extraordinary fact that though there were 41 lodges in the Province, very few persons had really any essential difference with him, and there was no unfraternal or improper feeling between one and another. (Hear, hear.) Feeling really too old and unable to carry out the duties himself, he resigned into the hands of the G.M. of England the powers he had held by his kindness over the Mark Masons for 15½ years. That he had exercised the office to the satisfaction of himself he could hardly say, but, remembering the way in which he had been received that day, and the exhibition of good feeling which had on all occasions been shown towards him, and taking that as an index of what was passing in their hearts, he trusted he was justified in saying that to their satisfaction, as well as to his own, he had endeavoured to do his duty. (Applause.) Then, as to his successor, he mentioned to the G.M. that Capt. Tanner Davy possessed all the qualities of a P.G.M., and the G.M. was good enough to say that any person he suggested would be a fit and proper person, and enquiries should be made. The result was that Capt. Davy had been installed over them, and his earnest wish was that they would show their new P.G.M. the same kindness, goodwill, and fraternal friendship they had extended to him. (Hear, hear.) As a pledge that they would do this, and forgive any little error of judgment, he asked them to drink the "Health of the P.G.M.," and may his reign be a prosperous and united one. (Applause.)

The P.G.M., in very feelings terms, acknowledged the compliment. Any error he committed would, he hoped, be charitably thought to be a fault of the head and not of the heart. Whilst fully appreciating the high honour that had been done him, it had "a twinge of the gout" about it in the fact, that the retirement of Bro. Huyshe had brought the honour on him; and he would have infinitely preferred to hold a subordinate position under him than hold his present high office. The kindness that he received from everybody since his appointment was more than he had any right to expect, and especially great had been the kindness of D.P.G.M., Col. Elliott. Bro. Binckes next proposed "The Past and Present Officers of the P.G. Mark Lodge," and Col. Elliott and Capt. Ridgeway suitably responded, the former offering every assistance to the P.G.M.

The P.G.M. gave "The Masters and Officers of the Mark Lodges in the Province," mentioning that he hoped to visit every lodge in the course of the next twelve months, and to find the new ritual in universal use, as it ought to be.

Bro. Furze, I.P.M. 9, in responding, said he regarded the appointment of the P.G.M. as the highest compliment that could be paid to his lodge, of whom Capt. Tanner Davy was a Past Master.

The company separated, after toasting "Their poor and distressed brethren."

LABOUR ON!

By Bro. WM. CARPENTER, P.M. & P.Z. 17;

The mountain's steep, the path is rugged,
But yonder stands the sacred pile
Which none can reach, except with labour,
Then labour we, and hope the while.

Reward assured doth sweeten labour,
And level make the rugged way;
So, wisdom's feast that there awaits us,
Will cheer us on a cloudy day.

There's nothing gain'd without an effort,
There's nothing great achiev'd at once;
To reach the height to which we're bidden,
Let's onward press, nor fear repulse.

The height's attain'd! our object's gain'd!
Reward now crowns th' accomplish'd task,
And wisdom gives to us who've sought her,
The choicest blessings we can ask.

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Original Correspondence.

THE VIENNA EXHIBITION AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The following correspondence may interest your readers:—

"Vienna, 5th May, 1873.

"Sir,—I have the honour to apply to your Excellency on behalf of the General Order of Freemasons for permission to hold a meeting of the Order in Vienna during the Exhibition.

Their R. R. and Imp. Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Crown Prince of Germany, are both Protectors of the Order in their respective countries, and, as your Excellency is no doubt aware, all subjects of religious and political discussion are most rigorously excluded from our meetings, one of the first principles of the Order, inculcated by precept and illustrated by example, being strict obedience to the laws of the country affording it protection.

"I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient and very humble servant,

"C. W. DEBERNARDY,

"P.D.G.M. for Monmouth.

"To His Excellency the Minister of the Interior, Vienna."

"British Embassy, Vienna,

"13th May, 1873.

"Sir,—I am directed by Sir Andrew Buchanan to inform you that the letter which you addressed to the Minister of the Interior, requesting permission for meetings of Freemasons to be held in Vienna during the Exhibition, has been taken into consideration by that department, and His Excellency has now been requested by the Imperial Government to inform you that whereas permission for meetings of Foreign Societies in Austria can only be granted in exceptional cases, and the Order of Freemasons being one which, on account of the secret nature of its proceedings, fails to meet the requirements of the existing law, the request which you have made cannot be granted.

"I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient Servant,

"G. F. BONHAM,

"Secretary to H.M. Embassy.

"Mons. C. W. DeBernardy."

"Sir,—Being thus shut out from Vienna, my attention was directed to the lesser Country Hungary, where Freemasonry in its infancy flourishes, and then proceeded to Pesth, where my proposition was cordially received by the M.W. the Grand Master.

On the 18th July, the mother lodge of the order, "Corvin Matyas" will hold its Annual Festival, and foreign brethren will receive a most cordial welcome. The Imperial Danube Steam Navigation Company will place a special steamer at our disposition from Vienna to Pesth and back, and the necessary arrangements will be made with the best hotels for superior accommodation, so as to make the visit an agreeable one.

I shall be happy to afford brethren from England all information and assistance they may require, and letters addressed to me, 14, Seiler Gasse, Vienna, will have my best attention.

"Sir and Brother, I have the honour to be, your very obedient servant,

"C. W. DEBERNARDY.

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If our Bro. Emra Holmes is correct in his belief that "a great many Masons enter the Craft, simply to qualify for the Order of the Temple," would it not be well for that Order, now that it is making a "fresh start," and in theory, at least endeavouring to establish itself on a chivalric basis, to dispense with Masonic qualifications altogether? By doing so, the new institution could insert in its prospectus. "No connection with any other establishment." Its intending aspirants would not have the trouble of joining the inferior organization! and Craft Masonry would be delivered from receiving as members

those who, having apparently no sympathy with the principles of the institution they are compelled to use as a "stepping-stone," are most decidedly no acquisition to its ranks.

Perhaps Bro. Holmes will kindly, at his leisure—it will take some time—proceed to prove his statement that "Masonry is still the vital essence of the United Orders of the Temple and the Hospital." Under the old working, the connecting link between the Templar Order and Freemasonry was extremely slight, and I believe the new ritual is yet unshaped, and if we look to principles, I am at a loss to see any similarity between the grand old Order that proclaims equality and religious toleration for all its members, and the modern high grade offshoot, that seeks to select its members from the gentlemen of the Order, and that imposes the Trinitarian test on those who seek its honours.

Fraternally Yours,

JOSEPH H. WOODWORTH, P.M., P.K. &c.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. CHARLES ROGERS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I observed in your last the above heading to an application to raise funds amongst the Masonic community, wherewith to build a house for Dr. C. Rogers. Before paying towards this somewhat costly act of benevolence, I should be glad to learn what further claims the friends of the Doctor have to advance in support of so startling a proposition.

If you or any of your readers, in the presence of much suffering amongst poor Masons, and the legitimate charities of your Order, can show that Dr. R., through his friends, has a "deserving case," and is in *bona fide* distress, or houseless, I should not hesitate to place at your disposal for his relief a sovereign, but until I am so satisfied I shall most certainly give the preference to the excellent Masonic Educational Institutions, which seem at present to have superior claims.

Yours fraternally,
B. B.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think it but fair to let you know that in the report of the 150th anniversary of the Lodge of Emulation No. 21, there are some mistakes. The Master's name is Thomas William White not Thomas White, then the Grand Secretary, is, at the commencement of his speech, reported as deputed to propose "The Health of the Past Masters" and finally "Health and Prosperity to the Emulation Lodge," which was the toast he really proposed. Bro. Hubback proposed "the Past Master's." I have before more than once written and asked to print my christian name in full as Bro. G. Smith stands for anyone, and again I ask you to do so in future.

Yours fraternally,
GRIFFITHS SMITH.
P.M. No. 21.

Reviews.

1. "Official Report of the Proceedings relative to the Foundation of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Greece, and Election of its First Grand Master."—Athens, Freemasons' Hall, 1872, in folio.
2. "Official Report of the Proceedings Relative to the Establishment in Greece of the Supreme Council of the 33°, by H.I.H., the Prince Rhodocanakis."—Athens, Freemasons' Hall, 1872, in folio.
3. "The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Greece."—Athens, Freemasons' Hall, 1872, 8vo.

The establishment of such important bodies in the Hellenic Kingdom as those mentioned in the handsome reports now before us, must be a matter of sincere congratulation amongst all Masons, who, impressed with the important part which we take in social regeneration, must

recognise in this movement a spirit of union and security, the ultimate result of which must undoubtedly be a vast amelioration in the condition of all classes of the State in which it has been so auspiciously brought about.

We have only to express our own unqualified satisfaction at such an addition to the Institutions of Freemasonry, and we feel assured that with the leadership of the present talented Grand Master, the Grand Lodge of Greece will, when his term of office expires (to judge from the ably drawn-up constitution) be handed over to his anticipated successor, H.M. the King of the Helleness, in perfect order.

The Grand Lodge of Greece has now been fully recognised by those of England, Scotland, Ireland, Italy, France, America, &c., and the usual representatives have been nominated.

And now a few words for the reports themselves:—These are printed in the most sumptuous style, and embellished with handsome engravings of the official seals of the Grand Master, Grand Lodge, and Supreme Council.

Masonic Tidings.

SOUTHDOWN LODGE OF MARK MASTERS (No. 164).—The ceremony of consecrating this new lodge will take place at the Station Hotel, Hayward's Heath, on Saturday, June 28th, at 2 o'clock in the day, in the presence of a distinguished body of working Masons, who having carefully studied this degree, have learned to appreciate its practical use as a valuable adjunct of Craft Masonry. It is expected the officiating Grand Officer will be V. W. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.J.W., and Grand Secretary of the degree, assisted by several past Grand Officers resident in the County of Sussex. Bro. William Hudson P.M. 75, P.A.G.D. of C. Mark degree, P.M. 315, M.E.Z. 732, and P.P.G.D. Sussex (Craft) is the W.M. designate. Bro. J. Pearson, S.W. 315, J.W. 75 Mark Lodge, is the S.W. designate and Bro. S.R. Ade, P.M. 315, Secretary 75 Mark Lodge, the first J.W. designate. It may not be out of place to state that no person is eligible for the honours of the degree unless he has been admitted a M.M. of some Craft Lodge of Freemasons. Many Masons of good masonic and social standing have submitted their names as candidates for advancement. Several joining members will be admitted, who, having taken the degree elsewhere, are anxious to work once more in a Lodge of Mark Master Masons, under a legal and acknowledged authority. The meetings of the lodge will take place during the summer months only, and will prove, from the convenience of the days selected (the fourth Saturdays in May, June, August, and September, highly attractive to the Masons of Brighton and the towns and villages adjacent to Hayward's Heath. It is somewhat singular that this place, the centre of an influential district, should have remained so long without a Lodge of Craft Masons having been established, and those who thought of this convenient place in which to hold a "Mark Lodge" deserve credit for the selection they have made. This will be easily understood when we state, the nearest towns available for Masons to meet in lodge are Lewes, Brighton, or Horsham, all upwards of twelve miles from Hayward's Heath; also, when it is further considered the train services are particularly accommodating: the last train to Brighton leaving at 11.30 p.m., the last train to London leaving at 9 o'clock p.m., and the last train to Lewes, Eastbourne, and Hastings leaving at 8.5 p.m. A large attendance is expected on this occasion, and every effort will be made by the promoters of the Southdown Mark Lodge, No. 164, to make it a success. The landlord of the hotel, Mr. C. Golding, is a Mason, much respected by the brethren of his lodge (the Royal York, No. 315). He from experience knows right well the requirements of Freemasons, and from our experience of the way he has placed dinners before his guests, we feel assured his best endeavours will be used to do all in his power to promote the comfort, to secure the convenience and to retain the good wishes of the members of the lodge, soon to be opened under his roof. The hotel contains special accommodation for such meetings, and it would not surprise us if,

at no distant date, this hotel should become the head quarters of various degrees of freemasonry for the district. We congratulate the Mark Masons of Sussex on the spread of a knowledge and practice of this branch of genuine Freemasonry, and on the preserving efforts of those gentlemen who for the past eight years have so constantly watched over and cared for this truly, and we may add, highly necessary Masonic degree. Further particulars may be obtained of the three Principal Officers designate, whose residences are so well known it is needless to repeat them here, and to those gentlemen we recommend all Masons who may wish to be advanced on this occasion into the mysteries and privileges of the ancient and honourable order.—*Brighton Observer.*

STRONG MAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 45).—Bro. Bickett, the Preceptor of the above lodge, held at Bro. Wickens, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C., will work the 2nd and 3rd Tracing Board, on Monday evening, June 9th, at 7 p.m., and from the known ability of Bro. Bickett, all brethren who will favour the lodge with a visit on this occasion will be pleased with a Masonic working in this the oldest lodge of Instruction in London. Some of the jewels (all of which are silver), we are informed, date as far back as 1797.

A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.—We have received the prospectus of an institution, established in December last, at a meeting held at the London Tavern, the object of which is, to provide the working classes and persons of small means with surgical appliances at a reasonable price, and on easy terms of payment. There are institutions where this relief can be obtained on letters of recommendation, but such charities are designed for the indigent, whilst the PROVIDENT SURGICAL APPLIANCE SOCIETY assists those who are able and willing—either wholly, or in part, to pay for the instruments they require. The charge for a truss or an elastic stocking is so small that, in most instances the patients can afford the amount, but when expensive instruments are needed, subscribers by giving tickets, may materially help those who endeavour to help themselves. The committee have published a statistical table of the instruments supplied since the beginning of the year, and it is gratifying to find that about two-thirds of the number have been entirely paid for by patients; and in cases for which instruments have been furnished on an arrangement to pay for the same by instalments, either the whole amount has been liquidated, or is in course of payment. But the supplying of an instrument is not the only benefit which the society affords, as every patient is seen by the surgeon who is in attendance at the institution—25, Bartholomew Close—both morning and evening, and the advice thus given is frequently of vital importance. When a patient cannot come to the institution, a form is supplied, which can be filled in by a medical man. This is a great boon to sufferers residing in the country. We heartily commend this society to the attention of our readers, who may render it assistance by making known its objects amongst the classes for whose benefit it has been established. The principle is sound, and we wish the managers great success in their laudable undertaking. Subscriptions and donations will be received by the Treasurer, Richard Stone, Esq., 66, Cannon-street; by the society's bankers, Messrs. Barnetts, Hoare, Hanburys and Co., 60, Lombard-street, or by the Secretary, at the institution.

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Answers to Correspondents.

The following Communications stand over:—Letter from Bro. C. C. W. G.; Report of Lodge 1284.

REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

C. L. PINESET.—(St. John's, Newfoundland.—By P.O.O. £1 16s. 0d.)

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTH.

YOUNG.—May 29, at 3, Prince's-park-terrace, Liverpool, the wife of Bro. Reginald Young, W.M. of Lodge No. 1384, of a daughter.

LIVERPOOL THEATRES, &c.

Week ending July 14.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee, Bro. E. Saker. Marie Wilton's Company in "Man and Wife."

ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE, Great Charlotte-street.—Lessee, Bro. H. Leslie. Miscellaneous Dramatic Performances.

PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE, Clayton-square.—Lessee, Mr. Setton Parry. "The Happy Land," and "Meg's Diversion."

THEATRE ROYAL, Williamson-square.—Lessee, Bro. De Frece. Burlesque of "The Colleen Bawn," "The Sylphide," and Miscellaneous Entertainment.

ST. JAMES'S HALL, Lime-street.—Proprietor, Bro. S. Hague. Special Artists and Programme.

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ROYAL CIRQUE.—William Brown-st.—Equestrian and other Performances.

NEWSOME'S CIRCUS, Whitechapel.—Scenes of the Circus and other Entertainments.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1873.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The June Quarterly Communication to Grand Lodge of England was held on Wednesday evening, in Freemasons' Hall. The Grand Master did not preside, but his place was ably filled by the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon. Although the Grand Lodge was well attended, there were by no means so many bre-

thren present as is generally the case, especially at this summer meeting; and after the first hour and a half the attendance had dwindled down to less than half the number who had assisted at the opening of Grand Lodge. The reason for the gathering being no larger than it was, probably arose from the agenda paper containing no very exciting business; while on the other hand, the cause of the muster being as large as it was may be attributed to the fact of the election of members of the Board of General Purposes being part of the business to be transacted, as the departure of the brethren was observable as soon as this business was completed.

Among the brethren who attended we observed:—Bros. Lord Tenterden, Fawcett, P.G.M., Durham; R. J. Bagshaw, P.G.M., Essex; Rev. John Huyshe, P.G.M., Devon; H. J. T. Dumas, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.A.D.C.; Sir Albert W. Woods, (Garter) G.D.C.; John M. Clabon, P.G.D.; H. Browse, P.G.D.; George Cox, P.G.D.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Benj. Head, P.G.D.; J. Savage, P.G.D.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.D.; Rev. A. Bruce Fraser, G.C.; Rev. R. T. Bent, G.C.; A. E. J. McIntyre, G.R.; S. Rawson; P. Dist. G. Sup. China; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Capt. Vivian, P.G. J.W.; Earl of Limerick, P.G.M. Bristol; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; J. R. Stebbing, P.G. D.; R. J. Spiers, P.G.S.B.; W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D.; Richard Spencer, P.G.S.; W. Seaman, W.M. 619; Rev. Sir J. Warren Hayes, P.G.C.; Wilhelm Ganz, G. Org.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; W. Ough, P.G.P.; John Boyd, P.G.P.; Thomas W. White, W.M. 21; Griffiths Smith, P.M. 21; T. Adams, P.G.P.; H. G. Buss; E. C. Snell, P.G.D.; T. Bradford, P.G.D.; H. M. Levy, E. Kimber, James Stevens, P.M. 720; H. Marsh and James Terry.

Grand Secretary, after Grand Lodge had been opened, read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of 5th March, of Grand Festival of the 30th April, and of the Especial Grand Lodge of the 21st May, all of which were confirmed.

The acting Grand Master then rose and said.—It now devolves upon me to make an announcement to this Grand Lodge on behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, who cannot be present this evening. It is a matter which, as you are aware, falls exclusively within his Province, and it is not one therefore which will be a matter for discussion by this Grand Lodge. At the same time, I doubt not that Grand Lodge will recognise the wisdom of the change, and will see that it is altogether for the advantage of the charities that this fresh stimulant, as the Grand Master proposes, should be applied. The terms in which the Grand Master desires to make known these changes are as follows:—that every brother who shall henceforward serve the office of Steward, at any anniversary festival of any one of the Masonic Charities of some Provincial or Country Lodge, who shall personally attend such festival, and shall bring up there to contributions amounting to not less than 100 guineas, shall have the same rights and privileges as to wearing

the charity jewel, or clasps, as if he had himself contributed the sum of ten guineas. The only other remark which it seems necessary for me to make, is that this is, of course, in addition to the existing system, and will not in any way interfere with it. All those, I understand, who choose to subscribe, so to speak, under the old system, will be still at liberty to do so, and will still enjoy the privileges they enjoyed heretofore; but there will be this additional power given to any brother who can bring up his contributions of any lodge to the extent of 100 guineas: he will obtain the same privileges and rights as he would have obtained under the old system.

The next business being the election of members of Board of General Purposes, scrutineers of votes were chosen, and sent to their room to perform their duties. There was no election of members of the Colonial Board or of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, as no additional names were proposed.

The report of the Lodge of Benevolence was then brought up, in which were recommendations for the following grants:—

The daughter of a brother of the Union

Lodge, No. 127, Margate £50

A brother of the Pythagorean Lodge,

No. 79, Greenwich £50

A brother of the Lodge of Perseverance,

No. 213, Norwich £50

These grants were moved by Bro. J. M. Clabon, and seconded by Bros. George Cox and Joshua Nunn, and carried unanimously.

Bro. A. E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Horace Lloyd, Q.C. President of the Board of General Purposes, moved that the following report of the Board of General Purposes be taken as read, which was accordingly agreed.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England:—

1. The Board of General Purposes beg leave to submit their report for the last quarter as follows:—

COMMUTED PAYMENTS FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

2. At the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, upon a motion of Bro. William Smith, P.G. Steward and P.M. No. 26, it was resolved that the subject of Commuted Payments for Life Membership be referred to the Board of General Purposes, to consider and report thereon to Grand Lodge.

3. The Board have, in accordance with this reference, very fully and carefully considered the subject, and have given due attention to various communications which they have received from brethren who take an interest in the matter. They have learned with regret from some of these communications that, in consequence of a misconception as to the Masonic law upon this point, private lodges have in some instances professed to confer life membership in return for a single commuted payment.

4. The law upon the subject is however clear, and does not depend upon single or isolated passages of the Book of Constitutions. Continual subscriptions as a member of a private lodge is insisted on throughout its provisions as the essential qualification for the continued enjoyment of the privileges of the Craft, and in order to enable these privileges to be enjoyed for all future time in consideration of a single payment, extensive alterations would have to be made therein.

5. The Board were however quite prepared to have recommended these alterations, if they had been convinced that the change thereby

made would be beneficial to Freemasonry; and they felt no doubt of their ability to suggest adequate provisions as to amount of payment, mode of investment, and all other matters of detail.

6. But after full consideration the Board came to the conclusion that any change in this respect was undesirable, and at a special meeting, held on the 29th April last, they unanimously resolved as follows:—

"That this Board is of opinion that the principle of restricting the privileges of the Craft to those who continue to be subscribing members of some lodge, is not only sound in itself, but productive of material benefit to the Order, and that no sufficient reasons have been adduced to warrant a departure from the obligation in this respect prescribed by the Book of Constitutions."

7. The Board are fortified in the opinion which they have expressed in the above resolution by finding that in the year 1869, the same subject was under the consideration of the Board of General Purposes of that day, on a reference from Grand Lodge, and that the following resolution was passed by them on the 16th March in that year:—

"That the Board, having duly considered the reference made by Grand Lodge, do not feel that sufficient grounds exist for altering the laws so as to allow of commutation for life."

UNAUTHORISED WEARING OF MASONIC CLOTHING.

8. The attention of the Board has been called to a practice, which they are informed is not infrequent, of brethren appearing in Masonic costume at so-called "Masonic Balls," and other public gatherings held without any sanction or permission from the constituted authorities of Masonry.

9. The Board are clearly of opinion that the wearing of Masonic clothing, or of any of the jewels or badges of the Craft, in such circumstances, is not only objectionable in itself, but is in violation of the spirit of the provisions of the Book of Constitutions on pp. 93, 94, under the head of "Public Processions."

10. In order to remove any doubt as to whether such proceedings can be dealt with as Masonic offences, the Board very respectfully recommend to Grand Lodge that an addition be made to the Book of Constitutions which will provide for such cases, and will attach to them an adequate penalty, although somewhat less in degree than that imposed by the Book of Constitutions on page 94 for attending as therein mentioned "at any funeral or public procession."

IRREGULAR REMOVAL OF LODGES.

11. The Board having had occasion to reprimand a lodge for an irregular removal, and having reason to believe that some misapprehension exists as to the manner in which the power of removal ought to be exercised, think it expedient to call the attention of the Craft to the provisions of the Book of Constitutions pp. 92, 93, upon this subject.

12. No lodge can be removed from one house or place of meeting to another, even within the same town or place, except in strict accordance with the regulations there laid down, and until such strict compliance has been ascertained by the Grand Secretary or (as the case may be) by the Provincial Grand Master, as mentioned on page 93, par. 3, the removal will not be recorded.

13. No degree conferred, or other Masonic act performed by any lodge at a place of meeting to which it has been illegally or improperly removed can be in any way recognised by Grand Lodge; and the lodge so offending exposes itself to admonition, fine, or suspension.

14. The President will therefore move:—

(1.) That the Report be received and entered on the minutes.

(2.) That the following paragraph be added after par. 2 of the title "Of Public Processions" on page 93 of the Book of Constitutions, that is to say:—

"If any Brother shall appear clothed in any of the jewels or badges of the Craft at any ball, theatre, assembly, or meeting, or at any place of public resort, unless the Grand Master, Provincial Grand Master, or District Grand Master (as the case may be), shall have previously given permis-

sion for Brethren to be there present in Masonic clothing, such Brother shall be liable to be suspended from all his Masonic functions for such period as the Grand Master, Provincial Grand Master, or District Grand Master may determine."

(Signed) HORACE LLOYD,
President.

20th May, 1873.

At a meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 20th ult., after the ordinary business had been disposed of, it was unanimously resolved:—

"That this Board cannot separate without tendering to their President, the V.W. Bro. Horace Lloyd, Q.C., their sincere and cordial thanks, not only for the undeviating courtesy and kindness which every member of the Board has received at his hands, but also for the untiring zeal and attention which he has devoted to the business of the Board, and the ability and discretion with which he has conducted its proceedings."

(Signed) JOHN A. RUCKER,
Vice-President.

Bro. McIntyre, in moving that this report be received and entered on the minutes, reiterated the statement of Bro. Horace Lloyd at former Quarterly Communications, that the receiving the report of the Board by Grand Lodge did not commit the brethren to an assent to anything which was contained in the report. The report was only an expression of the opinion of the Board, and not of the opinion of Grand Lodge. He then referred to the subject of "commuted payments," which the Board had carefully considered, but could see no reason for altering the laws as laid down in the Book of Constitutions so as to allow of commutation for life. With respect to life members the report of the Board would not affect any one who had not passed the chair of a lodge. It might be the case that, acting on an opinion, some brethren might have believed that by a commutation they retained their membership for ever. In such a case he (Grand Register) felt confident that Grand Lodge would not suffer such brethren to be injured, but would allow them to retain their rights. The Board would be but too happy to take that matter into consideration, and although they were not a legislative body, would recommend that if those rights were brought about by misapprehension of what the law was, they should be retained. It was well known that a most distinguished brother, who had occupied the post of Grand Registrar, and was a Provincial Grand Master, had advised that, life-membership could be retained by the payment of a sum of money. If brethren had been misled by that, the board would take care that they should not be injured thereby. But if brethren would take the trouble to read the Book of Constitutions, they would find that not only on one page but in almost every page where the Craft was spoken of, it was stated that a brother could not be a member of the Craft unless he continued a subscribing member. He trusted that the opinion of the board would go forth to the Craft with weight, that no brother who ceased to be a subscribing member of one of the Craft lodges could retain his privileges; but that if any brother relying on an opinion, expressed by a most distinguished Mason, had acted upon it, they would take care that his privileges should not be altered. (Cheers.)

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, seconded the motion.

Bro. W. Smith wished to know whether this was the proper time to move that the matter be referred back to the Board.

The acting Grand Master replied that it was not, but still if Bro. Smith wished to make any remarks, it was quite competent for him to do so.

Bro. Smith, after a few observations, said he did not consider that the subject had been properly dealt with by the Board, as Grand Lodge was led by the 6th paragraph of the report to believe it had been, and he would therefore move that it be referred back. If it was necessary he would give a notice of motion to that effect.

The acting Grand Master said that if Bro. Smith was really in serious earnest to refer the matter back to the Board, it was within his power to do so now. He however thought that it would conduce to the convenience of Grand Lodge if it was brought forward by distinct motion at a future day, instead of being referred back now. He would not refuse to put the motion, if Bro. Smith wished it, but at the same time he did not think it would be convenient.

Bro. W. Smith, would be sorry to take up the time of Grand Lodge by putting the matter to the vote, but he would, at next convenient opportunity, move a fresh resolution, in the meantime withdrawing his amendment.

The reception and entering of the report on the minutes was then agreed to.

Bro. McIntyre next moved the second paragraph of the report on the subject of the "unauthorised wearing of Masonic clothing," and read the section from the Book of Constitutions upon that point, and the punishment to be awarded for a breach of that rule. No doubt, he said, that was a very heavy punishment, which seemed to him to have been promoted by old Masons to prevent the appearance of Masons in the streets in "clothing" without first having the permission of the Grand Master or his deputy. Some brethren thought this law might be evaded by their not going out into the streets in the clothing, to theatres, or balls; and, in one case where permission had been refused, the brethren felt justified in carrying their clothing in their pockets and putting it on when they got to the place of amusement. He would, therefore, beg leave to propose, in order to meet cases of breach of Masonic discipline in this respect, that the following paragraph be added after par. 2 of the title "Of Public Processions" on page 93 of the Book of Constitutions, that is to say:—

"If any Brother shall appear clothed in any of the jewels or badges of the Craft at any ball, theatre, assembly, or meeting, or at any place of public resort, unless the Grand Master, Provincial Grand Master, or District Grand Master (as the case may be), shall have previously given permission for brethren to be there present in Masonic clothing, such brother shall be liable to be suspended from all his Masonic functions for such period as the Grand Master, Provincial Grand Master, or District Grand Master may determine."

Bro. Bulley, G.S.B., seconded the motion.

After a few observations from Col. Cole and Bro. Browning, which called from the Acting Grand Master the remark that he could not suffer any brother to go back to the question of the reception of the report, already decided, a brother asked whether it would be a breach of the law if the brethren dined in Masonic cloth-

ing, as it frequently happened in the provinces that lodges were held at public halls, where there was no convenience for dining, and then went to an hotel at some distance from the place of meeting, where they re-clothed and dined.

Bro. McIntyre said the banner of the lodge covered the banquet.

The Earl of Limerick asked whether if they marched in clothing from the lodge to the hotel the banner would cover the proceeding.

Bro. McIntyre said it made no difference whether the lodge was closed, or called off for refreshment the banner still covered it, and he apprehended that if it was a reasonable distance it might be allowed.

Bro. W. Smith, had had experience of country lodges, where no accommodation for dining was to be found in the halls where they met, and the hotel where they partook of refec-tion was at a considerable distance. He thought Bro. McIntyre's suggestion could never be carried out; and he hoped it would be distinctly under-stood that the brethren were not to walk through the streets in clothing.

Bro. McIntyre added, that if what had been the rule had the sanction of Grand Lodge, it would not be interfered with, but the new pro- position did interfere with brethren in this res- pect, that they should not go into balls, theatres, or other public assemblies in Masonic clothing without the sanction of the Grand Master.

The motion was thereupon put and carried *nem. con.*

Bro. John Savage, P.G.D., in the absence of Bro. Joseph Smith at his duties as Scrutineer, brought forward the annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in which were suggestions for the following alterations of the laws:—

"That Article 2, page 11, of the Rules and Regulations for the Male Fund be altered, by substituting the figures '£40' in lieu of '£25.'"

"That Article 2, page 13, of the Rules and Regulations for the Widows' Fund be altered, by substituting the figures '£30' in lieu of '£20.'"

"That Article 7, page 12, of the Rules and Regulations for the Male Fund be altered, by substituting the figures '£40' in lieu of '£25,' and Article 8, page 14 of the Rules and Regula- tions for the Widows' Fund, by substituting the figures '£30' in lieu of '£20.'"

The motion, that these alterations be made, was put and carried without a dissentient voice.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., moved—

"That any grant made by the Lodge of Bene- volence for the benefit of any brother, or the widow of any brother having been passed by the lodge at one meeting and confirmed at the fol- lowing one, and recommended to Grand Lodge, shall, upon its being sanctioned by Grand Lodge, require no further confirmation."

Bro. Stewart said his object was to cause as little inconvenience as possible to brethren applying for relief. At present they had fre- quently to wait a long time after the grants were made to them before they got the gifts into their possession, owing to the existing laws requiring confirmation of the grants made. He fully explained the position of matters under the present system, and illustrating it by referring to cases which had happened. In conclusion, he thought the alteration would be gratifying to the brethren who assisted their needy fellows.

Bro. H. Browse, P.G.D. seconded the motion.

Bro. John Savage, P.G.D., rose in opposition, explaining that many years ago he was instru- mental in removing some of the obstacles which stood in the path of brethren seeking immediate relief. The routine of the old days he thought was too great, and that was the cause of his moving an alteration. He objected to the form of Bro. Stewart's proposition, which, being positively an alteration in the law, could not be put.

The acting Grand Master ruled otherwise, and said the motion was on precisely the same footing as any other motion. Grand Lodge would decide whether they should receive it.

Bro. John M. Clabon, P.G.D., after explaining the present position of grants over £50, which required confirmation, ventured to suggest to Bro. Stewart that his motion was not a formal one, but asked him to submit one that was more formal.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart consented, and withdrew his motion.

The scrutineers here returned and declared the result of the election of members of the Board of General Purposes to be in favour of Bros. Finch, Grady, Greening, Johnson, Mullens, Parkinson, Scriven, Bywater, Levander, March Poynter, Rucker, Griffiths Smith, Long.

Bro. W. SMITH, Steward, P.M. No. 26 moved.

"That inasmuch as 'The Freemasons Calendar and Pocket Book published annually for the benefit of the Charity Fund under the sanction of the United Grand Lodge of England, and by the command of the M.W. Grand Master, is neither so complete nor useful for Masonic reference as it should be, nor is it as profitable or beneficial to the Charity Fund as it might be, the attention of the Board of General Purposes is called there- to, and that it be an instruction from this Grand Lodge that they do make such changes or modi- fications in and additions to the said publication in the next issue as will increase its usefulness to the General Body of Freemasons, and greatly increase the profits from each issue; and to enable them to judge aright, they are to invite and receive evidence in support of the motion," and

"That inasmuch as the installation of the M.W. The Grand Master, the appointment of the Grand Officers and the nomination of Grand Stewards, as also the appointment and election of the Members of the Board of General Purposes and the Colonial Board for the year, all take place between the end of April and the beginning of June in each year, 'The Freemasons' Calen- dar and Pocket Book' as at present published under the sanction of Grand Lodge is, for the period of from six to eight months in each year, incorrect or inaccurate in many essential par- ticulars, it be an instruction from this Grand Lodge to the Board of General Purposes (or the Calendar Committee), either to publish the Grand Lodge Callendar on the 1st of July in each year, so that it may contain correct lists of all office bearers of the Grand Lodge for the Masonic year, or to issue the Calendar twice in every year, as from the 1st day July respectively, and that they are to invite and receive evidence in support of this motion."

He stated that his reason for bringing forward these motions was that the Calendar might become a more useful book of reference for Freemasons than it was now. It was published in January, and in April, when the Grand Master was installed, the Grand Officers were changed, and the book was of no further use if any one wanted to see who the Grand Officers were. Then again, the members of the different Boards were, as the brethren had just witnessed, elected

at the Quarterly Communication, and this further rendered the Calendar useless as a guide to the Craft, as to who were on those Boards. He had suggested to the Board to take these questions into consideration, and he trusted that now Grand Lodge would entertain the subject.

Bro. Mc Intyre on the part of Bro. Horace Lloyd, would give these motions his most respect- ful yet determined opposition. The Board of General Purposes no doubt would have great pleasure if the resolution could be carried out in its integrity. But Bro. Smith should put in writing before the board the certain things which he thought would be conducive to the interests of the Craft, and increase the sale of the Calendar. He had not done so, at least he Bro. Mc Intyre had no recollection of it. If the board did not choose to attend to the suggestions, then he might come to Grand Lodge. Bro. Smith's motion was really an indictment framed against the Board. He was the only brother who was prepared to make suggestions to the Board, and that only now, after all the years he had been a Mason; and when he came to Grand Lodge about it, he merely came with allegations, and without rea- sons to support them.

The motions were then put and lost, and Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTERS.

The summer half-yearly communication of Grand Lodge in the Mark degree, was held on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, London, and was so numerously attended to prove beyond doubt the widespread popularity of Mark Masonry in this country. Before the proceed- ings commenced, a Grand Lodge of Instruction was, according to custom, held, which was well attended by London brethren and representatives from the province. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.O., as usual, presided, and performed the ceremony of advancement with his accustomed ability. The full musical accompaniment with which the ceremony was worked was performed by Bro. John Read, P.G. Organist. At the con- clusion of the advancement Bro. Stevens called on Bro. James Smith, Prov. G. Sec. for Kent, to deliver the lecture of the three degrees, which he did with great fluency and in a most impres- sive style. Before the lodge was closed many of the brethren expressed themselves highly satisfied with the instruction that had been afforded, and hoped that the Lodge of Improve- ment would be continued to be worked on all occasions of the meeting of Grand Lodge.

Before Grand Lodge met Earl Percy, who was to be installed as Grand Master, was installed as the Grand Master of Royal Ark Mariners, the degree being now given under the authority of Grand Mark Lodge by the Mark Lodges under its jurisdiction.

Grand Lodge was opened shortly after five o'clock by the M.W.G.M., the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, M.A., the following brethren occupy- ing the different official posts:—Earl Percy, M.W.G.M.-elect; the Earl Limerick, Deputy G.M.; F. G. Irwin, S.W.; James Stevens, J.W.; the Revs. P. H. Newnham and W. M. Heath, G. Chaplains; Capt. C. J. Burgess, G. Reg.; F. Binckes, G. Sec.; the Rev. D. Shaboe, P.G.C., M.O.; K. Lawson, S.O.; W. Foul- sham, J.O.; H. C. Levander, S.D.; Thos. Har- greaves, J.D.; S. Rosenthal, G.D.C.; T. J. Sabine, Asst. Do.; John Read, G. Org.; D. M. Dewar, G.I.G. Among the other brethren pre- sent were:—Bros. the Rev. John Huyshe, the Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, J. H. Wynne, A. D. Loewenstark, W. H. Warrington, Le Gendre N. Starkie, E. T. Inskip, Emra Holmes, Col. Whit- well, S. Funkenzstein, and the Revs. D. J. Drakeford, and J. H. Jukes,

After Grand Secretary had read the minutes and balance sheet,

The M.W.G.M. rose and said that before proceeding further, there was one circumstance to which he desired to make allusion. Since the last meeting of Grand Lodge the Craft had sustained a very great loss in the removal by death of Lord Zetland, who had, for many years, presided over Grand Craft Lodge. Lord Zetland was a nobleman, for whose character and abilities as a man and a Mason every brother had the highest possible respect, and he thought it would be hardly fitting if an assemblage of Masons like Grand Mark Lodge omitted to pass a vote of sorrow that it had pleased the Almighty to deprive them of so worthy a Mason. He would, therefore, move that such a vote be entered on the minutes, and that the Grand Master should be entrusted to convey the same to his lordship's family.

The Earl of Limerick seconded the motion, and agreed with the Grand Master that it would not be fitting to separate without expressing the sense of Grand Mark Lodge of the inestimable loss they had sustained in Lord Zetland's death. He did not feel it necessary to go at any length into a recital of the virtues of the deceased brother, as many of the brethren present had heard, in words which he would not attempt to emulate, on another occasion and in another place, the feeling of the Craft expressed by the two distinguished brethren who now presided over the Craft in this country.

The vote was then carried unanimously.

Grand Secretary read the report of the General Board, from which it appeared that during the last half-year a larger number of Mark Masons had been made than at any previous period on record; that during the same time Cheshire and North Wales had been erected into a Province; that the Royal Ark Mariners' warrants of constitution had been issued; and that a favourable termination had been come to of the difficulties which had existed between Grand Mark Lodge and that grand body. The report recommended the obligating of the Grand Master as a Royal Ark Mariner before his installation as Grand Mark Master, and congratulated Grand Lodge on its friendly relations with other supreme jurisdictions. It further stated that the business of Grand Secretary's office continued to increase greatly and rapidly, and that Grand Lodge had secured premises at 2, Led Lion-square, at an annual rental of £75. An account was also given of the money invested since last Grand Lodge, and the report concluded with a statement that reports of proceedings of foreign Grand bodies had been received from Iowa and Columbia.

The report was received with applause.

Capt. Barlow proposed, and Rev. D. Shaboe seconded, the following motion.—“That the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of this Grand Lodge to the Portal Testimonial Fund.”

The motion was carried amidst great applause.

Capt. Burgess moved “That the sum of £45 be voted from the funds of their Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and placed on the list of Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.G.A.D.C., who has offered to represent the Mark Degree as Steward at the festival in January, 1874.”

Bro. A. D. Loewenstark seconded the motion, which was then put and carried unanimously.

Grand Secretary having read the notice of Bro. Levander's motion, that the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine should be admitted into the tripartite treaty.

Bro. H. C. Levander rose to bring the motion before Grand Lodge, and in doing so observed that the time had now arrived for this step to be taken, and as other orders had been admitted, it did not require any observations to recommend the motion. He did not expect any opposition, and should therefore simply make the motion.

Bro. S. Rosenthal seconded the motion.

Bro. A. D. Loewenstark said a few words in opposition, but after a few words from Earl Percy and the M.W.G.M., stating that they saw no danger in the alliance, and that it did not affect Grand Lodge in the slightest degree, the motion was carried without a dissentient.

The M.W.G.M. moved the recommendation

of the General Board, that the affairs of the Royal Ark Mariners degree should be managed by the Grand Mark Master, (who should be obligated first as an Ark Mariner), with the advice and assistance of a council of twelve brethren. He said that negotiations between the Grand Mark Lodge and the Grand Ark had gone on for a long time, and they at last came to an amicable understanding, whereby Grand Mark Lodge consented to be assisted in its management of Ark Mariners business by a council of Ark Mariners. The terms of arrangement had been carefully considered, and he could see nothing in them which would militate against the Mark degree, but he could see a great deal that would strengthen it.

Bro. H. C. Levander seconded the motion.

In answer to Bros. Irwin and A. D. Loewenstark, the M.W.G.M. said, the proposition had been submitted to Bro. Morton Edwards as the ultimatum of Grand Lodge. Bro. Edwards had said he would be perfectly satisfied with the resolution, provided those brethren who had held office in what he claimed, but Grand Mark Lodge denied to be a Grand Lodge, should be the first members of this Grand Master's board of advice in Ark matters. He (the M.W.G.M.) saw no objection to the adoption of this request, and on that footing the matter rested.

The motion was carried.

Grand Secretary read the Treasurer's report, which showed:—

Balance at last Meeting ...	£286	16	9
Receipts for last six months ...	417	19	0
	£704	15	9
Expenditure ...	263	11	3
	£441	4	6
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.			
Last Balance ...	£275	13	5
Donations received to 31st March 1873 ...	53	5	0
	£328	18	5
Disbursements on that account:—			
Purchase of £300 Canadian Bonds and Brokerage ...	£313	10	0
Balance ...	£15	8	5

To which would have to be added the half-year's dividends received in January, and those which would be received immediately after the 30th inst. The announcement of the financial statement was received with cheers.

Bro. A. D. Loewenstark then proposed Earl Percy as Grand Master for the ensuing twelve months.

Bro. James Stevens seconded the motion, which was thereupon put and carried.

The Earl of Limerick, in presenting Earl Percy to the M.W.G.M., said:—“I have to present to you Brother the Earl Percy, who has been duly elected to preside over Mark Masonry for the ensuing year. I need not state to you the many eminent qualities that have so well fitted him for this post, and I am sure the degree in which Mark Masonry has flourished under your headship will continue under the headship of the brother who has been elected to-day. All Mark Masons regretted the cause which prevented him from coming among us up to the present time, but at the same time rejoice that Mark Masonry has not suffered from his absence, as during that unavoidable period it has been presided over by one so universally beloved as yourself. (Hear, hear.)”

The M.W.G.M. said:—“Bro. Earl Percy, it is with great pleasure that I have heard the nomination, and received the presentation just made by our Bro. Lord Limerick. Having had myself the honour and very great pleasure of initiating you, my lord, into Masonry, I have naturally watched your career with very great interest; and I can truly say, that from your exertions for this degree in your own Province, in Northumberland and Durham, and from the energetic support it has always received from you as my deputy since you have held that office, I consider that you have every claim for the high honour which the Grand Lodge has conferred on you, and on the other hand, I think the Grand Lodge most

fortunate in having the services of so worthy and well-esteemed a brother as yourself.

Earl Percy was then obligated by the Grand Master invested and installed, wherefrom he was greeted in the usual form adopted by Mark Masons.

The M.W.G.M. said:—“Most Worshipful Grand Past Master and Brethren, I feel unwilling to detain you very long with any observations of mine at the present moment, because I believe I may have to address you again this evening, perhaps more than once; but I am sure you will hear me with much greater pleasure after dinner than you will before. But at the same time, I cannot allow this occasion to pass without thanking you, Most Worshipful Sir, for the very kind way in which you have spoken of me, and for the terms which you have been pleased to apply to my poor services to Masonry, and I have to thank you, brethren, for electing me to this high office, and especially because you have had, I am sorry to say, to wait some time before I could obey this summons, which you were kind enough on a former occasion to lay upon me. I need not say how highly I feel the honour of being placed in this great position. This degree has now assumed proportions which make the occupation of this chair a prize which all, even the highest, Masonry may well be proud to hold. I therefore feel greatly the honour you have done me; at the same time I feel that our Order has now so widely extended, and its interests are so important, that I should shrink from accepting the onerous duties which this post will carry with it, were it not that I feel certain that the officers who are selected to sustain me in my position will ably perform their duties, and that you, brethren, will extend to me your kind indulgence and support upon all occasions when I shall need them. (applause). Before I proceed to invest my Grand Officers, I have a very pleasing duty to perform; it is to present, in the name of the lodge, our Past Grand Master with a distinguishing jewel of that office (hear hear). Bro. Portal, it gives me the very greatest pleasure to invest you with this jewel in the name of this Grand Lodge. My own private feelings perhaps may appear intrusive at the present time, but I cannot help saying that I look upon you, and always have done, as my father in Freemasonry and if I have been able to be of any use to the Order, or if I have risen to the post I now hold, I feel that it is entirely owing to your kindness and consideration in aiding my steps and instructing me in the duties of Freemasonry. On behalf of the lodge, I think I may fairly say that you, sir, have held your term of office with a lustre of distinction which was not surpassed by any Grand Master who has ever preceded you. Greater steps have been made in Mark Masonry than ever were made during the term of office of any other Grand Master. Much valuable time and much exertion have been given by you to the advancement of the Order; and I am sure I speak the feelings of all here when I say that the jewel which I have now presented you with, in the name of the Grand Lodge, is but a poor testimony of the gratitude they owe you for all your exertions. (Cheers.) I will now proceed to appoint my Grand officers. I appoint Bro. Lord Limerick as Deputy Grand Master. I am sure this selection will be gratifying to Grand Lodge. I rather feel that he ought to be in the position I now hold.”

The following officers were then appointed:—

Le Gendre N. Starkie ...	G.S.W.
Colonel Whitwell ...	G.J.W.
The Rev. D. J. Drakeford ...	G. Chap.
“ J. H. Jukes ...	“
J. R. Stebbing ...	G. Treas.
Capt. C. Burgess ...	G. Reg.
F. Binckes ...	G. Sec.
S. Bryant ...	G.M.O.
W. H. Prince ...	G.S.O.
J. H. Scherling ...	G.J.O.
W. O. Walker ...	G.S.D.
E. T. Inskip ...	G.J.D.
Emra Holmes ...	G. Sup. Wks.
Thomas Cubitt ...	G.D.C.
James Crispe ...	G.A.D.C.
T. W. Collin ...	G.S.B.
E. Worrell ...	G. Org.
S. Funkenzstein ...	G.I.G.

Grand Stewards for the year :—Bros. Clement Skelton, Leicester; Benjamin Cox, and — Gilard, Somerset; Greatorex, No. 3; W. A. Scott, Carnarvon Lodge, Somerset; G. Page, Holmesdale; John Boyd, No. 1; — Parker, No. 144.

The M.W.G.M. then presented each Grand Officer with the patent of his appointment. He then nominated the following brethren to serve on the General Board.

The Rev. G. R. Portal, W. A. Gumbleton, T. Meggy, James Stevens, Capt. Burgess, H. C. Levander, and S. Rosenthal. Grand Lodge nominated Bros. J. H. Wynne, T. J. Sabine, F. Davison, George Neall, and D. M. Dewar.

The M.W.G.M. then presented the following brethren who were last year's Stewards of the Benevolent Fund Festival with their jewels. The Rev. W. B. Church, George Neall, the Rev. P. H. Newnham, Major George Barlow, Capt. Burgess, and the Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw.

The M.W.G.M.—Brethren, I wish to inform Grand Lodge that by virtue of the power vested in me, I have appointed Bro. Drummond, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in the United States of America, to be Past Grand Senior Warden in this Grand Mark Lodge.

Bro. James Stevens :—M.W. Grand Master, the proper period has now arrived at which in discharge of my functions as Chairman of the Committee, appointed on the 5th of December, 1871, when your Lordship was nominated as Grand Master, I have to ask you on behalf of that Committee, to perform what I am sure will be to you a most pleasing duty, and to the Committee and members of Grand Mark Lodge generally, will afford considerable satisfaction. It was proposed in Grand Lodge on the date to which I have referred, that to mark the appreciation of the eminent services rendered to the Order of Mark Masonry, by our now Immediate Past Grand Master during his Grand Mastership, a distinctive memorial should be offered to him on his retirement. The proposition was cordially received and it was intended that the presentation should be made at the ensuing communication of Grand Mark Lodge. The serious illness of your lordship, which permit me most respectfully to say caused great regret and sympathy amongst your brethren, only equalled by the joy and satisfaction with which they now again find you in their midst, prevented so speedy a consummation of their wishes, and consequently a long period of time has elapsed since the project was first mooted. But if anything had been wanting at any time to strengthen the reasons for acknowledging the good services of our Bro. Portal, it has been supplied in consequence of your personal inability to undertake the duties of your appointment until this evening, for during the prolonged interval the progress of the first three years of our Brother's Grand Mastership has been increased to the manifest advantage of the Order. My Lord, I will not further delay Grand Lodge by reiterating what has been already enlarged upon and is so well known to all of us, but shall now content myself by stating, as the mouth-piece of the Committee of whom I have had the honour to be a member, that they have been supported in their endeavours to carry out the wishes of Grand Mark Lodge, so as to enable them to place before you this magnificent jewel and tankard, upon which are suitable inscriptions, and which I am to ask you to make still more valuable to our Bro. Portal by yourself presenting them to him.

The M.W.G.M. then received from Bro. Rosenthal a massive gold P.M. jewel and tankard, and read to the brethren the following inscription :—“ Presented, together with a distinctive jewel, to Brother the Rev. George Raymond Portal, M.A., on his retirement from the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., by lodges and members of the Order, to mark their appreciation of eminent services, 1869-73.—3rd June, 1873.”

The M.W.G.M., addressing Bro. Portal, said :—Most Worshipful Sir, I do not know that I can add anything to the words which have already been used, in presenting you, on behalf of Grand Lodge, with these testimonials of their

sense of the services which you have rendered us. It would be superfluous, in the presence of so many who know what you have done, to recapitulate all the services you have rendered, or to point out how greatly the position of Mark Masonry has improved since you have ruled over it. I have only one sentiment to express. It is one which in one sense is personal; but in another I am sure it is shared by every member present. It is that you may not only long be spared, and long be willing to render that assistance both to myself and those who shall succeed me in this office and generally, to all the Grand Lodge and brethren of our Order, that assistance which is so valuable, which has been so readily rendered in former times, and without which I myself could not have dared to sit here. (Cheers.)

Bro. G. Raymond Portal, P.G.M., in receiving the present from the hands of the Grand Master, said : Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren, I can assure you that it is no platitude I use when I say that I cannot find words to express my deep sense of the kindness of the whole of the brethren who have presented me with this very magnificent present. I feel that it is owing to you that I should give a very brief account of the progress of our Order during the time that I have had the honour of presiding over you, because I think that, as a general rule, it is the duty of all those who are in high office to do their duty to the best of their ability, and that, except in very exceptional cases indeed, any such testimonial ought scarcely to be given. In what I am now about to say, I hope Grand Lodge will distinctly understand that I claim no credit whatever to myself. I have been, all through, supported by my Grand Officers, by the General Board, and by Grand Lodge itself, in the most cordial manner; and if it had not been for the confidence Grand Lodge had reposed in me, and for the readiness with which they agreed to the several steps I proposed for the welfare of our Order, we should not have arrived at the satisfactory condition we are now in. Therefore, in what I am going to say, I hope I shall not be suspected of egotism, but shall be credited with merely wishing to lay before you the progress of the last four years—a progress, owing very much to those who went before us, and owing still more, as I have said, to the kindness I have received from Grand Officers and Grand Lodge from time to time. When I was first placed in the chair of Grand Lodge those who acted with me found that the Grand Mark Lodge was without one single ally in the whole Masonic world, and not only that, but there was a very powerful Mark organisation existing in this country exercising authority from time to time, which, though not threatening our existence, threatened our supremacy—the Mark degree as practised in this country under authority from the Grand Chapter of Scotland. Now it was useless to attempt by ourselves to get the Grand Chapter of Scotland to withdraw their warrants, or even to promise to issue no more; their natural reply was, you are a self-styled body, not recognised by anyone in the world. We, therefore, thought that the next point was to ally ourselves with other non-recognised bodies; and I make bold to say, in opposition to our Bro. Loewenstark and those who voted with him, that the beginning of our whole success was our alliance with the other non-recognised bodies in England. Having got that, we were able to approach the grand bodies working the Mark degree—the Grand Chapter of Ireland, the Grand Chapter of Canada, and the Grand Chapters of the United States of America, and to say to them that we, as Mark Masters and a Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, desired to be recognised by Grand Lodge of England. I need scarcely tell you that those bodies have branches extending through the United States, and the leaders there in one body are leaders in every other body, and if they found that their brethren were recognised here would be much more likely to recognise us. The consequence was that our application for recognition by the United States was immediately accepted, and we are now, as you know, recognised by and have exchanged representatives with Canada and the United States. I have no doubt that at their next meeting the other grand

bodies will recognize us also. Grand Chapter of Ireland have acknowledged our certificates as valid for admission into their lodges, that I attribute to the first step we took of getting recognised by the non-recognised Masonic bodies. Then came the time when there was a great rage for new degrees, one of which was the Ark Mariners. There was also a great rage for the degree of Royal and Select Masters, which, in America has extended very widely. We thought if these degrees were worked in this country, at all, they should be worked in concert with ourselves, knowing as we did that it was not prudent to have numerous supreme jurisdictions. Therefore, Grand Lodge after some hesitancy had sufficient confidence in us to give us the power to confer on Mark Lodges under our jurisdiction the privilege of working the Ark Mariners degree. Then, brethren, there is no point in my administration of your affairs which I look back to with greater satisfaction than the institution of our Mark Benevolent Festival. That has been singularly successful. We have lately invested a large amount of money on that account, and the report of the Treasurer, which has been read to you, must have been very satisfactory. We have moreover, while holding those annual festivals, adopted a plan, which has been well received and strongly supported, that of admitting the ladies of our families and friends to our festival banquet. We have also felt—when I say we, I mean those who act with me—that it is unfair on Colonial brethren that we should be taking their fees while they had no share whatever in the honours of Grand Lodge, and therefore you were good enough to confer on me the power to give past grand rank to brethren who had distinguished themselves in the colonies. We have appointed upon the recommendation of their colonial brethren, and no step could have been taken by us which could give greater happiness or satisfaction to the residents in our colonies. I have been fortunate enough to secure the services of no less than nine brethren of distinction to take charge of the provinces in this country, South Wales, Northumberland and Durham, (our W.M. in the chair) Lancashire, Somersetshire, Middlesex and Surrey, West Yorkshire, Kent, Cumberland and Westmoreland, and Cheshire, and though it may seem invidious to single out one brother on this occasion of the Installation of the Grand Master for distinction above others, I cannot refrain from saying we never should have overcome the Scotch difficulty, which has been overcome by Scotch lodges, in the most handsome manner, agreeing to work under us and throwing in their lot with us, if it had not been for our Bro. W. Romaine Callander, of Lancashire, Lancashire being one of the strong holds of the Scotch jurisdiction. I feel that our best thanks are due to Bro. Callander, and that we are under a deep debt of gratitude to him, for in so important a province as that of Lancashire the Scotch lodges would never have consented to work under any other brother than our much esteemed brother Romaine Callander. I have now come, I think, to an end of my history of the trust you reposed in me four years ago. I need not say that during that time 69 lodges have been warranted, and over 3,000 certificates have been issued. I believe that in no degree has such progress been made as in the Mark degree, and I am quite sure that in the hands of so worthy a brother as I have had the great pleasure of installing to-night in this chair, not only will our degree suffer no loss, but it will go on and prosper in a manner hitherto unseen. I beg once more to thank you for this most noble present. I assure you no words of mine can express the great value I set upon it; and I only hope you will believe me when I say that any services that I can any time render to this degree will always be as cheerfully rendered in the future as they have been in times past. (Great cheering.)

Letters of apology from absent brethren having been read by Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, a report of which will appear in our next impression.

A BOON TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD.—Boots, with the celebrated wire-quilted soles, wearing twice as long as ordinary leather, for all ages, and children's boots with metallic tips which never wear out at the toes, may be had at most shoe dealers. Insist on giving these a trial, and judge on their merits.

THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE IN THE UNITED STATES.

(Continued from page 359.)

We shall now turn our attention to the Order of Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

This Order teaches that as Christ passed through the gates of death, we also like him, may rise to life everlasting by the exercise of Faith, Hope and Charity, which are the pillars of the New Law, hence the desire to be enrolled as a Christian Knight must be founded on true Christian principles, by performing good works, such as giving food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, and clothing to the naked, to be faithful in the house of the Lord, to love all Christian Knights, and especially to protect the Holy Sepulchre, and defend it against all the enemies of the Christian faith.

The novitiate having pledged himself to the performance of these duties, is permitted to unfurl the banner of the cross, and to be enrolled as a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre, as a member of which Order he learns that the grand mystery of Christian Masonic Knighthood is a sincere belief in Jesus, the Saviour of men, and that Christian Knights should occupy their time in the erection of spiritual buildings, instead of material edifices, as did our ancient brethren.

Let me now direct your attention to our traditional history. The historian Eusebius mentions the fact that after Constantine had witnessed his remarkable vision of the cross, with the motto, "*In hoc signo vinces*," he caused all the debris to be removed from a certain neglected grave hewn in a rock, which was said to be the identical one in which Christ had been buried.

History also informs us that at that very time Helena, the mother of Constantine, made a visit to the Holy City, and learned from aged Christians that the cross upon which Christ suffered had been thrown into a pit near the place of crucifixion, whence it had been removed.

Helena caused strict search to be made, and eventually a pit was discovered containing three crosses, one of which she recognised, by certain tests, as the cross of our Redeemer.

Over the spot where the crosses were found, St. Helena and Constantine caused a stately church to be erected, and from that circumstance is derived, and from that period we date the origin of the Order of Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

These Knights were selected only from the members of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, and each upon receiving the accolade, and taking the vows of Knighthood, was bound to guard the Holy Sepulchre, protect pilgrims, and repel all attacks of the enemies of the cross of Christ.

The Holy Sepulchre remained an object of Christian solicitude until about the year 614, when Chosroes II., a Persian monarch, swept over Palestine with his army, and captured Jerusalem, slaughtering the inhabitants and destroying the churches.

Modestus, Vicar of the Patriarch of Jerusalem, afterwards rebuilt the churches on their ruins.

Adamantius, in the seventh century, described the pit or grave in the solid rock, over which the church was built, and St. Willibald, in 765, also gave a very minute account of the Holy Sepulchre.

In 969 the Caliph Muezz ordered the buildings to be destroyed, and during the Caliphate of Hakem, in 1010, the Church of the Temple was entirely demolished, and special efforts were made to destroy the sepulchre itself, by means of fire.

This church was again rebuilt in 1048, by the successors of Hakem, and in 1099, was enlarged and beautified by the Crusaders, the captors of the city.

At the time of the Persian invasion, of which I have just spoken, the true cross was carried away by Chosroes II., but was recovered by Heraclius, in 629, who, on September 14th of that year, marched barefoot and in sackcloth into Jeru-

salem, carrying on his shoulders this piece of holy wood.

Age after age we trace its course, until it falls into the hands of the Crusaders, over whom its influence is felt at the battle of Hittin, where the Knights of St. John fought so nobly, under command of Guy, King of Jerusalem.

At the beginning of the next century, when the Christians entered Jerusalem with Godfrey, Robert the Monk, says that the soldiers or Knights of St. John "went to the Holy Sepulchre of our Lord, in which he was buried."

In 1160, Benjamin, a Hebrew, makes honourable mention of it as a place of worship, and calls it the Holy Sepulchre.

In 1550, Father Beniface was appointed guardian of the Holy Sepulchre, by order of Pope Julius III., and undertook the work of repairing the same.

In 1808 the entire mass of buildings was again destroyed by fire.

An eminent writer thus describes the conflagration: "The heat was so excessive that the marble columns which surrounded the circular building, in the centre of which stood the sacred grotto, were completely pulverised." The lamps and chandeliers, with the other vessels of the church, brass and silver and gold, were melted like wax. The molten lead from the immense dome, which crowned the Holy Sepulchre, poured down in torrents. The chapel erected by the Crusaders was entirely consumed. Half of the ornamental paintings in the ante-chapel were scorched, but the Holy Sepulchre itself received not the slightest injury internally, the silk hangings and paintings of the resurrection remaining unscathed by the flames, the smell of fire not even having passed over them."

From these and additional historical facts that could be produced, it is self-evident that the sepulchre or grave which Constantine uncovered; and from which his mother, Helena, procured the cross, was the veritable tomb of Christ—the identical spot where the feet of our risen Saviour first pressed the rock of the world He had redeemed.

Our ritual instructs us that during the period of the Crusaders the Order of the Holy Sepulchre flourished; that since the loss of the Holy Land it has continued to exist in several countries in Europe, and that its ancient ritual and ceremonies had been preserved intact to this day.

We now come to the investigation of the Order of St. John the Evangelist.

This Order is unconnected with that of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, or those which took possession of Malta.

It is the Order of St. John of Palestine, whose teachings are intimately connected and interwoven with those of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

The writings of St. John the Evangelist develop all the essential truths of the Christian religion.

It was reserved for this highly gifted Apostle to declare in unmistakable terms who and what constituted the divine Logos or Word.

He disclosed and promulgated the hitherto mysterious secret that the Word was with God from the beginning, and was truly God. That it was He who made all things, and for Whom all things had been made. That He was incarnate in the person of Jesus, Who was born of a Virgin, and suffered death on the cross.

We may remark that one of the mysteries of Christian theology is the equality of the three divine persons composing the mysterious Trinity co-equal and co-eternal, hence these Orders of Knighthood are unfitted for Master Masons.

The substantiality of the Father and the Son was established by the Council of Nice, composed of three hundred Bishops, who were convened by Constantine, and in which Eusebius took a very prominent part.

The doctrine of the Trinity has been unanimously received as a fundamental principle of the Christian faith by the Greek, Latin, Oriental and Protestant churches, and it is upon this settled doctrine that none but Knights Templar can be received into our communion, a holy communion in which with loving hearts we eat the bread of love, teaching us to support each other, and drink pure wine, that we may remember our vows and learn to sustain each other.

It would be inconsistent with my vows and my duties as your Grand Sovereign to speak of our traditional history of the Gospel of St. John, of the manner in which it was brought to light, or of its remarkable and providential preservation. Suffice it to say that he who devotes his time and talents to the attainment of our mysteries is amply repaid for his faith and zeal, by the reception of that sanctified knowledge which St. John proclaimed, when he declared that "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

May we not truly say that among all the degrees of Masonry or Orders of Knighthood, there are no three which are so intimately connected as those of the Knights of the Red Cross, of the Holy Sepulchre, and of St. John, all tending to the same end, and teaching the same glorious and eternal truths.

Let us then, Sir Knights, as members of this Christian Order of Knighthood, all strive to make this world a Temple of Love and Peace, by dedicating our hearts, our talents, our lives, our all, to the service of our Great Master Immanuel, whose title may be read upon the cross, the emblem of our redemption.

These ancient and valuable Orders of Knighthood have been transmitted to America by the Earl of Bective, through our esteemed and illustrious frater Sir Alfred Creigh, LL.D., under whose enlightened direction and government, as Chief Intendant General of the United States, Christian Brotherhood has so largely increased both in numbers and influence.

Honoured Sir, I bid you a cordial and hearty welcome to this our annual Grand Council, and I here assure you that for the zeal, ability and faithfulness with which you have ever laboured to advance the well-being of our beloved Masonic family, you have, as you justly merit, the high respect and deep gratitude of every member of our fraternity.

May your useful life long be spared, that from your extensive research, long experience, and mature wisdom, we may gather much instruction in the noble and holy work in which we are all engaged, the reward and wages of which are "the gratitude of the Craft and the approval of God."

ALTHOUGH Count Renard did not achieve his anticipated victory on Wednesday, it must be owned that his countryman, Mr. A. Ahlborn, of Regent-street, secured a real triumph, as very many striking costumes in the Grand and Private Stands were of his design and manufacture. Specially observable was a well-known toilette of yellow and black—the colours of the winner—the beauty of which seemed to herald the approaching triumph of Doncaster.—*Court Journal*.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 12, 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, June 7.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4. Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

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, June 9.

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. Gottlieb, 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. Mortlock, Preceptor.

West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Tavern, Lower Tottenham.

Tuesday, June 10.

Lodge 167, St. Johns', Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.

" 549, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

" 834, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hotel.

" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.

Chap. 857, St. Marks', Half Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.

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.

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.

Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.

St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, June 11.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at 3.

Lodge 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.

" 1260, Hervey, Swan Hotel, Walham Green.

" 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. Johns' Wood.

" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-st., Wapping.

Grand Metropolitan Rose Croix Chapter, Freemasons' Tavern.

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, June 12.

Lodge 1216, Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Volunteers, Brunswick-road, Camberwell.

Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tavern, Kennington.

" 619, Beadon, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-st.

New Temple, K.T. Encampment, The Inner Temple, London.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.

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, Pensonby-st., Millbank.

Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.

Higate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, June 13.

Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship Hotel, Faversham.

Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's.

" 33, Britanic, Freemasons' Hall.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction, (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern Air-st Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson P.M.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30 Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, 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.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, June 14, 1873.

Monday, June 9.

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

" 362, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, 25, Robertson-st.

" 307, Union and Crown, Freemasons' Hall, Barhead.

Tuesday, June 10.

Lodge 413, Athole, Freemasons' Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.

" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st.

" 426, Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, High-st. Renfrew.

Chapter 69, St. Andrew's, 170, Buchanan-st.

Wednesday, June 11.

Lodge 128, St. John, Shettleston.

" 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-st.

Chapter 113, Partick, St. Mary's Hall, Partick.

Thursday, June 12.

Lodge 88, Old Monkland, Town Hall, Airdrie.

" 203, St. John's Operative, Olive Hall, Airdrie.

Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

Friday, June 13.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 427, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Cambush Kenneth.

Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 14, 1873.

Monday, June 9.

Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 6.45.

" 1350, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

Tuesday, June 10.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.

" 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6

" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.

Chap. 613, Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.

" 721, Grosvenor, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, June 11.

Lodge 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 86, Lebanon, Royal Hotel, Prescott, at 6.

" 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.

St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), 90, Duke-st., Liverpool, at 8.

Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Thursday, June 12.

Lodge 786, Croxteth United Service, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

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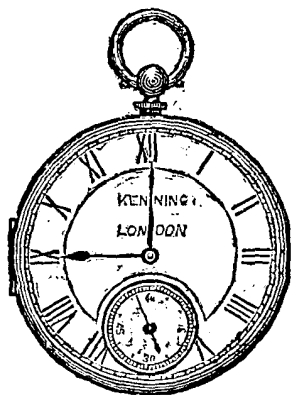
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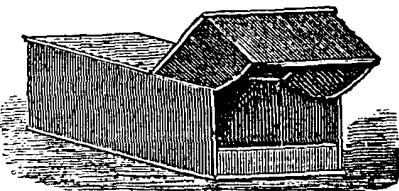
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