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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WARRINGTON.—*Lodge of Lights* (No. 148).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, on Monday evening, 30th ult. The W.M., Bro. Sharp, was supported by a goodly number of brethren. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read, after which the ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Tunstall, and Mr. John Rymer Young, as candidates for the mysteries and privileges. The tongue of good report was rewarded by an unanimous election, and the two gentlemen were initiated, at the request of the W.M., by Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.Prov. G. Reg. Cumberland and Westmoreland. The W.M. afterwards passed Bros. D. Wilkins and T. B. Carter. There being no further business, the lodge was closed with the usual solemnities.

ROCHFORD.—*Lodge of True Friendship* (No. 160).—This lodge held its meeting on Tuesday, the 24th of June, in the lodge room at the Old Ship Inn, Rochford, to instal Bro. Albert Lucking, the W.M. Elect, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Wor. Bro. William Pissey, P.M. No. 160, and P.P.J.G.W. of Essex. The W.M. appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. A. Wardell, S.W.; Joseph Reeve, J.W.; W. Bro. H. Wood, P.M. and P.P.G.O., re-elected Treasurer; W. Bro. George Burgess, P.M. and P.P.J.G.D., re-appointed Secretary; Bro. T. Gower, Assistant-Secretary; Bros. Rev. H. J. Hatch, S.D.; W. Bishop, J.D.; W. Allen, jun., I.G.; A. Harrington and Wiggins, Stewards; J. Allen, re-elected Tyler. The following Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, Past Masters, and visitors were present:—W. Bros. J. Burton, P.M. No. 276, and Provincial Grand Treasurer; W. Allen, P.M. No. 160, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. Wood, P.M. No. 160, P.P.G.O.; George F. Browning, P.M. No. 160, P.P.J.G.W.; George Burgess, P.M. No. 160, P.P.J.G.D.; Jas. Wiseman, P.M. No. 160, P.P.G.S.B.; Fredk. Wiseman, P.M. No. 160; William Pissey, P.M. No. 160, P.P.J.G.W.; A. Veley, W.M. No. 276; Frederick Wood, P.M. No. 1000, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Allen, P.M. No. 160, P.P.G.S.B.; D. B. Groat, P.M. No. 160 P.P.S.G.D.; Edward Judd, I.P.M. No. 160; Provincial Grand Registrar; Garrington, P.M.; Peter Rickmond, P.M.; J. A. Wardell, W.M. No. 1000; Beck, Secretary, No. 1000; D. Morrin, P.M. No. 172 and 190; E. E. Phillips, S.D. No. 1000; Geo. Harvey, No. 692; F. Cantor, No. 1000; Bradbury, No. 1000; Luker, No. 1000; Barrett, No. 1000, and others. After the lodge was closed, about 38 brethren sat down to an excellent banquet at the Old Ship Inn, Hertford, provided by host Bro. H. D. Brown. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the evening was enlivened by songs from Bros. H. Wood, F. Wiseman, Hatch, J. Allen, Wiggins, Beck, Jones, and Gower. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

LEICESTER.—*John of Gaunt Lodge* (No. 523).—The festival of the John of Gaunt Lodge, No. 523, was held on Tuesday, June 24th, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. William Kelly, P.P.G.M., who was supported by Bros. F. J. Baines, S.W., W.M. elect; S. S. Partridge, J.W., and a large number of officers and brethren. The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. George Louis Vaughan, of Belmont Villas, Leicester, who, being unanimously elected, was introduced in ancient form and initiated into the mysteries of the Order. The Treasurer's report for the past year was then read, and adopted with the best thanks of the lodge to Bro. W. B. Smith for his services as Treasurer. Bro. F. J. Baines, the W.M. elect, having given his assent to the ancient charges and regulations, was presented to a board of Installed Masters, installed in due form, and saluted with the customary honours. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by the R.W.P.P.G.M. Bro. Kelly. The W.M. returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—W. Bros. W. Sculthorpe, I.P.M.; S. S. Partridge, S.W.; J. T. Thorp, J.W.; Rev. J. R. Spittal, P.M., Chap.; Bros. Rev. W. T. Fry, Secretary; T. A. Wykes, Assistant Secre- W. D. Rowlett, S.D.; A. Ross, J.D.; W. Bros. C. Johnson, P.M., Org.; R. Taylor, I.G.; J. F. Smith and A. Sargent, Stewards; C. Bembridge and T. Dunn, Tylers. A vote of thanks having been passed to Bro. Kelly for the admirable manner in which he performed the ceremony of installation, and hearty good wishes having been given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The W.M. presided with marked ability, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers and plants from the conservatory of Bro. Charlesworth, and the proceedings of the evening were enlivened by the singing of Bros. S. Tebbutt, E. J. Crow, R. Taylor, W. T. Rowlett, and T. A. Wykes, and the instrumental performances of Bro. Henry Nicholson (flute), G. L. Vaughan (flute), W. T. Rowlett (oboe), T. A. Wykes (bassoon), and E. J. Crow (piano). Great praise is due to the Stewards, Bros. Smith and Sargent, for the excellent arrangements in connection with the banquet.

LIVERPOOL.—*Dounshire Lodge* (No. 594).—On Thursday, the 26th ultimo, the members of the Dounshire Lodge, No. 594, celebrated their anniversary, by the usual installation ceremony, which was followed in the afternoon by the annual pic-nic. The assembly for business took place at 9.30 a.m. in the lodge-room, 60, Duke-street, where a large gathering of the brethren took place to witness the installation of Bro. W. D. Rowse, the W.M. elect. The chair was taken by Bro. R. Ing, W.M., supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. F. Sergeant, P.M.; P. M. Larsen, P.M.; W. D. Rowse, S.W.; H. Hunt, J.W.; S. E. Ibbs, Treas. P.P.G.S.B.; C. Leighton, Sec.; T. Dilcock, S.D. W. G. Veale, Org.; W. Crawford, Tyler. W. Leatham, N. Ludvigsin, J. F. Podesta, R. Williams, N. G. Miller, J. Le Comber, W. Cattell, J. Whitfield, R. P. France, T. Boswell, J. S. Houghton, D. Quayle, A. Morrison, G. H. Martin, W. Hillman, P. Askew, J. S. Jones, G. Maxwell, M. Figdor, H. Worthington, and W. H. Thompson. Amongst the visitors [were]:—Bros. J. Hamer, P. Prov. G. Treas.; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1264; J. Skeaf, P.G.G.; W. Pughe, W.M. 1182; P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264; E. Kyle, S.W. 673; T. Clark, P.M. 673; W. Doyle, P.M. 667, P.G.S.; A. Wincup, P.M. 1326; P. R. Thorn, P.M. 1182; R. S. Williams, P.M. 292; T. Fozzard, P.M. 1035; J. T. Callow, W.M. 673; J. Hocken, P.M. 673; T. Evans, S.W. 1356; R. Martin, jun. J.D. 1182; E. Ramson, 249; J. Bolton, 667; D. Jackson, 673; H. Burrows, 673; and others. After the transaction of some formal business Bro. R. Ing proceeded to instal Bro. W. D. Rowse as Wor. Master of the lodge, which he did in an exceedingly effective and impressive manner. The following brethren were subsequently invested as officers of the lodge:—Bros. H. Hunt, S.W.; T. Dilcock, J.W.; S. E. Ibbs, Treas.; A. Morrison, Sec.; R. P. France,

S.D.; J. Le Comber, J.D.; J. H. Martin, I.G.; H. Worthington, and T. Boswell, Stewards; P. M. Larsen, P.M., M.C.; W. Veale, Org. Bro. W. Crawford was unanimously re-elected Tyler. After the morning's business, about 170 of the brethren and their fair friends took 'busses for the pretty village of Hale. Although the weather was of the most disagreeable character, happily the rain cleared off in the afternoon, and the pic-nickers enjoyed the afternoon's "out" to their heart's content. A capital dinner was served in a tent on the grounds of the "Childe of Hale" Hotel, the W.M. (Bro. Rowse) presiding. After dessert had been placed on the table, he gave the loyal toasts in short but happy terms, being responded to with the greatest enthusiasm by the large company. Bro. Ing proposed the toast of "The Right Worshipful Master, Bro. W. D. Rowse," referring to the excellent qualities possessed by him. After the W.M. had responded to the toast in eloquent terms, he gave the "Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Ing," to whom he presented, in the name of the members of the lodge, a handsome P.M.'s jewel. After the presentation had been duly acknowledged, and the health of the ladies proposed by Bro. Ibbs (seconded by Bros. Doyle and Callow), the party adjourned to the bowling-green, where the merry dance was kept up with spirit till the hour of departure arrived, when the party started on their return to Liverpool.

PORT ELIZABETH, CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—*Lodge of Good Hope* (No. 863).—On the 24th of April a meeting of the members of this lodge was held for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master and investing the duly appointed officers. Bro. S. Bain of the Lodge of Good Will, conducted the ceremony, and having duly installed Bro. C. T. Wheelwright, who had been elected for the second time W.M. of the lodge, assisted by the newly installed W.M. and P.M. Bro. Tonks, invested the officers with their distinguishing badges. The lodge is now constituted as follows:—Bros. C. T. Wheelwright, W.M.; J. Lonney, S.W.; T. Worrall, J.W.; J. Payne, Treasurer; W. Scruton, Secretary; J. Bredell, Organist; J. W. C. Mackay, S.D.; G. Holmes, J.D.; E. K. Smyth, I.G.; J. Morley, O.G.; B. Holmes and G. W. Humphreys, Stewards. The business of the meeting being over, the brethren to the number of about fifty, adjourned to the supper-room, and sat down to an excellent repast, laid out under the supervision of Bro. Phillips. Ample justice having been done to the good things, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, after which Bro. Bain proposed in flattering terms "The Health of the newly-installed W.M.," to which Bro. Wheelwright made a suitable reply. "The newly-elected Officers" was given by Bro. Tonks, to which Bro. Lonney responded. "The Retiring Officers" was given and duly acknowledged. There was next an interchange of compliments between the two *sca* lodges, which work together in the interests of the Order with true Masonic harmony and good feeling. The visiting brethren were toasted and Bro. Sissison made a suitable reply on their behalf. The proceedings were interspersed with some excellent musical efforts and altogether a very agreeable evening was spent by all present.

LIVERPOOL.—*The Hamer Lodge* (No. 1393).—Very rarely has a more genuine success attended the first year's existence of any lodge than that which has been realised in connection with the young Hamer Lodge No. 1393, holding its meetings at No. 2a, Windermere-street, Breck-road, Liverpool. In consequence of this brilliant commencement to its existence, the first anniversary of the "Hamer," which took place on Tuesday, June the 24th, at the splendid lodge-room in Liverpool was marked by the greatest *clat*, and formed one of the most brilliant Masonic gatherings which have been held for some time. There was a large and exceedingly influential gathering of brethren, the chief item on the business programme being, of course, the installation of the W.M. elect (Bro. J. Jones). Bro. W. T. May, who has most efficiently filled the office of W.M. since the consecration of the lodge, was present in the seat of honour, supported by the following officers of the lodge:—Bros. J. Jones, S.W.; J. Harriman, Secretary; C. Tyrer, Treasurer; Captain T

Berry, S.D.; R. H. Evans, J.D.; H. Jackson, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Organist; T. Dilcock, J.S.; and M. Williams, Tyler. The members present were:—Bros. J. Hamer, P. Prov. G. Treas.; T. Roberts, R. Dunderdale, J. McCarthy, T. Large, R. W. Rowlands, J. Bluck, R. Roberts, J. Windsor, J. Harding, E. Dutch, N. Thornthwaite, E. Wilson, G. Aspinall, T. Roberts, A. Gilfillan, R. Price, A. H. Brooke, I. Wolf, T. Durrans, N. M. Jones, H. Burrows, S. Millikin, R. Parry, E. B. Ingham, R. Leason, H. S. Griffiths, J. Denney, J. A. McRobie, G. Bewley, J. Houlding. The visitors present were Bros. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. Thornton, P.M. 673 and 1182; J. Parsons, W.M. 203; H. James, P.M. 203; W. Boulton, S.W. 823; T. Fozzard, P.M. 1035; J. Ball, Sec. 673; T. Shaw; S.D. 823; G. Chapman, 823; R. Cox, 823; T. A. Jackson, 1264; W. Roberts, S.D. 1264; R. Williams, 1035; and G. Wynn, 673. The Lodge was opened in solemn form by Bro. May, W.M., and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, Bro. J. Jones, (W.M. elect) proceeded to initiate Messrs. Messrs John Dance, and John James Griffiths, and pass Bros. J. Wolf, Large, Brook, and Durrans. Bro. W. T. May, W.M., then took the chair, and in the most effective manner installed Bro. J. Jones as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The following brethren were invested by the W.M. as the officers of the lodge:—Bros. Captain T. Berry, S.W.; R. H. Evans, J.W.; C. Tyrer, Treas.; J. Harriman, Sec.; H. Jackson, S.D.; W. F. Johnson, J.D.; J. McCarthy, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Org.; W. T. May, I.P.M., D.C.; E. Dutch, S.S.; E. Wilson, J.S.; and R. Price, Assist. S. Bro. M. Williamson was unanimously re-elected Tyler of the lodge. The charges to the officers upon investment, were given by Bro. Hamer, but the ceremony in its other parts was most admirably performed by Bro. May. About sixty brethren subsequently sat down to a sumptuous banquet in the lodge room, under the presidency of Bro. Jones. W.M. When dessert had been placed on the table, the W.M. gave in a few but appropriate and impressive terms, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were very enthusiastically received. Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., in responding for the P.G.M. and Officers for West Lancashire, referred to the popularity and zeal of Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, and expressed his conviction that the province must prosper under his presidency. Bro. May, I.P.M., next proposed the toast of the evening, "The W.M. of the Hamer Lodge, No. 1393, Bro. Jones," and in doing so said the members might congratulate themselves on having secured as their chief a brother who had already fulfilled the same and other offices in lodges and kindred assemblies with credit to himself and honour to the craft. The toast was drunk with immense enthusiasm, and after the W.M. had responded in feeling and eloquent terms, he proposed "The Immediate Past and Installing Master, Bro. W. T. May," to whom he paid the highest compliment for efficiency in working and true brotherly spirit. In the name of the lodge he also first presented Bro. May, with a splendid P.M.'s jewel, in which was set a brilliant of the first water, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. W. Thomas May, P.M. first Master of the Hamer Lodge, 1309, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by its members and as an acknowledgment of his zeal and Masonic ability." "The W.M. also presented him with a Past Principal's jewel, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Companion Wm. Thomas May, P.M.E.Z. of Chapter 673, by a few brethren and companions, members of the Hamer Lodge, 1393, in appreciation of services rendered by him to the order." The presentation was acknowledged by Bro. May, in exceedingly appropriate and happy terms. A number of other toasts followed, and the proceedings were greatly enlivened by the musical efforts of Bros. Gilfillan, Wilson, T. Roberts, Evans, Chapman, and the dramatic efforts of Bros. Jackson, and McCarthy were novel and highly interesting features of the evening's amusements. "Karl the Martyr," as recited by Bro. Jackson, was a masterpiece of dramatic power and effect.

Royal Arch.

IPSWICH.—*St. Luke's Chapter* (No. 225).—The usual quarterly meeting of this chapter was held at the Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., when there were present—Comps. J. Franks, M.E.Z.; H. Richmond, H.; J. Turner, J.; Emra Holmes, Prin. Soj., acting N.; S. D. King, P.Z., Scribe E.; G. S. Findlay, P.Z.; J. Tracey, P.Z.; G. Abbott, J. Godball, and others. Bro. Alfred Fuller, of the St. Peter's Lodge, Peterborough, No. 442, having been proposed as a candidate for exaltation by Comp. Emra Holmes, and seconded by Comp. King, he was ballotted for, unanimously accepted, and, being present, was duly obligated and exalted as a member of the Holy Royal Arch, the beautiful and impressive ceremony being most admirably conducted by the venerable and esteemed Bro. Franks, than whom there is no more able and erudite exponent of this beautiful degree in Suffolk. Comp. Richmond kindly officiated as Prin. Soj., and also gave the symbolical lecture in his usual lucid manner. Comp. Turner delivered the historical, and Comp. King, the mystical lecture, which he gave in his usual graphic and impressive manner. This being the meeting for the installation of officers, Comp. Richmond was duly inducted into the chair as Z.; Comp. Turner, as H.; and Comp. Emra Holmes was duly obligated and installed into the third Principal's chair as J. The usual routine business having been transacted, the chapter was closed, and the companions partook of refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and duly responded to, when the M.E.Z. called upon the companions to drink the health of their newly-exalted companion. Bro. Fuller, in responding, spoke briefly and to the point, and expressed himself as having been deeply impressed by the imposing ceremony he had witnessed that evening. Comp. King, in complimentary terms, then proposed their "newly-installed Third Principal, Comp. Emra Holmes," who, in replying to the toast, thanked the companions for the cordial way in which they had acknowledged the toast, and expressed a wish that the Royal Arch Degree might become better known and appreciated in the Craft. He thought this end might be best attained if the fee for exaltation were lowered to one guinea instead of three, so that it should be almost obligatory that every Master Mason should take it. Many good Masons objected on principle to pay so large a sum as three guineas for what was only a part of a degree, when they had paid but little more for three degrees, especially as they considered they were entitled to the full benefits of Masonry for the original fee of initiation. Such men would not object to one guinea, though they certainly would to the larger sum, and he thought it desirable that as many as possible should be attracted into the noble convocation of the Holy Royal Arch. The brethren present cordially fell in with Bro. Holmes' views, and approved of the suggestion for lowering the fee.

Mark Masonry.

GIBRALTAR MARK LODGE (No. 43).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday evening, the 12th inst., at 8 p.m. Notwithstanding the heat of the weather, and the numerous changes which have recently taken place in the garrison, there was a very goodly muster of the brethren, and certainly a glance at the agenda paper was enough to satisfy the most exacting that a fair amount of labour had to be gone through, before the column of the Junior Warden could be raised. The W.M. was supported by his officers, viz., Bros. Morgan, S.W.; Brown, J.W.; Price, M.O.; Seath, S.O.; Hepper, J.O.; Marshall, S.D.; Michie, I.G.; and Bro. Williamson, Secretary. Amongst the brethren we noticed Bros. Adams, Bachelor, Brown, Oxley, Prosser, Drysdale, Evjenth, Trenerry, Thorndike, Burt, Dunn, Pringle, Philpott, Ashton, Bottallo, Peterkin, and others. The W.M. commenced the business of the evening by balloting for Bros. Patterson and Aparicio, of Lodge 278, Bro. Recano, of Lodge

115, and Bros. McInvery and Randall, of Lodge 743. The ballot proving unanimous, and Bros. Patterson, McInvery, and Randall being in attendance, they were duly admitted and regularly advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. The W.M. then notified that Grand Lodge certificates had been received for Bros. Jones, Ryley, Satterthwaite, Chillingworth, and Elmes, and these were at once presented to such of the above-named brethren as were present. The W.M. then read a communication from the Grand Secretary desiring that the "title" for the R.A.M. Lodge, attached to No. 43, should be at once selected and forwarded to him with a view to the completion of the warrant for the working of this degree at Gibraltar. Bro. Brown, J.W., proposed, and Bro. Bachelor, in a very eulogistic speech, seconded the same, that the lodge in question should be called the "Cockburn" as a small acknowledgement of the unwearied exertions of their excellent W.M. to establish this degree in Gibraltar. This proposition was put to the meeting and carried without a single dissentient voice. Some other matters of minor importance having been disposed of, the W.M. intimated that he would now proceed to instal the W.M. elect; Bro. Morgan was properly presented and inducted into the chair in due and ancient form, and, having been regularly proclaimed and saluted, proceeded to appoint the following officers:—Bros. Marshall S.W.; Hepper, J.W.; Bro. Seath, M.O.; G. Brown, S.O.; Michie, J.O.; Evjenth, S.D.; Claveresso, J.D.; Oxley, R.M.; Ashton, I.G. Bachelor, M.C., and Prosser, Secretary. The above-named officers having been duly invested and conducted to their various posts in the lodge, the S.W., Bro. Marshall, rose, and after a few well-selected and highly complimentary remarks, proposed that the following should be recorded and entered in the minute book:—"That this lodge learns with deep regret that Bro. Balfour Cockburn, P.M., is about to be removed from Gibraltar, and the brethren beg him to accept their sincere and hearty thanks for the increasing zeal and devotion he has at all times manifested towards its prosperity, and also for the skill, ability, and courtesy with which he has presided over it as W.M. for the past two years." This was seconded by the W.M., Bro. Morgan, and carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to refreshment, where the rest of the evening was spent in much social enjoyment.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Glasgow Chapter* (No. 50) held an emergency meeting on June the 26th, for the purpose of exalting Bro. W. M. Neilson, P.G.M. of Glasgow. Comp. J. Crabb, Z., presided. G. B. Adams, J., acting as H.; T. Lankit Scribe E., acting as J.; G. W. Wheeler, H. 73 1st S.; W. Bromlie, 2nd S. On the dais were Comps. F. A. Barrow, P.G. Superintendent W. Smith, P.G.H.; J. Tweed, J. 73; and A. McTaggart, P.G.S.E. The whole of the work was performed in Comp. Crabb's best style. At the conclusion Comp. W. M. Neilson invited all the companions present to accompany him to Bro. McKenzie's, the Clarence Hotel, where a most sumptuous banquet was provided for them. The chair was occupied by W. M. Neilson, P.G.M., who was supported by J. Cuth, Z. 50 and G. W. Wheeler, H. 73. The vice chair was filled by Comp. Barrow, P.G.Z., who was supported by W. Smith, P.G.H., and A. McTaggart, P.G.S.E. After full justice had been done to the viands, and also to the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the vice proposed "The Health of their Noble Entertainer," whom they had long known and highly respected. He was at the head of the Craft in that province, but to-night they had to honour him in a new capacity. Comp. Neilson, in reply, expressed the gratification that it had given him to enter their ranks, and his satisfaction in the efficient way in which he had been received. Although as a candidate he was not able to judge from experience of this ceremony, still as the head of the Craft in that province, and their custom of visiting each lodge in its working, at least once in the year, he thought he knew good work when he saw and heard it.

Bro. Barrow had been pleased to speak highly of his work in the province. He believed he had raised its status, yet, with the assistance of his officers and P.G.L., he hoped to do more during the ensuing year. He should not be satisfied till they had a hall of their own worthy of the Order to which they belong. The healths of the vice-chairman, H. Crabb, Z 50; R. Bell, M.N.C., K.T., the P.G.S.B., were duly honoured, but we regret that our space forbids us to give them in detail.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire was held in the Masonic Hall, Kidderminster, on Tuesday, 24th ult. The hall is a noble room, and was very handsomely decorated with the emblems and banners of the different lodges of the Province, while, in addition, on either side of the organ, were magnificent collections of flowering shrubs, ferns, and other valuable greenhouse plants, kindly lent for the occasion by T. Lea, Esq., M.P., and J. Humphries, Esq. Their kindness in lending that which so much and so effectually assisted in the decorations of the lodge is the more to be appreciated as neither of them are members of the Craft.

The business of the day was commenced by Bro. Hopkins, W.M. Hope and Charity, 377, opening his lodge to the third degree at 12.30.

The R. W. Bro. A. H. Royds, P.G.M., attended by his officers past and present, entered the lodge-room in procession at 1 p.m., Bro. Haynes playing a march on the organ.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the summons convening the same was read, and the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge read and confirmed. The muster-roll of the lodges was then called over; every lodge was represented. The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts, having been audited, were passed. The brethren were then called on to elect a Treasurer for the ensuing year, when Bro. Griffiths at once nominated Bro. Masfield, saying that if again elected, it would make the twenty-first time that he had been chosen for that honourable and responsible office; this was seconded, and would have been carried unanimously, but that the Prov. G.M., calling Bro. Masfield to the front of the pedestal, invested him, amid the hearty cheers of the brethren, with the jewel of Deputy Prov. G.M.; upon which the new Deputy P.G.M. nominated as his successor in the Treasurership, Bro. Griffiths, W.M., P.M. 280, P.P.S.G.W. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows:—

Bro. W. Masfield, 498	...	D.P.G.M.
" R. Smith, 280	...	S.G.W.
" J. Rutland, 280	...	J.G.W.
" Rev. H. Brown, 1097	...	G. Chaplain.
" H. Cross, 529	...	G.R.
" W. Bristow, 252	...	Secretary.
" W. G. Hopkins, 377	...	S.D.
" G. Smith, 498	...	J.D.
" G. W. Grosvenor, 560	...	Sup. of Wks.
" W. Healey, 564	...	D.C.
" J. R. Wood, 377	...	A.D.C.
" Westbury, 573	...	S.B.
" W. Haynes, 1204	...	Organist.
" J. Blundell, 560	...	Pursuivant.
" W. Turton, 377	...	Steward.
" Jas. Morton, 377	...	"
" G. Taylor, 377	...	"
" J. M. Howes, 377	...	"
" J. T. Meredith, 377	...	"
" J. Prior, 377	...	"

It was decided that the next Prov. Grand Lodge shall be held at Stourbridge, under the auspices of the Lodge of Stability, 564.

Reference was made to the "Memorabilia of the Worcester Lodge," compiled by Bro. Griffiths, and an earnest wish was expressed that the book could be made more generally useful to the members of the Craft. As attention has now been drawn to the history of the Craft in the province, it was hoped that all having control or possession of old records respecting Masonry would look them up, and communicate with Bro. Griffiths.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren walked in procession to St. George's Church, where an admirable Masonic sermon was preached by the P.G. Chaplain from Ezekiel xxxiii, 6 verse. A full choral service was performed, the prayers being intoned by Bro. Rev. J. L. Cheshire. Bro. Fitzgerald, P.P.G.D.C., and P.M. 377, presided at the organ with his usual skill and ability.

After service, the procession was re-formed, and the brethren walked to the Lion Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided. Great regret was expressed, that, owing to domestic bereavement, the Prov. G.M. was not able to stay; the chair was, therefore, filled by his newly-appointed Deputy. A very pleasant evening was passed, the brethren parting at an early hour, the principal drawback to the enjoyment being that the banquet-room was much too small for the number of guests. It is to be regretted that the arrangements of the year 1866 were not adopted on this occasion, as in future, we hope they will.

Among the brethren present, in addition to those above-named, were—Bros. Binckes, Secretary to the Boys' School; W. Woods, P.P.S.G.W.; S. Smith, P.P.J.G.W.; W. H. Jones, P.P.J.G.W.; G. Baldwin, P.P.G.R.; J. Aston, P.P.G.R.; W. H. Westwood, P.P.S.G.D.; Kendrick, P.P.G. Sup. of Works; Bloomer, P.P.G. Sup. of Wks.; Brettell, P.P.G.S.B.; Belitzay, P.P.G.S.B.; A. J. Hancocks, P.P.J.G.D.; and about ninety other brethren.

MASONIC AND GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

On Wednesday, the 11th of June, some of the most influential supporters of the above company dined together at the Cannon-street Hotel, where an excellent repast was served by the proprietor, Bro. Spencer.

The chairman of the company, Bro. J. Rankin Stebbing, J.P., presided, and he was supported by the deputy-chairman, Dr. Beaman, and every other director of the company, many directors of local boards, and several of the agents of the institution. Letters of apology and regret were received from Sir Harcourt Johnston, Bart, M.P., Bro. Horace Lloyd, Q.C., Komaine Callendar, Alderman Addyman, Major Studdy, and other influential patrons of the company.

After the usual loyal and introductory toasts had been given, which were severally responded to by Captain Trower, Captain Bennett, Captain Eglesse, Dr. Fennell, and Bro. Llewellyn Evans, in eloquent and appropriate terms, the chairman in proposing the "toast of the evening," remarked:—

Gentlemen—When this company was originated, my colleagues entertained the firm conviction that a life assurance company, devoting itself to the interests of the great Masonic body, was certain to ensure a large measure of Masonic patronage, both from the Grand Lodge of England, and from that numerous and influential body of men who own allegiance to our noble order. Although it cannot be asserted at present that a full measure of encouragement has been received, I entertain the most confident opinion that it will come eventually, bringing with it all its substantial and powerful influences. (Hear, hear.) The Company laboured under the greatest disadvantages at the outset, for not only was it originated before the commercial world had recovered from the terrible panic of '66, but it started at a time when Mr. Cave's Act of 1867 was in operation, pressing with severity on the labours, and checking the aspirations of all young institutions. But, gentlemen, although this Act certainly militated against some of the interests of our office, the cloud had its silver lining, and the £20,000 that was required to be deposited by all new offices, subsequently established, closed the door to active competition, and attached a substantial good-will value to the Masonic Assurance Company. (Hear.) This office never considered the possession of a great capital to be the 'be all and the end all' here, hence the directors were satisfied to go for a moderate capital. The first ten thousand shares have just been subscribed for, on which £1 per share has been paid, and as there is still the sum of £10,000 at call on these shares, the directors would

have remained content with this backbone had there not arisen, during the past year, in the minds of the assuring world a partiality for offices having larger reserved funds. The directors have not expended large sums in advertising, but they have devoted their attention to the cultivation of local boards, satisfied that if they secured in different parts of England the active support of the brotherhood, there is a wide and ever increasing field for the expansion of life assurance, more especially for the development of the positive system, which this company was the first to originate under the auspices of a life assurance authority of great mental activity. We are now engaged in securing the issue of the second 10,000 shares by warrants to bearer, a new and popular feature in scrip certificates, by which the liability of the subscriber is placed beyond question. This issue is to be conditional upon the whole 10,000 being placed, and when allotted, out of this fund a large proportion of the sum will be invested in the names of the trustees, and such a reserved fund established as will place the company on a still more solid and substantial foundation (cheers). But gentlemen, although this undertaking bears the title of Masonic Assurance Company, it is not exclusively Masonic, but opens its portals to the world at large. Directed as it is by men occupying certain prominent positions in the craft, it gives a sort of guarantee for just and equitable dealing. It dare not act unjustly, and this should encourage others to join its ranks and swell its numbers. I say it with all sincerity, and certainly in the hope that the remark will give no pain, that "Freemasons, as a rule, are not the most prudent of men." Whether it be that they are of too social and genial a disposition to think and care for the future, certain it is that although providing by their charities for the wants of others, they occasionally forget their more immediate obligations. I will present to you two pictures.—There is the man who lives up to his means, spends all he earns, and makes no provision for the future. He dies, and not only are his wife and little ones, and all who are dear to him, deprived of their happy home, their costly luxuries, their carriage, their enjoyments, but they are suddenly reduced to a condition of dependence, rendered doubly harsh and trying from their former state of affluence and comfort. There is another who lives within his means, saving, but not penurious, and when he comes to die, though racked by pain and tortured by disease, his pillow is smoothed by the comforting thought that his wife and little ones will not be left to the mercy of strangers, but that his savings have provided for them such a solace in the life assurance policy, that he bows to the decree of the last enemy with resignation, if not with cheerfulness. (Loud cheers.) Gentlemen, in giving the toast "Success to the Masonic Assurance Company," I need hardly tell you that you yourselves can minister greatly to that success, if you will but bring to our worthy manager and actuary, Mr. Bigg, as many policies as you can secure between this and the end of next September, the period of our first quinquennial valuation. I couple the name of Mr. Bigg with the toast, because I have known and respected him for many years, and I know, moreover, he has the interests of the company most warmly at heart. (Cheers.) Joined to a profound knowledge of life assurance, and great administrative ability, he possesses those high principles of fair dealing between assurer and assured, that, well carried out, form the soundest basis of all assurance offices, and which confidence in our excellent manager entirely decided me in accepting the very agreeable office which it has been the good pleasure of my colleagues to confer upon me. (Renewed cheering.)

Mr. Bigg, on rising, was received with a most cordial greeting, and after some prefatory observations on the honour done him by associating his name with the toast, observed, "The race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong." is an old and very truthful adage. I can well remember that when this company was incorporated, some four years ago, there were, at least, some four offices that I can call to mind which started at such a rapid pace as to create in my mind a certain feeling of envy, and it was very painful to me to be asked by the directors why

we did not make a similar rapid progress, but the directors of this company would never engage in the expenditure of money by anticipation, well knowing that a day of reckoning must come. Those four offices now, gentlemen, are not one hundred miles from Chancery Lane, while we still remain in New Bridge Street. In Grant's recent edition of "British Battles," he adverts to an incident that forcibly illustrates the axiom that the "race is not always to the swift." While commanding a British contingent in 1630, the French Marshal Biron complained to the English officer, Sir Roger Williams, that he did not bring up his companies—I don't mean life assurance companies (laughter)—fast enough. Sir Roger replied, "This was the pace, Marshall, with which our forefathers conquered your country (France), and I don't mean to alter it." Depend upon it, gentlemen, the slow and steady pace will, in the long run, prove in our case the safest. (Hear, hear.) As regards the "battle not being always to the strong," I may remark that phrenologists tell us that "Size, *ceteris paribus*, is the measure of power." I question if this applies in all cases. Take, for example, the Claimant. (Laughter.) I hope I shall not be considered guilty of contempt of court when I say he is a man of prodigious size, and yet he seems to have a very weak case. Then again, I have my eye on a worthy friend of mine at this table who weighs some three stone more than myself, and yet, in half an hour, I could walk him into a shadow, or a great perspiration. Neither does it invariably apply to life offices. Witness the European and Albert Companies. Why, sirs, it was their very size that sunk them, like water-logged vessels, in the very first gale they had to encounter! It should also be remembered that many of the greatest institutions of the present day, when of our age, had not accomplished the amount of business we have succeeded in obtaining. (Hear.) As regards the question of the ratio of expenditure to income, I should very much like, if time permitted, to read to you a recent article that appeared in one of the assurance journals, which is evidently the work of of an able and independent writer. He speaks of the palpable injustice of comparing the expenditure of a young with an old office, and remarks, among other things, "It stands to reason that in the early years of an office its premium income will be comparatively small, because, obviously enough, it has its customers yet to seek." (Hear.) Now, gentlemen, the whole gist of the argument, as affecting our company, lies in this—We have done a small business, hence we have small liabilities. If we have assets of £4,000 to meet possible liabilities of £2,000, I contend that we are in as solvent a condition as the company that has £40,000 to meet £20,000. (Hear.) We know we have at present an income that enables us to save money every year, and more than sufficient reserve to meet all probable claims. We know that our death claims, as estimated by the tables were about eight, at the average amount of about £245 each, or £1,960 annually. Of course, I am only giving you now a rough rule-of-thumb estimate. By the same rough estimate we know that if every one at this festive board were to assure with us for £1,000 each, while it would add £1,500 a year to our income, it would certainly bring us a claim of one life at least before the twelve months have expired. (Sensation.) Life assurance, gentlemen, is a science of such unerring accuracy that I pin my faith to it. But it rests with you to make "assurance doubly sure" by bringing to the Masonic all the policies you can influence among your friends and connexions. You will thus be assisting in the promulgation of a noble cause, adding to the solidity of your investments, and, in the graphic and symbolical language of our Masonic ritual, "raising a superstructure perfect in its parts and honourable to the builders." (Applause.)

Bro. G. Lancaster, of Portsmouth, proposed "The Health of the Board of Directors," remarking that it was a great satisfaction to him to see them all present.

Bro. Surtees responded on behalf of his colleagues, and was necessarily brief, as he had only a few minutes at his disposal to secure the last train.

Bro. Bridger proposed the "Directors of the Local Board," which was responded to by Mr. Cudlipp, in a speech of remarkable ability and humour.

The Chairman then gave "The Visitors, Messrs. Bridger, Tallerman, and Loveland."

Bro. Loveland, of the Temple, responded, observing that as a director of another assurance company, he could scarcely be expected to do more than indirectly give his assistance to the Masonic in respect of assurances, but that from connexion with the Craft he felt bound to take shares in the company, which he should certainly do, and he advised the brotherhood to go and do likewise.

"The London and Provincial Medical Examiners" was proposed by Bro. Sunley, who acted jointly with Mr. Eglese as one of the Vice-Presidents.

In responding for the London officers, Dr. Cross remarked that while the directors were the thought, and the manager the voice, the medical officers were the ear and eye to this body corporate, that both he and his worthy colleague, Dr. Hibberd, had every case under their inspection, and passed neither the lives nor the country papers until they had thoroughly satisfied themselves that the proposals and reports were satisfactory. He had been for many years the medical officer to a company which was now *nulli secundus*, but which, when of the age of the Masonic, was certainly not doing so large an amount of business. He said this in corroboration of Bro. Bigg's statement, and to give encouragement both to him and to the present assembly. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Dr. Bower, of Windsor, responded for the country examiners.

"The Agents" were proposed by Bro. Bigg in appropriate terms. He highly eulogised certain of the agents, who, by their zeal and activity in their calling, had done much to promote the prosperity of the company, while he felt that an agent who consented to accept the appointment, and never exerted himself, was open to the severest censure, and was even worse than useless. He felt great pleasure in making special allusion to three agents now present, who by their energy and perseverance, seemed to realise Longfellow's "Village Blacksmith."

Toiling, rejoicing, sorrowing,
Onward through life he goes.
Each morning sees some work begun
Each evening sees its close.
Something attempted, something done,
Has earned a night's repose."

—(Applause.) Our energetic and respected representative, Bro. Hacker, of Aldershot, had unfortunately left, but he hoped both Bro. Lloyd, of Sowerby-bridge, and Bro. Coram, of Dover, would favour the company with their views. (Hear.)

These gentlemen severally addressed the meeting, and spoke highly of their satisfaction at the way in which the business was conducted, and expressed the greatest hope of the future.

Bro. Murby also briefly responded.

"The Health of the Chairman, Bro. Stebbing," was given by Bro. Bullivant, and received by the company with the greatest enthusiasm. Though suffering from the effects of hoarseness, he displayed all his characteristic ability and eloquence, and appeared to afford the company the liveliest enjoyment.

The company dispersed at a late hour, after spending a most enjoyable evening.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.

(Continued from Page 421.)

Resolved—"That the proposed amendments to the Constitution and general statutes be adopted as a whole, subject to amendments, and that such amendments be taken up and examined in numerical order. An amendment to adopt the Constitution as read, and then to offer amendments, as in committee of the whole."

M.W. James Gibson then read the amendments *seriatim*. The title was changed so as to read, "Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York," thus striking out the word

"laws," and substituting "statutes," and the words "Most Worshipful" and "Ancient and Honourable Fraternity."

On the fourth section of Title I. being presented, which provided for "Acting Masters" and exclusion of Wardens to be representatives in the Grand Lodge, a long debate ensued, during which the five-minute rule was adopted, and, finally, the section limiting the representation in the Grand Lodge to one representative from one lodge, who shall be the Master, one of the Wardens, or a proxy duly appointed by the lodge.

The fifth section as adopted, makes the Grand Chaplains and Grand Lecturer appointed officers. They were formerly elected.

In the title, "Masonic Law," nineteen rules, heretofore known as "landmarks," were stricken out, and are, therefore, no longer a part of the Constitution.

A clause, in section 46, giving lodges power to exempt the Secretary, Chaplain, and Tyler from payment of dues, was stricken out, thus placing these officers on a footing with all the brethren.

A clause was inserted directing the compensation of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Lecturer, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Tyler, to be fixed before they, or either of them, are elected or appointed, and not to be altered at any time so as to affect the incumbent in office.

An amendment, by R.W. Enoch P. Breed, empowering a lodge to disfranchise a member who has not paid his dues, was adopted.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 9 a.m. next morning, when

The Grand Lodge again assembled at the appointed hour, the M.W. Grand Master on the throne. Prayer was offered by the R.W. and Rev. John G. Webster, of Palmyra.

The committee on exemplification of the work were directed to meet in Kane Lodge-rooms this morning at 9 o'clock.

The Grand Secretary announced that he had a check for 767.62 dols. from Holland Lodge, No. 8, which with 1,350 dols. already handed in by individual members makes a total from that lodge of 2,117.62 dols. for the Hall and Asylum Fund.

The amendments to the constitution were then declared in order, and M.W. James Gibson commenced to read the sections from where he left off the evening before.

To the section reading thus: "A warrant of a lodge can only be surrendered by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a stated communication duly summoned, with notice of the proposed surrender stated in the summons, which vote shall have been previously called for upon the written request of at least two-thirds of the members of the lodge," the following amendment was added: "Provided, That a warrant cannot be surrendered if seven qualified members vote to retain it."

On reading the qualifications for membership, the clause conferring such by affiliation was made to read thus: "But no Master Mason shall become a member of a lodge other than that in which, or at the request, or upon the consent of which he received the third degree, unless it shall appear by certificate from a regular lodge that he is non-affiliated, and that he is not indebted to any lodge for dues or assessments, and that there are no charges for unmasonic conduct pending against him."

An animated debate took place upon a motion to strike out the following section, the motion being made by W. L. J. Belloni, Jr., of Arcana Lodge: "An unaffiliated Mason shall not be allowed to visit any lodge, or join in a Masonic procession, or receive Masonic relief or burial." The motion to strike out was lost.

An amendment was then offered to strike out the word "or" after the word "procession," and insert instead the words, "and shall not be entitled to." This was also lost; but an amendment to allow an unaffiliated Mason to visit a lodge once only was adopted by the committee, but was rejected by the Grand Lodge.

Section 101, which is as follows, was taken up:—

No member shall be permitted to dimit from the lodge of which he is a member until he shall present a certificate from some warranted lodge that he has been accepted for membership therein; on presentation of such certificate, and upon the written request of the brother, the lodge at a stated communication may, if the member is not an elected officer or indebted to the lodge, or under charges, issue a certificate of dimit, which shall not be delivered to the brother, but shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the lodge, to the lodge from which such certificate of acceptance came, which dimit shall not become operative, or the brother's membership in the lodge issuing the dimit terminated until the brother shall have consummated membership in the other lodge. But any member of a lodge against whom charges are not pending, and whose dues and indebtedness to the lodge are paid, may withdraw from membership by presenting a written application therefor at a stated communication. The lodge shall grant the request of the brother by dropping his name from the rolls, and his membership shall thereby be terminated, and he shall be subjected to the disabilities of an unaffiliated Master Mason, provided, however, that an elective officer cannot withdraw during his term of office.

The following was proposed as a substitute: Any member of a lodge who is not an elected officer thereof, nor under charges, and whose dues to the lodge are paid or discharged, may obtain a dimit from such lodge if he make application thereof in writing at a stated communication.

This gave rise to an animated debate, the ground taken by its opponents being that if a Mason left the State, and went to another, he would have nothing to show to enable him to join a lodge in the State to which he had gone. The substitute was ultimately lost, and the committee accepted amendments by M. W. Clinton F. Paige, changing the words "accepted" and "acceptance" for "petitioned" and "petition," and making it compulsory on the lodge to grant the dimit, and sending it to the lodge receiving the petition. The last clause in the first paragraph in the original resolution was also changed so as to read: "Which dimit shall not become operative, or the brother's membership in the lodge issuing the dimit terminated, until notice shall have been received that the brother has consummated membership in the other lodge."

A clause in the 102d section, providing that suspension (the punishment for non-payment of dues) should not extend to brethren who are manifestly unable to pay their dues, was, on motion of W. Bro. George W. Dilks, stricken out, but such punishment is not to be inflicted until two years' dues are "owing."

W. Bro. Couch, of Brooklyn, moved that any brother suspended for non-payment of dues may be restored to membership by a two-third vote of members present, and voting, provided he shall have paid the amount due at the time of his suspension.

This was amended by substituting the word "restoration" for "suspension," and "majority" for "two-thirds," and in this condition the substitute of Bro. Couch was adopted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, to resume labour at 2 p.m.

On re-assembling the Committee on warrants reported in favour of granting new warrants to several lodges under dispensation.

Duplicate warrants were recommended to be granted, without charge, to High Falls Lodge, No. 428, Seneca River, No. 169; and Oriona, No. 229, in place of the originals destroyed by fire. At the same time the committee called attention to the gross carelessness of custodians of warrants, in leaving both warrants and records in their lodge rooms, often insecure, frequently inaccessible in case of fire, and recommended the Grand Lodge to adopt such measures as will hold the Master of a lodge to a strict accountability in case of the destruction of a warrant by fire. The name of "Abram's" Lodge, No. 20, was changed to that of "Pioneer" Lodge, No. 20.

A motion to defer the order of the day until after the constitution should have been passed was lost, and the regular order of business proceeded with, the M. W. Isaac Phillips in the East.

The M. W. Christopher G. Fox, was elected Grand Master by a show of hands. The

following committee was appointed to inform the M. W. Brother of his re-election: Past Grand Masters James Gibson, Stephen H. Johnson, and Nathaniel F. Waring.

The M. W. Brother, on presenting himself, was addressed by the Presiding Officer, on behalf of 80,000 Masons, in congratulatory terms, and was responded to by the M. W. Brother with thanks for the confidence reposed in him.

M. W. John L. Lewis nominated (and M. W., Stephen H. Johnson seconded the nomination) R. W. Ellwood E. Thorne for Deputy Grand Master. He was unanimously elected, and entered the Grand Lodge escorted by M. W. John L. Lewis, Joseph D. Evans and R. W. Isaac H. Brown, the committee appointed to inform him of his re-election unanimously, when he was congratulated on his re-election.

The following brethren were then re-elected unanimously: Senior Grand Warden, R. W. Edmond L. Judson, of Albany; Junior Grand Warden, R. W. General James W. Husted, of Peekskill; Grand Treasurer, M. W. John W. Simons, of New York; Grand Secretary, R. W. James M. Austin M.D.; Grand Chaplains, R. W. Res, R. L. Schoonmaker, F. C. Ewer, and John G. Webster, Grand Pursuivant, W. Johnston Fountain; Grand Tyler, W. John Hoole; and Grand Lecturer, R. W. George H. Raymond.

In returning thanks for his re-election, R. W. Bro. Husted gave a history of his labour in getting the taxes on the Hall remitted, which, by a blunder of an engrossing clerk, was made naught; but a supplementary bill, which he had introduced, would be signed by the Governor, and the Hall would be exempt from taxation.

The M. W. Luke Lockwood, Grand Master of Connecticut, was here introduced and received with the grand honours.

M. W. James Jenkinson here rose, and said: "Most Worshipful Grand Master, I think the labourer is worthy of his hire. I therefore move that the thanks of this Grand Lodge, properly engrossed, be presented to our Junior Grand Warden, General James W. Husted, for his able, efficient, and effective services, in the Legislature, in behalf of this Grand Lodge." Adopted unanimously.

R. W. Bro. Sinclair, moved for a convention of Masters of lodges in New York and Brooklyn, to be held on Saturday evening in the Masonic Temple, to devise means for the completion of the same. Referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

A clause was inserted in the section relative to the non-payment of dues, providing that for thirty days before a brother can be stricken from the roll for such an offence he shall be summoned to attend lodge and pay.

On motion of M. W. Bro. Johnson, the installation of Grand Officers was made the special order for nine o'clock Friday morning.

On motion of W. Levi J. Isaacs, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were unanimously given to the M. W. Isaac Phillips, for the able and courteous manner in which he conducted the election.

The consideration of the Constitution was resumed. On a question as to a waiving of jurisdiction by a sister lodge, R. W. Isaac H. Brown stated that he had three times asked a sister lodge for a permission to initiate, pass, and raise a candidate who had been rejected by said lodge. That lodge refused permission on the ground that the candidate is a Catholic. Now he knew no sect in Masonry, nor did he look for any religious qualification except a belief in a Supreme Being. The man in question had nothing against him, and was as fine a piece of material as he had ever seen in his entire Masonic career, yet he was refused by the lodge in question by but one vote, where there were only seven persons voting. The section on this subject was amended so as to make a majority vote, instead of a single black ball, sufficient to refuse such permission.

Amendments were passed preventing the initiation, passing or raising of more than five candidates at any one time, and the conferring of more than one degree or any one candidate in one day.

One of the amendments adopted read thus: "No officer or other member of the lodge

shall be permitted to procure the initiation of advancement of any candidate in any other lodge than that in which such candidates shall have been accepted."

On motion of M. W. Clinton, F. Paige, the report was recommitted, with instructions to report back complete.

The Grand Lodge then called off until 9 a.m. Friday.

On Friday the Grand Lodge resumed labour at 9 a.m., prayer being offered by R. W. and Rev. John G. Webster, Grand Chaplain.

The special committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report as referred to the Chicago Board of Relief, recommended that the \$3,494.17 dols. returned by the Chicago Board of Relief be turned over to the Hall and Asylum Fund, which was adopted.

The officers of the Grand Lodge were then installed.

The following Commissioners of Appeal were nominated by the Grand Master and confirmed by the Grand Lodge: Chief, R. W. Andrew E. Suffer, of Haverstraw; Commissioners—Wm. T. Woodruff, of New York; W. Josh J. Couch of Brooklyn; W. John A. De Reimer of Schenectady; W. Alexander T. Goodwin, of Utica; W. George O. Baker, of Clyde; and W. David F. Day, of Buffalo.

R. W. Edmund L. Judson, from the Committee of Finance, reported various appropriations for salaries and for charitable and other purposes. The Grand Secretary was recommended to receive 6,000 dols. for salary and clerk hire, and the Boards of Relief of New York 1,500 dols., and Brooklyn and Williamsburgh 100 dols. each. Seventy-five dollars were appropriated for a safe for the Grand Treasurer, and all moneys over and above what was required to pay expenses were turned over to the Hall and Asylum Fund.

The First six Grand Officers having been appointed a committee to redistrict the State tendered the following report, which was confirmed:

- 1st.—Queens and Suffolk counties.
 - 2nd.—Kings, east of Washington-avenue.
 - 3rd.—Kings, west of Washington-avenue.
 - 4th.—Richmond county and New York city Lodges up to and including No. 156.
 - 5th.—New York City Lodges up to and including No. 245.
 - 6th.—New York city lodges up to and including No. 371.
 - 7th.—New York city lodges up to and including No. 600.
 - 8th.—New York city lodges up to and including No. 739.
 - 9th.—Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess counties.
 - 10th.—Rockland, Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster.
 - 11th.—Greene, Delaware, and Schoharie.
 - 12th.—Columbia, Rensselaer, Albany, and Schenectady.
 - 13th.—Washington, Saratoga, Warren, and Essex.
 - 14th.—Montgomery, Fulton, Hamilton, and Herkimer.
 - 15th.—St. Lawrence, Franklin, and Clinton.
 - 16th.—Jefferson and Lewis.
 - 17th.—Otsego, Chenago, and Broome.
 - 18th.—Oneida, Oswego, Cayuga, and Cortland.
 - 19th.—Tompkins, Schuyler, Tioga, and Chemung.
 - 20th.—Wayne, Ontario, Seneca, and Yates.
 - 21st.—Monroe, Livingston, Genesee, and Wyoming.
 - 22nd.—Steuben and Allegany.
 - 23rd.—Orleans and Niagara.
 - 24th.—Erie.
 - 25th.—Chautauqua and Cattaraugus.
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- The ninetieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was then closed.

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ERRATA IN "THE MASONIC TEMPLE."—Line 2, for "labours" read "labour;" lines 3 and 4, for "aforetimes" read "aforetime;" line 2, verse 2, for "but" read "be;" line 4, verse 2, for "was" read "be;" line 1, verse 3, for "cemented" read "directed;" 2nd line of verse 3, read "shall bless and adorn, if the work He approve; last line but one delete comma after duties.

In the report of the Consecration of Sandgate lodge the name of Bro. H. C. Fuhr, was erroneously spelt as H. C. Foster; that of Bro. W. Tucker, J.W. 125, as W. Lucker, G.W. 125; and Bro. Sherwood, as Isherwood.

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Week ending July 12.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee Bro. E. Saker, Gaiety Company.

ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE, Great Charlotte-street.—Lessee Bro. H. Leslie, "The Poor of Liverpool."

PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE, Clayton-square.—Lessee, Mr. Sefton Parry. Mr. Byron's new drama, "Chained to the Oar."

THEATRE ROYAL, Williamson-square.—Lessee, Bro. De Freese. Burlesque of "The Forty Thieves," "The Sylphide," and Miscellaneous Entertainment.

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

NEW STAR MUSIC HALL, Williamson-square.—Manager, Bro. Saunders. Opera and Special Attractions.

ROTUNDA THEATRE and MUSIC HALL.—Proprietor, Mr. D. Grannell. Miscellaneous Entertainments.

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

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

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JULY 5, 1873.

CONSECRATION OF THE LIBERTY OF
HAVERING LODGE, No. 1437.

FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.

This lodge, to be held at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Romford, Essex, was inaugurated by consecration on Monday, the 30th ult. Amongst those present we recognised the following:—Bros. P. Matthews, P.M., P.G.D.C.; Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.M. 276; Lacey, W.M. 1421; Wood, of the Angel Lodge; J. A. Wardell, P.M.; Day, P.M.; Beck, of the Priory Lodge, 1000; Scott, P.S.G.D., P.M. Antiquity Lodge, 214; Pearson, S.W. 1196; Roberts, P.M. 554; J. H. Sling, 1327; W. F. Cox, 1327; G. W. Patmore, 1327; W. H. Pearse, S.W. 214; T. Cochrane, P.M.,

P.G.C. 214; Saul, P.M. 276, P.P.G.S.D.; W. W. Gilbert, S.D.; F. G. Day, 1076; A. Penfole, 910; H. Payne, 1076; J. Evans, 1327; F. Whitmore, 276; J. Austin, 1327, Wakefield, 1327; J. Tydeman, S.W.; W. Allison, P.M. 13; Bolton, P.M. 1227; Gabb, J.D. 72; S. Piggan, S.D. 1312; J. Worken, 1237; W. D. Martin, of the Acacia Lodge, 1309; J. Maloney, 765; G. Tedder, 1107; J. Nicholls, P.M., P.G.S.W. Essex; A. Wackett, 1437; C. W. Ashdown, P.M. 1076; E. W. Long, W.M. 25; W. Money, 1327; R. Bolton, 1237; W. Parkinson, 1327; J. C. Whitworth, 1421; J. K. Young, P.G.W.; Wackett, 754; J. Williams, 699; and other brethren.

The brethren having entered the lodge-room in procession, Bro. Matthews, in the absence of the R.W. Bro. Robert J. Bagshaw, Provincial Grand Master of Essex, took the chair, and appointed Wardens, pro. tem.

The lodge was opened in the three degrees, after which the Chaplain, (the Rev. F. B. Shepherd) offered up a solemn prayer, imploring the G.A.O.T.U. to assist them in the duties in which they were about to be engaged, after which the following ode was sung:—

Behold the Lodge rise into view,

The work of industry and art.

'Tis grand, 'tis regular and true;

For so is each good Mason's heart.

Friendship cements it from the ground,

And secrecy shall fence it round.

Then may our views to virtue move—

So virtue, owned in all her parts.

Come candour, innocence and love,

Come and possess our faithful hearts;

Mercy, who feeds the hungry, poor,

And silence, guardian of the door.

Immortal science, too, be near;

We own thy empire o'er the mind;

Dress'd in thy radiant robes, appear

With all thy bounteous train behind.

Invention, young and blooming there:

Here's Geometry with rule and square.

United thus, and for these ends,

Let scorn deride, and envy rail;

From age to age the Craft descends,

And what we build shall never fail;

Nor shall the world our works survey,

For ev'ry brother keeps the key.

The presiding officer then addressed the brethren on the object of their meeting.

The Secretary then read the petition and warrant of constitution.

The brethren having signified their approval of the same, the Chaplain then delivered an oration. He said, brethren, whenever a Masonic lodge is consecrated, it is customary for some brother to deliver a short oration on the excellencies of our institution; doubtless you are well acquainted with the principles of Masonry, and may God help you to go through the several steps which leads us to the top of the ladder, the summit of which gives us entrance to the mansion of the Great Architect, and where the just shall shine for ever and ever. Our three grand principles are brotherly love, relief, and truth; they are laid down for our guidance in the great book of sacred law—that book which is, as it were, the spiritual tracing board of the Architect of the Universe, in it are laid down our principles and laws, which will, if we value them, bring us to the temple above—a temple not made with hands, eternal in the

heavens. The sacred law is our text-book, the unerring standard of truth. It teaches us the important duties we owe to God, and all mankind. Benevolence and charity are two grand ornaments, besides these are secrecy and fidelity, which are two Masonic virtues—virtues which all brethren love. Wisdom, strength, and beauty, also are the three grand pillars which support our lodge. The virtues of faith, hope and charity, are the three principal staves in the ladder which reaches into Heaven. Faith in the Great Architect, Builder and Upholder of this Universe shall hereafter be revealed to those who love and keep His commandments. Temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice are virtues which regulate a Mason's daily life; these virtues are likened to the four great rivers which flow out of the Garden of Eden, where our first parents lived, and happy will our future lot be, if we through life observe the lessons, which these virtues inculcate. Ye, who are this day erecting and dedicating this lodge, remember these virtues. Do not let this lodge degenerate into a place for mere social meeting, or what is still worse, a public-house club. See that you do not use liberty as a cloak of licentiousness. Finally, brethren, love the brotherhood, fear God, and honour the Queen, avoid quarrelling, slanderings, &c., be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love will be with you.

Whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are of good report shall be added unto you. Now brethren, as the Father of our great Master prayed for the Jewish Temple, so will all true Masons present pray for this lodge. May peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy borders; for my brethren and companions' sake, I will—say peace be within thee.

The Director of Ceremonies then presented the W. Master to the presiding officer, who placed him on his left. The brethren of the new lodge then arranged themselves on each side of the lodge-board. After a short prayer by the Chaplain, Bro. P. M. Day uncovered the lodge, and the elements of consecration, corn, wine, and oil, were carried round by P.M.'s Day, Wardell, and Angell, solemn music being performed during the ceremony; after which, the following anthem was sung, "Glory be to God on high; peace on earth; goodwill towards men;—to which all chant, "So mote it be." The Grand Chaplain of Oxford then took the censer three times round the lodge, during solemn music. The second portion of the dedication prayer was then offered up—"May the God of love endue the brethren with wisdom from on high; may brotherly love, relief, and truth dwell among the members of this lodge; grant speedy relief to all who are in distress; finally, when we finish our work here below, grant that we may be taken to the Grand Lodge above." The presiding officer then constituted the lodge, concluding his remarks by wishing the lodge every success. The following anthem was then sung:

Behold! how pleasant, and how good,
For brethren such as we,
Of the "Accepted" Brotherhood,
To dwell in unity.

'Tis like the oil on Aaron's head,
Which to his feet distils;
Like Hermon's dew so richly shed
On Zion's sacred hills.

For there, the Lord of light and love,
A blessing sent with power;
Oh! may we all this blessing prove,
E'en life, for evermore.

On friendship's altar rising here,
Our hands now plighted be,
To live in love, with hearts sincere,
In peace and unity.

This brought the consecration to a close, after which the installation of Bro. John Josiah Wilson, W.M. designate, was proceeded with. After being duly installed as W.M. of 1437, he was saluted by the brethren in due form. The W.M. then appointed the officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. Tydeman, S.W.; E. West, J.W.; George English, S.D.; B. Brayshaw, J.D.; F. Day, I.G.; G. W. Patmore, Sec.; T. F. Bishop, Treas.; W. Steadman, Tyler.

Bro. Matthews then explained to each of the officers their respective duties. He said: Brethren, you cannot be insensible to the duties which are involved on you; success will depend on your skill in working this lodge, and may you imitate that grand luminary of nature which gives us light, to enlighten the minds of all mankind, and let the world know that we are one.

Bros. Matthews, Shepherd, and Nicholls were then elected honorary members. Bro. Matthews rose and returned thanks. He said he was pleased to be with them on that occasion, and was always delighted to assist in Masonry. Bro. Shepherd thanked them for the compliment they had been pleased to pay him. He said: I am pleased to come among you, and my wish is founded on scripture, "How pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Bro. Nicholls returned thanks, and he wished them the highest prosperity.

Thanks were then given to the brethren for their attendance; the lodge was then closed in due form, and with solemn prayer.

The brethren adjourned to the Corn Exchange, where a most profuse banquet was served, and which gave great satisfaction to all present.

On the withdrawal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the following toasts:—"The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and the Craft;" "Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Marquess of Ripon;" "The Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G.;" "The Earl of Carnarvon, Deputy Grand Master of England;" "The Provincial Grand Master of Essex;" "The Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present;" "Presiding Officers;" "Visitors," &c.

Bro. Shepherd, in responding, said: I thank you most heartily for the kind manner in which you have drank my health. I am very sorry that our Prov. Grand Master is not amongst us; I saw him yesterday, and he told me he should try to be present. I know that he wished to be here. He would shed additional lustre to our proceedings. (Cheers.) I again thank you for your toast, and wish you every prosperity.

Bro. Matthews: I rise with the greatest of pleasure to return you my thanks for the honour you have conferred upon me. Nothing does me as much good as to see our brethren working together in harmony, and I shall come down to see you as often as I can make it convenient to

do so. I wish you prosperity to the lodge and officers. (Cheers.)

Bro. Veley returned thanks for the visitors. He said, I congratulate you on your success to-day, and I congratulate you for your choice of your W.M. (Cheers.) We wish you every success.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of Bros. Tedder, Sherbon, and Farquharson," for the able manner in which they carried out the musical arrangements.

Bro. Tedder responded in a very able manner.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Tydeman."

Bro. Tydeman:—I am much obliged for your toast. Everything that I can do for the benefit of Masonry, I am always willing to come forward to help. (Cheers.)

The whole of the silver jewels for collars, and silver square and compasses for Bible, were presented to the lodge by the W.M. designate. Other presents as follows:—The tracing boards by the S.W., the three ebony gavels inlaid with silver by the J.W., the Bible J.D., the cushion by the I.G., and several other presents by various brethren.

A very pleasant evening was spent, and the brethren parted in love and harmony.

VISIT OF AMERICAN BRETHREN TO BELFAST.

The American Freemasons who recently landed per S.S. "Cuba" in Ireland, under the charge of Messrs. Cook and Sons, having been invited to dinner by the members of St. John's Lodge, No. 88, Belfast, on Wednesday evening, 25th June, were met on their arrival at the Northern Counties Railway station, by the W.M. and brethren of the lodge. Bro. Rev. A. F. Shanafelt, President, and Bro. Cecil S. Spates, Secretary of the excursionists, presented the W.M. and brethren to the members of the party.

During their visit to Belfast, they were escorted by several members of Lodge 88, over various places of interest in the town, including York-street Flax Spinning Mill, several linen and other warehouses, &c.

In the evening after witnessing the initiation of a candidate in Lodge 88, they were entertained at dinner by the members in the hall. The party comprised the following:—Rev. A. F. Shanafelt, (Chairman of the party), C. S. Spates, Secretary; Rev. A. S. Hank, D. W. Lawrence, Esq.; Dr. H. S. Campbell; P. B. Williams, Esq.; G. L. McCracken, Esq.; W. O. Hickow and wife, Colonel Le Grand Benedict and wife, Dr. S. P. Burdick and wife, Thomas Eginton, wife, and sister; George W. Craft and wife, A. J. Loecher and wife, Allen Craig and wife, B. F. Caldwell and wife, John C. Dolan and wife, C. S. Turner, Esq.; Dr. A. M. Barr and wife, C. H. Armstrong and two daughters, H. A. Moran, Esq.; Alex. Howard (conductor).

Amongst those who were present to meet the American brethren were:—The Right Wor. Bro. Sir Charles Lanyon, D.P.G.M. of Antrim; Very Worshipful Bro. John Hanna, P.S.G.W.; Very Worshipful Bro. James Scott, P.J.G.W., P.C. H.K.T. 88; Bro. John Ireland, P. Prov. S.G.W., P.C. H.K.T. 88; Bro. C. C. Wheeler, P.C. H.K.T. 22; Bro. John G. McGee, P.G.R.C.; O'Connell Shaw, P.C. H.K.T. 88; John Adrain, P.C. H.K.T. 106; Thomas Moarn, P.M. 105; Wm. Moarn, 22; John Wright, P.M. 195; R. L. Murrow, 134; John Dixon, 659; W. Markland, 22; J. H. McAuley; Rev. W. C. McCullagh, Chaplain 154.

After dinner the following toasts were proposed:—"The Queen;" "The President of the U.S.A.;" "His Royal Highness Bro. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales;" "The G.M.'s of

Ireland, England, and Scotland;" "The Duke of Leinster;" "The Marquis of Ripon;" "The Earl of Rosslyn;" "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim," responded to by Bro. Sir Charles Lanyon, D.P.G.M.; the toast of the evening, "Our American Brethren," responded to by Bro. Rev. A. F. Shanafelt, and Bro. Cecil S. Spates; "Ireland and America;" "Our Local Visiting Brethren," responded to by Bros. J. G. McGee and John Hanna; "Our Poor and Distressed Brethren;" "Our next Merry Meeting."

During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by a varied programme of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, &c., very efficiently rendered by the following:—Bros. McCullagh, Shanks, Wheeler, Ireland, Shaw, Woods, Markland, Glass, Lindsay, Stott, Murrow, Allen.

Before leaving Belfast the Americans inserted the following resolutions in the *News Letter* of the 27th of June:—

"Whereas we have been so cordially welcomed, and so kindly and generously received and entertained by our Irish brothers, during our sojourn amongst them, and especially so by the Masons of Enniskillen, Portrush, and Belfast, therefore—

"Resolved—That we fully appreciate the hospitalities of our Irish brethren, and the sympathy and friendship that have met us on this side of the Atlantic; and we shall carry back to our Western homes the most pleasing remembrances of our associations with the members of our Order in the land of Erin."

"Resolved—That we recognise in these receptions by our Irish friends further proofs of the usefulness and advantages of our world-wide Order; and that now, as in days gone by, it is animated by the noblest impulses of the human heart.

"Resolved—That we extend to the Masons of Ireland our heartfelt thanks for all they have done for us in making our visit pleasant and enjoyable; and we trust the day may not be far distant when American Masons may have an opportunity of showing that they know how to reciprocate the kindnesses that have been so freely shown them."

ALLEN CRAIG,
A. S. HANK,
D. W. LAWRENCE, } Committee.

The party having next to proceed to Glasgow, they were escorted to the steamer by members of the Order, to whom they expressed their deep gratitude for the kindness shown, and the cordial welcome they had received, and with many expressions of mutual goodwill, the vessel steamed off, after three hearty cheers and a "tiger" having been given.

The dinner was supplied by the House Steward, Bro. Hudson.

VISIT OF AMERICAN BRETHREN TO GLASGOW.

A party of Masons from America, who intend making a tour through Scotland and the continent, arrived on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Bromielaw from Belfast. They were received by Robert Bell, Esq., First Noble Commander of the Knights Templar, and during the day visited the various places of interest in the city. In the evening they were entertained to a grand banquet in the City Hall, by the Masonic brethren of the city. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather the large hall was well filled by the brethren of the various Masonic lodges in the city and their friends, and presented quite a brilliant appearance—most of the brethren appearing in the regalia of the Order. Walter Montgomerie Neilson, Esq., of Queenshill, occupied the chair, and was supported by a strong muster of Provincial Grand Officers and a full number of the Fraternity. The various Orders turned out in full distinctive Masonic costume for the first time, we believe, in Glasgow.

The proceedings, which commenced about eight o'clock, took the form of a soiree, concert, and assembly—the concert company consisting of the following well-known artistes:—Miss Isa Robertson, Miss M. Dunsmore, Bro. Charles

Stewart, Bro. James Houston and Bro. Robert Fraser. Bro. H. A. Lambeth presided at the organ, and played a selection of national airs while the company was assembling—Bro. A. W. Banks officiating on the piano.

After tea had been dispensed.

The Chairman, who was received with loud applause, said they were met there under rather more than ordinary circumstances. He remarked that Masonry was not confined to their city; it was not confined to England or Scotland—it was not confined at all. They found Masonry all the world over; they found every nation and people giving themselves up to this worthy and excellent Craftship. However much nations may be separated, even geographically, they knew that the people were brought close together by the bonds of brotherhood, and by the mystic ties of the Craft; and however much people might differ in language, there was one universal language which they of the brotherhood all understood—that was, love to one another. They had to-night members of another nation with them, and, fortunately, these brethren and friends spoke not only the English tongue, but they were descended from their common ancestors, and were of the same flesh and blood as themselves. The ties of Masonry were strong, but he held the ties of kindred were still stronger; and whilst they held out the right hand of fellowship as Freemasons, they did so, not only as members of the Craft, but as really true Masons. He asked them to join him in giving a little stronger expression of welcome to their friends—viz., by giving them three hearty cheers. (The request was then heartily responded to by the assembly.) The Chairman went on to speak of the country from which their friends came—a country which was known to them—a country which had been the wonder and admiration of the world, and, if he was not mistaken, it was sometimes a wonder to the Americans themselves—a country they had very great interest in indeed; and why should they not? If the land did not belong to them, there were many people in that country whose hearts they claimed and meant to keep. They were proud of their own land, and he was quite satisfied their excellent friends reciprocated the feeling he now expressed. He thought in Scotland they had reason to be proud of their good old country, and they never would be the last country in the world to welcome friends from wherever they came. Their friends had been kind enough to take up their little city in their long tour, but he regretted they should have come in such unfortunate weather. He hoped, however, their friends would accept this meeting as an offering of their pleasure at seeing them in their city.

The Rev. Mr. Shanafelt, Philadelphia, then addressed the meeting. When he recalled the kindly reception extended to them—the music of the pipers, and their having ascended this prominent place in this grand hall, and the music and song—surrounded by fair ladies, and by the representatives of the Craft in all degrees—he confessed his position was exceedingly embarrassing, and he could only reconcile himself by believing that it was a part of their Scotch right thus to introduce strangers. Ever since their disembarkation at Queenstown, all through Ireland, they felt at home from the kindly courtesy they had received; and, as he assured the brethren of Belfast, if he was not an American, he could wish himself an Irishman. He had changed his mind. As he joined them in this very enjoyable evening, he could wish himself a Scotchman. Everywhere in Ireland they were made welcome; and as they approached Glasgow the glad music that fell on their ears, of the hammer which built the noble mighty ships that floated on the seas was to him and his associates in travel one of the grandest concerts to which they had ever listened. They all were Masons, and they joined and accepted their goodness; and their hearts were warm with loyalty towards them. He came from a city, and worked under the grand lodge of that city, under which 515 subordinate lodges were to-day in healthy, working order. They were all representatives of the 45,000 valiant Sir Knights of America. In a few weeks, they proposed to dedicate to the uses of Masonry the grandest temple that

stood on the western continent, in the city of brotherly love, known to them more familiarly as Philadelphia. So that when their Scottish brethren came over to America the grandest edifice on which their eyes would rest in that magnificent city would be their home as it was theirs—the Masonic Temple. This made their brethren and fair sisters forget they were transatlantic, and they felt as though their home commenced amidst the Scotch hills or the green hills of Ireland. They looked forward to the time when it would be theirs to greet their Scotch brethren to American soil—when it would be their privilege to prove to their Scotch and Irish brethren that America appreciated and knew how to reciprocate the kindly courtesy and hospitality which they had extended to them.

At the conclusion of the concert a banquet took place in the Lesser City Hall to which nearly 100 sat down, comprising the *élite* of the assembled party with their ladies. The chair was taken by W. M. Neilson, P.G.M., who was supported by F. A. Barrow, Depute P.G.M., and Capt. Shank, P.E.C., K.T.; Bro. R. Bell, M.N.C. St. Mungo, and J. Crabb, Z. of Chapter 50, were the croupiers.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the P.G.M. gave "Our American Guests."

Sir Knight Dr. Budick responded.

The P.G.M. then gave "The Committee" who had taken so much trouble in getting up this splendid festival.

Sir Knight Bell, as Chairman of the Committee, replied.

The P.G.M. proposed "The Health of the Ladies."

Bro. C. S. Spates, of West Virginia, replied expressing the great satisfaction the American visitors had felt at their reception.

On behalf of the ladies both English and American present, he thanked them as well as for themselves.

Bro. Barrow, D.P.G.M., then gave "A safe return of our Visitors to their Native Land."

The company then adjourned to the ball-room where dancing had commenced some time.

THE SHAH'S VISIT TO LIVERPOOL.

Although of short duration, the visit of his Imperial Majesty, the Shah of Persia, to Liverpool, the principal seaport of the kingdom, on Thursday, the 26th ult., was exceedingly brilliant, and must have impressed his somewhat unimpressible nature with a sense of the pluck and enterprise of English commerce and shipping. There was a peculiar propriety in having the reception of the "King of Kings" entrusted to Bro. E. Samuelson, Mayor of Liverpool; for, while the former had thrown around him the tradition of ages, the latter was identified with the sacred brotherhood of Freemasonry, which can also boast of its traditions, but of an even more hallowed character than that possessed by his royal visitor. The morning of the day's visit was of the least inviting nature, as the rain poured down with a relentless equality from early morning until afternoon, but this did not hinder "country cousins" and townsfolk from turning out in their thousands. The Lime-street station, at which the Shah was expected to arrive, was gay with the gayest and most diversified bunting, although there was nothing like artistic arrangement at any part of the station. There was also a good flag display in other parts of the town, amongst the most noticeable of these being the three huge Masonic flags displayed by Bro. G. Kenning, at his depot, 2, Monument-place, which were the observed of all observers in that part of the town. The arrival platform at Lime-street was crowded by a brilliant assembly of the *élite* of Liverpool, and as the royal train, drawn by the engine "Shah," emerged from the tunnel, there was a great flutter, and every eye was turned to gaze at the dusky stranger. The first to alight from the carriage was Sir Henry Rawlinson, in attendance on the Shah, and by whom the Earl of Sefton, Sir James Ramsden, the directors of the railway, and other gentlemen were introduced to his Majesty. This ceremony over, the Shah alighted from the saloon carriage amidst the acclamations of the assembled crowd.

After a short retirement at the North-Western Hotel, his Majesty proceeded to St. George's Hall, where he was received by Bro. Samuelson, the Mayor, in presence of a most distinguished company.

After the excitement of the royal arrival had subsided, his Worship the Mayor advanced to the foot of the dais, and said—Will your Majesty be graciously pleased to receive the address of the Corporation of Liverpool?

His Majesty having bowed his assent,

The Town Clerk, in the absence of the Recorder, read the address as follows:—

"TO HIS MAJESTY THE SHAH OF PERSIA.

"May it please your Majesty,—We, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Liverpool, in council assembled, approach your Majesty with our sincere congratulations on your arrival in England, and humbly tender to your Majesty our especial thanks for the gratification you have afforded the inhabitants of this town by honouring it with your presence. We highly appreciate the enlightened policy which has induced your Majesty to visit this country, and we trust this event may tend still further to cement the alliance happily existing between Her Majesty the Queen and your Majesty, and to extend the commercial relations between the two countries. We hope that you will be gratified with an inspection of the public works and buildings of this town and port; and we assure you that the inhabitants desire to offer to your Majesty a very cordial welcome.—Given under the common seal of the Borough of Liverpool, this 26th day of June, in the year of our Lord, 1873.—EDWARD SAMUELSON, Mayor."

His Majesty replied, through Sir Henry Rawlinson, the interpreter, that he would return a written answer to the address on a suitable occasion; but in the meantime he desired to say how very much gratified he had been by the manner in which, since his arrival in this country, he had been received, both by the Government and by the people of this country. In fact, he had been received in the most flattering and gratifying manner, and he was very sensible of the attention which had been paid to him. He also said that from his early days he had heard of Liverpool as one of the great centres of the mercantile activity of the world, and he was glad that the opportunity had arisen of his being able to visit the place in person, and becoming acquainted with its institutions and its material prosperity.

A sumptuous luncheon was subsequently given at the Town Hall by Bro. Samuelson, and His Majesty afterwards took a trip on the river, going to Trentham, the seat of the Duke of Sutherland, in the evening.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

A MASONIC MEDAL.

I have in my possession an ancient silver medal, which is evidently connected with some early period of Freemasonry. I shall be much obliged to you if you will allow me to give the following description of it in *The Freemason*, in the hope that some brother may be able and kindly willing to inform me what it represents, and upon what occasion it was struck.

The medal is of oval form, two inches seven-eighths by two inches three-eighths. On the right is a figure standing on a dais before a canopied throne, his left hand resting on an arm of the throne, and his right hand holding a sword, with which he is pointing to a scroll held open by a kneeling figure before him, by the side of the kneeling figure is another figure, standing, pointing to the scroll with his right hand. In the background are two arches, through the one on the left is seen a building in progress of erection, with scaffolding in front of it, above it is the sun. Through the one on the right is seen an obelisk and the moon. In the foreground is a smooth ashlar, upon which is cut the triple tau, upon it lies the compasses and something I cannot make out, against it are supported the level and square, by it are lying a plumb-rule and a scroll. The floor of the room appears to be tessellated. The whole is surrounded by a snake or serpent.

Original Correspondence.

CHARITY JEWELS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

If there is no other reply to "P.M." as to the Charity Jewel, will you kindly inform him that I consider it is the most distinguished jewel a Mason can wear, and that he is now midway to obtaining the privilege of wearing one. The jewel is presented to a brother on his serving the office of steward to two of the three charities—the Boys' and Girls'—and he will be entitled to wear a clasp for the other charity when he serves the stewardship, and an additional clasp for every other stewardship of any of the charities.

Yours fraternally,

MAGNUS OHREN, P.M.,
Past Steward of all the Charities.

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a Knight Templar and a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite I have read with surprise and regret a letter, quoted in a leading article in your valuable paper, dated the 14th inst., addressed by Sir Patrick Colquhoun to John Scott Cunningham.

I pass over, with the silence I consider it merits, the unpardonable egotism displayed throughout the Arch Chancellor's effusion, and content myself with pointing out the decided errors into which he has fallen, and the equivocal position into which the entire body of Knights Templar have, through the ill-directed zeal of a "lawyer of standing," been placed.

I should first remark how utterly distant from the truth is the statement that honours and dignities are distributed, not by favour, but by merit, and that provincial officers are real entities instead of ornamental and useless dignities. I can instance within my own knowledge several cases in which Knights Templar, who have only been installed companions for a very short period, being appointed to nominally important, and responsible offices in a Provincial Priory, as it is now termed.

I have no doubt the Prince of Wales is deeply grateful for the paternal care with which his career has been watched over by Sir Patrick, and the exertions he has displayed to secure for H.R.H. the honour of Grand Master.

There is, however, a far more important point of view from which the matter must be considered.

I have no hesitation in affirming that such an alteration in the constitution of a body, which had until recently considered itself a "Masonic" one, has been made, is unwelcome to a very large proportion of its members, who although most willing to welcome the Irish Templars, would not, had they had an opportunity of considering the matter, and expressing an opinion on it, have consented to its having been made.

There were very few members of Encampments held out of London who had the slightest idea of what was proposed to be done until the resolutions forming the basis of the amalgamation had been passed, and this having been done, further discussion was burked by the assertion that as the Prince of Wales had sanctioned the so-called amendments, he would be unable to accept the office of Grand Master if they were not confirmed.

It is asserted "that the principle accepted was that the body is not of itself Masonic." Is this the case? What have many eminent authorities said upon the subject?

That worthy Mason Bro. How, to whose valuable work I shall hereafter refer, is clearly of opinion that it cannot be controverted that the Knights Templar possessed some features of similarity to Freemasonry, and the connection between the two bodies has frequently been asserted by the friends and enemies of both. Bro. Laurie says, "We know the Knights Templar not only possessed the mysteries but performed the ceremonies and inculcated the duties of Freemasons," and he attributed the dissolution of the Order to the discovery of their being

Freemasons and assembling in secret to practise the rites of the Order. These views are adopted by Bro. Mackey, an American Mason of eminence.

A careful study of works relating to Knights Templar will, I think, prove that Masonry was a prominent feature of the Order, and it cannot be controverted that whilst Templary flourished Masonry prospered, churches were built and fortifications erected.

Again referring to the statement that the past rank hitherto bestowed was a "ridiculous aping of Craft Masonry, with which it has no connection." To use your own words "out of his own lips this Arch Chancellor stands condemned," for has he not written that the body "has a Masonic basis and qualification" and are not the ranks of the Knights Templar recruited from Freemasons alone?

Supposing for one moment that the Order of the Temple is not of itself Masonic, what then is the legal position occupied by it, and its members? This ought to be known to "a lawyer of standing" but although I am content to accept a more humble position in the ranks of the legal profession, I feel it a duty incumbent upon me to point out the lamentable position which the ill-timed and ill-directed exertions of the gentleman (who deprecating the use of past rank by others, does not fail to inform our American brother that he has been a "Chief Justice") has brought us to, if his assertion that the body is not Masonic is correct.

It is possible we "want no assistance from the law," but it is an undeniable fact that we are subservient to it, and I propose to point out what, in my opinion, the law is.

The Act 37 Geo. III., cap. cxxiii. is still in force. By it all persons administering, &c., "any oath or engagement . . . to be of any society . . . or to obey the commands or orders of any committee or body of men not having authority by law for that purpose . . . shall be guilty of felony;" and "any engagement or obligation whatsoever, in the nature of an oath, shall be deemed an oath within the intent and meaning of this Act."

By 39 Geo. III., cap. lxxix., every society then or thereafter to be established, the members whereof should be required to take any oath which should be unlawful under the last-mentioned Act, should be deemed unlawful, section 5 expressly exempting "Lodges of Free Masons;" and 57 Geo. III., cap. xix. enacts that all societies, the members whereof are required to take unlawful oaths, &c., within the two before-mentioned Acts, or "to take any oath not required or authorised by law," shall be deemed to be within the provisions of 39 Geo. III., cap. lxxix., "Lodges of Freemasons" in this instance also, being specially excepted.

If the Order of the Temple ceases to be Masonic, it at once becomes an unlawful society, and the whole of its members liable to be subjected to criminal prosecution.

And now as to the unwarranted attack made upon the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

In the first place, Sir Patrick Colquhoun, knowing that the Supreme Council 33° had incorporated itself under the Companies' Acts of 1862 and 1867; and being himself a member of the 32°—and, as such, pledged to support the authority of the Council—must be taken to be aware of the objects of the incorporation, which, as set forth in the memorandum of association, "are the promotion of Scientific and Archaeological Freemasonry, and the encouragement and development of Masonic Charity; and the doing of all such things as may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects."

Had Sir Patrick Colquhoun not been above the law he would have known that under the last mentioned Acts, associations may be registered for purposes other than that of trading and the license granted to the Supreme Council by the Board of Trade, by virtue of 30 and 31 Vict., c. cxxxi. sec. 23 was upon the express condition "that the income and property of the Association shall be applied solely to the promotion of the objects of the Association" as before set forth and no portion thereof is to be "paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend or bonus or otherwise by way of profit" to any person whomsoever.

How then does he reconcile this with his utterly unfounded assertion that the Council is a trading company for the sale of Masonic or quasi Masonic degrees?

Is then the Order of the Temple upon a firmer basis than the Ancient and Accepted Rite?

I think that I have clearly demonstrated that if the Arch Chancellor's assertion is correct (which I do not admit) then the latter has a legal instead of an illegal position.

It can amalgamate with other bodies, in fact generally do anything that may be conducive to the carrying out of the object for which it was incorporated.

I must apologise for these lengthy remarks, but the subject is one of interest and appears of too great importance not to require ample ventilation.

I am Dear Sir and Brother

Yours fraternally,
J. E. C.

A MASONIC FUNERAL IN NEW YORK.

The *New York Dispatch* gives the following interesting account of the funeral obsequies of the late Bro. Orr, Governor of New York:—

The sun has rarely shone on a finer day than the one set apart for the tribute offered by the fraternity and the civic authorities of New York to the memory of the late Governor Orr, whose remains were passing through our city to their final resting place in South Carolina. From the moment of the arrival of the steamer in the bay the casket was in charge of the Craft, under direction of R. W. Bro. Thorne, D.G.M., and the various commanderies, with ready devotion, guarded it and its honoured burden. Friday having been named for the public ceremonial, found the craftsmen ready to honour themselves in honouring one who in life had been a faithful exemplar and consistent exponent of the principles Masonry teaches. Promptly at the hour named in general orders, the Knights began assembling in the City Hall Park, and when the line of march was ready, there could not have been less than 800 Templars in it. The coffin having been placed in its place, the cortège moved in the following order:—

Section of Mounted Police.

Inspector Dilks, with Captain Leary as Special Aid.

Platoon of the Broadway Squad, under Capt. Allaire.

Knights Templar Band, H. B. Dodworth, leader.

Grand Marshall and Chief of Staff.

Aids to Grand Marshall, in full evening dress, black, with blue rosettes and lambskin aprons.

The Grand Commandery of New York as follows:—

Sir Frand L. Stowell, R.E. Grand Commander.

Sir Robert Blake, V.E. Deputy Grand Commander.

Sir Townsend Fonday, E. Grand Generalissimo.

Sir Geo. W. Southwick, E. Grand Captain General.

Sir James A. Read, E. Grand Prelate.

Sir George W. Walgrove, E. Grand Senior Warden.

Sir George H. Chase, E. Grand Junior Warden.

Sir A. W. Shadbolt, E. Grand Treasurer.

Sir Robert Macoy, E. Grand Recorder.

Sir Charles Aikman, E. Grand Standard Bearer.

Sir Edmund Cooper, E. Grand Sword Bearer.

Sir Ralph W. Kenyon, E. Grand Warder.

Sir Jackson H. Chase, E. Chief of Staff.

Sir Peter Forrester, Special Aid to Grand Commander.

Commanderies of the State of New York, in the following order:—

Columbian, No. 1, Sir Walter M. Fleming, E.C. Constantine, No. 48, Sir Geo. W. Walgrove, E.C.

Morton, No. 4, Sir George Smith, acting E.C.

Clinton, No. 14, Sir Claudius Beattie, E.C.

Palestine, No. 18, Sir Henry Myers, acting E.C.

De Witt Clinton, No. 27, Sir John H. Mott, acting E.C.

Manhattan, No. 31, Sir H. Snyder, acting E.C.
Ivanhoe, No. 36, Sir Fred. Gugel, E.C.
E. Sir Henry Titcomb, Past Grand Warden of
Rhode Island.
R. E. Sir C. F. Knapp, Past Grand Commander
of Pennsylvania.

Grand Commandery of New Jersey.
Delegations of Knights from New Jersey.
York Commandery, U.D., Sir Jerome Buck, E.C.
Keating's Grand Lodge Band.
Fifth Regiment Drum Corps.
Grand Lodge Officers in reverse order.
Ellwood E. Thorne, Grand Master.

Pall bearers in carriages.
J. H. Drummond, P.G.M.,
John W. Simons, P.G.M.,
N. F. Waring, P.G.M.,
S. H. Johnson, P.G.M.,
Isaac Phillips, P.G.M.,
Jos. D. Evans, P.G.M.,
Jas. Jenkinson, P.G.M.

J. M. Austin, P.G.G.H.P.,
A. G. Mackey, P.G.G.H.P.,
Daniel Sickels, P.J.G.W.,
Cœur de Lion, No. 23,
John T. Conover, E.C.,

Delegations from different commanderies, forming a hollow square.

The Hearse.

Chief mourners in carriages.

Mayor and Common Council in carriages.

Gen. Hancock and staff in carriages.

Citizens and others in carriages.

The hearse was drawn by six white horses, with black drapery and other mourning habiliments, each horse being led by a coloured man attired in black clothes and silk hats, with crape around the outer arm. The hearse was enclosed in a hollow square formed of Knights.

The procession, which numbered 1,500 knights, marched in the form of a Latin cross, up Broadway to Twenty-third-street, thence to and along Madison-avenue to Dr. Hepworth's church, on the corner of Forty-fifth-street. All along the line of route the houses and sidewalks were crowded with people, whose silent attention denoted great respect. Many of the houses along the upper part of Broadway were draped, and every flag along the entire line was at half mast.

On arriving at the church the knights formed in two lines, with open ranks, and stood at present arms, while the Grand Commandery went back to meet the hearse. The Grand Lodge band and drum corps followed the Grand Marshal and aids, the Grand Commanderies of New York, New Jersey, and Grand Officers from other jurisdictions, the Grand Lodge, pall-bearers, and hearse then passed through the lines, the knights holding their swords at present. The Grand Officers then formed, from the kerbstone to the church door, an arch of steel, by crossing their swords, and beneath this the coffin was carried by ten knights into the sacred edifice, the Grand Lodge band playing a dirge, and the drum corps beating the long, muffled roll.

In the church there was no decoration, no display, except the floral offerings. The Grand Commandery furnished a "Kedge Anchor" in white flowers, representing also the Templars, cross and crown; the Grand Chapter contributed a "Keystone," encircled by a wreath, and bearing the symbolic letters, "H.T.S.S.T.K.S.;" Mrs. C. P. Leslie, of South Carolina, presented a beautiful wreath, nearly lyre-shaped, of white roses, immortelles, and lilies, with fern leaves, and having the initials "S.C." in violet forget-me-nots; and the Grand Lodge gave a square and compass. The front seats were reserved for the relatives of the deceased, the pall-bearers, the Grand Officers of the Order, the Common Council, the representatives of the State, and officers of the army and navy. As soon as the music from without announced the arrival of the procession, the Rev. Dr. Hepworth, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Dr. Tyng, junior, went to the door to meet the body. In a few moments they returned, preceded by Sexton Isaac Brown, and Chief of Staff, E. H. Kent, Dr. Tyng chanting that portion of the Episcopal Service, commencing, "I am the resurrection and the life."

After came the pall bearers, then the coffin, on the shoulders of ten Knights Templar, next, the

Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter, the Grand Council, the municipal authorities, including the Mayor, and General Hancock and staff. The two clergymen passed on the platform, followed by Rev. Drs. Ewer and Schoonmacher, Grand Chaplains, and the coffin was laid in front of the reading-desk.

When the Templars had taken their places the doors were open to the public, and in a few moments the church was crowded. While the cortège entered, the organ pealed forth a solemn march. The quartett who assisted at the church services were J. R. Thomas, bass; George Simpson, tenor; Miss Baron, alto; Mrs. Shepherd, treble. They commenced the musical portion of the services with the chant, "Lord let me know my end," at the conclusion of which Dr. Tyng read from the thirtieth verse, fifteenth chapter, of the first epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, "Now is Christ risen from the dead."

The hymn, "Jesus lover of my soul," was then sung, and at its conclusion Rev. Dr. Hepworth addressed the congregation. There were some events, he said, too grand and awful for expression, they were in themselves so eloquent that they stood in no need of interpretation by human lips; and this was one of them. They were now standing amid the awful silence of death, and it impressed its own lesson upon every heart. In after years such a scene would re-appear in the imagination, carrying its lessons with it. In this event they were taught the uncertainty of human life, which he advised them to lay closely to their hearts. He besought them also to remember that to-day alone is theirs, and they have no right to speculate on the morrow. Let them be strong in faith. It alone was the great sustaining power in all trials, the supporter in all life's trials. In concluding, he wished that the anchor of hope might be theirs, and when the Senior Warden came in death's shape to call upon them he would find them not afraid, and when as justice, the Junior Warden came with his plumb, he, too, would find them ready. Then might they look up to the Great Architect of the Universe, who hath builded a house for them in heaven, and when the summons came, say, "So mote it be."

Dr. Tyng next proceeded with the Episcopal funeral services, which closed with the funeral anthem, "I Heard a Voice." He next offered a prayer, and at its close the Masonic ceremonies commenced, opening with the dirge from Lulline, "Peace to the Memory."

The Grand Lodge officers next formed about the coffin, R.W. Ellwood E. Thorne, as Grand Master, taking his position at the head; W. Bro. James F. Morrison, as Deputy Grand Master, at the foot; R.W. William T. Woodruff, as Grand Senior Warden, standing at the left of the Grand Master; and W. Bro. Robert H. Thomas, as Grand Junior Warden, at his right hand. The Masonic ritual service was then commenced by the Grand Master, the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens taking up the responses. R.W. and Rev. R. L. Schoonmacher, Grand Chaplain, next offered prayer, after which the ritual service was again taken up, the Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens reciting passages of Scripture appropriate to the occasion.

The Grand Master then delivered the ritual address to the brethren on death and their duty to prepare for eternity, after which he placed the lambskin apron and acacia on the coffin, at the same time explaining their moral meaning. The ceremony of committing the body to the grave, "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust," was then carried out, the Grand Master dropping earth on the coffin, after which the fraternity sang the Masonic dirge, "Solemn strikes the funeral chime."

After a concluding prayer by Rev. F. C. Ewer, the remains were again placed in the hearse, and the final procession formed. This consisted of the police, the Washington Grey Troop, looking superbly; the Seventh Regiment, in its usual magnificent array; the Grand Council R. and S.M., under G. Fred. Wiltsie; the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, under Thomas C. Cassidy, G.H.P.; sixty-two subordinate lodges, numbering about thirty-five hundred Masons, properly clothed, and presenting a creditable degree of uniformity and

bearing; then the escort of Templars, hearse and city authorities, as above described.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The annual distribution of prizes and summer fête, will take place on Tuesday, 8th July, 1873. It is hoped that the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor will preside, but should he be prevented from doing so, the chair will be taken by Bro. Sheriff Perkins, P.M., P. Prov. G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight.

No better opportunity than this can be afforded for an inspection of the building—for witnessing the practical results of the system of education—and for an examination of the various arrangements for promoting the health and comfort of the pupils.

The programme (particulars of which will be distributed on the day) will comprise—Presentation of Prizes—Recitations—Vocal and Instrumental Music—Out-door Sports—Dancing in the evening, &c.

A cold collation will be served in the Gymnasium at Four o'clock.

Application for tickets should be made before Saturday, 5th of July, to Bro. Frederick Binckes, Secretary.

Masonic Tidings.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A NEW CHURCH.—On Saturday last, the 28th ult., Bro. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, R.W.P.G.M. for East Lancashire, laid the foundation stone of St. James's Church, Pleckgate, Blackburn, with full Masonic honours. The R.W.P.G.M. was assisted by the Grand officers of the province and numerous brethren from the different lodges within his jurisdiction. The local clergy, the Mayor and corporation, the Orange lodges of the district, numbering 800 persons, the scholars of St. John's and Pleckgate Schools, and several thousands of spectators were also on the scene. The weather was fine, and the ceremony was both impressive and imposing. The new edifice will cost some £3,500, and will accommodate 644 people, one half the sittings being free and unappropriated. £2,200 have already been raised by subscriptions. Mr. W. T. Carr, barrister-at-law, gave the site, worth £300, in addition to a subscription of £100. One special circumstance deserves to be noticed, to show the interest the working-men of the district take in the movement. A number have subscribed £5 each, which they will pay at 2s. 6d. per week. Eight bands of music played in various parts of the procession.

St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, has been sold by the present proprietor, Bro. S. Wickens, to the English Order of the Knights of St. John, who thus regain possession of the fine old hall after centuries of other occupancy.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FESTIVAL 1874.—Bro. John Constable, S.W., 185, is issuing one shilling tickets, entitling the purchaser to participate in the ballot for a Life Governorship of the above Institution, value £10, to take place at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., E.C., on Wednesday January 21, 1874, at 8.30.

A block of stone arrived at Rochefort in a vessel of the State, and coming from Easter Island (Polyneisa), has been sent, by order of the Minister of Marine, to the jardin des Plantes where it is exhibited in the Cour de la Baleine. It represents the head of an idol, rudely carved, and weighing 3,000 kilogrammes. The nose alone is a yard in length.

The Earl of Zetland has given a site, and intends to erect a club for the working men of Richmond, Yorkshire.

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

THE BANQUET.

BY BRO. WILLIAM CARPENTER, P.M. and P.Z.
Set to Music by Bro. JAMES WEAVER, P.M.

The banquet is finish'd, the gavel's in hand:
Let order prevail, while the wine passes round.

We meet at this board, not for pleasure alone,
Hilarity's chasten'd where Masons are found.
They do not forget within compass to keep,
Avoiding excess, both in deed and in word;
With leaving the level they'll not be reproach'd,
Nor told that with prudence they're not in accord.

The grape they enjoy, but they still bear in mind

That brothers there are who in poverty pine,
And pleasure uniting with brotherly love,
They're prompted to practise a virtue divine.

Then here is a health to poor brothers away,
Who're scatter'd abroad, on land and on sea;
From all that afflicts them a speedy relief,
And may they return quite as happy as we!

The schools, too, are thought of, and many a hand

Is freely stretch'd forth, both for girl and for boy,

While old men and widows all sympathy share.
So the banquet to charity brings no alloy.

OF WHAT USE IS MASONRY TO THE LADIES?

The question is often asked, "Of what use is Masonry to the ladies, as it separates man and wife to some extent by giving the man certain secrets and duties which the wife cannot share?" Ladies, you are connected with Masonry by ties far more intimate and tender than you are aware of, or even than I can inform you. The widow and orphan daughter of a Mason takes the place of husband and father in the affection of the lodge. If their characters are unjustly assailed the brethren are in duty bound to defend them; if they are in want or distress for the necessities of life, the brethren will divide their means with them. How many widows have been provided with comfortable homes, their children educated and reared up to honourable stations, their own hearts cheered and comforted by the blessed influences of Masonry! To you, ladies, are given all the advantages of the society, its protection, its hand of relief, its voice of sympathy, while it does not require of you any of the labour or expense of sustaining it. The only privilege denied you is that of visiting the lodge, and this could be of no advantage to you, if it were possible to grant it. But, ladies, do not anticipate me and suppose I am going to say it is because you are unable to keep a secret. Not so; you are excluded simply because the same necessity does not exist with you for the controlling influence of Masonry as with the sterner sex. Our rugged passions need discipline to keep them within due bounds, and to develop those pure feelings of our nature which causes us to sympathise with the distressed and relieve their wants. Woman needs no art to be able to subdue her passions, to urge her to deeds of charity, her ear being ever open to the cries of distress, her hand being ever ready to relieve want. Ladies need none of the implements of the Craft, as there is that within their bosoms which causes the chords of sympathy to vibrate without the aid of such symbols. Admit them into the lodge, our labours would be abandoned, jealousies would arise, peace and harmony would be destroyed. In a word, ladies, it is your charms that exclude you.—Robert Clark.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS: More precious than Gold: Diarrhoea, Dysentery, and Cholera, are through the summer's heat, carrying off the young, as the winter destroys the aged. In the most acute cases, where internal medicine cannot be retained, the greatest relief will immediately result, from rubbing Holloway's soothing Ointment over the abdomen; the friction should be frequent and brisk, to ensure the preparation of a large portion of the Ointment. This unguent calms the excited peristaltic action and soothes the pain. Both vomiting and griping yield to it. Where fruits or vegetables have originated the malady, it is proper to remove all undigested matter from the bowels, by a moderate dose of Holloway's Pills before using the Ointment.—ADVT.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, July 4, 1873.

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

Saturday, July 5.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, July 7.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark Lodge No. 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
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. Gottheil, Preceptor.

British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 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, July 8.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.

Supreme Council 33°, 33, Golden-square.
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, July 9.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at 3.
Lodge 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

" 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-st., Wapping.

Supreme Council 33°, 33, Golden-square.

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, July 10.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.

Lodge 1288, Finsbury-park, Finsbury-park Tavern, Holloway.

" 1216, Macdonald, Head Quarters, 1st Surrey Rifles, Brunswick-road, Camberwell.

" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill, Chap. 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

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, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

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

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

Friday, July 11.

Mount Calvary Rose Croix Chapter, Freemasons' Tavern, 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 Courts 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.

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Monday, July 7.

Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 6.45.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Blundellsands Hotel, Gre. Crosby, at 6.

Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
Everton Lodge of Instruction, (No. 823), Masonic Temple Liverpool, at 8.30.

Wes. Lancashire, Mark Lodge, (No. 65), Masonic Temple Liverpool, at 6.

Tuesday, July 8.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
" 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 6.

Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, July 9.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Royal Hotel, Prescot, at 6.
" 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
" 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall Runcorn, at 6.

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Thursday, July 10.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.

" 1384, Equity, Sim's Cross Hotel, Widnes, at 6.
Chap. 220, Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, at 5.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 15 Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

Friday, July 11.

Mariners' Chapter, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

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Monday, July 7.

Lodge 129, St. Miren, St. Miren's Hall, Paisley.
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" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st.
" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-st.
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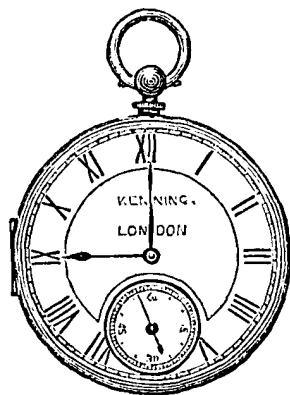
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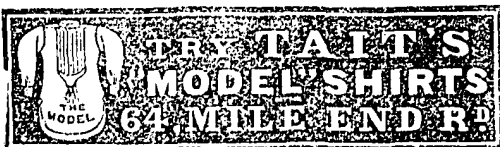
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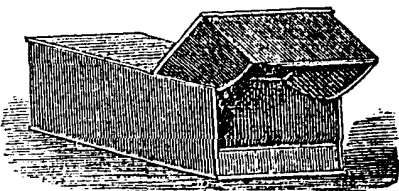
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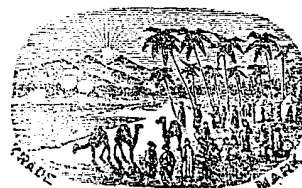
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