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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

PRESCOT.—*Lodge of Loyalty* (No. 86).—The annual meeting of this ancient lodge, which is now in the 120th year of its existence, was held at the Assembly Rooms, Prescott, near Liverpool, on Wednesday the 29th ult., the principal business being the installation of Bro. Henry Scott, the W.M. elect. Although the weather was exceedingly cold, there was a goodly gathering of the brethren of the lodge, which was opened shortly three o'clock by Bro. J. W. R. Fowler, W.M. The past and present officers of the lodge at the opening were Bros. G. Turner, P.M.; J. T. Hall, P.M.; H. Scott, S.W.; R. Young, J.W.; J. W. Fowler, P.M., Treas.; W. Tyrer, Sec.; R. Corke, S.D.; G. H. Turner, J.D.; R. D. Simpson, D.C.; W. Cron, I.G.; Sephton, Tyler. The members present were Bros. J. Vaughan, H. Vaughan, J. Van Denne, W. Holmes, W. A. Meadows, G. Welsby, H. Robertson, and others. The visitors Bros. Capt. W. J. Newman, W.M. 786; G. Morgan, P.M. 1035; J. Walker, 1086; W. Thomson, 1384; W. Harrison, 897; J. W. Carlile, 1334; and others. From the minutes (which were confirmed) it appeared that centenary jewels had been voted to Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., the Hon. Capt. Stanley, R.W.D.P.G.M.; and the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G. Chaplain; a letter was read from the last named brother acknowledging the compliment. Bro. J. W. J. Fowler then proceeded with the installation of Bro. H. Scott, as W.M., who was presented by Bros. G. Turner, and J. T. Hall. The ceremony was performed in an admirable manner, the charges to the following officers being given by Bro. J. Hamer, Bros. Reginald Young, S.W.; W. Tyrer, J.W.; J. W. J. Fowler, P.M., Sec. and Treas.; J. Vaughan, S.D.; and J. De Venne, J.D. The remainder of the appointments were left over until next meeting. On the motion of Bro. J. W. J. Fowler, seconded by Bro. R. Young, Bro. T. Sephton, was re-appointed Tyler of the lodge for the 24th time. After the business of the afternoon, the brethren adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served under the presidency of the newly installed W.M. During the evening, a P.M.'s jewel was presented by Bro. Fowler, sen., to his son Bro. J. W. R. Fowler, I.P.M., which bore the following inscription:—"Lodge of Loyalty, No. 86, Prescott. Presented by members to Bro. J. W. R. Fowler, I.P.M., as a mark of fraternal regard and esteem. 1873." The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed during the festive meeting, and cordially responded to.

MARGATE.—*Union Lodge* (No. 127).—The brethren of the above lodge, and numerous visiting brethren, partook of a sumptuous banquet at the King's Head Hotel, on Tuesday the 28th October, the repast being served by Bro. J. Smith, D.C., in a manner which reflected on him the highest credit. The W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. A. Wooten, presided, the vice chair being occupied by the S.W., Bro. E. H. Thompson. Among

the brethren present were Bros. Winch, J. Taylor, G. Taylor, 192., W. Style, A. Aubrey, S. S. Chancellor, J. Reeve, T. Price, S. Solomon, Tovey, T. M. Compton, I.P.M. &c., J. Smith, L. Wright, W. Saunders, W. K. Treves, W. Crawford, W. W. Winn, J. Phillpott, A. Baker, W. B. Wallace, Sec.; and several others. During the evening a M.M. jewel was presented to Bro. William Crawford, in acknowledgement of his successful efforts in connection with the recent Masonic Charity Ball, held at the Royal Assembly Rooms, Margate, in April last. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed and received with that loyalty becoming the Craft. Afterwards the interesting ceremony of a jewel presentation by the W.M., to Bro. W. Crawford, took place, and was received by the esteemed brother in a graceful and suitable manner, he expressing his thanks to the brethren of the lodge in a few well chosen words. The conviviality of the evening was enlivened by the very excellent singing of Bros. Walter B. Wallace, Phillpott, and Joseph Taylor. The brethren having spent a most enjoyable evening, were dismissed by the W.M., in accordance with "Bruce's Act."

BUXTON.—*Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann* (No. 1235).—Monday, the 20th of October, 1873, will long be remembered as a "red letter day" by the brethren of the "Phoenix of St. Ann" Lodge of Freemasons at Buxton, as it was a day set apart for a visit to the first W.M. and principal founder of their lodge—Bro. John Millward, of Longnor, now in his 83rd year, more than 60 years a Freemason, and one of the oldest Freemasons in the Province. The brethren, with their wives, sisters, and sweethearts, assembled at the Court House at 11 a.m., and were conveyed to Longnor in a coach and waggonette, drawn by four horses, provided by Bro. Bradbury, of the Shakespere Hotel. Though the morning was not one of the calm genial autumnal days which have been so much enjoyed during the present October, it had, nevertheless, all the charms which attend variety—the bright sunshine alternating with brisk showers of hail and rain, gave light and shadow to the extensive landscape, pleasant to look upon from under the shelter of warm cloaks, coats, and umbrellas. The scenery of this district is never seen to such great advantage as on a day of broken fleecy clouds, when a fresh breeze is blowing, and the beams of bright sunshine and dark shadow race over hill and valley. The full effect of such a day was seen to advantage as soon as the hills were surmounted which skirt the Dove Valley, and Croom and Parker's Hills, Longnor Edge and High Wheelton with their varieties of outline, and the beautifully winding valley of the Dove, burst upon the delighted vision of the travellers, producing gratified expressions of surprise from all. Bro. Bradbury, as though he knew the precious freight he had charge of, ran no risks, and the pace was anything but fast, giving ample opportunity for fully appreciating the beautiful scenes which were traversed; and an hour and a half had elapsed before the carriages were pulled up in front of the Crewe and Harpur Arms, Longnor. Here the party were received by Bro. W. Millward, son of the respected founder of the lodge, and escorted to his residence, where they were warmly welcomed by his father and mother, and other relatives and friends, and where a luncheon had been most bountifully prepared, and brethren and sisters, numbering about fifty, partaking freely of what was so hospitably and lavishly dispensed. Nothing could exceed the kindness which this numerous party received, or the frankness and cordiality which prevailed, and it will be a day long remembered. Bro. the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, W. M. and Provincial Grand Chaplain, proposed the health of the host, which was received with Masonic honours, Mr. Josiah Taylor singing "We are all John Millward's bairns, and to which Bro. Millward responded with the warmth, vivacity, and enthusiastic devotion which characterise him as a Mason. During the afternoon some strolled about and enjoyed the beautiful scenes of the neighbourhood, between the showers, visiting the quaint little church, and reading the quaint epitaphs in the church-

yard; and the day was ended by Bro. Millward and his wife and family being invited by the brethren to the Crewe and Harpur Arms to tea, which, with every substantial and delicate accessory, was provided in the best manner by the hostess, Mrs. Grindy. After tea, there was dancing for the younger and more active of the party, which was enjoyed until the clock struck the hour of retiring, at nine p.m., "Auld Lang Syne" being sung previously in Masonic fashion. The return journey was safely accomplished, partly under a starlight sky, and, after cresting the Derbyshire hills, in a shower of rain and hail.

SEACOMBE.—*Warren Lodge* (No. 1276).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 21st ult., at the Stanley Arms Hotel. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. R. W. Holt, at 5 o'clock, the following brethren being present, viz., Bros. T. H. Ward, S.W.; W. Evans, J.W.; J. S. Jones, I.P.M.; W. H. Francis, Treas.; James Redcholgh, S.D.; J. Taylor, J.D.; J. Pemberton, P.M., as Sec.; W. R. Bainbridge, P.M., M.C.; J. T. Lea, P.M., P.P.G.; S. W.; C. H. Hill, P.M.; W. J. Long; T. C. Lawrence; A. R. Paynter, J. Lancaster, N. Beamish, J. Moore, A. McKay, W. R. Buckley, J. Monroe, W. Jones A. Nash, J. Higgins, H. Skinner, J. Martin, J. Williams, J. Burgess, and others. The lodge was honoured with the presence of the following visitors, Bros. W. Bailey, P.P.J.G.D.; J. P. Platt, P.P.J.G. Warden; T. Platt, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Banning, P.M., P.G.O. Cumb. and Westmorland; R. C. Mellor, P.P.J.C.D., N. Wales and Salop; J. Chesworth, P.M.; R. Collinson, T. Ambler; W. Shortis, W.M. 724; J. Radcliffe, W.M. 605; A. Bemish, J. Jacobs, T. Birch, E. Harris, and several others. The S.W., Bro. Ward, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. R. W. Holt, by Bro. W. Bulley and T. S. Jones, I.P.M., for the ceremony of installation, he having taken the obligation as Master Elect; all brethren below the chair were requested to retire, when a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Ward was installed according to ancient custom, the ceremony being rendered in a most efficient manner by Bro. Holt. The Past Master's Lodge was closed, and other important business was gone through to the satisfaction of all present. The brethren were then admitted, and gave the salutation in the different degrees. The W.M. was pleased to appoint the following brethren as his officers, Bros. R. W. Holt, I.P.M.; W. Evans, J.W.; J. Redcholgh, J.W.; W. H. Francis, Treas.; W. R. Bainbridge, Sec.; T. Taylor, S.D.; W. Jones, J.D.; J. Pemberton, P.M., Organist; A. McKay, I.G.; A. R. Paynter; J. C. Lawrence, Stewart; John McMurdie, Tyler; each officer receiving a charge from Bro. Holt, Inst. Master. Some important business having to be gone into, the visitors retired with some of the members. The W.M., Bro. Ward, then presented a handsome Past Master's Jewel to Bro. Holt, the I.P.M., with the following remarks: "In fixing this jewel on your breast, may I hope that the heart that beats beneath it will ever respond to the cries of distress, and be actuated in all it does by the same kind feelings as those which prompted the brethren in making you this gift. I feel sure it will be their sincere wish that you will be spared for many years, and be present at the meeting of this lodge and wear this token of their fraternal regard. I shall not add any further observation, feeling sure that nothing I can say will add lustre to your name." The visiting brethren and others re-entered the lodge, which was closed down in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the Seacombe Hotel a first-rate banquet having been provided for about 50 brethren, who did justice to the good things. Grace having been said, Bro. Ward, the W.M., in very fluent language, proposed the loyal and Grand Lodge toasts, which were duly honoured. The W.M. then proposed "The R.W.G.P.M. of Cheshire, the Lord de Tabley, his Deputy, and the Past and Present P.G.L. Officers;" this toast was received right heartily. Bro. P. M. Pemberton sang a good old song. Bro. Holt acted as Master of Ceremonies. Bro. Bulley returned thanks on behalf of the P.G. Lodge, then, in eloquent terms, proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Ward," which was

enthusiastically received with honours. Bro. Paynter sang a beautiful song. The W.M. said it was with feelings of unalloyed gratification and emotion of the deepest gratitude that he returned thanks for the cordiality with which the brethren had responded to this toast. He would do his utmost to uphold the dignity of the lodge, also to maintain the harmony which should exist, and he trusted the officers he had appointed would co-operate with him in the faithful discharge of the duties of the lodge. The W.M., on rising to propose "The Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution," said it gave him great pleasure in coupling with that the name of Bro. John P. Platt, P.M., &c., P.P.G. Warden of Cheshire, the promoter and Hon. Sec. of that excellent institution. This toast was well received, Bro. Platt returning thanks at some length, informing the brethren of the good the charity had been to the Province. The next toast was that of "The Past Master." Bro. Hill, P.M., thanked the brethren; Bro. P.M. Holt also returned thanks in a good Masonic speech. "The Officers" was replied to by Bros. Evans, S.W., W. R. Bainbridge, Sec.; Taylor, S.D. (for self). Bro. J. Warden thanked the W.M. and brethren in a speech which proved he had great ability, for he was most eloquent. The W.M. then gave "The Visiting Brethren," which was replied to by Bro. Banning, P.M., and P.G. Organist. The Tyler's Toast brought the proceedings to a close. This meeting was satisfactory in every way; the working was admirable, the music excellent, the reception of visitors most cordial, the banquet, supplied by Mrs. Stokes, unexceptionable; and the Past Masters were well satisfied with the excellent wine provided at the "Stanley Arms" Hotel, by Bro. Martin.

ACACIA LODGE (No. 1309).—This lodge, the regular meetings of which commence in May and close in September, held an emergency meeting on the 25th ult., at the Railway Tavern, Potter's Bar. There were present Bros. E. W. Richardson, W.M.; J. H. Butten, P. Prov. G.A. D.C., P.M., as S.W.; R. Limpus, P.G. Organist, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.S., P.M., Sec.; C. A. Ferrier, S.D.; E. W. Collins, as J.D.; J. George, as I.G.; C. Horsley, P. Prov. G. Registrar, P.M., and many other brethren, but no visitors. The lodge was duly opened and the third and first ceremonies worked, there being three candidates for each degree, viz., Bros. H. Bryceson, J. Bryceson, and T. Boyce; Messrs. A. Budgett, H. E. Appleby, and R. P. Tebb. The W.M. finding that the amount of business justified the step, determined to hold another emergency meeting on the first Saturday in December. The lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of simple refreshments.

LODGE OF ASAPH (No. 1319).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., on Monday last, the 3rd instant. There were present:—Bros. E. Stanton Jones, P.M.; C. Coote, P.M.; J. M. Chamberlain, I.P.M.; J. Weaver, P.M., P. Prov. G. Org. Middx., M.E.Z. 862, W.M.; George Buckland, I.G.; Robert W. Little, P.M.; Thomas A. Adams, P.G.P.; Charles Coote, jun., Treasurer; Edward Frewin, S.W.; Thomas Edgar; W. F. Cremer, Steward; William Maby; Thomas W. Gough; Charles S. Jekyll, J.W.; W. H. Stephens; Joseph Perry; George Horton; William A. Tinney, S.D.; John M. Ball; Henry Snyders; Henry J. Tinney, Org.; Julian Egerton; Frederick Burgess; Edward Terry, J. D.; John Strachan; William Graves; Joseph Horton; John Read, P.M.; Edward Swanborough, D.C.; John Hodges; Henry Lazarus; Gustavus R. Egerton; Ambrose Bustin; John Henry Maycock; Hendall; Greenhill; Barret; Podel; Poulter. The visitors present were:—Bros. Col. F. Burdett, P.G.S.W. and P.G. Midx.; J. Hervey, G. Sec.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; W. F. Smith, P.M. 177; F. Hogard, W.M. 205; W. Buckland, St. John, and St. Paul; J. W. Jackson, P.M. 232, Dublin; Macintosh, Royal Somerset; Lawler. The business consisted in the installation of Bro. J. Weaver, P.M., P. Prov. G. Org. Middx. and M.E.Z., 863, as W.M., and he appointed his officers as follows.—Bros. E. Frewin, S.W.; C. S. Jekyll, J.W.; C. Coote, jun., Treasurer; E. S. Jones, Sec.; W. A. Tinney, S.D.; E.

Terry, S.D.; Geo. Buckland, I.G.; E. Swanborough, D.C.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler; Bro. Chamberlain installed his successor in a masterly and impressive manner. The report of the audit committee was received, and the state of the funds gave great satisfaction to the brethren, the benevolent fund was shown to be in an equally satisfactory state, the sum of £50 being ordered to be invested in government security. After these proceedings, the lodge closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table. After the cloth was removed and the usual toasts received with the customary honours, Bro. Chamberlain, I.P.M., took the gavel and proposed "The health of the W.M." in highly eulogistic terms, which the brethren drank with great enthusiasm; the W.M., in a short speech returned thanks concluding by stating the principles upon which the lodge of Asaph had been founded, which were to have fewer banquets and more real Masonry. This idea had been thoroughly carried out, and the result is that the lodge is in possession of governorships of all the charities, has money invested, and money in hand. The W.M. on behalf of the lodge, then presented to Bro. Chamberlain a P.M.'s jewel, accompanied by an engrossed testimonial on vellum, for his skill and ability during his year of office, which Bro. Chamberlain acknowledged in a few well chosen sentences. Col. F. Burdett, P.G.S.W. and P.G.M. Midx., returned thanks on behalf of the visitors. Bro. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B., responded to the toast of the P.G. Officers. The proceedings of the evening were greatly enlivened by the charming part singing of some of the brethren, under the direction of Bro. Geo. Buckland I.G. and by the solos of Bros. Lawler, Buckland, and Coote. This happy meeting will be remembered by those present for many years to come.

EBURY LODGE (No. 1348).—The first meeting this season of this lodge was held on Tuesday, at the Morpeth Arms Hotel, Ponsonby Street, Pimlico. The lodge was presided over by Bro. W. Bourne, W.M., who was supported by all his officers—viz., Bros. John Coutts, P.G.P., Immediate Past Master and Treasurer; Summers, S.W.; Verity, J.W.; J. Elliott, Sec.; Dr. C. H. Roberts, S.D.; J. Verity, J.D.; A. J. Ireton, I.G.; Harrison and Proskaner, Stewards. There was a very numerous attendance of the members of the lodge, and amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Boyd, P.G.P.; F. W. Pamphilon, J.W. 91; T. Bull, S.W. 145; W. Kew, 144; A. Leselier, 1155; H. Bethell, J.; W. 1257; and P. Godart, 1288. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the former proceedings read and confirmed, ballots were unanimously taken in favour of admission into the Order of Messrs. E. D. Estall, J. Nichols, and H. Clayton, gentlemen of high social position, who were accordingly initiated into Freemasonry in a manner which it will be impossible they can ever forget. The admirable working of the W.M., and the perfect manner in which the various officers discharged their respective duties, were worthy of all praise, while the accompaniment of Bro. Stacey on the organ added greatly to the solemn effect of the ceremony. The Second Degree was also worked for the benefit of Bros. Creed, Brown, Chitson, Hayns, and Stauffer, being also finely rendered. Being the annual period of election the lodge having this evening completed the second year of its existence, the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, then took place, and were most happily concluded, the S.W., Bro. J. Summers, being elected W.M. for the ensuing year by the unanimous vote of the lodge; Bro. Coutts was re-elected Treasurer with the same feeling of unanimity, and both announcements were received with hearty cheers; the Tyler was also re-elected. Three auditors were then appointed to make a report of the finances of the lodge against the installation meeting in the ensuing month. A proposition was then made to present the retiring W.M. with a handsome P.M.'s jewel in gold, in recognition of his services to the lodge during the past year. To this proposition an amendment was offered, which would have limited the value of the jewel proposed to be presented one-half, if carried. This amendment, prompted by the best intentions, and quite disin-

terested, as the brother proposing it will in all probability shortly ascend to the chair himself, however, found no favour, the general feeling of the lodge being that Bro. Bourne's claims on their gratitude for his great exertions in behalf the lodge since its foundation could not be less substantially acknowledged. The services of Bro. Stacey, the assiduous Organist, received some recognition in a motion by Bro. Verity, J.D., that in consideration of the duties of Organist, that officer should be free from all subscriptions save Grand Lodge dues, whilst still retaining all lodge privileges, which was carried. When the lodge was closed a banquet was served by Bro. Palmer. After the cloth had been cleared, and the leading loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, what may be termed the lodge toasts were proposed and received with more than ordinary enthusiasm, more especially the healths of the retiring W.M. (the worthy brother who combines in his own person the triple offices of Past Grand Pursuivant, Immediate P.M., and Treasurer) and that of W.M. elect. The W.M. and Bro. Coutts responded feelingly and eloquently; and the W.M. elect, in returning thanks, stated that he was already privileged to wear the purple as a past grand officer of the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, but that now that he had been elected to the chair of the Ebury Lodge his ambition would not rest satisfied until he had achieved more than provincial honours, and he hoped before very long to be able to appear before them as an officer of the Grand Lodge of England. "The Health of Bro. Secretary Elliott" was warmly received, a compliment the worthy brother amply deserved, the arduous duties of his office being ever faithfully performed. The Tyler's Toast brought the evening to an end. The Stewards were most assiduous in their duties, especially the younger, Bro. Proskaner.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445).—The W.M. of this lodge having given his sanction for a lodge of instruction, to be held under the warrant granted to the above-named lodge, the inauguration meeting was accordingly held at the Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham Road, Kingsland, on Monday week. The meeting was ably presided over by Bro. Yetton, P.M. No. 933; Bro. Austin, W.M. 33, filling the S.W.'s chair, and Bro. Howe, W.M. 1445, the J.W.'s. The fifteen sections were worked by the undermentioned brethren:—Bros. Wilkins, S.D. 1445; Field, P.M. 212; Musto, P.M. 1349; Austin, W.M. 933; Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933; Pinder, Sec. 1445; Fieldwick, 1364; Myers, J.W. 1445; Rugg, S.W. 781; Howe, W.M. 1445; Candieu, J.D. 1421; Frank Green, S.W., 1449. A numerous gathering of the brethren from various London lodges assembled to listen to these beautiful lectures on Freemasonry, which were rendered in a singularly able manner, and reflected the greatest credit upon those who took part in them. A cordial vote of thanks was presented to Bro. Yetton for the very great ability and courtesy with which he discharged the duties of the chair. The Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction will meet at the same place every Monday evening, at seven o'clock, under the preceptorship of Bro. Austin, W.M. 933.

Royal Arch.

LEICESTER.—*Chapter of Fortitude* (No. 279).—The regular meeting took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 23rd October, and was largely attended by the members, the whole of the officers also being in attendance. There were likewise present the Dep. Prov. G.M., Comp. Sir H. Halford, and also visitors from Rugby. The ballot having proved unanimous in favour of the candidates on the summons, Bro. J. A. Wykes, Sec. 523; J. B. Shout, 523; and G. Crofts, 1391; who were in attendance, were duly exalted to this supreme degree. In the unavoidable absence of Comp. Stretton, Z., the ceremony was performed by Comp. G. Toller, jun., P.Z., who also delivered the Mystical Lecture the Historical being given by Comp. E. J. Crow, H. Several candidates were proposed for exaltation, after which the chapter was closed. After supper, in response to the toast of "The newly

Installed Companions," they severally expressed themselves as having been much gratified and impressed by the degree.

ULVERSTON.—*Chapter of Furness* (No. 995).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Monday evening, the 20th inst., in the Masonic Temple, Theatre-street, at 6 o'clock, when there were present Comps. Thomas Dodgson, Z.; Reuben Pearson, H.; Roger Dodgson, J.; Cornfield, S.E.; Postlethwaite, S.W.; Whiteside, P.S.; J. Case, P.Z. and P.G.J.; visiting Comp. F. C. Warne, and a number of companions of the chapter. After the usual routine business had been transacted, Bro. Woodhouse, of the Hindpool Lodge No. 1225, was exalted according to ancient custom by the M.E.Z., who occupied the First Principal's chair for the first time since his installation in July last, and who has proved his fitness for the position by performing the ceremony of exaltation in a highly efficient manner, the important duties of Prin. Soj. being very pleasingly discharged by Comp. Whiteside. On the completion of the ceremony of exaltation the M.E.Z. gave the Historic and Mystic Lectures, and the H. the Symbolical Lecture. The usual business being disposed of, the chapter was then closed in ancient form.

Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—The usual November meeting of the above Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at Masons' Hall, present Bros. G. Kenning, W.M.; Davison, S.W.; Yeoman, J.W.; Edmands, M.O.; Brett S.O.; Charles Horsley, S.D.; Thiellay, J.D.; Levander, Treas.; Little, Sec.; Cubitt, Marsh, Newton, Jones, and Parker. Rev. J. M. Vaughan, being in attendance was advanced to the degree of Mark Master Mason, after which the brethren adjourned to a well spread banquet prepared by Bro. Gosden, which gave satisfaction to all present, the pleasure of the evening being much enhanced by the vocal abilities of Bros. Charles Horsley, Edmands, Newton, Thiellay, and Marsh.

HULL.—*Minerva Lodge of Mark Masters* (No. 12).—The regular quarterly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Prince-street, on Monday evening last, when the lodge was opened by Bro. J. N. Scherting, the W.M., assisted by his Wardens, Bros. Todd and Jackson. Amongst about forty brethren present were Bros. Walter Reynolds, P.M., John Walker, P.M., J. F. Holden, P.M., George Hardy, P.M., and W. Tesseyman, P.M. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the meetings held May 5 and September 29 were read and confirmed. Three brethren were ballotted for and accepted for advancement, one of whom, being in attendance, was admitted and regularly advanced to this honourable degree by the W.M., in his usual faultless style. This being the annual meeting for election of W.M., &c., such elections were proceeded with, when, on examining the voting papers, it was found that the Senior Warden, Bro. C. J. Todd, was unanimously elected Worshipful Master, Bro. H. Haigh was re-elected Treas., and Bros. Tedd, Faulkner, Norton, and Crier were elected Tyler. Bro. J. F. Holden, P.M., then rose to propose the following resolution, of which due notice had been given:—"That this lodge objects to the proposed increase of the fee (from 8s. 6d. to 10s. 6d.) payable to Grand Lodge for certificate and registration of brethren advanced in private lodges." He said, in support of the motion, that he considered the brethren were too heavily taxed, and that greater economy should be practised at head-quarters. The motion was seconded by Bro. Walter Reynolds, P.M., and carried unanimously. It was then moved by Bro. Haigh, seconded by Bro. F. Jackson, J.W., and carried, "That a copy of this resolution be sent to every lodge under the English Constitution, affected by the proposed advance. One brother was proposed for advancement, and the lodge was closed in form and with solemn prayer.

HASLINGDEN.—*Blair Lodge* (No. 113).—On Wednesday, the 15th ult. the annual meeting of

this lodge took place. The lodge was opened at 4 p.m., by Bro. Thomas Hargreaves, P.M. The only business being the installation of the W.M., Bro. Le Gendre R. Starkie, the Senior Grand Mark Warden of England, and Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire (Craft), who was duly elected at the last regular meeting, being in attendance, he was accordingly presented by Bro. W. O. Walker, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.L. (Senior Grand Deacon of England), and installed into the chair of A. by Bro. Hargreaves. We have not seen so large a board of Installed Masters for some time, there being some twelve present. Business being finished, the brethren adjourned to banquet, and here again the numbers were imposing, some sixty-five sitting down to dinner. The appearance, indeed, was more like a Provincial meeting than an ordinary lodge meeting. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards given and received with a great amount of satisfaction. "The Queen," "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The M.W.G.M., the Earl Percy," being given from the chair. Bro. Major Hardman, the S.W., proposed the toast of the "Earl of Limerick and rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and in doing so paid a great amount of eulogy upon those Grand Officers with whom he was acquainted, there being four present. Bro. W. H. Prince, Senior Grand Overseer of England, responded in a very neat and appropriate speech. Bro. W. O. Walker, Senior Grand Deacon of England, responded on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of Bro. W. Romaine Callender, Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason of Lancashire," spoke in very high terms of the services which Bro. Callender had rendered to all branches of Masonry, not alone in this country, but elsewhere. Bro. Hargreaves, the Installing Master, proposed the toast of the evening, "The Health of Bro. Le Gendre Starkie, the W.M.," who responded in a very long, able, and artistic speech. Several other toasts were given, and the brethren afterwards separated, well pleased with the success of the meeting.

COWES.—*Medina Lodge* (No. 140).—On Thursday last the first monthly meeting of this lodge was held, Bro. T. W. Faulkner, W.M., in the chair. The W.M. having opened his lodge, a ballot was taken for Bro. J. G. Wheeler, the W.M. of Lodge 35, Craft Masonry, Bros. T. F. Bishop, H. S. Weeding, C. Airs, and T. Huxtable, and being unanimous in their favour, they were admitted, and the beautiful ceremony of the Mark Degree was most creditably performed by the W.M. and his officers. Considering that only a month has elapsed since the consecration of this lodge by Bro. Binckes, the brethren on Thursday evening last performed their duties in a manner that was exceedingly praiseworthy. After the ceremony a committee was appointed to draw up bye-laws for the lodge, and this being concluded, about twenty of the brethren sat down to a capital supper, provided by Bro. F. Cooper, of the Crown Hotel, and the remainder of the evening was passed in a most pleasant manner.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*St. John's Lodge*.—(No. 3 bis). Held a special harmonic meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 29th, for which special invitations were issued. Bro. Smille, the R.W.M., was supported by Bros. Alison, D.M.; J. Dick, S.W.; J. Colquhoun, J.W.; W. Millen, I.P.M.; D. Campbell, Sec.; there was a large assemblage of members, and about one hundred visitors from the various lodges in the City. Bro. Banks presided at the piano, and the entire programme was under the direction of Bro. Robert Fraser, who was in excellent voice, and who is always willing to give his services to any lodge when the cause of Masonic Charity is to be promoted thereby. Bro. Jas. Houston also gave his valuable assistance, and in addition to these three professional gentlemen, there was a large amount of amateur talent. It may seem almost invidious to make a selection where all were so good, but the singing of Bros. Good, John Fraser, Carson, Crab, Mitchell, Coil,

and Walker, was positively good. Bro. Middleton, by his excellent catering for the brethren, also gave satisfaction, in fact all "went as merry as a marriage bell."

GLASGOW.—*Union Lodge* (No. 332) held the regular meeting the 22nd ult. There were present Bros. J. B. McNair, R.W.M.; R. Mitchell, P.M.; J. McMurray, S.W.; A. M. McConnachy, J.W.; and visitors from several lodges. The work comprised the raising of Bro. Chesholme, to the sublime degree of M.M., which ceremony was performed by Bros. McNair, and Mitchel, in their best style.

GLASGOW.—*Caledonian Unity Chapter* (No. 73).—The companions of this chapter met on Monday, 28th ult., Bro. G. McDonald in the chair, Bros. G.W. Wheeler, H.; J. Tweed, J.; and J. Balfour, S.E.; amongst the visitors was Bro. Capt. Shanks, P.Z. 158, E.C. A lodge of Mark Masters, was opened and a brother was advanced to that degree, Bro. W. B. Pattison, giving the lecture.

THE MAYOR, CORPORATION, AND FREEMASONS OF LIVERPOOL AT CHURCH.

Almost the last public act of Bro. E. Samuelson, P. Prov. S.G.D. of Cheshire, the Worshipful Chief Magistrate for Liverpool, whose term of office expires at the close of this week, was one of singular grace and consideration. As considerable debt still remains upon the Church of St. Stephen's, Byrom-street, Liverpool, of which Bro. Henry George Vernon, A.M., P. Prov. G. Chaplain of West Lancashire and Cheshire, is the incumbent, his worship invited the Freemasons of Liverpool, Birkenhead, and neighbourhood to accompany him and the Corporation to the church in question, with the view of assisting to clear off the monetary weight which still rests upon it. The brethren were invited to meet his Worship at the Town Hall, a half-past ten o'clock on Sunday morning, and about 150 availed themselves of the invitation, proceeding with him, by way of Dale-street and Byrom-street, to St. Stephen's Church.

The Mayor was accompanied by Bro. Councillor Pearson (ex-Mayor), and Mr. Alderman Hubbuck, Mr. Alderman Carey, Councillors Whitley, Vining, Melladew, Bro. Forrest, O. H. Williams, the Town Clerk, &c.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Lieut.-Colonel Steble, Mr. S. G. Rathbone, &c.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire was represented by Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; Captain A. C. Mott, Treas. to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and P. Prov. S.G.W. of Westmoreland and Cumberland; T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas.; S. E. Ibbs, P. Prov. G.S.B.; W. Doyle, P.G.S., &c.

Amongst the representatives from local lodges were Bros. P. M. Larsen, G. G. Walmsley, R. Washington, J. Jackson, W. Shortis, R. Martin, Jun., Dr. J. V. Worthington, M. Mawson, H. W. Nicholas, &c.,

The sermon was preached by Bro. Thomas G. Davis, D.D., Principal of Freshfield College, who selected his text from Luke x., 35, "He took out twopence."

The collection at the close of the service realised £23 1s., and cheques amounting to £25 were received by the incumbent from absentees.

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LA RUCHE.—Declined.

A VICTIM.—It will be better to let the matter rest as it is. REMITTANCE RECEIVED.

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ERRATUM.—Page 709 of our last issue—Communication regarding Masonic Literature—line 14, for "exposes shame," read "exposes shams."

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1873.

ANOTHER ROMAN CATHOLIC ATTACK ON FREEMASONRY.

We had occasion, some time back, to call attention to a professedly humorous and sarcastic attack, by an accredited Roman Catholic periodical on our Fraternity, and we succeeded, as we hoped, in showing how utterly meaningless and inane such an attack really was, and how little we were affected by so childish and so flip-pant an article.

To-day, however, we have to call attention to a somewhat more serious aggression, namely to the after-luncheon speech of Dr. Brown, a Roman Catholic bishop, in whose ecclesiastical jurisdiction Chester, we believe, is.

Dr. Brown is, we also understand, the titular Bishop of Shrewsbury, and having laid the foundation stone of a new Roman Catholic Church in the good City of Chester, and having attended a luncheon and a numerous assembly of the faithful, he amused himself, and we presume his hearers, by an onslaught on us poor Freemasons.

Why he should, on such a day, and after such a ceremony, have thought it needful to introduce the subject of Freemasonry at all, we cannot pretend to explain, or even to surmise.

Roman Catholic bishops after all, are but men, and something had evidently gone wrong with his digestion, or the "menu."

Perhaps the "Mayonnaise à l'Homard" was not properly mixed, or the fine sirloin the "pièce de resistance," was too tough.

The Doctor evidently wanted some of Bob Sawyer's "patent digester," for he incontinently proceeded to attack Freemasonry "more Romanorum" in a peculiarly offensive way.

As he is reported in the Chester Courant of October 22nd, Dr. Brown ventured to couple "Freemasons" and "Fenians" together, and to pronounce them equally under the ban of the Pope, and to be avoided by all good Roman Catholics.

His actual words are these:—"The allegiance they owed to their Sovereign was a religious duty. No one could be admitted to the benefits of the holy tribunal of penance who was guilty of a violation of the laws, which were the commandments of God. The obedience they owed to the civil government of the country was a duty impressed upon them by the Church of God. So strongly did the church feel that, and so strongly did she set the seal of her approbation upon it, that no one could, as he had said, be admitted to the Sacraments who conspired, or was supposed to be conspiring, against the civil government of the country in which he lived. It was forbidden a priest to bestow any of the benefits of the confessional on such offenders. All, for instance, belonging to secret societies were interdicted from those benefits, because

they were supposed to hold tenets and principles which, in some way or other, were contrary to the laws of God and their country. No matter whether the society was that of Freemasons or Fenians, its members were, so long as they belonged to it, excluded from the benefits of the tribunal of penance. That every catholic might continue to hold allegiance to his Sovereign was the earnest wish of the pastors of the Church."

We cannot see why the Freemasons are introduced at all, and we can only suppose that it was for the pleasant alliteration of "Fenians and Freemasons."

There is really otherwise no meaning in the connection or in the passage itself,

Is Dr. Brown so ignorant of history as not to be aware that Freemasons are specially exempt from the operation of the Secret Societies' Act?

He must know, if he knows anything of Freemasonry, that in England, and in Ireland, and in Scotland, its members have always constituted a pre-eminently loyal body, and that they have always been distinguished by devoted adherence to the Throne, and zealous obedience to the laws of this great country. He must have known that, at its head in Cheshire, is Lord De Tabley and was good old Lord Combermere; that its Grand Master is the Marquis of Ripon; its Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, that the Prince of Wales himself is a member of the Fraternity, and that to brand Freemasonry as a secret political society, or to put it on a level with the Fenians, must be either an absurdity or an impertinence.

As it is not the first time that Roman Catholic Dignitaries have thought fit to couple together two such dissimilar societies, we think it right, once for all, to protest against such an unwarrantable, such an uncharitable, such an offensive juxtaposition.

Freemasonry is a peculiarly loyal, peaceful, philanthropic brotherhood, one of whose first and unchanged axioms is, "Loyalty to the Sovereign of our native land," and we indignantly repudiate any alleged similarity in our organization with that of the Fenians, just as we denounce such an unjust allusion to our benevolent and tolerant order.

Why, in the city of Chester, where there are two excellent lodges, the Cestrian, No. 425, and the Lodge of Independence, No. 721, or why in Cheshire, where there are no less than thirty-five lodges, all distinguished by Masonic zeal, and we feel sure, by English loyalty, Dr. Brown should have thought well to use such very offensive words to all Freemasons, we cannot, for the life of us, understand. In Shrewsbury, itself, there are two lodges, all "good men and true," and why, on such a day, Dr. Brown should have gone out of his way to say the most disagreeable thing he could possibly say of us loyal Freemasons, is one of those mysteries of Roman Catholic proceedings in this country, which we cannot profess to be able to understand or to expound. It is not so many decades, or years ago, since we could tell of a Roman Catholic archbishop, and of a Roman Catholic bishop as being Freemasons, and having a high value for the institution.

Dr. Brown may say, I am only speaking

ex cathedra, as a Roman Catholic bishop, to my flock, and I am bound to warn them against Freemasonry, for by the terms of a Papal Bull, no Roman Catholic "could be absolved from the sin of being a Freemason, unless by special license from his Holiness."

We have nothing to do with what Dr. Brown as a Roman Catholic bishop may think it right to say to his "condiscipulos," to enlighten their faith and improve their morals, but we protest, once for all, and let us hope for the last time, against any Roman Catholic prelate placing us on the same level with the Fenians, and as we believe that Dr. Brown spoke partly in ignorance, and partly without a due appreciation of the real object of our peaceful and loyal, and tolerant, and benevolent Association, we would recommend him to study Oliver's latest edition of William Preston's Illustrations of Masonry, and we feel quite persuaded, that, after its perusal, he will both change his views, and amend his vocabulary.

SURREPTITIOUS CRAFT RITUALS.

We think it well to call the attention of the Brotherhood to a subject of considerable importance to us all alike who value the exoteric organization and the exoteric teaching of Freemasonry.

For some time past, more than one bookseller has announced the publication of a ritual of Freemasonry. One of these advertisements, now often repeated, we take from the advertisement columns of "Household Words" for November, and we give it "verbatim et literatim," for the benefit of our readers.

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Who Bro. Mason, P.M., 30°, may be, we know not, whether a real or mythical personage, but to use Mr. Samuel Weller's words, we think he is "coming it *rayther* strong," when he thus claims for this, his surreptitious manual, and in order to enhance the value of his book, that it is "the only copyright perfected manual acknowledged by the Craft."

We feel sure of this, that Bro. Mason has no authority whatever for his statements, and it is but an idle puff of his wares, in order to gain the eyes and ears of an ignorant public. Indeed he has no right to use such words at all.

Whether Bro. Mason, if he is a bona fide member of Grand Lodge, has brought himself under the notice of the "Board of General Purposes" by the unwarrantable liberty he has taken in advertising such a publication at all, and above all by the terms of his advertisement, we do not presume or profess to say.

Probably, in this age of wise toleration, it is better to leave all such matters alone; they generally find their level, in their own utter uselessness and unreality, and, if successful for the

moment, as an unmasonic speculation, they are soon forgotten in the onward progress of years, and are treated as they deserve by the contemptuous unconcern of our good old Craft, whose members always prize honour and truth beyond any of those ephemeral advantages which may arise from a forgetfulness of our duties on one hand; or from a disobedience of our regulations as Masons on the other.

We have thought it right, as representing the interests of the craft in one sense, to call the attention of our brethren to the subject generally and particularly, and there we leave the matter, having done our duty to-day.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The quarterly communication of Grand Lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., in Freemasons' Hall, George-street. In the unavoidable absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master (the Earl of Roslyn), the throne was occupied by Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Bart., Right Worshipful Depute Grand Master, who was supported by Colonel Campbell, of Blythwood, M.P., Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden; Major Ramsay of Garion, Acting Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden; the Right Hon. Jas. C. P. Murray, representative at the Grand Lodge of Scotland; Capt. J. T. Oswald of Dunnikier; William Mann, Past Senior Grand Warden; Captain Charles Hunter of Glencarse, Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeenshire East; William Hay, representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; John Laurie, Grand Secretary; John Coghill, Grand Director of Ceremonies; Bro. C. W. M. Miller, Grand Director of Music; Wm. Officer, Past Grand Deacon; F. A. Barrow, Junior Grand Deacon; Murdoch Mackenzie, Chief Grand Marshal; A. T. Apthorpe, Grand Marshal; and W. M. Bryce, Grand Tyler. Apologies for inability to attend were received from the Rev. Dr. Gray and from the Rev. V. G. Faithfull, Joint Chaplains.

The Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, and the usual preliminary business disposed of, the meeting proceeded to the nomination of Grand Office-bearers and Grand Stewards for the ensuing year. The Grand Office-bearers nominated are as follows:—

M.W. Grand Master Mason, Sir Michael Robert Shaw Stewart, Bart.; R.W. Past Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn; R.W. Substitute Grand Master, Captain J. T. Oswald of Dunnikier; R.W. Senior Grand Warden, The Right Hon. the Earl of Kellie; R.W. Junior Grand Warden, Major Hamilton Ramsey of Garion; R.W. Grand Treasurer, Samuel Hay, Union Bank; R.W. Grand Secretary, John Laurie; V.W. Joint Grand Chaplains, The Rev. V. G. Faithfull, M.A., and the Rev. W. H. Gray, D.D.; V.W.G. Senior Grand Deacon, F. A. Barrow; V.W. Junior Grand Deacon, W. Hay; V.W. Architect, D. Bryce. W. Grand Jeweller, A. Hay; W. Grand Bible Bearer, D. Robertson; W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, J. Coghill; W. Grand Bard, J. Ballantine; W. Grand Sword-Bearer, Captain G. F. R. Colt, of Gartsherrie; W. Grand Director of Music, C. W. M. Muller; W. Grand Organist, R. Davidson; W. Chief Grand Marshal, M. Mackenzie; W. Grand Marshal, A. T. Apthorpe; Grand Tyler, W. M. Bryce; Grand Outer Guard, J. Baikie. N.B.—The M.W. Grand Master Nominate has intimated his intention, if elected, to appoint the Right Hon. Lord James C. Plantaganet Murray as R. W. Depute Grand Master.

At the request of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, as conveyed in a letter from his Lordship, a special record of regret was ordered to be engrossed in the minutes on the retirement from office of Right Worshipful Brother Henry Inglis of Torsonce, Substitute Grand Master. In his letter the Grand Master said—"It was my intention, had I been present, to ask Grand Lodge to record an expression of its sincere regret at the resignation of Brother Inglis of Tor-

sonce, who has now for so many years occupied the chair of Substitute Grand Master. During my connection with Grand Lodge, I can truly say that few, if any, of its office-bearers have shown more assiduity in the discharge of their duties, or greater attention to its interests, and the interests of the Craft in general. His genial manner endeared him to the brethren, and I beg that in my name a record of regret at his retirement will be placed on the minutes of the Grand Lodge." This was unanimously agreed to.

A petition for a charter to a new lodge, "St Andrew," Coatbridge, was remitted to the Grand Committee for further consideration—several objections having been lodged to the prayer for the petition.

There were also lodged petitions for charters to new lodges—"Union," St. Andrews, and "St. John," Dalmeir, Renton, Dumbartonshire—and power was given to the committee to issue charters for these two lodges, if they were satisfied with the applications.

A reply by the Grand Lodge of England to the address of condolence by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, on the decease of the late Earl of Zetland, was read. It was ordered to be engrossed in the minutes.

A communication from the Grand Master of Greece, regarding the nomination of a representative of that Grand Lodge in Scotland, was ordered to lie on the table.

A motion to have the business meetings of Grand Lodge held in different suitable places in Scotland was withdrawn, without discussion.

It was unanimously resolved that hereafter the financial year of Grand Lodge should close on 30th November, instead of 30th April.

A motion, tabled at last meeting, for the addition of Past Masters, as constituent member of Grand Lodge, was withdrawn in favour of one substantially the same, which is to be discussed at next meeting, but in the meantime to be sent down to the various lodges in the country for consideration before the date of that meeting.

Grand Lodge was thereafter closed in due form.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. ALPHEGE LODGE (No. 1431), AT SOLIHULL.

It is well known that, for some considerable time that, excellent Mason, Bro. Lord Leigh, the Provincial Grand Master, has discountenanced the making of new Lodges in this Province, unless the prayer of the petitioners and the place designated were of such a character as would fully justify him in seconding the petition in its full Masonic sense. Such being the case new lodges are now rare. However, one has just been consecrated, the beautiful village of Solihull the *locale*, and the number 1431 on the roll of the Grand Lodge. The title selected is very appropriate—"St. Alphege," the patron saint of the parish church.

The Right Worshipful Bro. Lord Leigh had signified his intention of being present and acting as Presiding Officer, but he was unexpectedly called to the Metropolis to attend an important meeting of the Commissioners of the Rugby School. In his absence the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Colonel Machen, presided, and he was accompanied by the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. M. W. Wilson, P.G.S.W.; Thomas Naden, P.G.J.W.; R. H. Tarleton, A.P.G.C.; John Bragg, P.G.R.; George Beech, P.G.S.; Captain T. P. Salt, P.G.D.C.; Vincent Taylor, P.G.S.D.; Stephen Wood, P.G.J.D.; S.W. Mulloney, P.G.S.B.; Smith, P.G. Standard B.; J. R. Chirm, P.G.O.; J. L. Kennedy, P.G.P.; Thomas Sanderson, P.G.A.P.; Matthew Smart, P. Prov. G.P.; and others.

A lodge having been opened, by command of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, by Bro. Frederick Cohen, P. Prov. G.S.B., W.M. No. 1180, and P.M. No. 1333, the very Worshipful the D.P.G.M. and his officers were received and saluted in due form. Bro. Colonel Machen, having taken his seat as the representative of K.S., and the P.G.L. opened, called upon the P.G.S. to read the petition and the warrant of the Grand Lodge, which set forth

that the new lodge would assemble on the first Wednesday in each month, and that the officers chosen would be Frederick Cohen, W.M.; Dr. Bell Fletcher (honorary), P.M.; Henry Sanderson, S.W.; William Hillman, J.W.; H. H. Chattock, T.; George Greene, Sec.; James Barlow Hall, D.C.; J. Webster, S.D.; A. Waldburger, J.D.; James Whittindale, I.G.; Joseph Hillman, Steward; W. O. Horton, Junior Steward; Chapman, Tyler. The brethren of the new lodge having expressed their approval, of these appointment in due form, Bro. Baynes, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, then delivered the Oration. The presiding officer then dedicated and constituted the lodge, after which the National Anthem was sung.

Bro. Thomas Howkins was then called upon by the D.P.G.M. to act as Installing Master, in the absence of Bro. Pursall, who was absent through domestic affliction.

Bro. Howkins performed the duties in an admirable manner, and having inducted the W. M. designate into the chair of K.S., according to ancient form, Bro. Frederick Cohen invested his officers.

Votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Baynes, for his excellent oration, to Bro. Howkins as Installing Master, and one of condolence to Bro. Pursall.

The W.M. of St. Alphage having received the hearty good wishes of all present, the lodge was closed in due form and in perfect harmony.

In the evening the brethren sat down to a splendid banquet, served up in Bro Hillman's well-known style—who, as a caterer cannot be excelled—with the best dishes and the choicest wines.

Original Correspondence.

SPIRITUALISM.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In sending you the communication of X.O., and my suggestions thereon, I had no other purpose in view than to lift Bro. Carpenter out of the grave of superstition into which he seems to have fallen, but it has proved a slip.

I would ask Bro. Carpenter if he thinks it more possible for disembodied spirits to make themselves heard or understood from that "bourne whence no travellers return" than it is for spirits in the flesh to communicate from one part of the earth to another?

I hold if the one is possible, the other is more so.

Bro. Carpenter speaks of scientific investigations having been held resulting in the conversion of the scientist.

We have also heard of investigations where no satisfactory result could be obtained, simply, according to the spiritualists, because the persons present were sceptical? What I contend for is this, let any person of sound judgment and strict morals who finds himself under the influence of these so-called spiritual manifestations subject himself to scientific examinations with a mind open to conviction, and willing to find that the effect is from natural causes, and not stubbornly insist upon the supernatural, then we may perhaps find out the truth.

Yours fraternally,

J. KEET.

FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the October issue of the "Masonic Record of Western India," just to hand, it is stated that at a Quarterly Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Western India, under Scotland, held at Bombay, on the 27th of September last, eighteen Scottish Past Masters and Masters Elect were installed in the Eastern Chair, by a Board of English Installed Masters, in the manner sanctioned by the Constitutions, practice, and procedure of the Grand Lodge of England.

As no orders on this subject from those august bodies the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, have been publicly made known,

very grave doubts are entertained as to the propriety and validity of these extraordinary proceedings, and you will do the Craft in India and other distant dependencies good service by giving the matter prominent notice in your columns.

There can be no doubt that an assimilation of practice between the English and Scotch Lodges is eminently desirable; but it is clear that a change so important ought not to have been made, excepting under the joint and public instructions of both the Grand Lodges concerned, and even then it should, so far as possible, have been simultaneously made in all the lodges under the Scottish jurisdiction. I am of course assuming that authority has, in some perfunctory way, been given for the change. If no sufficient authority has been given, the officers who made the arrangements and assisted at the installation have most egregiously committed themselves.

In Sec. 12. Cap. 21 of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, I find that "The Installation of the whole office-bearers of a lodge including the Master, shall be held in a just and perfect lodge, opened in the Apprentice Degree, whereat, &c.," and in a note to the "Ceremonial at Installation," published in the same book, I find these words:—"In England and Ireland the Master Elect receives certain secret instructions, in presence of those only who have passed the chair, or been installed Masters of lodges, in order to distinguish him from the non-official Masters, but in Scotland the Grand Lodge has uniformly held that giving these instructions separately is an innovation on the ancient landmarks of St. John's Masonry &c." I am consequently unable to understand how the Grand Lodge of Scotland can now have stultified itself by consenting to an alteration it has previously, and in such positive terms, condemned. I am also perplexed to know how the English Installed Masters who presided can, in the absence of direct and positive authority from their own Grand Lodge, reconcile their proceedings, in installing brethren who have not served as Wardens, with the Constitutions and Ancient Charges which they at their own installation solemnly pledged themselves to abide by.

In writing on this subject I have no wish to create dissension, but participating as I do in the doubts expressed as to the propriety of this innovation, and believing also, that the cause of Freemasonry is best subserved by combined adherence to ancient rule and strict obedience to constituted authority, I call attention to the matter in the hope that it may be publicly justified, and that all doubts as to the validity of the installation may, if possible, be dispelled.

I am Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

P.M.

READING THE SCRIPTURES.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was much gratified on reading the article "Reading of the Scriptures," which appeared in your issue of 23rd August, but in explaining the usage now in England, with respect to the choice of passages, you say that Ruth iv. 7 is selected for the First Degree, and 1. Kings vii. 13, 14, is selected for the Second Degree. May I ask you to inform me what passage is selected for the Third Degree, as you have omitted to give it.

Fraternally yours,

J. D. F.

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 German and Foreign Booksellers, 24, Lung Arno Acciajoli, Florence, Italy. Prints, photographs, pictures, and English stationery, are also kept in stock.—ADVT.

Reviews.

History of Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship, Guernsey (No. 84). By Bro. W. T. KINNERSLY, W. M. Guernsey, Bro. H. Clarke.

The historical records of lodges established many years ago must always prove interesting to the Craft, especially when the annalist is so capable of illustrating the subject as our Bro. Kinnersly. The first authentic record of Freemasonry in Guernsey fixes the year 1763 as the date of its introduction to the island. On the 24th of June in that year, the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons granted a warrant for a lodge to be held at the Three Crowns, St. Peter's Port, (now the Crown Hotel,) by the title and number of the Orange Lodge (No. 116). But the names of the brethren to whom the summons was granted are not known; nor are any minutes of the lodge in existence, consequently the writer is left in ignorance as to whom is due the honour of having founded the first Freemasons Lodge in Guernsey. After 1808, no returns were made to Grand Lodge, and in 1828, it was erased from the roll of lodges. On the 9th of March, 1784, a warrant, also from the Ancient York Grand Lodge was granted to Robert Mitchell, W.M.; John Nelson, S.W.; Peter Arrivé, J.W.; for the founding of Mariners' Lodge (No. 222). This Lodge has ever since existed in the Island, under the same name, though now bearing the number 168.

After a few remarks the writer states "On the 22nd of September, 1806, Brother Jones, at that time W.M. of Lodge 222, was empowered by the Grand Lodge to hold a Provincial Grand Lodge, in Guernsey, at which he was to preside as Deputy Grand Master, this dignity was to be enjoyed by him for the space of three hours "and no longer," and but for one especial purpose, viz., the consecration of a new lodge under the name and number of Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship, No. 336. From the fact of the high rank of Deputy Grand Master, having been conferred on the Master of a private lodge (though such rank was only temporary, as being for a specific reason) the writer concludes that at that time Guernsey was not a Masonic province, and that then, as at present, they had no governing power between themselves and Grand Lodge itself. The Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Duke of York Tavern, Rohais Road; and the ceremony of consecration performed. The first officers are then given, viz; Nicholas Effard Robinson, W.M.; Anthony Priaulx, P.M.; Rev. C. D. Isdell, S.W.; D. Watson, J.W.; N. Maingay, Treas.; J. Mansell, Sec.; T. Le Lievre, S.D.; P. Le Patourel, J.D.; Peter Desperques, Tyler. The writer says—At the period of the contest between the rival Grand Lodges, or the Ancient and Modern Masons, as they respectively styled themselves, was raging fiercely, and the first work recorded on the minutes of Doyle's Lodge, was "re-forming" Bro. Champion, a Modern Mason. Since the union of 1817, this ceremony has of course become obsolete. The bye-laws, when first drawn up, fixed the age for admission of candidates at 21 years, as it is at present. On the 13th of April, 1807, this law was altered, and candidates were admitted at the age of 20.

The writer then very ably traces the history of the lodge from 1807 to 1873. Within that period Sir John Doyle was initiated, passed raised and had the Past Master's degree conferred upon him, or as it was then called, passed the chair, all of which took place on one and the same night; (This was allowed under the old Constitutions, and is even now done in America.) Two days later the W.M., Bro. C.D. Isdell, resigned, and Sir John Doyle, a Mason two days old, was installed in his chair.

Perhaps it will interest many of our brethren if we quote a few of the many events which took place, with the dates. We will give them as brief as possible.

On the 22nd of September, 1807, a fresh warrant was received from Grand Lodge, granted to Bros. Sir John Doyle, D. Watson, and Thos. LeLievre; and giving Doyle's Lodge the number 98 in place of 336. The writer says, "This proceeding is, to say the least, mysterious; no

possible reason can be found for having a fresh warrant, unless it may have been to constitute Sir John Doyle our founder, to which character I cannot admit his claim, as he was not even a member of our Order until nine months after the lodge was first founded. This change was regarded with extreme displeasure by the other Guernsey lodges, and eventually the lodge was re-consecrated under the number 98.

In December, 1808, a brother, who was imprisoned for debt, applied to Doyle's Lodge for relief. This brother was a member of Mariners' Lodge, No. 222, and in the month of July preceding, that lodge granted him two shillings a week towards the support of his family. The brethren of Doyle's Lodge resolved only to assist the brother in question, if his petition came before them endorsed by the W.M. of Mariners', addressed to the W.M. of Doyle's Lodge, No. 98.

In April, 1809, the scale of fees was as follows:—Ordinary initiation, £3 10s.; emergency, £5 5s.; re-forming a Modern Mason, £1 15s.; joining fee, £1 1s.

On St. John's Day, 1809, a Provincial Grand Master's jewel, value £50, was presented to the much respected Master, His Excellency Lieut.-Gen. Sir John Doyle.

On the 27th December, 1811, complimentary deputations were received from the three other lodges, which, up to this time, had refused to acknowledge its new number.

In December, 1814, the initiation fee was raised to £4 10s., and that for joining, £1 5s.

In April, 1816, a motion was brought forward that all the Guernsey lodges should draw lots for the numbers by which they should in future be designated. Doyle's Lodge evidently adhered most tenaciously to its old number.

On April 28th, 1816, Sir John Doyle laid the foundation stone of Torteval Church with Masonic ceremony.

In June, 1817, the lodge was removed from the Crown and Anchor Tavern, to Grover's Hotel, and in June, the following year, another change occurred, and the meetings were held at Payne's Hotel.

In August, 1820, another removal took place, this time to Coles's Hotel.

In August, 1821, a resolution was passed affirming a principle, this was "that an hotel is not a very desirable place of meeting for a lodge." In accordance with this decision, a private room was rented.

In December, 1828, the first mention occurs of any subscription to the Masonic Charities, the sum of one guinea annually being devoted as a subscription to the Boys' School, and a similar sum to the Girls'.

In February, 1849, a petition was sent up to Grand Lodge, signed by the members of Doyle's Lodge, praying for the appointment of a Provincial Grand Master for Guernsey, and suggesting as a fit and proper person Bro. Hammond, then P.G.M. for Jersey. Grand Lodge acceded to this request, and Bro. Hammond was appointed Grand Master of Guernsey and its dependencies.

In January, 1851, a silver cup was presented to the lodge by the widow of Bro. Joseph Cohn.

On September 24th, 1853, the brethren of all the lodges attended the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new harbour, which was performed with due Masonic honours.

A list of W.M.'s of Doyle's Lodge from its foundation to the present time is given.

In tracing the history of Doyle's Lodge, we have no doubt Bro. Kinnersly entered upon a labour of love, and the information which has been industriously collected is extremely curious and valuable. If in every old lodge a competent brother could be found to fulfil a similar task, how many items of interest might be rescued from oblivion.

For a copy of this valuable book, we are indebted to the courtesy of the author, to whom we tender our thanks. The book is well bound, good type, and ornamental border. We wish it a wide circulation.

Our Young Folks' Weekly Budget of Tales, News Sketches, Fun, etc. London, James Henderson.

This little serial is one which all young people will delight in. "Tim Pippin" is very interesting, and written with great skill, "Billy Bo'swain, cannot fail to amuse, "Funny-land, or the brave adventures of young King Cole," will

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The Mirror, A Weekly Reflex of the World's Literature. London, James Henderson.

This work presents a mass of reading, including extracts from the most famous and expensive books and magazines of England, America, France, Germany, and other countries. It also contains literary, theatrical, and musical notes and gossip of all nations, reviews of new books, essays, and selections. Amongst the contributors is Mr. Bret Harte, who is at present giving a romance, entitled "Melissa," which is full of American humour. "The Arch Impostor, or the Counterfeit Presentment," by H. C. Pierce, is written with unusual ability. On the whole this weekly two-pennyworth is one of the best investments that can be made in the present literary market. It can also be obtained monthly, price 9d.

The Peoples' History of Cleveland, by Bro. G. M. TWEDDELL. Stokesley, Tweddel and Sons.

For many years, Bro. Tweddell has been engaged in making himself acquainted with all books in which Cleveland is alluded to, he has minutely explored every place of interest throughout the district, and we have to-day the result of such researches. Parts 1, 2, and 3, contain the historical, topographical, and statistical account of the past and present state of each Parish, Township, and Hamlet, within the Wapentake of Langbargh, and the Boroughs of Whitby, and of Stockton-on-Tees, the soil, produce, manufactures, antiquities, natural curiosities, and benefit societies, it also gives copious pedigrees of the principal families, memoirs of memorable men, careful chronicles of the most remarkable events, manners and customs, sports and pastimes, legends and superstitions, and a glossary of the North York Dialect. It is profusely illustrated and printed on fine tone paper, and will be completed in 32 parts at 6d. Bro. Tweddell is an experienced writer, and his labour in this work is really one of genuine ability. It is a work involving great research, and will, we are sure, be successfully accomplished, the result being a work of which all people should be proud to have, more especially the Cleveland folks. We may add that it is dedicated to R. H. Allen, Esq., of Blackwell Grange, whose family are pre-eminent for their untiring efforts to encourage the researches of local historians. We have much pleasure in congratulating Bro. Tweddell on the great ability which he has displayed throughout his work, and we feel proud to recommend it to our numerous readers.

Gout and Rheumatic Gout, a New Method of Cure, by JOHN W. FOAKES, M.D., of the University of Giessen, Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries, London, Simpkin Marshall & Co.

After a careful perusal of all the editions of Bro. J. W. Foakes' M.D. (now numbering five) work on Gout and Rheumatic Gout, we can conscientiously recommend its contents to the study of all those who have ever suffered from the painful effects of that most painful disease. The work, although so small, contains valuable information about Gout, and in plain language (without any use of technical terms) shows how it can be cured. The work is so well written that it is worthy of study by all who take an interest in the cure and knowledge of this prevalent disease. The fact of his curing over 800 severe cases of Gout and Rheumatic Gout shows the knowledge he possesses of combating successfully with this disease.

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Obituary.

BRO. HENRY COATES

The accompanying oration was delivered by Bro. Wm. Guy, P.M. 242, and P.Z. of 109, over the grave of Bro. Henry Coates, who, for a period of about half a century was a member of lodge 262, and only missed attendance at the lodge twice in that lengthened period.

"To me brethren it is unspeakably sad to stand in this place and to deliver this address, for it is scarcely three years since we attended here and delivered a funeral address over the grave of the son of our deceased brother, and now alas! we are gathered once more in this solemn graveyard to speak a lamentation over his own grave,

Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath,
And stars to set—but all,
Thou hast all seasons for thine own—O Death.
Friend after friend departs. Who has not lost a friend? we lose much when we lose a friend, and we cannot but be sensible of the loss we have sustained by the removal from amongst us of our deceased Bro. Henry Coates. He was not only a most zealous and enthusiastic brother, but he was a Craftsman as experienced and efficient as he was zealous. He was no ordinary Mason. His mind was stored with a rich fund of Masonic knowledge, which he learned by attending and taking part in our ceremonies through a lengthened period of fifty years. His zeal was incontestable for regular attendance through such a length of years, for he never absented himself from a single meeting, unless he was prevented by sickness or family affliction. As a Mason all are so fully aware of the many excellences possessed by our late brother, that to think of them alone is enough to make us bewail the more the great loss we have sustained. As a member of society, he was as virtuous and upright as he was frank and kind, and I believe that I express the sentiment of all those who knew him best that to know our late brother was to love him. He was endowed with many amiable qualities, and let us hope that before he crossed the sable river of death, by faith in the Atoning High Priest, and King of his Salvation, and by obedience to the commands of the Triune God, his sins and shortcomings were forgiven, and that angels of mercy were waiting to waft his spirit to those mansions above, not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens. From time immemorial it has been a custom among the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, at the request of a brother, to accompany his corpse to the place of interment, and there to deposit his remains with the usual formalities. In conformity to this usage, and at the special request of our deceased brother, we have come and paid, with all due solemnity, a tribute such as Masons owe to those whom Masons revere and love. We have done all we can to prove to the outer world how dearly we loved, and how deeply we respected our departed brother. Let us now resign his body to the earth from whence it came, and may peace rest on his ashes and honour on his name. (Coffin is lowered into the grave). This lambskin, or white leather apron, is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason, its whiteness denoting innocence and purity, and is emblematic of the inward purity and blameless life that should characterise us as Freemasons. It is more ancient than the golden fleece or Roman eagle, and more honourable than the Star and Garter, when worthily worn. This emblem I now deposit in the grave of our deceased brother. This evergreen is an emblem of our faith in the immortality of the soul, which never, never, no never, dies. This emblem reminds us that, although our bodies may be consigned to the grave, that when the cold winter of death shall have passed, and the bright summer morn of the resurrection appears, the sun of righteousness shall descend and send forth his angels to collect our ransomed dust, then, if we are found worthy, we shall gain a ready admission into that celestial lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides, where we shall see the King in the beauty of holiness, and with him enter into an endless eternity. Our present meeting and pro

ceedings will be vain and useless if they fail to excite our serious reflections, and strengthen our resolutions of amendment. Let us perform our allotted task while it is day, for the night of death cometh when no man can work. It is passing strange that, notwithstanding the daily mementoes of mortality which cross our path, notwithstanding the funeral bell tolls so often on our ears, and the mournful processions go about our streets, that we do not consider our latter end, and lay it more forcibly to heart, that we must ourselves go down into the silent chamber of the tomb. Let us then improve the remaining space of life, by living in obedience to God's laws and ordinances, by living lives of usefulness and virtue, so that, after the termination of our pilgrimage on earth, we may enjoy a happy, blissful future in the realms of cloudless eternity. To live well, so as to be acceptable to our Heavenly Father, is our duty here, and, as sons of light, it is our duty to progress upwards, and to live in accordance with the teachings of our Order, to do all we can to promote our spiritual advancement, to be living examples of the philosophy of Freemasonry, so that we may enjoy the happy reflections consequent on a well spent life, and to be enabled, through faith in the all-sufficient sacrifice of our Lord and Saviour, to die in the hope of a glorious immortality, and be welcomed into the land of unfading flowers by blessed happy saints who have gone before.

Poetry.

THE MASONIC VISIT TO LONGNOR, Oct. 20, 1873.

Say not this world has naught but toil and trouble,
Thorny paths and prickly cares;
Delusive joys, like transient gilded bubble
Collapsing unawares:
Look not with bleared and hazy obscured vision,
But hear my tale, 'ere making this decision.
October's chilling winds with angry motion
Disperse the tinted dying leaves;
As the rude billows of the restless ocean
Its countless waifs receives:
When Buxton's brotherhood with ardent zeal
Their love to Father Milward publicly reveal.
A pilgrimage is formed and all unite,
A courteous, joyous, happy band—
Brothers and sisters fair in high delight
To greet the patriarchal hand.
To give the honour due—"which nobody can deny"
The sapient Founder of the Phoenix family.
Around the festive board the children gather
With overflowing hearts and minds;
Receive the blessing of their hoary father,
Treasure his precepts and designs.
Anon the merry dance and joyous song
The social and convivial hours prolong.
Behold how good and pleasant is the seeing
Of concord, amity, and peace!
All envy, malice and sly distrust fleeing,
Deception and ill humour cease.
'Tis like the gracious, sweet refreshing showers
Diffusing life and joy to fainting plants and flowers.
How rational is such enjoyment.
Recollections calm and sweet;
'Tis like the warmth of spring when birds are singing
And flowers rise up beneath our feet.
Kindness—good will, and sympathy with others,
Would make mankind a band of loyal, generous brothers.

R. J.

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RELATIONS OF STS. JOHN TO FREEMASONRY.

(By Bro. JACOB NORTON)

Many columns were filled in 1870-71, in the *London Freemason*, discussing the above question, but with no result. On one side it was mere assertion that the legends cannot be disproved, and that St. John said, "Love ye one another." This was simply ridiculed by the opponents, and there was actually nothing proved or disproved. I mean, therefore, in this paper to give briefly all the known legends of the Sts. John Masonry, and then to show their worthlessness.

I have before me Bro. A. T. C. Pierson's book of "Traditions of Freemasonry." Its title-page sets forth the author's claim as a great Mason, such as being a P.G.M., P.G.H.P., G. Capt. Gen. of the G. Encampment of the T.S., and Inspector General 33°. Our author was thus enabled to collect all the traditions from the whole Masonic *arcana*, beside many works enumerated in the preface, on theology, astrology, mythology, cabalology, and other ologies, all which he carefully studied in connection with Oliver's and Mackay's works; from which works he acquired the use of many learned words and phrases—such as Pelasgi, Hierophant, Somothrace, Jupiter, Osiris, Thoth, Typhon, and what not, all which he conglomerated into Masonry, for "all was fish that came into his net." Beside which, he bespattered the book with clusters of Hebrew letters, to all which he appended meanings, though some have no meaning at all. But what of that? It served to impress Tom, Dick, and Harry with the author's profound scholarship. With such miscellaneous stock of stuff, Bro. Pierson deemed himself worthy of shining amid the Masonic constellation of luminaries; and this aspiration resulted in the publication of this book, which is neither more nor less than a rehash of Oliver's absurdities. And as I am certain that the whole Masonic horizon of luminaries cannot furnish a more zealous Johannite than Bro. Pierson, I have, therefore, selected this book to cull from the accumulated traditions of the Sts. John Masonry, and here they are:

Legend 1st. "Our ancient brethren dedicated their lodges to King Solomon, because he was our M.E.G.M.; but modern Masons dedicate lodges to Saints John the Baptist and the Evangelist, who were two eminent patrons of Masonry—so say our modern lecturers." "These traditions can be traced for several hundred years, and we, as Masons, have sufficient evidence for our purpose that they (the saints) were Essenes or Freemasons". Of course. Bro. Pierson says: "We, as Masons, have sufficient evidence," and we, as Masons, must take it for granted that Bro. P. knows all about it.

Legend 2nd. Lodges were successively dedicated to Noah, Solomon, Zerubbabel, St. John the Baptist, and last, owing to the massacres attending the destruction of the second temple, Freemasonry sank into decay, when seven brethren were deputed, in the city of Benjamin, to wait on St. John the Evangelist, and request him to become Grand Master of the Fraternity. The saint replied to the request: "Though well stricken in years, being upward of ninety, yet having in his early years been made a Mason, and still retaining an affection for the Craft, so he consented to their request." Ever since which time Freemason lodges in all Christian countries have been dedicated both to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

Legend 3rd. St. John the Evangelist first became connected with a lodge of Freemasons (Essenes), according to Masonic chronology, 4037, A.D. 35, and he continued attached to it during his lifetime.

Legend 4th. Enumerates the names that Masons were known by in successive ages, thus: Noahides, Sages, or wise men, Dionysiacs, Geometricians, or Masters in Israel, Hiram Brothers, Essenes, Brothers of St. John, and last, Free and Accepted Masons, which cognomen they received in 1440, at Valenciennes, in Paris.

Legend 5th. St. John the Evangelist, who

was an Essenian Freemason (*vide Calmut*), instituted a secret theological society, with mystic rites and Masonic emblems; and some authors go further, and assert that Clement of Rome, who was a disciple of Peter and Paul, at John's death, got possession of the books, &c., of the society, incorporated it into the Christian religion, and that Polycarp was a presiding officer.

Legend 6th. During the Crusades, the Masonic Knights, having, with those of St. John of Jerusalem, to fight against the infidels, they placed themselves under the protection of that saint, and proving themselves victorious, * * * they agreed that lodges should thenceforth be dedicated to God and St. John." And Bro. Pierson here assures us "that the brethren in the fifteenth century placed implicit confidence in these legends."

Legend 7th. was doubtless invented by a Scotch Rite man. It goes on to say that twenty-seven thousand Scotch Brother Hiram when fighting in the Holy Land, displayed both valour and peculiar qualities of brotherly love, which peculiarity attracted the attention of some of the Knights Templar, who were induced to be initiated into the mysteries of the said Hiram Brothers, and these were so pleased with the ceremonies of the Hiramites, that other Templars were induced to be initiated in the mysteries of the said Hiram Brothers, and these were so pleased with the ceremonies of the Hiramites, that other Templars followed their example, and in gratitude for the favours received, they passed a law that none but Hiram Brothers should thenceforth become Templars, and the Hiram brethren, in compliment to the Knights, adopted the Baptist as their own patron, since which time Masonic lodges were dedicated to St. John the Baptist.

Legend 8th. John the Baptist became an orphan when very young, and he was adopted by the Essenes, where he learned to feed on dates, "as we find him in the Gospel," and this Bro. Pierson calls, "collateral evidence" to sustain the legend.

Our author also informs us that the test question used in the seventeenth century was: "From whence came you?" Answer. From the holy Lodge of St. John." This, however, is contradicted by Dr. Oliver, who attributes the first Masonic catechism, including the above question and answer, to Anderson and Desaguliers, made in 1720, which was in the eighteenth century, not the seventeenth.

(To be continued.)

Public Amusements.

CAMBERWELL HALL.

On the evening of Thursday week, Bro. Seymour Smith gave at the above hall, his Humorous, Vocal, Colloquial, and Piano-forte Recital "The Composer at Home."

A very interesting part of the programme was the "Railway Station," in which Bro. Smith rendered the various characters that are to be met with at such a place with remarkable ability. "Never lose a Friend" was given with much spirit and earnestness. He gave unqualified satisfaction in "A Visit to the Opera," "The Unfortunate Man," was received with much applause. The programme contained many different selections, but they were rendered with exquisite taste and brilliancy, which distinguishes our accomplished brother, and the enthusiastic applause which was given by the crowded audience was a guarantee that his efforts were fully appreciated. The tones of the piano-forte were well brought out, and Bro. Smith is to be congratulated on the success of his entertainment.

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Masonic Tidings.

We understand that a warrant has been granted by the Grand Master for a new lodge to be named the Thames Valley, and to be held at the Ship Hotel, Shepperton, Lieut.-Col. Peters is to be the first W.M., Bro. L. Spielman, first S.W.; and the Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette, first J.W.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the United Strength Lodge of Instruction, No. 228, held at the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town, on Wednesday, November 12th, 1873. Bro. J. N. Frost, P.M. 228, 704, 865; P.Z. 753, will take the chair at seven precisely.

The consecration of the Bard of Avon Chapter, No. 778, will take place on Monday next, at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, at four o'clock. The Principals Designate are Comps. George Elliott, M.P., M.E.Z.; J. C. Parkinson, H.; The Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, J. The consecration will be worked, and the Principals installed, by Comp. R. Wentworth Little, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E. Middlesex. Banquet at half-past five.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 14, 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 8.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
 " 1426, Great City, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 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 10.

Lodge 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 90, St. John's, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 136, Good Report, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 222, St. Andrew's, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 " 1366, Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate.
 Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 720, Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
 " 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court. (Consecration.)

Red Cross Conclave 2, Plantagenet, Caledonian Hotel.
 Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (No. 1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

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 11.

Lodge 46, Old Union, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 166, Union, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 " 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate.
 " 235, Nine Muses.
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford.
 " 917, Cosmopolitan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

Pilgrim Lodge of Instruction (No. 238), German Gymnasium, Old St. Pancras-road, King's Cross. (Working in German.)

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

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8. Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, November 12.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3 Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.

" 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.

" 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.

" 15, Kent, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.

" 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse.

" 820, Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.

" 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.

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

Chap. 1260, Hervey, Britannia Hotel, Walham Green.

Mark Lodge Kent, Mason's Hall, Mason's-avenue.

Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.

Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

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 13.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.

" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.

" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Docks.

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

" 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road.

" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.

Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, South-wark.

" 140, St. George's, Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.

" 538, Vane, Freemasons' Hall.

" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

Knight Templar Preceptory 45, Temple Crossing, Horns Tavern, Kennington.

" " 117, New Temple, the Inner Temple, London.

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 14.

Lodge 33, Britannia, Freemasons' Hall.

" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.

" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

Rose Croix Chapter, Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Tavern.

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. Verry, 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.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.

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 15, 1873.

Monday, November 10.

Lodge 447, Mersey, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.

" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

Tuesday, November 11.

Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.

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

Chap. 537, Zion, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.

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

Wednesday, November 12.

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

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

Chap. 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-st., Liverpool, at 6.30.

St. John's Lodge of Instruction (No. 673), 90, Duke-st., Liverpool, at 8.

Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, November 13.

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

" 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.

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

Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston, Hotel, Garston, at 4.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (No. 1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

Friday, November 14.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, at 6.

Chap. 249, Mariners, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.]

For the week ending Friday, November 14, 1873.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, November 10.

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

" 219, Star, 12, Trongate.

" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.

Chap. 53, Dumbarton, Elephant Hall, Dumbarton.

Tuesday, November 11.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 419, Neptune, 35, James-street.

" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.

Chap. 69, St. Andrews, 170, Buchanan-street.

Wednesday, November 12.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.

Chap. 113, Partick, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.

Thursday, November 13.

Lodge 275, Thistle and Shamrock, 22, Struthers-street.

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

Friday, November 14.
Royal Ark Mariners, 170, Buchanan-street.
Council of Red Cross Knights, 170, Buchanan-street.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 15, 1873.

Monday, November 10.
Lodge 145, Edinburgh St. Stephen, Ship Hotel, E. Register-st., at 8.30.

Tuesday, November 11.
Lodge 1, Edinburgh Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place, at 8.
" 151, Edinburgh Defensive Band, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st., at 8.30.
Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

Wednesday, November 12.
Lodge 2, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-st., at 8.
Chap. 1, Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall, George-st., at 8.

Thursday, November 13.
Lodge 8, Journeymen, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st., at 8.

Friday, November 14.
Chap. 56, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-st., at 8.

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