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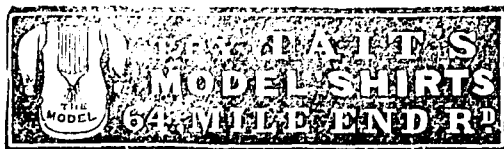
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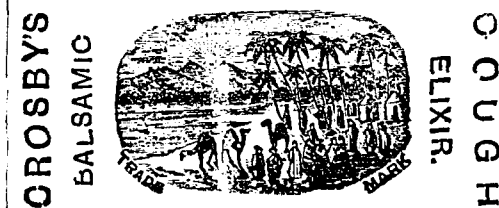
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE (No. 73).—After the long recess of six months, this justly celebrated old lodge held its regular meeting at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark, on Tuesday, October the 21st. Bro. G. J. Grace P.M. 1178, W.M., presided. The minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of all the candidates for initiation into Freemasonry. The agenda paper was relieved by raising Bros. J. J. Hole, and J. E. Stephens to the third degree, passing Bro. E. J. Frisby, to the second degree, initiating Messrs. Whetherly, S. W. Sutton, and E. Buckland into Freemasonry. The work was well and ably done by the W.M. Several candidates were proposed for initiation at the next lodge meeting. The subject of the proposed new bye-laws was deferred until the next lodge meeting. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, served under Bro. J. H. Spencer's personal supervision. It was all that could be desired and gave great satisfaction. The routine toasts were given, and a most agreeable evening spent. After dessert the coffee was served and the brethren separated. There were also present:—Bros. A. L. Dussek, S.W.; S. Harman, J.W.; E. Harris, P.M.; Treas.; F. Walters, Prov. G. Steward Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; J. S. Gomme, S.D.; T. J. H. Wilkins, Prov. G.A.D.C. Middlesex, P.M., I.G.; C. Rayden, D. of C.; G. Free, P.M.; D. Rose, P.M.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M.; H. Keeble, P.M., and forty other brethren. The visitors list included Bros. A. M. Thomas, 134; W. Myatt, W.M. 871; J. G. Willett, 1076; T. Vincent, 1076; D. A. Ross, 1216; A. Alworth, J.D. 2269; F. Bouts, 1036, 1326, and others.

SHEERNESS.—*Adam's Lodge of Instruction* (No. 158).—This old and flourishing Lodge of Instruction held its annual meeting on the 16th inst., at the Britannia Inn, Mile Town, Sheerness, when a goodly number of the brethren assembled together. This lodge of Instruction was established on the 22nd April, 1841, by the principal brethren of Adam's Lodge, at that time for the instruction of M.Ms. These have all past from this lower lodge to the Grand Lodge above, except one, our respected Bro. Isaac Townsend, P.M. and Secretary, P.Z., P. Prov. G.R., and P. Prov. G.S. of W. of the Province of Kent. He is the oldest Mason in the Province except one, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. Thorpe. Bro. Isaac Townsend was initiated in Lodge No. 79, Greenwich, in the year 1815, and joined Adam's Lodge, 158, in 1834, and has been Secretary for 28 years, and is still able to give counsel and instruction to the younger brethren. This Lodge of Instruction fell into abeyance about the year 1855, and was resuscitated in April, 1865, by Bros.

Kedde, J. Townsend, S. L. Townsend, Green Spears, Bagshaw, and Fleming, and its progress has since been marked by many of the brethren being able to take the highest places in the lodge, with credit to themselves and the Past Masters who superintend the working of the Lodge of Instruction. On Thursday, the 16th inst., the lodge was opened at 6.30. p.m. by Bro. A. Spears, P.M. and Treasurer, P.Z., P. Prov. G.O., when the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. The chair was then taken by Bro. Bagshaw, P.M. and W.M. of the Lodge of Instruction, when the financial business of the lodge was examined and found highly satisfactory. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet, provided by Mrs. Green, of the Britannia Inn, (widow of the late lamented Bro. I. G. Green, P.M.) in her usual excellent style. The chair at the banquet was most ably filled by Bro. Bagshaw, P.M. After banquet the usual loyal and Craft toasts were given from the chair, accompanied by brief, but appropriate remarks. To the toast of the "Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent, and its Officers," Bro. Beckwith, W.M. of Adam's Lodge, and P.G.S. of Works, responded in a few but appropriate remarks. The chairman in proposing the "Officers of Adam's Lodge," forcibly urged on the brethren the desirability of attending the Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Byston, S.W. of Adam's Lodge in responding to the above toast, made some very appropriate remarks on the necessity of continued and punctual attendance of the officers to their several duties. Bro. Spears, P.M., &c., in responding to the toast of the Past Masters, gave a short but graphic address on the three grand offerings which make the ground work of Freemasonry holy, illustrating them by the Parallel passages in Holy Writ. Bro. S. L. Townsend, P.M., feelingly returned thanks for the Hostess, Mrs. Green.

CARNARVON.—*Segontium Lodge* (No. 606).—This lodge held its annual meeting at the Castle, Carnarvon, on Tuesday, 21st inst., when there was a large assembly of the brethren. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Pool, assisted by all his officers, and he then initiated a candidate who had previously been accepted by ballot. Bro. M. Emanuel, P.M. of the lodge, of Israel, 205, then assumed the chair, and Bro. Bradbury, the W.M. elect, having been presented to him, took the necessary obligations. The W.M. having been saluted in the three degrees, then appointed and invested the officers of the lodge with appropriate remarks. Bro. Emanuel, P.M., then delivered the three addresses in a manner which, at the conclusion, drew forth the long and loud applause of the brethren present. A vote of thanks to Bro. Emanuel, P.M., for his services as Installing Master was then proposed by Bro. Humphrey, who stated that Bro. Emanuel had travelled expressly from London at his own expense to perform the ceremony of installing the new Master, and he proved his zeal for Masonry not only on that occasion, but also the four times he had travelled to Carnarvon to attend to his duty as Z. of the chapter in connection with the lodge. The proposition, on being put to the lodge, was carried unanimously, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Sportsmen's Hotel, to a banquet prepared by Bro. Pugh, in his usual well-known style, and where a most pleasant evening was passed by the brethren.

BARROW.—*Hindpool Lodge* (No. 1225).—On Tuesday, the 16th inst., the ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master of this lodge took place at the Lodge Room, Hartington Hotel. The W.M. elect was P.M. Bro. George Cornfield, and the Installing Officer was Bro. Alpass, Prov. Grand Secretary assisted by Bro. Wade, Prov. Grand Master of Ceremonies, Bro. R. Pearson, P.M. 995; Bro. Dodgson, P.M. 995; and Bro. Bagot, P.M. 1021. The ceremony having been gone through with great solemnity, the W.M. appointed the following officers for the ensuing year, who were also duly installed into office, namely:—Bro. R. Hooker, S.W.; Bro. W. A. Kershaw, J.W.; Bro. W. M. Eckersley, M. of C.; Bro. R. B. D. Bradshaw, S.D.; Bro. E. J. Morgan, J.D.; Bro. J. Jeavons, Sec.;

Bro. B. Woodhouse, Treasurer; Bro. B. Caruthers, I.G.; Bro. Joseph Hill, O.; Bro. G. I. Hillier, Tyler. After the installation, which lasted upwards of three hours, the brethren passed in order from the lodge to the banquet room, singing,

"Hail Masonry divine."

Between 40 and 50 brethren sat down to a banquet which was of the most *récherché* description, reflecting great credit upon Bro. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, the host and hostess. The after proceedings were presided over by Bro. Cornfield, W.M., supported by Bro. Graham, I.P.M.; Bro. Ormandy, P.M.; Bro. Bagot, P.M.; Bro. Worrall, P.M.; Bro. Whiteside, W.M. 1390, and other visitors. After the passing round of the loving cup, the toast list was proceeded with. The first toast, given by the W.M., was "The Queen, the daughter, niece, and mother of Masons." The W.M. next gave "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, P.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." The W.M. then gave "The most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Earl of Ripon, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England." He said they might be glad in being so fortunate in finding so worthy a successor to the late M.W. Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, and they ought also to be equally glad that the present M.W.G.M. had appointed such a worthy nobleman for his deputy, both of whom discharged their Masonic duties to the satisfaction and admiration of everyone concerned, especially when their high and important offices connected with the state were considered, which called for their almost undivided attention. He (the speaker) had not had the pleasure of visiting the Grand Lodge, but from that valuable medium, the *Freemason*, he could gather that the other officers gave that support to the M.W.G.M. which he so well deserved, and which showed they were so fitted for the honours they enjoyed. The next toast honoured was "To the immortal memory of our beloved late Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland," which was drunk in solemn silence. The W.M. proposed in most eulogistic terms "The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Provincial Officers of West Lancashire." When he proposed the M.W.G.M., he said they should be glad that they had been so fortunate as to find such a worthy successor to the late M.W.G.M., but in coming nearer home, to their own province, he could say that he had been in the Provincial Grand Lodge at Wigan, Southport, and another place, where he had seen and heard the R.W.P.G.M. speak; and he was also at the Grand Masonic meeting at Manchester last October where he saw him holding a very distinguished office, and he came to the conclusion that the M.W.G.M. could not place the patent in better hands than in those of the present R.W.P.G.M. He also had appointed a worthy deputy, who took a great interest in everything appertaining to the welfare of the Craft. Of the rest of the present officers, especially those who they had met with in Barrow, Bros. Alpass and Wylie, he must say that the R.W.M. had made a very judicious selection, because they were so well acquainted with Provincial Grand Lodge affairs as to render their very valuable assistance, and he could say whenever they needed their assistance in Barrow they had invariably given it with willingness and courtesy. He coupled with the toast Bro. Alpass, P.G.S. Bro. Alpass, P.G.S. responded. Bro. Graham, then proposed "The Worshipful Master of Hindpool, Lodge, No. 1225." He said he need not tell them that he was well known by all, from the oldest to the youngest mason present, and also that the longer they knew him the better they liked him, not only for his Masonic capabilities, but for his private character. He looked upon the proceedings of the day as another honour to the lodge, inasmuch as the Worshipful Master had been elected a second time to fill the chair. He had known Bro. Cornfield for a long time, and he could bear testimony to the fact that his heart seemed bound up in Masonry, and as long as he lived he would give the lodge the help he was so well qualified to give. The toa

was drunk with Masonic honours. Bro. Cornfield, W.M., in responding, said he thanked them from his heart for the manner in which they had received the toast. He did not wish to be W.M. of the lodge another year, as he wished to see younger brethren in Masonry aspire to the office. He would rather have had the pleasure of installing one of the younger members into the chair than be installed himself, and with that desire in view he had chosen his officers. He hoped therefore he would have the pleasure of installing one of his officers for the ensuing year in the chair he now occupied. To enable him to do this, however, the various officers must be diligent in their attention to the duties of their respective offices. They had given him a promise, which he had exacted from them before their appointment, that they would attend all the lodges and lodges of instruction, unless prevented by urgent business or by sickness. If they would stick to him, he would endeavour to make this lodge second to none in this province. He would not endeavour so much to add new members as to perfect the lodge in its working and performance of the ceremonies. He again thanked them for the toast, and concluded by proposing "The Installing Officers," coupled with the name of P.M. Bagot, of Lodge 1021. Bro. Bagot, P.M., expressed the sense of gratitude he felt at the honour conferred upon him, by coupling his name with such an important toast. He congratulated the brethren on the choice they had made in electing Bro. Cornfield as their W.M. for the next year. With regard to the part he had taken in the installing ceremony, it was very small, but he hoped that it would soon become the invariable custom in this province for the I.P.M. to install his successor, so that at the close of every year they need not go out of Barrow to seek an installing officer. Bro. Baynes then rose to propose the Wardens and Officers of Ke. 1225. He said he was but a young mason, and therefore he felt the honor that had been conferred upon him by entrusting the toast in his hands. In all institutions there must be a certain class of officers, and as we have drunk the health of the P.M., we now come to the other officers. They might remember the words of Pope—

Order is heaven's first law,

Some are, and must be greater than the rest. He thought they must congratulate themselves on the selection of officers made that day. He had heard that the S.W. had been three years a Mason, and yet he never missed one night in his attendance at the lodge meetings. That was good warrant of what might be expected of him this year. Then there was the J.W. whom he knew well, and from his character he would perform the duties of his office with honor to himself. So far as he knew the other officers were filled by younger brethren, and this, he thought, was as it should be. The duties of each office required a great effort of memory, and young men were just the parties to take office. Their minds were plastic and able to retain the ritual and able to perform the ceremonies. It became to them a labor of love, and the time they spent they would not regret. Whatever society we might belong to there was no doubt that its success depended a great deal upon the respectability, the integrity, and the efficiency of its officers, and we should always remember

Our acts like angels are if good, if ill

Our everlasting shadows that walk by us still. He begged to couple with the toast the Senior and Junior Warden. Song by Bro. Haslam, S.W., 1021. S.W. Hooker was much obliged to the brethren for the toast, and for the very flattering remarks made by Bro. Baynes. It was his intention during the year to perform the duties of his office to the best of his ability, and, if he kept his health, to be in his post every lodge night. J.W. Kershaw also responded, and promised the W.M. all the support he could possibly give in the performance of his arduous duties. Song by Bro. Hooker. Bro. Cornfield, W.M., then proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Graham, and in doing so remarked that he had been most regular in attendance upon the lodge, and in the performance of his duties during his term of office

and was entitled to the best thanks of the brethren. He (the speaker) was very sorry to say that the Past Master's jewel, which it was intended to present to Bro. Graham, had not yet arrived, but he hoped to be able to make the presentation at the next regular lodge meeting, when he hoped as many of the brethren as conveniently could would be present. Bro. Graham said he felt deeply grateful for the manner in which the toast had been received, and assured the brethren that it had been his heart's desire to fill the office to the best of his ability in the interest of Masonry. He had had some difficulties to contend with, as every W.M. had, but he was glad to say he had been well supported by the officers and by the Past Masters. Bro. Hunter proposed the "Past Officers of No. 1225," coupling with it the name of Bro. Leary, who was the most industrious and hard working Mason he had ever seen. Song by Bro. Baynes. Bro. Leary said his aim while in office had been to make the lodge one of the best in the whole district, and he had no doubt that this would be accomplished by the efforts of the newly installed W.M. and his efficient staff of officers. Bro. Bagot proposed "The Past Masters of No. 1225," paying a high tribute of praise to Bro. Worrall, the father of the lodge, and his successors, Bros. Cornfield, Silver, Ormandy, and Graham. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Ormandy, P.M. Bro. Ormandy responded. The W.M. then proposed "The Brethren of the neighbouring lodges, 995, 1390, 1398, and sister lodge 1021," coupling with it the names of Bro. Whiteside, W.M. of the Baldwin Lodge, Dalton, Bro. Postlethwaite, J.W. of the Furness Lodge, Millom, and Bro. Bagot, P.M. Hartington Lodge, Barrow, all of these brethren responding. Bro. Leary, then proposed "The Masonic Charities," remarking that in this province they had a fund amounting to £9,000. Bro. Bagot in responding remarked that the charities were the root and core of Freemasonry. The W.M. then proposed "The Immortal Memory of Deceased Brethren," which was observed in solemn silence. The W.M. proposed "The Visiting Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. Wade, Prov. Grand Master of Ceremonies for the County of Durham. Bro. Wade, in responding, greeted the brethren with brotherly love, relief, and truth, and expressed his pleasure at being present at the installation, especially as an old and esteemed friend of his had been chosen to the chair of Senior Warden. They would all know what it was to cross the chequered floor of a Masonic lodge, and to offer up their sacrifices on Mount Moriah. There were difficulties in the way to be met with, but he hoped this lodge would surmount them, and at last they might all meet in that Grand Lodge above. The W.M. next proposed "To all Poor and Distressed Masons," scattered over the earth, wherever they may be, and may they have a speedy return to their own country whenever they may wish it. Bro. Jeavons proposed "The Ladies," which was responded to by Bro. Klyne. Bro. Baynes proposed "The Press," which was responded to by Bro. Carruthers. The W.M. proposed "The Host and Hostess," and this brought the proceedings to a close.—*Barrow Pilot.*

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—On Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel, Thames-street, Hampton, this prosperous lodge held its meeting. There were present:—Bros. W. Hammond, P.M. 201, W.M.; H. A. Dubois, Prov. G. Steward Middlesex, S.W.; J. W. Jackson, J.W.; S. Wickens, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.M., Prov. G. Steward Middlesex, Sec.; W. Y. Laing, P.M., S.D.; J. W. Baldwin, J.D.; R. Lawrence, M. Mildred, G. S. Haines, W. Stanton, and many others. Strange to say no visitors were present. The business performed was initiating Messrs. Josias Lawrence, and William Mitchell, passing W. Warhurst, J. Lawrence, W. Prattent, J. Johnson, and J. V. Watkins to the second degree, and raising J. Hurst to the third degree. The working of the W.M. was well and admirably done. Lengthened discussions ensued on one of the new bye-laws of the lodge, and on other matters of private interest, all of which were settled to the satisfaction of all present. Some

propositions for joining members and candidates for initiation were given into the Secretary. The W.M. announced an emergency meeting, involving no expense to the lodge, beyond printing, postage, Tyler's fee, and rent of room, to be held on the third Thursday in the ensuing month. The brethren partook of tea, when the lodge was closed, and the town division of the lodge left early.

WALTHAM.—King Harold Lodge (No. 1327).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town, Herts, on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at 2 p.m. Bro. Edward Parker, P.G.P. Herts, the W.M., in the chair, supported by P.Ms. West, Lacey, Sisley, Watkins, Gaskell, Brayshaw, Linzell, and English; Bro. Lacy, P.M., the S.W., W.M. 1421; Evans, J.W.; Barwick, Treas.; Reilly Sec.; Gilbert, J.D.; Copeland, I.G.; Auber, Organist; Steedman, Tyler. The lodge was opened in the three degrees. The ballot was declared unanimous in favour of Mr. Samuel Jacobs, and that gentleman was regularly initiated in the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. James Kerr Young, the W.M. elect, was then duly installed as W.M. of the King Harold. The beautiful ceremony of installation was most efficiently rendered by Bro. Edmund West, P.M. 1076 and 1327, P. Prov. G.S.D. Herts, and first Master of the King Harold Lodge, for which a cordial vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. West, and the Secretary was instructed to record this on the minutes of the lodge. The newly installed W.M. was initiated in the Capper Lodge, No. 1076, in January, 1869, by Bro. Watkins, and raised in the same lodge by Bro. West, in March 1869. Although a young Mason, Bro. Young is known to be well up in the duties of the W.M., and from the manner in which he conducted the business of the meeting after his installation, there is every reason to hope that he will efficiently represent his Mother Lodge, and reflect credit on his worthy tutor, Bro. J. Parry, P.M. 891, who was instructed by Bro. Brett, P.G.P. of the Grand Lodge of England. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Edward Parker, P.G.P. Herts, I.P.M.; J. W. H. Evans, S.W.; W. Gilbert, J.W.; J. Berwick, Treas.; J. Reilly, Sec. W.M. 1421; P. M. Lacey, D.C.; M. J. Auber, Org.; B. F. Copeland, S.D.; W. Monney, J.D.; Tydeman, I.G.; Steedman, Tyler. Bro. Young, the W.M., had now the pleasing duty to perform of presenting the I.P.M., Bro. Edward Parker, with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, also of presenting the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. J. Barwick, and J. Reilly, with a jewel each. The recipients of these handsome presents returned thanks in suitable terms to the W.M. and brethren for this expression of the confidence and esteem in which they were held by the King Harold Lodge. This concluded the business of the meeting, and the lodge was closed in harmony, after which the brethren retired to a splendid banquet, which was prepared and served up in excellent style by the worthy Host, Bro. John Sheldon. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily responded to. Bro. P. M. Lacey took the opportunity, in an able speech, of advocating the support of the Masonic Charities, to which the King Harold and its members, since its foundation in September, 1870, have liberally contributed. The brethren after separating at an early hour. The brethren present were Bros. J. K. Young, W.M.; E. Parker, I.P.M., P.G.P. Herts.; West, P.M. 1076 and 1327, P. Prov. G.S.D. Herts.; H. G. Sisley, P.M. 1079; C. C. Lacy, P.M. 1076, D.C., W.M. 1421; J. W. H. Evans, S.W.; W. Gilbert, J.W.; J. Barwick, Treasurer; T. Reilly, Secretary; M. J. Auber, Organist; F. Copeland, S.D.; W. Mooney, J.D.; J. Steedman, Tyler, and Bros. Sheldon, Portlock, Goodale, Silver, Purkis, Lumsden, Creed, Imrie, Holmes, Soul, Hodges, Wyatt, Miller, Barnett, Eversfield, Malcolm, Carter, Skinner, Fisher, Cole, A. Clements, G. Clements, Calvert, Tucker, Noyes, and Jacobs. The visitors were:—Bros. Linzell, P.M. 754; English, P.M. 1227; Brayshaw, P.M. 1076; Watkins, P.M. 1076; Gaskell, P.M. 1076; Knox, W.M. elect, 1076; Priestly, J.W. 1076, Park, Treasurer 1076; and

Bros. Old, Newall, Ferris, Burrell, and Middlehurst.

MILLOM.—*Whitwell Lodge* (No. 1390).—The meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday evening, Oct. 21, at the lodge room, Bro. Thomas Dodgson, W.M., P.G.D. C. and W., P.M. 995, occupied the chair, of K.S. There were also present Bros. Mill, S.W. and P.G.S.B., C. and W.; Meredith, J.W.; Postlethwaite, Leo, W. Crooks, S.D.; Holloway, Org.; Waiting, Acting I.G.; Bradley, Laing, Geo. Mills, Howes, W. Bell, and Scott, Tyler; and Visiting Bro. Geo. McKay, 129. The minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Bell, which proved favourable, and he being in attendance, was regularly initiated into Freemasonry, by the W.M., Bro. Thomas Dodgson, in a most impressive manner, for which his ability is well known. The charge was given by the S.W., and the working tools explained by the J.W., Bros. Laing, Mills, and Howes were then passed to the second degree, which was conferred on each separately, by the W.M., in a very efficient manner, the J.W. giving the working tools in this degree. Hearty good wishes were given from Lodge Union, 129, after which the lodge was finally closed, in due form, at 10.15.

Mark Masonry.

LIVERPOOL.—*Walton Lodge of Mark Masters* (No. 161).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale-Road, Liverpool, on the 7th Oct., 1873. Bro. J. C. Lunt, W.M., opened the lodge, and was well supported, amongst those present being Bros. Thos. Chesworth, S.W.; R. Cain, J.W.; J. Banning, S.O.; R. Brown, J. O.; Phillip Armstrong, Treas.; W. S. Barker, Secretary; G. E. Hammer, S.D.; W. Dwelly, J.D.; W. E. Quayle, I.G.; and H. Ball, Tyler. Ballots were taken for three candidates for advancement the whole of which proved unanimously favourable. Bro. W. E. Quayle, being present, was duly advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master Mason, and described himself a subscribing member. The remaining approved candidates had communicated their intention to be present at the ensuing meeting, and will then receive the benefit of advancement. The lodge was then closed in sacred harmony, the brethren adjourned to a frugal supper, and a most agreeable evening was spent by all present.

Knights Templar.

PRESTON.—*Prince of Peace Preceptory*.—The regular meeting of this preceptory was held at the Bull Hotel, Preston, on Monday, the 20th inst. In the unavoidable absence of the Preceptor, Sir Knight Shuttleworth, Sir Knt. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. of England, presided, and was supported by the following officers, Sir Knights James Worsley, P.E.C., Prov. G. St. B.; Galloway, P.E.C., Prov. G. P.; Capt. Whithead, First Captain; Airey, as Second Captain; John Worsley, Registrar; Cottam, Captain of Lines; Frater Knowles, Equerry. The regular business of the Preceptory was transacted, the alms collected, and a candidate proposed for installation, after which it was closed in due form, and the companions adjourned for refreshment.

Red Cross of Constantine.

MOVEABLE GRAND CONCLAVE AT LEICESTER.

Our columns have many times lately borne testimony to the vigorous growth of this Chivalric Order. Probably one of the most successful meetings which have yet been held out of the Metropolis was that which took place at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on the occasion of the first Movable Grand Conclave. The idea of holding movable assemblies originated, we believe, from an observation of the success which had attended the provincial meetings of

the Mark Grand Lodge. The members of the Leicester Conclave (the Byzantine No. 44) accordingly resolved on issuing an invitation to the Grand Council to hold their first meeting in Leicester, which having been accepted, Tuesday, 21st Oct., was the day fixed on for it to take place.

The Byzantine Conclave having been opened by the M.P.S., Sir Knt. S. S. Partridge, K.G.C., assisted by his officers, the Grand Council were announced and received in due form under the "arch of steel," a march being played on the organ by Sir Knt. E. J. Crow, *Mus Bac*.

The Grand Conclave was then opened by Col. Fras. Burdett, as G. Sov., the Int. Gen. of the Province, Sir Knt. W. Kelly, acting as G. Viceroy.

Amongst those present were the following:—G. Council:—V. I. Sir Knights Col. Burdett, G.S.G.; R. Wentworth Little, G. Treas.; Dr. Woodman, G. Rec.; R. W. Stewart, G.M.; and John Boyd, G. Hist.

Ints General.—V. I. Sir Knights W. Kelly, Leicestershire; Sir G. E. Campbell, Hants; Captain G. Turner, W. Lanc.; J. G. Marsh, Essex; Dr. Kellett Smith, Unatt.

G. Senate:—V. E. Sir Knights T. Cubitt, G. Pref.; G. Toller, Jun., G. V. Ch.; Geo. Kenning, G. Inst. of Reg.; T. B. Yeoman, G.U.

Knts. G. Cross:—V. E. Sir Knts. S. S. Partridge, and E. — Thiellay.

Sovns.—E. and P. Sir Knts. H. A. Dubois, Col. Peters, G. Phillips, 19; Rev. W. Langley, 44.

With representatives from the Premier and many other Conclaves. The attendance book was not signed by all present, so that their names are unavoidably omitted.

Dr. Woodman read the report of the Executive Committee, which shewed that the recent rapid spread of the Order has been fully maintained, conclaves now being established in all parts of the world.

Col. Burdett, after referring to the services of the Earl of Bective, and the prosperity of the order under his sway, nominated Sir F. M. Williams, as G. Sov., for the ensuing year. The nomination was supported by the acting Grand V.E., who spoke of Sir F. M. Williams's truly Masonic spirit, as evidenced by his liberal donations to the charities, and stated that the members of the Order in Leicestershire would view his election with great satisfaction, owing to his kindly support of a local candidate for the Boys' School.

A Sanctuary of K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John were then opened and the degrees were conferred on 24 candidates, Sir Knt. Little acting as M.E. Commander, the other offices being filled by members of the Patriarchal Council and visitors.

It is probably not too much to say that these degrees rank second to none in the solemnity and impressiveness of the rituals, and as they become more widely known, they will be better appreciated. As an appendage to the Red Cross Degree, they are most valuable, and we think the Patriarchal Council have exercised a wise discretion in allowing them to be worked out of London.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the Mount Hermon Sanctuary of K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John, No. 44, were constituted, in connection with the Byzantine Conclave.

On resuming the business of Grand Conclave, Sir Knight S. S. Partridge, M.P.S. 44, in the name of his conclave, welcomed the illustrious visitors, and expressed the pleasure experienced by the Leicester Knights at the success of the proceedings.

The G. Sov., in responding, alluded to the gratification of the Grand Council at their reception, and at the flourishing state of the Order in Leicestershire.

Letters of apology were received from the G. Sov., and all members of the Council not present, as also from many others holding high rank in the Order.

After the conclave was closed, about fifty sat down to a banquet, at which the acting G. Sov. presided. Space forbids us to say more than that the toasts in the following list were heartily

received, an unanimous testimony was borne by the success of the meeting, and the hope was expressed that hereafter they may be of regular occurrence.

The following were the toasts, with the names of those who responded:—

"Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and the Christian Orders;" "Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family;" "The M.I. Grand Sovereign, the Earl of Bective;" "The Acting G. Sov., Col. Burdett," (Col. Burdett); "The M.E. Grand Viceroy, Sir Frederick M. Williams and the Past and Present Members of the Grand Council" (R. Wentworth Little); "The Intendants General of Divisions," (W. Kelly and J. G. Marsh); "The Earl Ferrers, Grand Preceptor, the other Officers of the Grand Senate; and the Knights Grand Cross" (G. Toller, jun); "The Sovereigns and Viceroys of the several Conclaves of the Order," (Col. Peters); "Prosperity to the Byzantine Conclave, No. 44," (S. S. Partridge); "The Sentinel's Toast."

We believe it is probable that an invitation will be given to hold the next meeting in Liverpool.

[Having had the pleasure of attending this meeting we need only add that the reception given to the Grand Council reflected the utmost credit upon the Leicestershire Knights, and we are sure it is highly appreciated.]—*Ed. Freemason.*

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Glasgow Chapter* (No. 50).—The brethren of this chapter held their usual monthly meeting on Thursday, the 9th ult. J. Crabb, P.G.S.N., the Z., presided; J. Fraser, H.; G. B. Adams, J. On the dais were Comps. F. A. Barrow, Prov. G. Supt. and P.Z. 50; J. Wallace, P.Z. 50; J. Soye, P.Z. 50; J. Duthie, P.Z. 67; G. W. Wheeler, H. 73; J. Dolman, J. 87; J. Balfar, P.G. 1st S., P.Z. 73; James Wallace, Z. 79; T. Halket, P.G.T., Z. 113; J. O. Park, Z. 119; and D. Bell, Z. 144. On the minutes of September 23 being read, exception was taken to them and the election that then took place, on the ground that a dispensation had been obtained for the election to be holden on this meeting. After some little discussion, Comp. Barrow, who said he did not appear there that night in any other capacity than a P.Z. of the chapter, yet, although he held that the application for the dispensation was informal, the election on the 23rd was valid, and he should have to so decide it if the case came before him as Provincial Superintendent. Comp. Crabb said, as the only wish of those acting with him was to see the prosperity of the chapter, he would at once resign, and proceed to install the officers elected on the 23rd. (Great cheering.) Comp. Halket then presented the newly-elected officers, and Comp. J. Crabb installed them as follows—Jas. Miller, Z.; Brownlie, H.; Wm. Bell, J.; James Loutitt, Scribe E.; J. Robinson, N.; J. Agnew, T.; W. Sibbal, 1st S.; W. Jamison, 2nd S.; M. Garden, 3rd S.; W. Gardner, I.G.; and James Pollock, Janitor. The last appointment was greeted with great approbation, the worthy companion having filled the office 37 years. He is an old Waterloo veteran, now in his 87th year, and yet can fulfil his duties towards either lodge, chapter, or encampment with as much care and nearly as much vigour as men who might be his grandchildren. The new Z., on assuming the chair, very briefly thanked the companions for the honour they had conferred upon him, and promised when he did not feel so excited, to thank them more at length. Comp. John Crabb, of Sir William Wallace Chap., 109, a brother of the P.Z., was then affiliated as an honorary member of No. 50. Comp. G. W. Wheeler proposed that the best thanks of the chapter be given to the retiring officers. They all knew that in Comp. James Crabb they had a most efficient worker, and though there were a number of First Principals present who would, he knew, agree with him that Comp. Crabb was second to none in the Province. J. Wallace, P.Z., on seconding the motion, gave the

reason why Chap. 50 stood so high was because under their late Z. the ceremonies had been so efficiently rendered. (Carried by acclamation). Comp. Jas. Crabb briefly acknowledged the compliment, and the chapter was then closed.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT BARTON-ON-HUMBER.

A most interesting and successful meeting was held here on Monday, the 20th October, to constitute and consecrate a new lodge under the name of the St. Matthew Lodge, No. 1447.

Although an unavoidably short term of notice had been given of the ceremony, some seventy brethren of the Province, and visitors, many from the neighbouring Province of Yorkshire, assembled to do honour to the occasion, and to rally round their much esteemed D.P.G.M., W. Bro. Major Smyth, who in the absence of His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, P.G.M., officiated, assisted by W. Bro. Jno. Sutcliffe, 1294, P. Prov. G.S.W., as S.W.; W. Bro. W. W. Copeland, 792, P. Prov. G.S.D. as J.W.; Bro. the Rev. Danl. Ace, D.D. P.G., Chaplain; W. Bro. F. D. Marsden, P.G. Sec.; W. Bro. Geo. Nelson, 1282, as S.D.; W. Bro. T. H. Oldman, 1282, as J.D.

The lodge was opened in the Volunteer's Hall, at 2 p.m., and the dedication service most impressively rendered by W. Bro. Major Smyth, D.P.G.M., assisted by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Ace, P.G. Chaplain, who delivered a stirring oration to the brethren, which will long be remembered. The musical portion of the ceremony was ably rendered by Bro. J. C. Lambert, 588, P.G.O.

After the imposing ceremony of consecration had been concluded by the entire lodge joining in a beautiful anthem, the installation of the W.M. took place:—Bro. Major R. J. Taylor was presented by W. Bro. F. D. Marsden, P.G. Sec., and duly placed in the chair. He then installed Bro. Wm. Swallow, of Horkston, as S.W.; Bro. J. H. Ashton, of Thornton, as J.W.; Bro. W. Waddingham Sec.; and his other officers, Bro. Rev. R. Bullock, Chaplain.

From the earnest Masonic spirit displayed throughout, we doubt not that the Lodge of St. Matthew will play a prominent part in the future history of the province.

The Province of Lincolnshire contains now no less than eighteen lodges, seven of which have been constituted within the last ten years. It is also gratifying to be able to record that during the same term the number of subscribing members in the province has been nearly doubled, the returns of the present year showing a total of 660, against 325 in 1862.

Some of the earliest records of Freemasonry in this province are connected with the town of Barton-on-Humber. It is on record that in the year 1787, the Rev. Matthew Barnet, Vicar of Crannord, founded the Lodge of St. Matthew, No. 488, in this town, where he was also curate, and for twenty-eight years laboured most zealously in the cause of Freemasonry. For more than forty years this lodge continued to prosper, and no less than 107 initiations took place within its walls. The bye-laws of the lodge as amended in 1819 are still extant, and in connection with them are some valuable observations on the vital principles and vanity of the Institution of Freemasonry. The title page states that at its formation it was the only lodge at that time in the County of Lincoln.

We heartily wish the brethren of the new Lodge of St. Matthew's success, and trust that they may enjoy many years of unexampled prosperity.

A banquet was afterwards served at the George Hotel, of which about forty members partook, W. Bro. R. J. Taylor, W.M., occupying the chair, ably supported by his Wardens. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been concluded, the W.D.P.G.M. gave the toast of the evening "Prosperity to the St. Matthew Lodge," which was ably responded to by the newly installed W.M. W. Bro. John Sutcliffe, P. Prov. G.S.W., in responding on behalf of the Masonic Charities, alluded to the success of the Charity Committee of Lincolnshire at the late

Election of the Boys' School, and reminded the brethren present that these successes could not be achieved except at a high cost. Several lodges and private members had already come nobly forward in answer to his appeal, and he had already in hand a sum of money amounting to £270, which had been subscribed since the last Prov. G. Lodge, for the benefit of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Much more, however, remained to be done, and he trusted those lodges who had not yet subscribed would not be behindhand.

The brethren separated at an early hour feeling highly satisfied with the whole day's arrangements, which reflected the greatest credit on Bro. W. Waddingham, the untiring and energetic Secretary of the new lodge.

Among the brethren present we noticed.—

W. Bros. W. H. Smyth, 112, D.P.G.M.; Rev. I. D. Pepper, 112, P. Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. J. C. Browne, 1304, P. Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. John Saunders, 1286, P. Prov. G. Chap.; W. Day Keyworth, 57, P. Prov. G.S.W. of Yorkshire West; W. W. Copeland, 792, P. Prov. G.S.D.; George Nelson, 282, P.G.S.; Rev. Dan. Ace, D.D., 622, P.G.C.; F. D. Marsden, 712, P.G. Sec.; Thomas Simpson, 1010; W. E. Howlett, 422; Thomas Morris, 1282; James C. Lambert, 588; J. Walmsley, 1294; John Sutcliffe 1294; Thomas Pearcey, 1282; R. J. Walker, 57; J. Rothery, 387; and many others.

FRATRES ROSICRUCIANÆ SOCIETATIS IN SCOTIA.

COLLEGE OF THE EAST OF SCOTLAND.

Frater C. F. Matier, 19°, having been commissioned to open this College, in Edinburgh, an inaugural meeting was held in Freemasons' Hall, on the evening of the 24th instant, presided over by the newly appointed Chief Adept, Frater John Laurie, 8°.

The following brethren were received into the Order, and promoted to the grade of Theoricus, viz., Captain Charles Hunter, Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeenshire East, James Reid, and Robert Bryce.

The following office bearers were then appointed, viz., Fra. H. Y. D. Copland, Suffragan; Fra. The Rev. V. G. Faithfull, M.A., Chaplain; Frater W. M. Bryce, First Ancient; H. C. Peacock, Second Ancient; W. J. V. Bendon, Third Ancient; and T. Cairns, M.D., Fourth Ancient, for the "First Grade." Frater R. S. Brown, First Ancient; J. Reid, jun., Second Ancient; and J. Webster, Third Ancient; for the Second Grade. Fra. G. Dickson, M.D., Conductor; W. M. Bryce, Treasurer; F. L. Law, Organist; J. H. Bostock, Herald; and R. Bryce, Torch Bearer. It was resolved to hold quarterly Meetings in the months of January, April, July, and October, for the consideration of such business as may be brought forward, and it was agreed that a paper on some scientific subject should be read at each meeting.

CIVIC BANQUET IN LIVERPOOL.—Bro. E. Samuelson, the Mayor of Liverpool, entertained the Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, at a banquet at the Town Hall, on Thursday, the 16th inst., for which 300 invitations had been issued. There were about 250 guests present, amongst the highly distinguished assembly, besides the noble guest of the evening, being Sir James Ramsden, High Sheriff of Lancashire, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of Dublin, the Right Worshipful the Mayors of Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, Chester, Bolton, Warrington, Wrexham, Sir Hardman Earle, Bart., Mr. C. Turner, M.P., Mr. J. Torr, M.P., Mr. R. A. Macfie, M.P., Major West, Lord Lieutenant of Denbighshire, Mr. Gilbert Greenall, High Sheriff of Cheshire, together with representatives of the church, army, navy, civil service, and of the various public bodies in the town. During the evening Lord Derby delivered an interesting speech touching on the labour question and the Ashantee war. He also proposed the health of Bro. Samuelson, the Mayor, who responded in eloquent terms.

AN IMPRESSIVE MASONIC PRAYER.

At the dedication of the Gand Masonic Temple at Philadelphia, on the 26th Sept., Bro. the Rev. John Chambers, D.D., delivered the following prayer:—"Almighty, eternal and loving God, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, the Divine Architect of all things, we come into Thy gracious presence in the way which Thou hast appointed. We call upon our souls and all that is within us to be stirred up to adore and magnify Thy great and holy name. We thank Thee that our lives and health have been continued unto us, and that we are allowed to meet each other on this solemn and important occasion, to dedicate this magnificent Masonic Temple to the glory and honour of the one living, true, and eternal Jehovah. Here may Thy name ever be honoured. Here may good and true men only be added to the sacred fraternity; each in his place following the landmarks so beautifully laid down in Thy blessed word; each with plummet-exactness standing erect before all men—ever square in all their actions by the word of truth, as revealed to man in the Holy Bible, and never failing to circumscribe their words and deeds towards God and man. Bless, we implore Thee, the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the Grand Officers of all the Grand Lodges represented here on this grand occasion, and mercifully bestow Thy gracious benediction upon the Masonic Fraternity, from the rising to the setting sun, and from the rivers unto the ends of the earth. Suffer not, we beseech Thee, thou God of mercy, that the Masonic ear should ever become deaf to the cry of the distressed, nor that the Masonic hand should ever be closed when needy brethren ask for help. So influence the hearts of the universal brotherhood that the widow and the fatherless in their distress shall never plead in vain. O thou Father of all good, grant that all who may be chosen to rule over this Grand Lodge be good men and true, and ever under the special guidance of Thy divine wisdom. Within the walls of this temple, now being dedicated to Thy honour and glory, let there be but one heart and one mind in their love and obedience to Thee, thou Lord of heaven and earth; and when our work on earth is done, and well done, then, by Thy gracious favour, bid us "welcome" to the temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, to dwell with Thee for ever. Let not one be missing. We implore Thee, for Thy name's sake. Amen."

The assemblage, at the conclusion, solemnly responded, "Amen! So mote it be."

PRESENTATION TO THE MAYOR OF LIVERPOOL.—On Wednesday, the 22nd ult., several members of the Liverpool representative choirs presented to Bro. E. Samuelson (Mayor of Liverpool) a handsomely-illuminated address, expressive of their esteem for him, and in acknowledgment of the interest which his worship took in the representative choirs at the great national musical festival at Sydenham in July last. In the absence of Mr. Robertson Gladstone, the address was presented by Mr. Joseph Hawkins, honorary secretary and treasurer to the choir, and was duly acknowledged by the Mayor, who suggested that in future the national concerts should take place in some of the great towns in Lancashire and Yorkshire—an opinion which was endorsed by Mr. Hawkins, who, on his own behalf, presented to the Mayor the envelopes (framed and glazed) which had contained the prizes won at Sydenham.

REMARKABLE DISCOVERY.—Don Joaquim de Costa is reported to have found on one of his estates in New Granada a monumental stone, erected by a small colony of Phœnicians from Sidonia, in the year IX. or X. of the reign of Hiram, contemporary of Solomon, about ten centuries before the Christian era. The block has an inscription of eight lines written in fine characters, but without separation of words or punctuation. The translation is said to be that those men of the land of Canaan embarked from the port of Aziongaber (Boz-Akubal), and having sailed for twelve months from the country of Egypt (Africa), carried away by currents, had landed at Guayaquil, in Peru.

Multum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

Bro. A. F. A. Woodford is greatly obliged to the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the large supply of papers and interesting documents they have so kindly forwarded to him. Bro. Woodford would be glad to be put into communication with a member of the committee.

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Oct. 29, 1873.

Bro. Emra Holmes desires us to convey his thanks, through the medium of *The Freemason*, to Ill. Bro. Goodall, 33°, for his courtesy in forwarding to him a copy of the Proceedings of the Supreme Council S.J. U.S., and to the V.E. Sir Knight Col. McLeod Moore, Grand Prior of Canada, for kindly sending, through the Grand Vice Chancellor, an interesting address, delivered before the Grand Priory of Canada, on the 14th Aug. last, and which Bro. Holmes forwards to us for publication, in justice to Bro. Lupus, whose views as to the Knights of St. John, Col. Moore adopts.

HISTORICAL NOTES ON SCOTCH LODGES.

By D. MURRAY LYON.

I.

GLASGOW KILWINNING, No. 4.
(Continued from page 684.)

The second volume of minutes opens with the record of a joint communication of the Glasgow and Johnston Kilwinning Lodges, January 1753, "to receive and consider the report of a committee which had been appointed to conclude on articles for the happy union of both lodges." The following terms of agreement were adopted, and the union was consummated amid "great harmony and jollity."

"1. That all the members of both Lodges are to be members of one united lodge, under the name of the Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge, and are to be received members of this lodge in the ordinary forms.

"2. That the stocks, jewells, books, organs, charters, etc., belonging to either lodge, shall henceforth be in common.

"3. That the masters of each lodge shall preside alternately with their respective office-bearers, till next St. John's-day,—and that the meetings of the lodge shall be alternately in the New Inn and Old Coffee-house.

"4. That the two masters shall both agree who they shall nominate for their successor.

"5. That in commemoration of this happy union, as the ribbons of the Glasgow Kilwinning are straw colours, and the ribbons and aprons of the Johnston Kilwinning Lodge are red, after next St. John's-day the ribbons and mountings of the aprons shall be chequered straw and red.

"6. That the two masters shall appoint a committee to make up a body of laws agreeable to this, out of the by-laws of the two lodges.

"7. That the articles now agreed upon and signed are not to be altered by any future meeting of the lodge."

The bye-laws adopted in conformity with the terms of agreement were as follow:

"1. The master is to congregate the lodge when and where he pleases.

"2. That the lodge meet once every month: and after the lodge is duly opened no member is to leave it without liberty asked from and given by the master.

"3. That the lodge beside their monthly meetings meet quarterly, viz., on St. John the Evangelist's day, being the 27th of December; on Lady day, the 25th of March; on St. John the Baptist's day, the 24th of June; and upon St. Michaelmas day, the 29th of Sept.

"4. That at each of these quarterly meetings every member pay one shilling sterling for the use of the poor, and this the members are to pay tho' absent from the meeting. And no cause save a whole year's absence from the place can excuse any member from this quarterly payment.

"5. That the present master nominate his

successor at the meeting immediately preceding St. John the Evangelist day. And on that day the member so nominate, if approved of by the lodge, is to be installed by the late master, and saluted and congratulated by the lodge. But if not approved of, the lodge shall proceed to a general ballott, and the member having the majority of votes shall be received for master with the usual solemnity.

"6. That the new master shall nominate his two wardens, secretary, and treasurer, who if approved of by the lodge are to be installed by the master; but if not approved of they are to be chosen by a general ballott in like manner as the master.

"7. That none can be made members of this lodge but in virtue of a written petition presented by a member at a meeting to which the whole members have been duly warned. And no petition to be received on any occasion but by balloting. And that if there is one single no, such petitioner cannot be received. And this article of balloting not to be subject to any alteration.

"8. That the members admitted pay five shillings sterling to the poor of the lodge, two shillings and six pence to the poor of the grand lodge, and twenty shillings sterling to the common expence of this lodge.

"9. That the stock of the lodge when arisen to any sum is to be lent out at interest in the prudentest manner. And notwithstanding a brother is to be preferred before a stranger, yet it must not be lent him without two sufficient securities.

"10. That every brother who emitteth an oath is to pay one shilling sterling for each failure.

"11. That at the meeting before St. John the Evangelist's day, which is our annual feast day, the master and lodge appoint stewards to provide a proper entertainment for that day, and to continue in that office for a year.

"12. That if the master so far misbehave as to render himself unworthy the subjection of the lodge, he is to be treated by a new regulation—no master having in this antient society ever misbehaved so far as to occasion such regulation.

"13. That if the master be absent the senior warden is to congregate and form the lodge, after which the last master take the chair. But if neither he nor any other brother who has been master formerly be present, then the senior warden continues in the chair and acts as master.

"14. That every member who enters this lodge shall pay to the steward one shilling sterling every night, for which he shall have a bottle of punch or what other liquor he chooses to the value of that sum. And whatever any brother or member calls for above the value of that sum, he shall upon getting of the liquor pay the overplus to the steward.

"15. That the rules and regulations be read every night."

No explanation of the circumstances under which the Johnston Lodge came to sit in Glasgow is given in the records, neither do they indicate the length of time during which the union between the two lodges subsisted. That it was subsequently dissolved is certain. The minute of September 28, 1829, records the admission of a brother of the St. Patrick's Lodge as an honorary member, for having presented to Glasgow Kilwinning a "minute book that had been formerly used by it when in conjunction with the Johnston Lodge."

The following peculiarity occurs in the designation of one of the visiting lodges attending the first St. John's-day feast of the united lodge (1753): "St. Mungo's Lodge, founder of the Cathedrall, Glasgow." This pretentious claim could not have been made on the part of St. Mungo, had the story of Malcolm Canmore and the Lodge Glasgow St. John been then in existence.

A new code of bye-laws was adopted in 1830, in which "soundness of body and mind, good moral character, above the age of eighteen and under that of dotage," are made essential requisites to admission: Entering, passing, raising, and "chaining" were the steps then given in the lodge. Provision was made for excluding brethren "the worse of liquor, or known or re-

puted to be quarrelsome or disorderly"; and "to curse and swear, or use any profane or obscene expression," subjected offenders to fine or expulsion.

A law for the excommunication of Freemasons was passed by the Associate Synod of Scotch Presbyterians in 1755. In March, 1764, Glasgow Kilwinning was visited by a brother "who represented that he had been persecuted by the ceceding part of the Church for being a mason, which obliged him to publish a pamphlet in defence of the Royal Art of Masonry, of which he produced some coppies, which were bought by all the brethren, and a dozen of them were laid by for the use of the members who were not present." In 1740 the lodge had subscribed for six copies of Oswald's "Collections of Scots Tunes."

Robert Mollison, noticed in a former paper as the first warden of the lodge, was an entered apprentice of Mother Kilwinning.

In April 1765 the Secretary was authorised to order a "publick seal" bearing "the ordinary device of masonry on the lower part of the shield, with this motto below, 'Amor, honor, et justitia,' and in the upper part of the shield the top of the tree of the Glasgow arms, coup'd with the bird and the bell, and round the whole, 'Glasgow Kilwinning.'" Twelve dozen glasses of "the bell kind," with the name of the lodge engraved thereon, were at the same time ordered to be procured from England. Purveyors of masonic feasts in those days supplied the "mugs" from which the brethren quaffed their ale, but glasses for punch fell to be provided by the lodge.

The foundation-stone of Jamaica Street Bridge was laid with masonic honours in September 1768 by a "Grand Lodge," elected by the Glasgow lodges, and composed of a Grand Master, Depute and Substitute Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and nine Grand Stewards—George Murdoch, then Lord Provost of Glasgow, and a past master of Glasgow Kilwinning, being Grand Master, and Lord Glencairn one of the Grand Stewards. After the ceremony Grand Lodge and Glasgow Kilwinning held a joint communication in the Assembly Hall, and exchanged deputations with the city lodges, who met in their respective lodge-rooms. This Grand Lodge subsequently determined to retain the position that had been temporarily assigned to it, and to "preside over all the lodges of Glasgow whenever it thought proper." Although resisting this usurpation, Glasgow Kilwinning afterwards agreed to accord to this body the honours due to a grand visitation. The city lodges were afterwards called to account by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and made to apologise for their irregularity in electing a Grand Lodge.

The fact of Sir Daniel K. Sandford and Dr. J. P. Nichol, professor of astronomy, being on its roll of past masters, is often referred to with pride at festivals of the Lodge Glasgow Kilwinning. Sir Daniel was affiliated from St. Luke's, Edinburgh, in December 1832, and was in the same month elected Master. The minutes of two meetings held within a fortnight of his election are all that have been recorded in the book during his three years' tenure of office. No minutes have been entered to the lodge's proceedings between January, 1833, and November, 1842, the year of Professor Nichol's retirement from a three years' occupancy of the chair. Another master of the lodge, Professor Ramsay, had his reign signalled by the initiation of the Historian of Europe, the late Sir Archibald Alison.

A most eccentric devotion to the craft was some years ago shewn by a member who bequeathed his skull to No. 4.

After passing through periods of vicissitude, the lodge has rallied, and is one of the few Scotch lodges possessing a hall of its own, used for purely masonic purposes. Its "harmonic meetings" have been revived, and, as they were a century and a half ago, are an attractive feature of the lodge. To Bro. James Steel, Substitute Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow, and one of its past masters, Glasgow Kilwinning is indebted for much of its prosperity in recent years. It is at present presided over by Bro. A. B. Thorburn.

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G. P. (Cadiz).—Letter received and communicated with proper authority respecting it.

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J. F. (Lagos).—£1 4s., less 1s., postage not having been prepaid.

ERRATA.—Page 689 of our last issue—Reports of Masonic Meetings—for "St. Luke's Lodge" read "Perfect Friendship Lodge," and for "Colchester" (St. Edmund's Lodge) read "Bury St. Edmunds."

The following stand over:—
Reports of Lodges 1276, 1309; Chapter 995; 144 (S.C.); Mark Lodges 113, 1411.
Communications from F. F. and J. D. F.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1873.

THE REVISED CONSTITUTIONS OF
THE IRISH GRAND LODGE.

We have been favoured with a view of the draft of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, as "amended by the By-Laws Committee, the consideration of which has been postponed until the meeting of Grand Lodge in November."

At the outset we feel bound to say, that, in our opinion, these amended laws of the Craft in Ireland are a great improvement upon all their existing regulations. In the first place, they are somewhat more methodically arranged, though in this respect they are still susceptible of improvement, and might be conveniently broken up into more distinct and definite sections.

In the next place, they are in themselves clear and explicit, alike in the privileges they assert, the proceedings they forbid, the regulations they prescribe, and the penalties they enforce.

But there are one or two anomalies, as it appears to us, in these revised Constitutions, to which we think it well to allude to day, and some provisions, we venture to think, also of doubtful propriety, to which we wish to call the the calm

attention of our excellent brethren across the Channel, trusting, as we do so, that they will accept our criticisms in the same fraternal spirit of good will and interest with which they are tendered by ourselves.

The Irish Grand Lodge is henceforth to be composed exactly as our own, and is based on the simple and pure Craft system, and thus the regulations of the Book of Constitutions are drawn up by the Committee of Grand Lodge for the government, as with us, of Craft Masonry.

But Law 133 introduces this strange anomaly:—It recognizes four alien bodies, accepts them as of coördinate jurisdiction and authority with Grand Lodge, and gives to their decisions the force of a decision of Grand Lodge!

By this most remarkable provision a sentence of the "Grand Royal Arch Chapter," of the "Great Priory of High Knights Templar," of the "Grand Chapter of Prince Masons of Ireland," and of the "Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree in Ireland," for expulsion, suspension, or restoration of "any brother" shall, "on the case being communicated to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, be accepted as final and conclusive, without any further enquiry or investigation."

Now there is something in this proposed enactment, which strikes us as very peculiar and unprecedented. Why are these four foreign governing bodies—foreign that is to Craft Masonry—introduced into these new Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Ireland?

What has the Grand Lodge of Irish Craft Masons, qua a Grand Lodge, to do with such high and eminent grades?

Under these provisions, a Craft Mason who may have committed no offence against the Craft, or infringed any of the regulations of Grand Lodge, may be expelled, for a non-compliance with some technical and special regulation of these four august assemblies, of which Craft Masonry knows nothing, from the privileges of his private lodge, and Provincial Grand Lodge, and Grand Lodge. For by law 133, the sentence of any such foreign authority, is irreversible, in fact incontestable.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland has nothing really to do with these authentics or they with it, but it thus gives them practically coequal and coördinate authority with itself, the ultimate court of appeal to all Craft Masons in Ireland, and what is still more strange and inexplicable, does not even propose to consider the grounds of the sentence, be that sentence fair or unfair serious or petty, legal or illegal, but simply to record it, and to act on it.

Now we venture to think that this proposition is a great blot in the Revised Constitutions.

It is, *primâ facie*, utterly unjust and clearly unprecedented, at least with us, and introduces an entirely new element into our Craft Regulations, fraught with a very dangerous precedent, and suggestive of very serious consequences to Masonic Jurisprudence in Ireland.

We are aware, that, in that country the High Grades are bound more closely to the Craft system than with us, but we feel it our duty to express our opinion in all deference to the Irish Grand Lodge, that the proposed law is both un-

wise in itself and *indignus vindice nodus*. We hope, therefore, to hear that Law 133 is expunged from the Irish Book of Constitutions. We are also very doubtful, we feel bound to add, of the propriety or value of the very elaborate forms of prayer provided for all occasions, and above all, of the lengthened ritual prescribed in print for the installation of a W.M., and the investiture of the officers of a lodge.

We think that it is far better to leave such matters to the *lex inscripta*, to the traditionary customs and oral teaching in the different lodges.

We are not, and never have been amongst those, who believe in stereotyped forms, or uniformity of ritual, inasmuch as from long experience we believe, they reduce Masonic working to a dull and meaningless level, and conduce, more than anything else, to idleness and incapacity in a W.M.

In the present instance, we think these forms are an unnecessary addition to the Book of Constitutions, and that, if there must be a form provided, our English form, as given in our Grand Lodge Constitutions, is far simpler and more dignified, and far more in accordance with the unchanged usages of Freemasonry.

We observe that no provision is made in these new Irish Constitutions for "Public Ceremonies," which we venture to deem a serious omission.

Having said thus much in all of fraternal good will and honest criticism, we congratulate the Irish Grand Lodge on their endeavour to meet the wants and necessities of this improving age, and of an increasing Craft. It has often been observed how little we in England know of the proceedings of the Irish Grand Lodge or of Irish Masonry, and we trust, therefore, that these, their amended Constitutions, will be followed by a little more publicity of documents and proceedings.

With these few friendly, and, we trust, not unseasonable remarks, we shall await with some little interest the discussion and settlement of these new and revised Book of Constitutions in the Irish Grand Lodge.

THE SPURIOUS RITE OF MEMPHIS.

It is with exceeding regret that we find ourselves compelled to recur to a subject which, to every right-thinking Mason, is simply one which he would willingly bury in oblivion. Nor shall we even now steep our pen in bitterness, or pour the vials of a righteous wrath upon the heads of those erring and misguided brethren who support, however feebly and unwisely, the impious Rite of Memphis. To us they are still brethren, and, with especial reference to some leading spirits in that unholy confederation, we are disposed to say, in the language of Scripture, "Come out of her, my people, and be not partakers of her sins." No greater fraud upon the Masonic public of the two hemispheres was ever perpetrated than the inception and subsequent *modus operandi* of the Rite of Memphis; and no body of men, since the foundation of society, has ever been burdened with a greater weight of wickedness in the persons of its pro-

moters and neophytes. One of these Heaven-abandoned men introduced the *soi-disant* Rite into England some time ago, and we commented in severe but justifiable terms upon his antecedents at the time. Unfortunately, however, the venom, imported by this miserable man, became a circulating medium, and shame be it to those who, as English Masons, countenance the *living lie*, there are now in our midst some,—a few, but still *too many*,—who have adopted not only the original frontispiece of fraud, but who are trying to imprint it upon the minds of the unwary by a course of misrepresentation and falsehood. The latest exploit of these individuals is the fact of their having published a kind of manifesto of the Rite of Memphis.

Whoever they may be, we tell them *plainly* they will not advance their cause by forging the signatures of distinguished Masons to their list of members, or exposition of principles. The letter which we print in another column, from Bro. Thévenot, Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient of France, clearly indicates that the name of that gentleman has been used in the most disgraceful manner to further ends entirely in conflict with his Masonic obligations, and we have also seen a letter from Bro. Loewenstark, in which he repudiates all connection with the spurious Rite. After this we shall simply ask the aiders and abettors of this nefarious transaction, if they will still continue to place the names of respectable men and Masons, upon their published documents?

We have a right to assume that if Bros. Thévenot and Loewenstark, disclaim both membership and sympathy with the "unclean thing" other names may have been used with a similar disregard for truth. The whole episode is evidently planned by some rabid anti-Mason, to bring discredit upon the Ancient Craft, and we can only hope that all those whose names have been thus scandalously played with will indignantly repel the foul assumption.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE AND THE RITE OF MEMPHIS.

We are requested to publish, for the information of the Craft, the following letter from Bro. Thévenot, Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient of France, relative to the so-called Rite of Memphis. This letter was addressed to the Supreme Council, 33°, in answer to an enquiry, and it convincingly proves to all unprejudiced minds that a system founded upon such gross fraud and falsehood cannot for a moment withstand the expression of public or Masonic opinion.—[Ed. F.]

"Grand Orient de France

"O.: de Paris, le 22 Aout, 1873 (E.: V.:)
"Au T.: Ill.: F. Robert Hamilton, 33° dégr.:
Grand Secrétaire Général du Suprême Conseil d'Angleterre, &c.

"Cher Monsieur et T.: Ill.: F.:

"Vous m'apprenez que dans une récente circulaire, émanée du soi-disant "*ancien et primitif rite de la Maçonnerie*," mon nom figure comme membre honoraire, 95e. degré de ce rite, et vous me priez de vous fournir quelques renseignements à ce sujet.

Je m'empresse de satisfaire à votre désir, tout en vous remerciant bien vivement de cette communication. Ma réponse sera aussi simple que catégorique. La voici. Je déclare que je ne fais et n'ai jamais fait partie, ni directement ni indirectement, du soi-disant "*Ancien et primitif rite de la Maçonnerie*," ni du pouvoir constituant ou directeur de ce rite, nouvellement implanté en Angleterre, ce que je déplore amèrement.

J'affirme que la mention de mon nom comme membre honoraire et comme possédant le 95e. degré de ce *prétendu rite maçonnique* est une imposture que je signale aux maçons de tous les pays, et contre laquelle je proteste et m'inscris en faux cette mention a été faite à mon insu et sans aucune participation de ma part.

Telle est ma réponse, cher Monsieur et T.: Ill.: F.: et en vous confirmant ma lettre du 5e. 8bre 1872, par laquelle j'ai eu l'honneur de vous informer que je n'avais aucun rapport avec le prétendu "*ancien et primitif rite de la maçonnerie*," je vous autorise à faire de cette réponse tel usage que vous croirez utile pour le bien des saines doctrines de l'ordre Maçonnique, dont je suis le très dévoué serviteur.

Veillez agréer, cher Monsieur et T.: Ill.: F.: l'assurance de ma considération la plus distinguée et de mes sentiments les plus fraternels. Le chef du Secrétariat du Grand Orient de France.

(Signed)
(Seal)

THEVENOT.

TRANSLATION.

Grand Orient of France.

O.: de Paris, 22nd August, 1873.

"To the V.: Ill.: Bro. Dr. Hamilton 33°. Gd. Sect.: Gen.: Su.: Co.: of England, &c. &c.
Dear Sir and V.: Ill.: Bro.,

You inform me that in a recent circular emanating from the self-styled *Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry*, my name appears as an Hon. Member, 95°, of this Rite, and you request me to furnish you with some information on the subject.

My reply will be both plain and categorical.

I declare that I do not take, and never have taken part, either directly or indirectly, in the self-styled *Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry*, either as a founder or director of the Rite, lately imported into England, and which I bitterly deplore.

I affirm that the mention of my name as an Hon. Member, and as possessing the 95°. of this *pretended Masonic Rite* is an imposture which I publish to the Masons of all countries, against which I protest, and of which I declare the falsehood. This mention has been made unknown to me, and without any participation on my part.

Such is my answer, dear Sir and Ill. Bro.: and in confirming my letter to you of 5th Oct., 1872, in which I had the honour to inform you that I have no connection with the pretended *Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry*, I authorize you to make any use of this letter which you may consider advantageous for the sound doctrines of the Masonic Order, of which I am the very devoted servant.

Accept, dear Sir and V.: Ill.: Bro.: the assurance of my most distinguished consideration and most fraternal sentiments,

The Sect.: Gen.: of the Gd.: O.: of France.

(Signed)

THEVENOT.

The consecration of the Royal Military Lodge, No. 1449, will take place on Tuesday next, November 4th, at the St. George's Hall, Canterbury. The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be performed by Bro. Major-Gen. G. S. Brownrigg, C.B., P.S.G.W., Provincial Grand Master for Surrey.

The consecration of the Bagshaw Lodge will take place at the Bald-faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill, on Thursday, November 6th. The ceremony of consecration will be performed by Bro. J. Hervey, G. Sec., and Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G. Sec., Middlesex.

All countries strive, so far as their knowledge extends, to show a full and fell opposition to disease, come whence and when it may. Early application of remedial measures is indispensable for success. In variable damp weather Holloway's Pills are especially serviceable in maintaining nervous vigour, and in defending the frame against ill consequences from dampness or chills. If the first symptoms receive attention and judicious treatment, not only will future danger be averted, but old ailments will give way, and better health will be attained than was enjoyed before illness. No treatment, for safety and certainty of success, may be so confidently relied upon as that discovered by Professor Holloway, whose Pills and Ointment always restore the sufferer.—ADVT.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER AND PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. R. STEBBING.

On Monday, 13th ult., a number of gentlemen connected with the County of Southampton Provident Permanent Benefit Building Society, with a select party of friends, dined together at the Philharmonic Rooms, the object being to pay a compliment to Bro. J. R. Stebbing, J.P., who in the course of the proceedings was presented with a handsome silver epergne, as a token of respect, and in appreciation of the services he has rendered the above named society, as its President, during a period of twenty years. The following inscription was engraved on the testimonial, which stands on a black marble base:—

"Presented to J. R. Stebbing, Esq., J.P., as a mark of respect and esteem, from the trustees, directors, and officers of the County of Southampton Provident Permanent Benefit Building Society, and in high appreciation of his valuable services as President for upwards of 20 years. October 13th, 1873."

The Mayor (Bro. W. Hickman) presided, and was supported by Mr. J. R. Stebbing, Mr. E. Coxwell (Coroner) Mr. Alderman Furber, J.P.; the Town Clerk (Mr. R. S. Pearce); Mr. Geo. Evans, Mr. J. J. Burnett, Mr. H. P. Aslatt, &c. Mr. F. Butler officiated as vice-chairman, and amongst those present were Mr. J. C. Munday, S. Stevens, E. Roberts, W. H. Mitchell, C. G. Smith, Bridger, Sandy, Maine, O'Farrel, Sparrow, W. G. Lankester, Gibbons, Paul, Capper, Dyson, Sutton, Hogarth (Wilts and Dorset Bank), Chandler, Bright, H. Hussey, G. Hussey, Stebbing, jun., Richmond, C. Munday, jun., &c.

After the removal of the cloth, the Mayor, who expressed his pleasure in being present on the occasion, gave the usual loyal toasts in appropriate terms, and the same having been duly responded to by the company, Mr. George Evans proposed "The Mayor and Corporation of Southampton and the Borough Magistrates."

The Mayor said it afforded him very great satisfaction to be present. He did not intend to offer any laudatory remarks on their friend, Mr. Stebbing, who was so well known to them, so far as referred to the special proceedings of the evening. If he referred to Mr. Stebbing having filled the office of Mayor, besides being a magistrate for many years past, and holding other positions of equal trust, he did not mean to say that those were the most important positions he had held, because he was looked upon as the exponent of the commercial interests of Southampton, which he had for a long time striven to promote. He then proceeded to respond to the toast. He did not undertake the office of Mayor without seriously considering the responsibilities connected with it, and having nearly reached the conclusion of his term, he would acknowledge the kindness shown him both by the members of the Corporation and the Town Clerk. He had been rather peculiarly placed during the past year, but was glad to say that he had met with the sympathy of every person he had met with (hear, hear.) He concurred with Mr. Evans in regretting that the members of the Town Council were elected in a political manner, but did not see how it could be well avoided, and he thought that when in the Council they all united for the common good. With reference to the bench of magistrates, he must say that he had always been cordially received by them, and he believed that they discharged their duties very well, considering that they had not been brought up to a technical knowledge of the law (cheers.)

Alderman Furber, J.P., also responded on behalf of the magistrates.

The Town Clerk proposed "The Trade and Commerce of Southampton."

Mr. Octavius Capper responded:

Mr. F. Butler, in proposing the next toast, said he wished it had fallen into abler hands, but being almost the senior director on the Board, his colleagues thought it was his duty to propose the health of their President. He could say with the greatest pleasure that he had been associated with him for the last twelve years, during which period he had been almost in constant communication with him, and therefore was well acquainted with his sentiments towards their society. He also knew the valuable services

which Mr. Stebbing had rendered them; were it not for him they would not be assembled there that night, for the society would have been *non est*, or in process of winding up long ago. But so widely supported by the public, so ably led by their President, and under his fostering care, they could now hold up their heads with a degree of pride, and say that the society had prospered, and had been the means of doing a great deal of good. Such was the valuable assistance he had rendered them during the last twenty years that no tribute which the directors and officers of the society could offer would repay him, or shadow forth the gratitude they owed him, and which they wished to express. However, they had attempted to do this in their humble way. For the last two years it had been felt that they ought to pay their President some slight tribute of respect. Circumstances had not permitted them to do it before, but once started no power could stop it, and the society having now attained its majority, and having a capital of £30,000, they thought it a fitting time to commemorate that event by paying a compliment to the gentleman who had mainly contributed to it. Mr. Stebbing might be called the father of building societies in this town. He was the president of the first building society established in it, which, being on the terminable principle came to an end, but others sprung from it on the permanent constitution, and he hoped that many more would yet arise, and produce as much good as the society he represented. There were in the room that night several gentlemen who might be called, with Mr. Stebbing, the originators of such societies in Southampton and even in Hampshire. He alluded to Messrs. Sandy, Coxwell, and Furber, who, with their President, had shared in this good work, the happy results of which had extended far and wide. These societies had been of the greatest service, not only to such as it enabled to become the owners of property, and to sit under their own vine and fig tree, but also to those provident persons who invested their money in its shares, and thus obtained a larger dividend than they could in almost any other way. This society's shares were worth, in its present position, about double what they had cost the members; that is to say every £40 share was worth about £80. That, in a great measure, was owing to the fostering care and sound advice of their President. Some years ago, when the society was not in the flourishing position it was now, some were inclined to give way to despondency, but Mr. Stebbing cheered them by his kindly feeling and encouraged them to persevere instead of despairing. His motto ever was "Excelsior!" They did persevere, and, under his guidance, went on from day to day increasing in prosperity. He never lost an opportunity of advancing the interests of the society, but brought them customers by his influence, and in no instance had they lost a penny by the connection he brought them, but had made a good profit, and to him they owed it. He would not detain them much longer, as a gentleman would be associated in the presentation who had known Mr. Stebbing much longer than he had done. The gentleman to whom he referred, and Mr. Stebbing, had known one another for a long period, and had been closely associated together, not only in this society, but in others of a like description, every one of which was a success. In the names of his co-directors he would propose the President's good health, and call upon Mr. Coxwell to make the presentation on their behalf. It might appear to be a small tribute to one they so much respected, but only a few persons had taken part in it, the subscription having been limited to the trustees, directors, and officers of their society. At first they did not contemplate assembling at the festive board more than the subscribers, but it occurred to him that there were some gentlemen who would be very glad to see the presentation made to Mr. Stebbing, and they could not be so churlish as to keep all the good things to themselves. They thus resolved upon inviting a few friends, and he was glad to see them present. They had come to do honour to Mr. Stebbing, but it reflected honour upon them also. As he had intimated before, the Society owed much of its success to Mr. Stebbing, who always supported its good name, and was ever

ready to heal any dispute that arose regarding it. On the night he (Mr. Butler) joined it, there was a jolly good row, but before leaving the room he was induced by the President to become a director, and had never since regretted doing so. He could not sit down without, in the name of the trustees, directors, and officers of the society, asked Mr. Stebbing's acceptance of this tribute to his worth; it might be but a small one, but such as it was, they offered it with their heartiest good wishes.

Mr. Coxwell having been called upon by the preceding speaker to present the testimonial, which was then uncovered, and excited great admiration on account of its excellence and beauty, proceeded to observe that he rose with mingled feelings of diffidence and gratification to perform the duty which their kindness had imposed upon him; with diffidence because he could not help feeling how inadequate he was to do justice to the subject entrusted to his charge, and with gratification because it was particularly pleasing to him to see his old and very much esteemed friend, Mr. Stebbing, receiving such a mark of their confidence, and appreciation of the valuable services he had rendered to their society. He could speak, perhaps, to a longer and more intimate acquaintance with Mr. Stebbing than anyone in the town, for his first visit, after coming to Southampton, and before he had settled there, was paid to him (Mr. Coxwell) at a period now verging on 40 years ago. [Mr. Stebbing; Rather more.] Since that time they had differed once or twice on matters of local interest, but never had there been any interruption to the very kind and friendly intercourse which had taken place between them. Not so much as a harsh word or an unkind thought had ever passed between them (cheers). This was a very gratifying occasion to him, because Mr. Stebbing had been for many years his warmest, kindest friend in the town (hear, hear.) He had watched him in all his public pursuits; he had seen his conduct and the services which he had rendered, not only to this society, but to those of a similar character which had preceded it. He believed he was one of the first with whom Mr. Stebbing was associated in the Building Societies which were the origin of the present one; and as their vice-chairman (Mr. Butler) had well remarked, not one of those societies had failed in the least degree, but had done a great deal of good. He felt at a loss to say all he desired to express respecting Mr. Stebbing on this occasion. It was his maxim, when he had occasion to say anything, not to use two words when one would suffice, and he thought he could now do no better than ask Mr. Stebbing to accept at their hands the very beautiful testimonial which they had been kind enough to present to him (cheers). He was sure he would appreciate it, not less from its intrinsic value than for the kindly feelings which had prompted the offering. Then, turning to Mr. Stebbing, Mr. Coxwell said:—On behalf of the trustees, directors, and officers of this society, I ask you to accept this present as a tribute of their respect and esteem. May you live long to see it on your table, and may it remind those who come after you of your virtues and great services (cheers) to this society, and many others of a kindred character.

Bro. Stebbing, on rising to reply, was received with hearty cheers. He said he would endeavour, as far as his grateful feelings would allow him, to acknowledge the distinguished compliment they had paid him that evening, a compliment such as fell to the lot of few, and one that had been paid by them in an almost unexampled manner. It was totally unexpected and entirely unsought on his part (hear, hear), and it had been brought about by a degree of generosity and kindness by them which he shall never forget. He thanked the Mayor for honouring the occasion with his presence; he thanked Mr. Butler, for the kind manner he had spoken of him, and he thanked him all the more because he had acknowledged that after what possibly might be termed some little differences that had arisen, he (Mr. Stebbing) had induced him to join the society, to which he (Mr. Butler) had given so much strength. To his old friend Mr. Coxwell, he also gave his best thanks, and they could have found no one more acceptable

to him or better suited to make this presentation, for the warm heartedness with which he had given effect to their intentions regarding himself. The inscription on that most beautiful work of art spoke of the esteem and regard they felt for him after being associated with them for some twenty years. That, in itself, was no small compliment to bestow upon him in connection with an institution that was now so thoroughly established. Twenty years was a long period for men to be associated together. During that time many things would arise to cause differences of opinion, and to try the temper of men who were connected with the management of a large financial institution, and he esteemed it as one of the most gratifying circumstances that could occur to any one, that after twenty years of intimate association they could inscribe upon that plate the sentiments of esteem and regard they had done, showing that whilst he had worked harmoniously with them in carrying out the objects of this society, it had engendered between them a feeling of such kindness. He valued that expression more even than the testimonial itself, beautiful as it was, because it assured him that they had worked honestly and fairly together, and in mutual confidence for the good of the society. During those twenty years they had had to deal with the property and sometimes with the wants of their fellow-townsmen, and it afforded him great satisfaction to say that in all those transactions no secrets had been divulged, no man's affairs had been talked about, the value of no man's property had been brought before the public, but the full value had been given for what he wanted, and if they could not always give what was expected, the man's affairs were never talked about to his disadvantage. If, as their President, he had thus gained their esteem and confidence, it was gratifying to him to say that they had worked harmoniously together to do what was just, and had won the regard and respect which was the source of so much enjoyment in social life. There was another point connected with the inscription which was extremely gratifying to him, and that was the reference to what they were pleased to call his valuable services as President of their society. He had not been one of the business workers connected with this institution, who had, by constant attendance at the Board, done so much for the industry and provident habits of so many of his fellow-townsmen; but he had worked with them earnestly to do good under that law which enables persons to purchase their own dwellings by paying the rent and a little in addition to it, thus becoming possessed of what is called a stake in the hedge. And if his services had been valuable, they had not been so valuable as theirs which had been untiring in the interests of the institution. He could mention to their praise that when it was proposed at the last annual meeting to give a substantial bonus to the directors for some extra trouble they had been put to, they said, "No—the line has been drawn, to which we will adhere, and we will not take another shilling from the society, being content to work under the old system" (cheers). By that system they had been able to advance £66,000 to people in that town and neighbourhood; at the present moment they had £33,000 distributed amongst the saving and industrious classes, who with that money are becoming the owners of their own residences or other property it is important for them to possess. Then there were the depositors, who got their 5 per cent, with the greatest regularity; then there were the investors, who in addition to receiving 5 per cent. interest for their money, got an annual bonus of over 4 per cent., making upwards of 9 per cent. altogether (cheers). They who received this not only benefited themselves, but also others who were borrowers, and who were going on in the same path of providence and thrift as themselves. The society, when Mr. Butler joined it, had a capital of only £4,000, but it had gone on increasing year after year until it reached its present flourishing position. There might have been times when they were not quite so successful as they desired, but there had not been a time when they were not safe (hear, hear). He had always

in his mind the words inscribed on the Athenian Temple, "Look not mournfully on the past; it can never return. Enjoy the present; it is thine. Go forth manfully to meet the future; it can be conquered by a valiant heart" (cheers). He desired not only to testify to the invaluable services of the directors, and their great devotion to the interests of the society, but to the admirable manner in which the various officers connected therewith did their work, and he was bound to speak in warm terms of the untiring energy of the Secretary, Mr. Sandy, who seemed to live only in the welfare of the society. He had so identified himself with its interests that the public had come to designate it "Sandy's Society," and by which it was so popularly known; and by his attention and urbanity and hard work he had justly earned that distinction. The Actuary, Mr. O'Farrell, had been invaluable in his help; his accurate and—because accurate—his unassailable estimates and calculations were a strong foundation on which the society rested, whilst his cheerful and ready disposition to meet every detail with the excellent auditors, Messrs. G. Bridger and Sparrow, was the theme of constant praise. Then they had their valued and experienced surveyor, Mr. Alderman Furber—the very sheet anchor of such institutions, to keep them right as to the value of property on which advances were made. In this Mr. Furber was indeed a safe foundation on which to rely. No loss had ever occurred on any property he had passed, and he was sure there never would be, and many of the directors practiced in building matters lent their experience in assisting and supporting the judgment and prudence of his views, thus not only protecting the society, but frequently aiding the borrowers in not giving excessive prices for property they sought to obtain. Mr. Stebbing said he must now leave the somewhat business allusions again to thank them for the valuable gift he saw before him, for the far more valuable sentiments engraved upon the base, and the generous hospitality that had been exhibited towards him and many of his friends that evening. He could assure them the recollection thereof would be fresh in his memory as long as life should last, and cheer him to the closing hour of his existence. The unperishable testimonial would descend to his children, and he hoped his children's children, as an incentive to action in their lives, and to justify the good opinion of those with whom they lived, as, in this instance, it had been his great happiness to enjoy from some of his most valued friends and fellow-townsmen. Words failed him to do justice to the grateful emotions that were springing from his heart, which made that evening one of the most gratifying—of his life, and he should never forget their generous acknowledgments of his poor services, but as the time gained on him—and the time must come when he would no longer be a busy worker in the hive, but have less activity amongst his fellow-townsmen—he should find happiness in dwelling upon the past, and then the sight of that beautiful work of art, and all the surroundings of their friendship and regard, and the kindly manner in which they had done so kind an act, would charm the downhill of life, and in a grateful memory of all these things, give to his last days many sources of joy, and the choicest recollections of the love and friendship which had been so abundantly lavished on him that night.

The Mayor briefly proposed "Success to the Institution," which was responded to by Mr. Mitchell.

The editor of the "Bauhütte" has founded at Florence an establishment for the sale of German and English books. We have much pleasure in introducing the same to the notice of our many readers who may visit the fair city, feeling assured that they will meet with every attention from those in charge. The address is—Messrs. Flor and Findel, German and Foreign Booksellers, 24, Lung Arno Acciajoli, Florence, Italy. Prints, photographs, pictures, and English stationery, are also kept in stock.—ADVT.

Original Correspondence.

THE MALTESE RITUAL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Without infringing your positive declaration last week against further correspondence respecting the English Order of St. John, which I have, as your readers will say, with good reason declined, I may ask you to admit the following extract from an official, published, report of the Grand Prior of the Masonic Templars in Canada, Colonel Macleod Moore, dated the 14th August, 1873:

"It has been stated that our Maltese Ritual was brought from the Island of Malta; this I can positively say is not the case, for in May, 1849, I was the first to introduce the Temple Order there, and we did not work any degree of Malta."

Yours fraternally,

LUPUS.

SAINT JOHN'S GATE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you permit me to say, in reference to your paragraph of the 18th instant, that I believe one tower only of this interesting building will as yet be occupied as the business offices of the English Order of St. John. The remainder will not be disturbed as a tavern, with all its antiquarian and literary associations, at all events for some time to come. The statement that the gateway had become the property of one of the English Knights of the Protestant League is correct.

Yours farternally,

LUPUS.

MASONIC LITERATURE.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

It is melancholy and as humiliating as melancholy, that the shadow of a shade of just cause should have called forth your leader in the last issue of *The Freemason*.

You write, that "it might be a curious enquiry why there should be a want of appreciation of our Masonic literature;" but it strikes me that as far as your journal, and other serials of equal intelligence and independence, are concerned, the solution of the problem is simple enough.

The Press disturbs ancient unreasoning and unreasonable beliefs, and by opening its columns to free and temperate discussion exposes shame and explodes wind-bags; and since it cannot be denied that not a few Freemasons prefer repose in a fool's paradise, to contact with the outer world of fact and enlightenment; and that they resent as much as they fail to understand and appreciate, intelligent and exhaustive enquiry; it can scarcely afford due cause of surprise that they hate the trouble of thinking, and detest still more, the labour of proving all things, and holding fast that which is true. Hence the lack of "a warm, a full, a sympathetic support of Masonic literature."

"Our lodges make little—rather no—provision for literary studies or Masonic libraries," and the consequence is that, in spite of the fraternal efforts of many hardworking brethren, the majority of our members, when not plunged into a gulf of myths and absurdities, are pleased to remain in what you aptly term the "insular contentedness of knowing little or nothing of intellectual Freemasonry."

To *The Freemason* at least must be adjudged the palm for affording a fair field and no favour to all comers. The discussion which was finally closed in your last issue, is a case in point, and the thanks of all those who have at heart the true interests of our noble institution are due to you for your impartiality and for your putting a stop to the freedom of debate, only when on one side it had degenerated into the inane repetition of untenable assertions, in the vain endeavour of covering the ignominious failure of an unprovoked and unjustifiable attack upon an association utterly unconnected with Freemasonry.

The lamentable mistakes of a few misguided enthusiasts who would fain sacrifice the first principles of Freemasonry in the pitiful longings for aristocratic exclusiveness, have brought upon them the well merited contempt of all those, who, whilst according due respect to the time-honoured body of Masonic Knights Templar, know hardly whether to be vexed or amused at the assumptions of the recently invented and would-be exclusive "Chivalric" United Orders of Pinchbeck Templars and Mushroom Hospitaliers, whose new-born claims to legitimate descent from anything beyond a comparatively recent source, have been completely smothered in their infancy by their well meaning advocate, whose zeal, albeit it outran his discretion, might peradventure have remained uncommented upon, had he not attacked, utterly without provocation or excuse, a confraternity of gentlemen engaged in the unobtrusive exercise of charity and mercy towards the suffering poor. His castigation has followed in due course, and naked and wounded he must must regret that he has injured the cause which even more able advocacy than his own would have failed to benefit. Still, whilst the few have suffered, the many have been the gainers; and although the ludicrous claims made by the United Orders to a chivalric origin have collapsed, the Masonic Templars and all "true blue" Masons must rejoice that truth is great and that it has prevailed.

All honour to *The Freemason*, for its manly independence, which, disregarding favour and affection, has done good service to the Craft, and to the general public, by publishing a correspondence which has proved that fanciful Masonic—or rather anti-Masonic—assumptions, can never hope to win the day against history and common sense; which has disposed of for ever the suddenly discovered antiquity of this, the latest fungoid growth upon Freemasonry; and which has ably maintained, against unprovoked attack and misrepresentation the legitimate claims of the English Langue of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. If for no other reason, your journal deserves the cordial support of all those who wish to separate the light from the darkness, and to extend "to the Brotherhood the valuable and improving influences of a sound and wholesome literature."

I am, fraternally yours,
TRUE BLUE.

SPIRITUALISM.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

I do not intend to trespass any further upon your space with any remarks of mine upon this subject, but seeing that Bro. Carpenter, at page 696, introduces the names of Professors Faraday and Tyndall, both of whom were decidedly against the idea that the spirits of departed individuals took any active part in connection with the phenomena, perhaps you will allow me to give the opinion of the latter of these distinguished scientists, as contained in the closing paragraph of the account he gives of an examination made by him into the subject, Professor Tyndall says "This, then, is the result of an attempt made by a scientific man to look into these spiritual phenomena. It is not encouraging, and for this reason. The present promoters of spiritual phenomena divide themselves into two classes, one of which needs no demonstration, while the other is beyond the reach of proof. The victims like to believe, and they do not like to be undeceived. Science is perfectly powerless in the presence of this frame of mind. It is moreover a state perfectly compatible with extreme intellectual subtlety and a capacity for devising hypotheses which only require the hardihood engendered by strong conviction, or by callous mendacity, to render them impregnable. The logical feebleness of science is not sufficiently borne in mind. It keeps down the weed of superstition, not by logic, but by slowly rendering the mental soil unfit for its cultivation. When science appeals to uniform experience, the spiritualist will retort, 'How do you know that a uniform

experience will continue uniform? You tell me that the sun has risen for 6000 years. That is no proof that it will rise to-morrow; within the next twelve hours it may be puffed out by the Almighty.' Taking this ground a man may maintain the story of 'Jack and the Bean-stalk' in the face of all the science in the world. You urge, in vain, that science has given us all the knowledge of the universe which we now possess, while spiritualism has added nothing to that knowledge. The drugged soul is beyond the reach of reason. It is in vain that impostors are exposed, and the special demon cast out. He has but slightly to change his shape, return to his house, and find it 'empty, swept, and garnished.'"

I am, yours paternally,

W. P. BUCHAN.

CONSECRATION OF A LODGE AND, A RED CROSS CONCLAVE AT REEFTON, NEW ZEALAND.

In accordance with the example followed from "time immemorial" by the members of the Masonic fraternity, wherever they were congregated together in sufficient numbers to constitute themselves into a regular and recognised association, the Freemasons of the Inangahua district have, after obtaining the necessary authority, succeeded in inaugurating a lodge which, judging from its commencement, will be a credit to the Order. The promoters, who are most of them Masons of rank and long standing, have for some months been engaged in making the requisite preparations, and when the Reefton Public Hall Company had their fine Assembly-room fit for occupation by the brethren, an agreement was entered into by which the building will be available for Masonic purposes at suitable times during the ensuing twelve months. The announcement was made in the usual manner that the inaugural ceremonies would take place on Monday, 7th July, and all the brethren residing in the district, as well as the members of the Craft living in other places, were invited to attend. At two o'clock in the afternoon the brethren, to the number of between thirty and forty, assembled at the Hall, and the ceremony of the consecration was shortly afterwards commenced. The Hall was prepared in a manner appropriate to the occasion, and it formed a subject of remark by the brethren of most experience in such matters, who were present, that the decorations and emblems exhibited were peculiarly well chosen, and artistically executed. These remarks especially refer to the mosaic pavement and the tracing boards of the several degrees, which it is understood are the work of Bro. Thornton, executed from designs supplied by the Committee. Bro. G. W. Harvey, Deputy District Grand Master of Westland, acting under special dispensation from the District Grand Lodge, assisted by Past Masters, M. R. Gissinge and W. G. Moss, took the principal part in the ceremonies of the consecration and the installation of officers of the new lodge.

The Deputy Grand Master performed his duties in a most impressive and efficient manner, strictly in accordance with ancient and prescribed usage, and he was ably assisted by the Past Masters before mentioned. The lodge was named the Pacific Lodge of Reefton, under the English Constitution, and by the affection and unanimous consent of the members, Bro. Charles Broad was elected the first Worshipful Master. The following officers were then chosen—Bros. W. Pitt, Senior Warden; Don De Les Carreras, Junior Warden; D. Isaacs, Treasurer; J. Davies, Secretary; W. Faler, Senior Deacon; W. McLean, Junior Deacon; James Stephenson, Inner Guard; and J. Washington, Outer Guard. Bro. Washington was afterwards unanimously elected Tyler of the lodge. The rites in connection with the consecration and installation finished, and the working of the lodge, as far as regards Craft Masonry being concluded, and the brethren of the Craft Lodges dismissed, an event took place which has but seldom occurred

in Australia, or indeed in the Southern Hemisphere. This was a gathering of a Conclave, No. 109, regularly and authoritatively constituted, of the Masonic, and Military Knights of Red Cross of Constantine. Thomas Sanderson Bulmer, Esq., M. D., of Reefton, holds the appointment of Representative and Intendant-General of this degree for the Northern Island, with power to create, instal, and form Conclaves of Master Masons of good repute throughout New Zealand and Australia, from the Grand Master of the Order, the Earl Bective, and Frederick Martin Williams, Baronet, Grand Master of the Imperial Grand Council of the Order. Acting under this authority Bro. Bulmer has previously conferred the degree of Master of the Red Cross upon seven Master Masons, the Conclave met and elected Sir J. W. Harvey, M.P. Sovereign; Sir R. Charles Broad, M.P. Eusebius; and Sir E. W. Pitt, Recorder of the Degree in this District. It may be here stated the Bro. Bulmer also holds a dispensation under the same authority, to constitute Knights of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre and St. John.

In the evening the brethren assembled at the Oddfellows' Hall to a banquet provided by Bro. J. Gawson, in a style which could hardly be surpassed in this part of the world. The Worshipful Master of the Lodge, Bro. C. Broad, occupied the chair, supported on the right by Bro. G. W. Harvey and Bro. T. S. Bulmer, and on the left by Bros. Past Masters Moss and Gessinge. The other founders of the Lodge occupied places of honour at different parts of the table, and the vice-chair was filled by Bro. Senior Warden Pitt. Numerous toasts were given and received with the usual honours, the proposers and those brethren who were called upon to respond, making suitable remarks. The following were given from the chair—"The Queen and the Craft," "The Past Grand Master, the Prince of Wales," "The Grand Masters of the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions," "The District Grand Master of Westland, Bro. J. Lazar." The D.D.G.M., Bro. Harvey, responded on behalf of the G.M., and paid a high compliment, as did the proposer of the toast, to the character and Masonic accomplishments of Bro. Lazar. The Chairman proposed the health of "The Deputy District Grand Master," who responded in appropriate terms. The Senior Warden proposed the toast of "Success to the District Grand Lodge of Westland," and Bros. Past Masters Gissinge and Moss responded as members of the District Lodge. The health of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by the D.D.G.M. The W.M. replied in an eloquent speech. The toast of "The Officers and Brethren of the Pacific Lodge, Reefton," was given by Bro. Hayden, and responded to by Bro. F. De Las Carreras. The health of "The Brethren who were visitors to the Lodge" was given from the chair, and replied to by Bro. Moss, who, as a Mason of great experience, in the course of his reply, gave the brethren of the new lodge some sound advice as to the necessity of careful supervision in the selection and the further extension of the Order. The toast of "The Press" was proposed by D.D.G.M. Harvey, and responded to by Bro. Hayden. Several other toasts were given, including "The Founders of the Lodge," "Absent Brethren," "The Ladies," and the Masonic portion of the proceedings terminated, according to the usual observances, with the toast of "All poor and distressed Masons."

It may be safely said that the whole of the proceedings in connection with the inauguration of this, the youngest offshoot of the ancient and honourable Craft passed off, from the commencement to the conclusion, satisfactorily, and in a manner creditable to all concerned.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

The Right Worshipful Bro. Robert John Bagshaw, Prov. Grand Master of the Freemasons of the Province of Essex (High Sheriff of the County), held his Grand Lodge under the banner of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, at Colchester, when there was a large attendance of the Grand Officers and deputations from the various lodges in the province.

The Finance Committee having previously audited the Grand Treasurer's accounts, Grand Lodge was opened in the Assembly-room of the Town Hall, at two o'clock.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. John Wright Carr, read the minutes of the Grand Lodge held at Southend last year, which were confirmed; after which he announced that letters of apology for non-attendance had been received from several brethren who had been invited to attend. Among others were the Worshipful the Mayor of Colchester, Major Bishop; Bros. R. B. Barton, LL.D., P. Prov. G.M., West India; J. H. Johnson (Sheriff of the City of London), St. Osyth Priory; Sir E. M. Greathed, K.C.B., Commanding E.D.; J. E. Aspinwall, Peldon Lodge; Rev. E. I. Lockwood, D. Prov. G.M. for Suffolk; Peter Matthews, G.D.C.; Rev. E. R. Horwood, Prov. G.C.; W. S. Pavitt, A.G.D.C.; J. Hervey, Grand Secretary of England; F. A. Philbrick, Recorder of Colchester, Junior Grand Deacon of England, and others.

The returns were then read from the various lodges and the auditors' report, after which the Grand Master proceeded to invest the Grand Officers for the present year as follows:—

Samuel Chaplin.....	Prov. G. S.W.
Arthur C. Valey.....	Prov. G.J.W.
J. H. Bridge.....	Prov. G. Chaplain.
Joseph Burton.....	Prov. G. Treas.
John Wright Carr.....	Prov. G. Sec.
F. A. Cole.....	Prov. G. Reg.
J. Gordon Bellingham.....	Prov. G.S.D.
J. A. Wardell.....	Prov. G.J.D.
G. G. Pye.....	Prov. G.S.W.
Peter Matthews.....	Prov. G.D.C.
A. Lucking.....	Prov. A.G.D.C.
J. W. C. Butcher.....	Prov. G.S.B.
Fred Dawson.....	Prov. G. Organist.
Alfred Day.....	Prov. G. Purst.
T. Eustace.....	Prov. G. Steward.
T. J. Ralling.....	" " "
A. Portway.....	" " "
W. Clarey.....	" " "
T. S. Sarel.....	Prov. G. Tyler.

The R.W. the Prov. G. Master drew attention to the sad loss the Province had sustained since the last Grand Lodge in the death of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Andrew Meggy, and proposed that a resolution setting forth the great grief which his death had caused in the Province should be entered on the minutes of the Prov. G. Lodge. Bro. Bagshaw added that he had not yet thought proper to appoint a successor.

Bro. Glass (453) seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Worshipful the Mayor (Major Bishop), for the use of the Town Hall, and the sum of £10 ros. was voted to be given to the Essex and Colchester Hospital, through the Mayor, as a souvenir of the visit.

A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to the R.W. the Prov. G. Master for his attendance.

Grand Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and upwards of 60 brethren adjourned to the Cups Hotel, where the host, Bro. Besford, had prepared a banquet *a la Russe*, which was served up in first-class style.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Among those who were present, either at lodge or banquet, were:—Bros. Robt. Bagshaw, R.W. Prov. G.M.; Joseph Burton, Prov. G. Treas.; John Wright Carr, Prov. G. Sec. of the province, P.M. 160, 276, 1343; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.M. 1234, Past. G. Chap., England; Rev. T. W. Herbert, P. Prov. G. Chap., and the following representatives of lodges:—

No. 51.—F. A. Cole, W.M.; Samuel Chaplin, I.P.M.; W. Slaney, P.M., Treasurer; W. A. Bowler, P.M.; C. O. G. Becker, P.M.; J. Coppin,

P.M.; T. R. Quilter, P.M.; H. Samuel, P.M. W. P. Lewis, P.M.; H. Darken, P.M.; T. J. Ralling, Secretary; Rev. C. L. Acland, Rev. R. G. W. Gardiner, T. M. Bear, S. W. Crookes, W. W. Daniell, Geo. Allen, G. G. Pye, S.D.; Joseph Hanly, I. Harris, E. Clarkson, S. Besford, Geo. Butcher, B. Barber, and E. Kerry.

No. 433.—J. E. Wiseman, P.M., Secretary; W. Clarey, P.M.; J. Richardson, P.M.; A. W. Went, S.W.

No. 160.—A. Lucking, W.M.

No. 214.—Rev. Thomas Cochrane, P.M.

No. 276.—A. C. Veley, W.M.; T. Smee, S. W.; F. Whitmore, J.W.; Geo. J. S. Toller, Jas. Nicholls, Jas. L. Brown, H. E. Stidolph.

No. 453.—Alfred Day, W.M.; J. Glass, P.M.; F. J. Cox, P.M.; C. F. Hazard, S.W.; George Corble, I.G.; T. S. Sarel, G. Tyler.

No. 650.—J. W. C. Butcher, W.M.; W. O. Ward, P.M.; James Warren, Saml. H. Wymark, Secretary.

No. 697.—T. Eustace, W.M.; T. Rix, P.M., Secretary; James Neild, J.W.; J. T. Galey, G. Guiver, W. G. Siggers, R. Hunt, W. Middleton, J. H. Boulton, J. Williamson, Thomas Williams, W. Bateman, Thos. W. Naylor, R. W. Carpenter, W. Davison, Wm. Parker, W. G. Walker, W. de la Battouch, W. Calthorpe, P.M.; George Harvey and Geo. Whymark.

No. 1000.—J. A. Wardell, W.M.; Wm. Frost, Ed. Bradbury.

No. 1024.—John W. Quilhampton, W.M.

No. 1312.—W. N. Tufnell, W.M.; A. R. Clench, S.W.; A. Portway, Sec.; W. F. Hasler, S.D.; S. Piggitt, J.D.; W. Bright, Jno. West, Wm. Johnson.

No. 1343.—Rev. J. H. Bridge, W.M.

No. 1437.—John J. Wilson, W.M.; Jos. Tydeman, S.W.

Visitors.—Bro. J. Terry, Sec. R. M. Benevolent Institution; Capt. A. A. Owen (88th Regt.) 939; G. Gassner, 348 (Ireland); H. Wain, 1188; J. Bucklers, 646; Wheeler, S.W. 1224; John McCambridge, 301; Thomas G. Smith, 890.

Masonic Tidings.

The ceremony of Installation will be worked by Capt. Coles, P.M., No. 1297, at the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, this evening, Friday, at the Approach Tavern, Approach Road, Victoria Park.

It may be of some interest to our readers to learn that the Pilgrim Lodge, No. 238, have opened a Lodge of Instruction, the working of which will be in German, to enable brethren of German nationality residing in this country, to acquire a knowledge of the Masonic work in their own language. The meetings will be held on the Second and Fourth Tuesdays in every Month, at the German Gymnasium, Old St. Pancras Road, King's Cross.

The death is announced of Bro. Richard Tanner, late Inspector of Metropolitan Police, who will be remembered by his connection with many celebrated cases, and notably the capture of Müller, in New York, for the murder of Mr. Briggs. Bro. Tanner had kept the White Swan Hotel, Winchester, for some years.

A meeting of the members of the Mark Benevolent Association will be held at the "Essex Head," Essex-street, Strand, on Monday, the 3rd November, at half-past Seven o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of declaring a ballot, electing a Treasurer, settling the rules and electing new members. On this occasion, a jewel (voted some time since) will be presented by the Committee to Bro. Meggy.

The Whittington Lodge of Instruction will resume its meetings on Thursday, Nov. 6th, at the Crown Hotel, 41 High Holborn, under the preceptorship of Bro. Alexander, P.M., No. 177. On this occasion the chair will be occupied by the Secretary Bro. W. Long, P.M., 435.

WIRE-QUILTED SOLED BOOTS, which save 50 per cent. in wear, may be had from Burgess, 29A, Oxford-street, W; Speak, 13, Broadway, Ludgate-hill; Blundell, 66, Fore-street, City; Lewis, 209, Liverpool-road, N.; and elsewhere. N.B.—Your regular bootmaker can procure soles ready-quilted in every size from the Wire Quilting Company, Limited; or have his own leather quilted by forwarding same to the Company's works, Leicester.—ADVT.

A MASONIC ASPIRATION.

By BRO. WILLIAM CARPENTER, P.M. and P.Z.

Though the pathway of life be with trials beset,
From things that are evil, some good we may get,

For He who made all things still governs the whole,

Good and evil, alike, are within His control.

Oh, Lord, most beneficent, grant the bright rays
Of Thy wisdom, unerring, to me, all my days,
That whatever of trials in life may be mine,
I may have the assurance, my pathway is Thine!

And, then, when, at last, Thou shalt call me away,
May I listen, delighted, Thy voice to obey;
And pardon'd and strengthen'd by Thee, may I rise

To a mansion of rest, beyond the blue skies

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 7, 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, November 1.

General Committee Boys' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.

Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.

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

Monday, November 3.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.

" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.

" 144, St. Luke's, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.

" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

Mark Lodge 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.

Mark Benevolent Association, Essex Head, Essex-street Strand, at 7.30.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (No. 1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

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.

Tuesday, November 4.

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

" 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.

" 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.

" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.

" 217, Stability, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 705, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.

" 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.

" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, New Globe Tavern, Bow-road.

" 1261, Golden Rule, Hotel Royal, Air-st., Piccadilly.

" 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.

" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington-oval.

" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

" 507, United Pilgrims, Horus Tavern, Kennington.

Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon Stepney, at 8. Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

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Wednesday, November 5.

Grand Chapter at 7.
 Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
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 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.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N. at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, November 6.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, Clerkenwell.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 231, St. Andrews, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 551, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1351, St. Clements Danes, 265, Strand.
 " 1412, La Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood.
 " 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston.
 Chap. 176, Caveac, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 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.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, November 7.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 " 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Chap. 3, Fidelity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (No. 140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (No. 217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 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. Verity, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
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 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 8, 1873.

Monday, November 3.

Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 6.45.
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Blundellsands Hotel, Great Crosby, at 6.
 Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.
 Skelmersdale Conclave of the Knights of Rome (No. 77), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
 West Lancashire Mark Lodge, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Tuesday, November 4.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
 " 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
 Walton Mark Lodge, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.

Wednesday, November 5.

Lodge 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 " 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.
 Chap. 477, Fidelity, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.
 Harmonic Lodge of Instruction, Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, November 6.

Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, at 4.
 " 1384, Equity, Sim's Cross Hotel, Widnes, at 6.
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

Friday, November 7.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.30.
 " 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Friday, November 7, 1873.
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, November 3.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 129, St. Mirrens, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.
 Chap. 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robinson-street.

Tuesday, November 4.

Lodge 31, St. John's, St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.

Wednesday, November 5.

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

Thursday, November 6.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 366, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
 " 465, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.
 " 360, Renfrew County Kilwinning, High-st., Paisley.

Friday, November 7.

Lodge 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st.
 " 413, Athole, 213 Buchanan-street.
 " 114, Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, Cambuslang.
 " 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
 " 512, Thorntree, Thornliebank.
 " 242, Huston, Cross Keys Hall, Johnston.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 8, 1873.

Monday, November 3.

Grand Lodge of Scotland, Quarterly Communication, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 5.
 Lodge 429, St. Kentigern, Penicuik.

Tuesday, November 4.

Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 86, Constitution-street, at 8.30.
 " 36, St. David's, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street, at 8.
 " 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

Thursday, November 6.

Lodge 97, St. James's, Masonic Hall, Writer's-crt, High-street, at 8.

Friday, November 7.

Lodge 291, Celtic, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.
 Chap. 83, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

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