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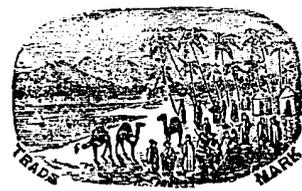
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Craft Masonry.

EGYPTIAN LODGE (No. 27).—This ancient and highly respectable lodge held a meeting on Thursday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. Harrison, W.M. presided, supported by Palmer, I.P.M.; Atkins, S.W.; Lambell, J.W.; H. G. Buss, P.M., and Secretary; and a host of Past-Masters, members of the lodge, and visiting brethren, the latter being very numerous. The working on this occasion was confined to the first ceremony, Messrs. Garland and Dickenson being initiated into the Order. The degree was rendered in a very impressive manner by the W.M. and his officers, and the candidates subsequently expressed their feelings in a manner which shewed that they were worthy of the favour shown them that evening in admitting them into the Order. Several propositions of joining and initiation were read by the Secretary, previous to the lodge being closed, and a petition to the Lodge of Benevolence was adopted and, numerously signed on behalf of a brother, now borne down by affliction and misfortune, but who nineteen years ago, was the respected W.M. of the Egyptian Lodge. The lodge being closed, the banquet followed. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to, that of "The Visitors," bringing to the front Bros. Seex, and Owens, W.M.'s of 186 and 1366, who very ably answered, not only for themselves, but also for their more bashful brethren, and thanked the "Mummies," the popular name of lodge No. 27, for their kindly welcome and generous hospitality.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE (No. 73).—An emergency meeting of this old established Lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., and there were present Bros. S. J. Grace, W.M.; A. L. Dussek, S.W.; I. J. H. Wickens, J.D., as J.W.; J. H. Butten, I.G.; C. Rayden, M.C.; Edward Harris, P.M., Treas.; G. Free, P.M.; D. Rose, P.M.; F. Ebsworth, P.M., Acting Secretary; and many other brethren. The primary object of the meeting was to receive the report of the Committee appointed to revise the Bye-laws, but before entering on this subject a ballot was taken for Bro. Dyman, and that being in his favour he was introduced and initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. The name of another gentleman was on the agenda paper, but as neither proposer, or seconder was present no ballot was taken. The new Bye-laws, as proposed by the Committee, then came on for consideration, and by command of the W.M., Bro. Wickens, brought up the report. On the motion of Bro. Wickens, the said Bye-laws were then read and put to the lodge seriatim, and no objection being taken, they were again on the motion of Bro. Wickens, seconded by Bro. Dussek, put as a whole and carried unanimously. A cordial vote of thanks to the Committee in acknowledgment of their labours, was then proposed, seconded, and carried by acclamation. The W.M. read a letter he had received from the

Secretary, Bro. F. Walker, in which the latter tendered his resignation in consequence of ill-health and his many other engagements, which resignation was duly accepted. The W.M. then appointed Bro. George Free, the I.P.M., as Secretary, pro tem, until the next regular meeting, when it was understood Bro. Free would be permanently appointed. There being no further business before the lodge, it was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned until the third Tuesday in the month.

IPSWICH.—British Union Lodge (No. 114).—The usual monthly meeting of this old lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday, the 6th inst., when there was an unusually large number of brethren present. In the absence of Bro. Beaumont, R.N. the, W.M., the chair was filled by Bro. C. F. Long, and amongst these present were Bro. Bobby, P.S.G.W.; Schulen, P. Prov. G.D.C.; the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P. Prov. G. Chap.; Peter de Lande Long, P.M., member of the Board of General Purposes; A. T. Barber, P.G.O.; P. Cornell, P. Prov. G.D.; Emra Holmes, P.G. Reg.; Geo. Turner, P.M.; W. Spalding, P.M., Sec.; S. Wright, S.W.; A. D. George, J.W.; J. Burton, S.D.; Rev. A. W. G. Moore, J.D.; H. Miller, I.G. &c.; Visitors; Dr. Elliston, P.M. and Robt. Elliston, P. & O. Service, of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, and others. The lodge having been opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed the ballot was taken for the following brethren as joining members. Bro. John Ellor Taylor, F.L.S., F.G.S. Curator of the Ipswich Museum, late of Lodge Sincerity, No. 943, Norwich, and Bro. Ridley King, Architect, Ipswich, late of Lodge Philanthropic No. 304, Leeds, who were unanimously elected. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Percy William Mavor, of Weston-super-Mare, Mechanical Engineer, who was unanimously accepted as a candidate for initiation, and being present he was received, obligated, and duly initiated into the mysteries of Masonry, the gavel having been assumed by Bro. Sanderson, who conducted the ceremony in his usual admirable manner. The lodge having been opened in the second degree, Bro. A. G. Allen was passed to the degree of F. C., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Peter Long. The lodge was then raised to the third degree when Bro. Athill, surveyor of St. Osyth, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, the beautiful ceremony being most impressively performed by Bro. Sanderson, who is well known in Suffolk for his admirable working. Bro Barber, P.G.O., presided at the organ and added much to the ceremonies by his performance. The lodge having been closed down to the 1st degree and the F.C.'s, and E.A. P's, admitted, the brethren proceeded to ballot for W.M., Bro. Peter de Lande Long being unanimously elected to fill the chair of K.S. Bro. Long briefly returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and hoped that he should leave the chair at the end of his period of office with a Masonic career as Worshipful Master as unsullied as that of the long list of Masters who had filled the chair of K.S. in the British Union Lodge for the past hundred years. Bro. Schulen was re-elected by a unanimous ballot as Treas., and the Tyler, Bro. G. Spalding, was also re-elected. Auditors of Accounts having been elected and the other routine business disposed, Bros. Schulen and Emra Holmes called attention to the ballot box in use in the lodge, which was absolutely useless so far as secret voting was concerned, and on their motion it was resolved to get one of Bro. George Kenning's well-known ballot-boxes forthwith. The lodge was then duly closed, and the brethren retired to the adjoining chamber, where a substantial repast was spread, after doing justice to the viands, and the cloth having been removed, the Acting W.M., Bro. C. F. Long, proposed the usual Masonic and loyal toasts. Bro. Schulen briefly responded to that of the past and present Prov. Grand Officers, and Bro. Mavor to that of the newly initiated candidate. Bro. Carnell proposed in flattering terms the Acting W.M. who modestly replied. Bro. Emra Holmes, asked leave from the chair to propose a double toast, that of the W.M., Bro. Beaumont, now on his honeymoon, who unfortunately had not been

able to be so much amongst them as the brethren might have wished, through attending to his professional duties as Staff Surgeon on board H.M.S. "Northumberland," but to whom he wished all sorts of happiness in his married life; and at the same time he begged to couple the name of Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, who had proved a most efficient substitute that night, in performing the arduous and impressive ceremonies of the first and third degree. Many of the brethren present who were members of high degrees, knew well that Bro. Sanderson was equally expert in them as in the Craft, and Bro. Holmes had no hesitation in saying that Bro. Sanderson was the great Mason in Suffolk. He did not know whether it was a secret, but he was informed that Bro. Sanderson was a candidate for the Head Mastership of the Masonic Institution for Boys, and he could only say that if any of the brethren had any influence in supporting his candidature, he hoped they would exercise it on Bro. Sanderson's behalf. The Masons of Ipswich would be extremely sorry to lose so distinguished a Mason as Bro. Sanderson, but they would rejoice if he were placed in a position which he was so eminently qualified to fill. Bro. Sanderson responded to the toast, and after dwelling with heartiness upon the many good qualities of the W.M., who it appears has married a perfect woman (the lady's maiden name it appears is Perfect), and who would have their hearty good wishes in his new life. He modestly deprecated the flattering terms in which his name had been introduced, admitted that it was his hope to succeed to the Mastership of the Boys' School, but thought that in the multitude of candidates there might well be better men than himself, (no, no) at any rate, if he succeeded, his one regret would be leaving Ipswich, and if he should not be successful, his consolation would be that he remained amongst his brethren. (Loud applause.) Bro. Turner sang one of Moore's charming melodies in admirable style, and after the Apprentice's song by Bro. Spalding, the Secretary's toast was passed round, and the Tyler's toasts followed, when the brethren separated at a late hour, having enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge (No. 209).—This old established and flourishing lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday last, the 4th inst., at the Royal Adelaide Hotel, Windsor. Bro. J. H. S. Reid, the W.M., presided. The lodge having been duly opened in the first and second degrees, Bros. W. S. Nicholls and C. Barkshire were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by Bro. J. Wilson, P.M., who at the request of the W.M. worked the degrees. The lodge was then closed to the first degree, when it was proposed by Bro. G. W. Dixon, J.W., and seconded by Bro. W. S. Nicholls, that Mr. A. Pears be admitted as a candidate for initiation; this was carried *nem. con.* The lodge was then closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to supper as usual. There were present Bros. J. H. L. Reid, W.M.; W. Bladon, S.W.; G. W. Dixon, Prov. G. Steward Berks and Bucks, J.W.; J. O. Carter, Prov. G. Steward Berks and Bucks, S.D.; W. Denne, J.D.; C. D. Hume, I. G. *pro tem.*; J. Wilson, P.M.; J. R. McIlwham, P.G.S.B., Middlesex; L. Bryett, W.M.; J. Grisbrook, W.M. 717; H. Cantrell, Prov. G. Steward Berks and Bucks; and several other brethren.

FARNWORTH.—Earl Ellesmere Lodge (678).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Church Inn, Farnworth, on the 5th inst.; Bro. Micah Ernil, W.M., opened the lodge, and was well supported, amongst those present being Bros. W. H. Kirkman, P.M., as S.W.; Walter Pennington, J.W.; Robert Warburton, Treas.; Robert Whittaker, Sec.; Thomas Laycock, J.D.; Jas. Mullineaux, I.G.; and Ralph Brooks, Tyler. The minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed, after which ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of Mr. Joseph Hampson and Mr. Thomas A. Martin as candidates for initiation into Freemasonry. The working of the W.M. was well and admirably done, the J.W. giving the working tools to each candidate. The visiting brethren present were Bros. Pilkington, W.M. 37; and T. Roger, S.W. Strangeways Lodge. On the completion of business the lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards adjourned to refreshment and spent a very pleasant evening.

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1259).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held (for the first time) at the Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road, E., on Tuesday, the 4th inst., the lodge having lately been removed from the New Globe, Mile End. The business of the evening commenced by balloting for six candidates, four of whom, Messrs. Armstrong, McKenzie, Hancock, and Rowland, sen., being in attendance, were duly initiated in the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. Weatherill, the W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The beautiful ceremony of installation was most effectively rendered by Bro. Barford, assisted by Bro. T. J. Barns, P.M. 933, 554. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Darling, S.W.; W. Hogg, W.M. 1349, J.W.; E. Jex, P.M. Treas.; G. Clayton, Sec.; W. Lusty, S.D.; G. Rowe, J.D.; R. Bradbrook, I.G.; Verry, Tyler. Bro. Weatherill, P.M., then had the pleasing duty to perform of presenting to the I.P.M., Bro. J. Salter, a very handsome P.M. jewel. The Installing Master then, on behalf of the W.M. and brethren of the lodge, presented Bro. E. Jex, P.M. and Treas., with a massive silver cup, subscribed for by the brethren as a token of their regard and esteem for the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge. The recipients of these presents returned thanks in suitable terms. This concluded the business of the meeting, after which the brethren adjourned to a substantial banquet, which was well served by the worthy host, Bro. Davies. After ample justice had been done and the cloth removed, the usual toasts were ably proposed and responded to, the pleasures of the evening being very much enhanced by songs by the Brethren, and musical recitals by Bro. Seddon. The brethren, after spending a most pleasant evening, separated.

**GOLDEN RULE LODGE (No. 1261).**—This lodge met on the 4th inst., at its new quarters, the Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street. For the past eighteen months the Golden Rule Lodge has been labouring under the difficulty of obtaining a suitable place of meeting, which the G.L. of England would approve. Fortunately that difficulty has at length been surmounted, and on Tuesday last both the members and visitors appeared to be quite elated at their good fortune in securing such a splendid Temple and Banqueting Hall as Bro. Neville has placed at their disposal in Air Street. The Temple is of itself one of the most perfect and tasteful of our Masonic structures, admirably ventilated and lighted, with furniture of the costliest character; the Regent Masonic Hall, with its spacious banqueting chamber, rivals any similar establishment in the Metropolis. The W.M., Bro. Frederick Bigg, had the peculiar good fortune of initiating three candidates, viz., J. P. Godfrey, Esq.; R. F. Horsetfield, Esq., and G. C. James, Esq., and he performed the ceremony with great impressiveness. Three other brethren joined the lodge, viz., Bro. Fabian, P.P.G.S.W. Hants; Bro. Longley, 1297, and Bro. Curtis, 975. Among the visitors were Bros. Browne, Strawbridge, Courtenay, and Devereux. At the banquet, Bro. J. R. Stebbing, P.G.D., and Bro. Wellington Vallance, P.G.S., both members of the Golden Rule Lodge, had occasion to respond to certain toasts given from the chair, and both these gentlemen acquitted themselves with even more than their usual eloquence. The W.M., whose right arm was hung up in a sling, from the effects of a recent accident, in alluding to the improved position of the affairs of the Golden Rule, created much merriment by the following quotation of Shakespeare:—

“Now is the winter of our discontent  
Made glorious summer by the Sun of Ripon,  
And all the clouds that lowered on our lodge  
In the deep bosom of the ocean buried.  
Now are our brows bound with victorious  
wreaths—

Our bruised arms hung up as monuments,  
Although the brethren met punctually at four,  
it was not until midnight that they separated,  
after passing a most enjoyable evening. The  
W.M. was supported by Bros. Sunley, I.P.M.;  
Eglese P.M., Sec.; Dr. Cross, Treas.; Harris,  
S.W.; Fensham, J.W.; Wellen Smith, S.D.;  
Allworth, J.D.; and Torkington, I.G. During

the initiations, Bro. Eglese presided at the organ, and by his performances at the installation lent much impressiveness to the ceremonies. The banquet was supplied to the 24 participants by Bro. Nicholls with the most lavish effusion, and the wines were pronounced to be excellent. The Golden Rule commenced its new reign under the most favourable auspices.

**BOCKING.—St. Mary's Lodge—(No. 1312).**—The annual festival of the Lodge of St. Mary, Bocking, was held on the 4th inst. The brethren and visitors assembled in the Lodge-room at two o'clock for the purpose of witnessing the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Vero W. Taylor, which ceremony was performed by Bro. Peter Matthews, P.M. Nos. 11 & 276, Prov. G.D.C., with his accustomed ability. The new W.M. then appointed his officers, as follows:—Bro. A. Portway (Secretary), S.W.; F. Hasler, J.W.; Rev. W. S. Hemming, Chaplain; S. Piggin, S.D.; W. Bright, J.D.; W. W. Knocker; I.G. C. W. Moore, Tyler. Some other business having been disposed of, the brethren adjourned, and afterwards sat down to a banquet, most excellently served up by the hostess of the White Hart. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and the whole passed off very successfully. Among the brethren present at lodge or banquet, besides those already mentioned were: Bros. J. Burton, P.M. 276, Prov. G. Treas.; John Wright Carr, P.M. 160, 276, Prov. G. Sec.; A. C. Valey, W.M.; Thos. Smees, S.W.; W. Pattison, J. F. Bishop and G. Spalding, 276; H. C. Bocking, 34; E. Booker, 794; S. H. Childe, 175; R. G. Green, 1024; W. Blatch, and the following members of St. Mary's Lodge: W. Neville Tufnell, I.P.M.; Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P. Prov. G. Chaplain; A. Brown, H. J. Burt, W. Bailey, J. Claydon, O. D. Clapham, H. S. Howell, C. Jones, F. Lake, F. J. Snell, John West, J. T. Weldon, and W. Wicks.

**EBURY LODGE (No. 1348).**—The first meeting of the season of this flourishing and successful lodge was held on Tuesday, October 28th, at the Morpeth Arms Hotel, Ponsonby-street, Pimlico. Bro. W. Bourne, W.M., opened the lodge. There were present: Bros. J. Coutts, I.P.M., Treasurer, P.G.P.; Summers, S.W.; Verity, J.W.; J. Elliott, Sec.; Dr. G. B. Roberts, S.D.; J. Verity, J.D.; A. J. Ireton, I.G.; Harrison and Proskanor, Stewards; Stacey, P.M., Organist; and a large number of brethren. 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. Lesclier, 1155; H. Bethell, J.W. 1257; P. Godart, 1288; The work done was the initiation of Messrs. E. D. Estall, J. Nichols, and H. Clayton; passing to the second degree, Bros. Stauffer, Chitson, Creed and Hayes. The elections were unanimous in favour of J. Summers, S.W., being W.M.; J. Coutts, P.G.P., re-elected Treasurer; and the Tyler was re-elected. The auditors were elected and appointed. A handsome gold P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. W. Bourne, for his great and useful services rendered to the lodge during his year of office. We may here remark with justice and sincerity, that it is seldom our happy lot to witness the ceremonies accompanied with music (as they always ought to be) done in a better manner. It was a Masonic treat to be present. The W.M. being an experienced P.M., did the work in a superior manner. We congratulate the founder and first W.M., Bro. J. Coutts, P.G.P., in particular, and those who helped him, in having so successfully established this lodge, where any one may see the ceremonies of Freemasonry carried out as they should be, work so well performed, and the musical part, under Bro. Stacey's care, so carefully and beautifully rendered. The lodge was closed. Then came another important business, the banquet, so well served under Bro. J. Palmer P.M.'s own supervision, and whose fame as a good caterer, is so well known. The usual toasts were given and responded to. The brethren separated, well pleased with their happy meeting.

**LEIGH.—Marquis of Lorne Lodge (No. 1354).**—The members of this lodge celebrated the annual festival of St. John the Evangelist on the 5th

inst. The “Marquis of Lorne” was only established in 1871, the first W.M. being Bro. T. J. Lancashire, but it has met with such genuine success that it is not only firmly established, but is one of the best working lodges in Lancashire, a result of which the founders of the lodge may well be proud. On Wednesday, the brethren assembled in the afternoon to instal the W.M. elect, when among the visitors from other lodges were Bros. W. Mossop, P.M. 1250; W. Richardson, P.M. 148; and W. Crompton, 1250 and 148. The lodge was opened according to ancient custom by Bro. J. Jackson, W.M., who, after the minutes had been read and confirmed, vacated his chair for Bro. W. Mossop, who officiated as Installing Master. The choice of the brethren having for the second time fallen upon Bro. J. Jackson, who has served as W.M. of the lodge during the past year, and is also a P.M. of Lodge of Lights, 148 (Warrington), that gentleman was installed as W.M. for the coming twelve months. The ceremony was gone through in a most impressive and effective manner. The newly-installed W.M. having been saluted by the brethren, next invested the following as his officers:—Bros. Thomas Smith, S.W.; Charles E. Wright, J.W.; Dr. John Hall, Sec.; William Bryce, Treasurer; N. Molyneux, S.D.; Dr. Evans, J.D.; Thomas T. Hayes, I.J. Bro. Ratcliffe was appointed Organist, and Bro. J. Ashton was unanimously elected Tyler. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Boar's Head Inn, Market-place, where a banquet was provided by Mr. Rothwell in most excellent style. In the course of the evening the usual loyal, Masonic, and complimentary toasts were given and honoured, and a very pleasant evening, enlivened by speech and song was passed by the brethren.

**THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).**—The second regular meeting of this newly formed lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Saturday, the 8th inst. The W.M., Bro. James Stevens, presided, supported by Bros. N. B. Headon, S.W.; J. H. Townend, J.W.; J. Freeman, Treas.; Edw. Moody, Sec.; J. Seex, S.D.; R. Portway, as J.D.; G. Blackie, as I.G.; J. H. Wisby, D.C.; and Steedman, Tyler. There were also present Bros. Preston, Boulton, Lewis, Tee, Stuart-Barker, jun., Portway, Jenkins, Baber, Cox, Tullidge, Kibble, Hancock, Middleton, Colmer, Hamer, Bowen, Archer, Lunniss, Fendick, Hooper, Hannaford, and visitors, Bros. Fisher, 1238; Atkins, S.W. 27; Bryant, 1329; Larlham, S.D. 1216; Bedolfe, W.M. 1329; Heffer, 1158; H. Franklin, S.W. 61; Haigh, W.M. 29; Vockins, S.W. 1329; and others. The lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the three emergency meetings, and of the first regular meeting, were read and confirmed. Bros. Boulton, Tee, and Preston, having passed their examination in a highly satisfactory manner, were raised to the sublime degree. Of the nine candidates for passing there were present Bros. Colmer, Hamer, Cox, Hannaford, Archer, Lunniss, and Lewis, all of whom proved their proficiency in the former degree, and were then passed to the degree of F.C. Mr. Saml. Browne, of Lawrence-lane, was then initiated in the mysteries and privileges of Antient Freemasonry. The whole of the ceremonies were performed by the W.M. in his usual careful and correct style, and did not fail to make a great impression upon the various candidates. We have omitted to state that previous to the passings the lodge was called off for refreshment, and “the cups that cheer but not inebriate” were partaken of by the brethren assembled. Two candidates for initiation, one a well-known city gentleman, were proposed. An application from a number of brethren for permission to hold a lodge of instruction under the warrant of The Great City Lodge was then read, and a committee, consisting of Bros. Colmer, Freeman, Headon, Stuart-Barker, jun., Tee, and Boulton, with the W.M. and Secretary, was appointed to carry out the arrangements. The W.M. having announced that it was his intention to represent the lodge as Steward at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, early in the ensuing year, a brother proposed that one of the usual banquets should be given up, and the amount thus saved, say £50, placed

upon the W.M.'s list. The proposition was received with acclamation, and will probably be carried at the next meeting. About £50 were then subscribed by the individual members, and more was promised. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where, instead of the usual dinner, there was spread a frugal meal of bread, cheese, and ale. The W.M. presided, and all the brethren and visitors partook of the repast. When the cloth had been removed, the W.M. gave the usual toasts. The numerous visitors expressed themselves delighted with the novel banquet, and with the fraternal spirit evinced throughout the whole of the proceedings, while several spoke in high terms of the manner in which the proposition in the lodge had been received, and promised that imitators should not be wanting. The brethren then separated, happy to meet, sorry to part, hoping to meet again.

**BUCKHURST HILL.**—*Bagshot Lodge* (No. 1457)—A very interesting Masonic ceremony took place on the 11th inst. at Buckhurst Hill, in this county, viz., the consecration of a new lodge, to be called the "Bagshaw Lodge," in compliment to the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master of the Province, Bro. R. J. Bagshaw, who is also High Sheriff of the County for the current year, and the installation of the W.M. designate. The brethren having assembled in the lodge-room, the ceremony of consecration was ably and impressively performed by the V.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Sec. of England, assisted by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, P.M. 975, and Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, an oration on the nature and principles of Freemasonry being delivered by Bro. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P. Prov. Grand Chaplain, Essex. The W.M. Designate, Bro. Joseph Tanner, was then installed as W.M. of the new lodge, and he appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Clarkson, S.W.; Samuel Lilley, Sec.; J. R. Cover, J.W.; T. W. Nicholson, S.D.; D. Reed, J.D.; W. Holloway, I.G.; G. Smith, Tyler. Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, served up in first-class style by Bro. Locke, of the Bald-faced Stag Hotel. The usual toasts were proposed and heartily responded to, and a capital selection of vocal music was given under the direction of Bro. Henry Parker, P.P.G. Organist, Middlesex. Amongst the brethren present, at either lodge or banquet, were Bros. John Hervey, Grand Sec. Eng., R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex, and Sec. R.M.I.G.; John Wright Carr, P.M. 160,276, Prov. Grand Sec., Essex; A. C. Veley, W.M. 276, J.G.W.; Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.M. 276, P. Prov. G. Chap.; H. Rowley, P.M. 1000, Prov. G.S.D.; William A. Heath, S.W. 3; W. Babington; W. N. Trent, J.D.; John Egan, D.C., and R. Martin, 453; John A. Wardell, W.M.; W. M. Chaplain, J.D. and Sec., and W. P. Belliss, Steward, 1000; Henry Allen, J. R. Tisar, and W. Wrenn, 1056; J. H. Harmsworth, W.M. 1178; H. Parker, 1192; George Musgrave, and H. O. Martin, 1309; R. H. Thompson 1329; Charles Lacey, W.M. 1421, and P.M. 174; and John Boyd. Under the Presidency of so deservedly popular a Mason as Bro. Joseph Tanner, the Bagshot Lodge cannot fail to be prosperous. The furniture, jewels, etc., were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

**LANGTHORNE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION** (No. 1421).—The members of this recently established Lodge of Instruction, working under the warrant of the Mother Lodge, and of which Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. 933, is the Preceptor, assembled in the lodge room at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, E., on Wednesday, the 29th ultimo, for the purpose of witnessing the working of the Fifteen Sections, by members of the lodge, assisted by several brethren of well known Masonic repute from the Yarborough, Doric, and other lodges. The chair was occupied by Bro. Latrielle, P.M. 1056; Bro. J. I. Barnes (Preceptor of the lodge) acting as S.W.; and Bro. W. Land, S.W. Crystal Palace Lodge, as J.W. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, and the minutes read and duly confirmed, was opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed in the first degree. The Fifteen Sections were then worked by the brethren in the following order viz. :—

First Lecture, 1st Section .....	Bro. Land,
" " 2nd " .....	" Mortlock.
" " 3rd " .....	" Cranswick
" " 4th " .....	" Mustow.
" " 5th " .....	" Barnes.
" " 6th " .....	" Barnes.
" " 7th " .....	" Barnes.
Second Lecture, 1st " .....	" Christian.
" " 2nd " .....	" Mustow.
" " 3rd " .....	" M
" " 4th " .....	" Cundick.
" " 5th " .....	" Barnes.
Third Lecture, 1st " .....	" Robbins.
" " 2nd " .....	" Lacey.
" " 3rd " .....	" Mortlock.

At the close of the working, a cordial vote of thanks was given to those brethren who had worked the various sections, and also to Bro. Latrielle for the very able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair. The brethren were also pleased to mark their sense of the services he had rendered that evening by unanimously electing him an honorary member of the Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Latrielle having acknowledged the compliment paid him in suitable terms, the lodge was closed in due form. The following were amongst the brethren present, viz. Bros. Latrielle, W.M.; Barnes, S.W.; Land, J.W.; T. S. Mortlock, Guernsey, Hendley, Lacey, W.M. 1421, Sharp, Tutsum V. S. Taylor, Woods, Cundick, J.D. 1421; Boulton, Morley, Mole, H. R. Taylor, Cranswick, Mustow, Christian, G. E. Slee J.W. 1421; and C. W. Ashdown, Hon. Secretary.

**Royal Arch.**

**CAVEAC CHAPTER** (No. 176).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on the 6th inst. The chapter was opened by Comps. Montague Scott, M.E.Z.; P. A. Nairne, P.Z. as H.; F. Walters, P.Z., as J.; C. T. Darcy, P.Z.; W. Smeed, P.Z. The companions were then admitted. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and unanimously confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee showed a good balance in hand, without any liability. Bros. Percy, Moreton Scott, R.N. (St. James's Lodge, 765, son of the M.E.Z.), and Phillip Charles Nixion, (J.W. 176, Caveac Lodge.) being in attendance, were duly initiated into Royal Arch Freemasonry, the ceremony being correctly and impressively given. A five guinea P.Z.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted from the chapter's funds, was presented to Comp. M. Scott, M.E.Z., for his exertions in behalf of the chapter, and as a mark of esteem, respect, and gratitude for the admirable manner he presided over the chapter meetings during his year of office. All the business being completed, the chapter was closed. The usual good banquet followed. The regular toasts were given and responded to. The visitors were Comps. W. Smeed, P.Z. 946; H. Reed, 463; and T. Yeo, 3.

**Mark Masonry.**

**SOUTHWARK LODGE** (No. 22).—The progress made by Mark Masonry was well illustrated on Tuesday last, when, at the installation meeting of this Lodge, a larger number of brethren attended than is usual in Mark lodges. The Southwark Lodge had been in a state of decadence for some years, until at last installation day, Bro. John Read, Grand Organist in the Mark Degree, was installed as W.M. He, with the aid of a large circle of Masonic friends, immediately set to work to restore the fortunes of the lodge which was under his charge, and by perseverance in the cause, and heartiness in his work, he, in the course of a few months, made the lodge as prosperous as any in the degree. On Tuesday he was succeeded in the chair by Bro. Isaac J. H. Wilkins, a brother equally influential, earnest and energetic, who had, while he was S.W., ably seconded Bro. Read's efforts to raise the position of the lodge. It was plain that the revivifying process which it had gone through had succeeded, as the number of

brethren who attended reminded them of the days when Bro. Cotteburne used to perform the W.M.'s duties, and when Bros. Leonard, Lilley, and Avery presided. Lodge was full, and at the banquet table some thirty members and visitors sat down. The meeting was held at the headquarters of the lodge, the Bridge House Hotel, and the business of the evening was commenced by Bro. Read advancing Bros. Alfred Brett, D. Greenaway, H. A. Milford, J. Hutt and S. Lilley. It had been expected that the Grand Master of the province would have been present, but a letter was read from him explaining his absence, and regretting that he should not have the pleasure of meeting the brethren. But there were some other distinguished visitors present, and among them the Grand Secretary (Bro. F. Binckes), Bro. Lazarus, Bro. Meggy, Bro. W. Worrell, and Bro. Allen. Bro. Meggy, at the conclusion of the ceremony of advancement, took the chair, and Bro. Read presented to him Bro. Wilkins for installation. The ceremony was, of course, perfectly performed by such a master of the art, and when Bro. Wilkins had been duly installed he appointed as his officers for the year Bros. Stidolph, S.W.; C. T. Sparkes, J.W.; John Read, P.M., Secretary; Harry Brett, Treasurer; Poore, M.O.; Josh. Spencer, S.O.; Gilbert, J.O.; Horton, S.D.; Bonto, J.D.; Montgomery, I.G.; Hutt, Registrar; Greenaway, Steward and Milford, D.C. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, provided in the most refined style Bro. J. Spencer, the proprietor of the Bridge House Hotel. It was very late when this was disposed of, and the speeches were entered upon, but there was no time lost when the W.M. got at his work. After giving the toasts of "The Queen," and the "M.W. the Grand Mark Master, Earl Percy, the Past Grand Masters, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, past and present," and expressing his pleasure that that distinguished Mason had recovered from his recent illness, he called on Bro. Binckes to respond.

Bro. Binckes said that the toast was a most comprehensive one, and for the information of the younger members of this degree, he would say that it was framed with a view to the early departure of Masons for their homes, because toasting these high functionaries separately would involve a good expenditure of time. He was glad to hear the W.M. speak in such high terms as he had of Earl Percy, because he was a young nobleman whom any society might be proud to have at its head, and he took a very large interest in Freemasonry, and even a greater in this degree. For the Past Grand Masters this degree had the privilege of having the Earl of Carnarvon, Viscount Holmesdale, Mr. Beach, Lord Leigh, and the Rev. George Raymond Portal, a goodly list of brethren, who had been of immense influence and service in the Order. For the Deputy G.M. they had another nobleman, the Earl of Limerick, whose zeal in Freemasonry could not be too widely known or gratefully acknowledged, and who, he knew, from his own knowledge took a great interest in the spread of Mark Masonry. Therefore the Order could only look back to the past with pride and forward to the future with satisfaction. The Grand Officers, speaking for them only, and not for himself, both past and present, had shown great zeal and ability in the discharge of their duties, and he was never weary of repeating himself in saying that in connection with Grand Mark Lodge there was no backstairs influence brought to bear in the promotion to grand office. There was but one road to promotion—a sure one—the evincing an interest in the Order. Such service met with its reward, and the honours of Grand Lodge were consequently looked upon as honours to be coveted. For himself he would only say that having been nursed, so to speak in this Grand Lodge, first as Grand Assistant Secretary, and then as Grand Secretary, he was intensely gratified at the enormous progress the Order had made. It had now nearly 170 lodges, and had enrolled in its ranks 6000 good Masons. It was making rapid strides day by day, week by week, month by month, and year by year. It never was in such a prosperous condition before. It had a good benevolent fund, and he

hoped that from time to time the ranks would be recruited by the introduction of zealous and able members, who would remember with fondness the traditions of the degree, act up to its tenets, carry out its principles, and, at no distant day, share in its honours. In conclusion, Bro. Binckes thanked the brethren for the toast. The W.M. next proposed "The Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Burdett, and his Officers," and greatly regretted Col. Burdett's absence. Bro. C. J. Sparks, in reply, said he was quite taken by surprise at being called upon to respond to this toast, as he had expected Col. Burdett to be present. From the tenour of his letter, no doubt his absence was a great disappointment to him; and it was also, it must be confessed, to the lodge. He would reiterate the hope expressed in the Provincial Grand Master's letter, that the time would not be far distant when he would be at their board to return thanks for himself. Bro. Meggy proposed "The Health of the W.M." and in doing so expressed the great pleasure he felt at having to instal him in the chair. If the brethren would only pay attention to Bro. Wilkins' commands during the next year it would be a very prosperous time for the lodge. From what he knew of him he was just the sort of man to bring it into a flourishing condition. He (Bro. Meggy) had known the lodge for a long time, when it was not so prosperous as now, when the candidates for advancement were few and far between; but it had now turned the corner, and great credit was due to the W.M. for his great exertions. Let them support him, and he would have a happy year. The W.M., in acknowledging the toast, observed that he did not think he deserved one-half of the kind expressions which had been used, but he would take for granted that he did deserve them, because he should be sorry to contradict Bro. Meggy. Unquestionably the lodge had for some time been in a failing condition, but it found friends who were desirous of elevating it, and for the last few months it had been improving, thanks to his brother on his left (Bro. Read). Thanks, also, to all those who took an interest in the lodge and had pushed forward its individuality, and brought it out of the depths into which it had fallen. He cordially acknowledged the kindness of his numerous friends who had assisted him, and begged that they would continue to bring to the lodge members who, like those they had hitherto introduced, from their position would be complimentary to the lodge. There was a glorious future before it if the brethren would bear this in mind; and he promised that he would do everything in his power to render the lodge a service. The W.M. afterwards proposed "The Health of the Immediate P.M., Bro. John Read," and again called attention to the vast obligations he had placed the brethren under to him. But for him he did not know that the lodge would now have been in existence; but as the brethren knew as well as himself what Bro. Read had done, it would be only a waste of time if he dilated much upon it. But he must tell them that many communications had from time to time passed between them which he believed had been for the benefit of the lodge. They had consulted together as to what they should do, and the result was in the main that they had such a very delightful company that evening. He did not see why the Southwark Lodge should not be one of the best Mark lodges in the kingdom. In recognition of Bro. Read's services to the lodge he had the pleasure of presenting him with a P.M. jewel (cheers). Bro. John Read thanked the brethren for the presentation, and said the lodge's success was not so much due to him as to the W.M.; but all had put their shoulders to the wheel, and their united efforts had brought about the fortunate result. He then described the various stages of decay which the lodge had experienced, and then its gradual rise to its present condition of prosperity. He was assured that it would not now go back into the slough of despond; it had all the elements of success in it, and it would be the brethren's own fault if they did not keep them. All who were around the board that evening were a credit and honour to the lodge. He asked them to bring more such. The jewel that had been presented to him far exceeded in value anything he had been able to do for the

lodge and he would wear it with as much pleasure as he wore other jewels. It would always remind him of the kindness with which the brethren had looked upon his exertions. The W.M. proposed "The newly advanced brethren," a toast which was always received with a great deal of sympathy and respect. That evening they had had five, and every member of the lodge would agree with him that all of them would shed a lustre on the lodge. Bro. Alfred Brett, P.M. 134 (Craft) responded, and said it was a happiness to him to come among the brethren of the lodge, and a still greater happiness to see it in such a prosperous state. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Lazarus, who, he said, was a Mark Mason of fifty years' standing. Bro. Lazarus acknowledged that he was. He was now 75 years of age, but was still a jolly good fellow. From the very moment he received the light of Freemasonry he had had the utmost veneration for it, a veneration that it deserved, as there were in it all the principles which could make a good man. It was a great pleasure to him to visit this lodge, and it was extremely gratifying to him to find it flourishing. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Meggy," and descanted on his great merits, not only as a performer of the ceremonies in Mark Masonry, but as an instigator to the work of Masonic charity. Whether at teaching the ceremonies, installing a Master, or establishing a benevolent fund, Bro. Meggy was always working in Masonry, and rejoiced at doing it. Bro. Meggy, in reply, assured the brethren of his great desire to fulfil the obligations he took on him when he became a Mason. With regard to the Southwark lodge, he formerly used to be invited to perform the installations, and the brethren were kind enough to elect him a member. He had felt it his duty to come forward and prove the good of Masonry. He was not ashamed to acknowledge it, he was now and then of a little use in Masonry, and he was not sorry to have the opportunity of doing what he could. Since he had been elected a member he had felt it his duty to promote the interest of the lodge, and if he had done it, the knowledge of his having done so was his highest reward. He appreciated the kindness of the brethren in acknowledging what he had done, and at any time he could be of any use to the lodge he would be pleased. The S.W. returned thanks for "The Officers," and the brethren, as it was past twelve o'clock, separated, after spending a most delightful evening.

### Knights Templar.

The Prudence Preceptory was opened at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on the 22nd ult., when Sir Knight the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, Sub. Prior Suffolk and Cambridge (in the unavoidable absence of the Preceptor, Sir Knight Beaumont, R.N. and the Acting Preceptor Sir Knt. Holmes, P.G. Provost of England) presided, and there were present Sir Knights Dr. Mills, P.E.C.; J. Pitcher, P.E.C. Reg.; and others. Comp. G. R. Scopes of Yarmouth, whose name had been previously approved by the Provincial Prior, was balloted for, accepted, and being president, he was duly installed a Knight of the Order of the Temple, Sir Knight Sanderson performing the ceremony in an impressive manner for which he is famous throughout the Eastern Counties.

Sir Knight W. P. Mills, M.D. P.E.C. was unanimously re-elected Preceptor for the ensuing year.

The Sir Knights afterwards adjourned to refreshment.

### Scotland.

CAMBUSLANG.—Friday, 30th ult., being the festival of Hallowe'en commemorated by our national poet Burns, I may say as use and wont would be celebrated in every hamlet, village, and town in Scotland. By the young, even those who can scarcely toddle, it was observed in the display of lanterns improvised out of hollowed-out turnips, and by lads and lasses meeting together to dance

and forecast their future by burning nuts. In Cambuslang, whose inhabitants are intensely Scotch, there were few families who did not honour the occasion. The consequence was that the fruit dealers have done a good trade this last week, and this (Friday) night there was much boisterous but innocent enjoyment; and some couples amongst the working classes as usual embraced the opportunity of getting united for better or worse; and to add a little variation to the scene, the Knight Templars of No. 3 Encampment, here, had their torch light procession on that night, and on leaving the hall a torch light procession was formed,

And headed by the band,  
They formed a gay and lengthened line,  
And was a sight quite grand.

Their costly silken banner waved,  
The music sweetly played  
In gay and rich regalia,  
The Knights were all arrayed.

First to the village of Silverbanks,  
They respectfully repair,  
And the Grand Commander  
Bids them turn there.

The gay Sir Knights next turn  
Their way back through the town,  
Where hundreds of spectators view  
Them marching up and down.

Within the hall the Templars supped,  
When their walk was past,  
And thanks to Sir Knight Rennie,  
It was a good repast.

Then speech and song and sentiment,  
Was all the go that night,  
And when the time for parting came  
It seemed to all too (soon) bright.

There was some excellent Masonic and local songs, sung, interspersed with speeches, and recitations, and our worthy Scribe gave a recitation, the "Original of Fruit Stealing," which was rapturously encored. And on rising the Scribe said,—Worthy Sir Knights, our Charter bears date as far back as 1812, and I was one of 16 of the brethren who banded themselves together, and were exalted to the Royal Arch Degree of Masonic Orders, and were also raised to the highly honourable and magnanimous degree of Red Cross Knight of Malta and High Knight Templar of St. John of Jerusalem, and of these 16 there are only three alive in this country, one went to Australia, all the rest of the 16 have gone to their long home, and we who remain as mourners, go about the street and must soon follow. And I would say to all Freemasons, live a life that the outside world will not need to say so much against the Order of Freemasonry as they do, for be assured by living according to the strict principles of Masonry, the outside world will see that there is something real, something solid in Freemasonry, and you will also have the approval of your own conscience that you are doing right, and you will not be affected, in the smallest, by all the anathemas pronounced by the Pope, (and Cardinals Cullen or Wiseman and all the Catholic Clergy to boot) against Masonry. Sir Knights, Masonry is like the deep rooted rock on the sea shore, it has for ages defied the unavailing fury of the waves, and so Masonry has stood the test, aye and will stand the test for a long time to come, in spite of all that has been said against it.

These fools by their spleen plainly show,  
They fain would deride what they gladly  
would know,

But let every true brother these vermin despise,  
And the ancient grand secret keep back from  
their eyes.

and if you live according to the rule of Masonry, you will be a good subject to the Queen, a good member of society, and a good Mason, for a bad man cannot be a good Mason, in any sense of the word. Shortly after Sir Knight Young's speech, the encampment was closed in due and ancient form, each one seeming well pleased.

The following are unavoidably held over, on account of the pressure upon our columns:—Reports of Lodges 130, 1337; Chapter 70; Mark Lodge 65; Societatis Rosicruciana in Scotia. Communications from T.J.T., H.T.P. G.W.

THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT DERBY.

This handsome building is being rapidly erected in Gower-street. On Saturday last the Trustees met at three o'clock to place a memorial tablet in the banquetting-room. This simple and unostentatious ceremony was performed by Bro. J. Smith, P. Prov. G. J. W., the Mayor of Derby, Chairman of the Trustees. The stone was beautifully engraved, and the initials painted in, and is a permanent record of the originators and trustees of the enterprise. The following is the inscription:—

"This Masonic Hall was erected in 1873, by the following Trustees; the Marquis of Hartington, P.G.M.; Haughton Charles Okeover, D. P.G.M.; Charles Robert Colvile, P.D.P.G.M.; Thomas Cox, P.S.G.W.; James Crossley, P.S.G.W.; Thomas Horsley, P.S.G.W.; Henry Hillam, P.S.G.W.; Frank Champion, P.S.G.W.; William Naylor, S.G.W.; George Wright, P.S.G.W.; Charles Brentnall, P.J.G.D.; James Worsnop, P.J.G.W.; Frank Iliffe, P.D.C.; Thomas Roe, Jun.; Henry Goodall, John Smith, G.J.W, Mayor of Derby, Chairman of Trustees, Geo. Woodiwiss, Builder; G. H. Sheffield P.G.S. of W., Architect."

The following were present at the ceremony.—Bros. J. Smith (Mayor), H. Hillam, T. Horsley, F. Iliffe, H. Goodall, Jas. Worsnop, G. T. Wright, T. Roe, jun., F. Champion, W. Naylor, G. R. Sheffield (architect), and G. Woodiwiss (builder).

The Mayor said—Gentlemen and brethren, having assembled at this building as the Committee of Trustees for the Provincial Grand Lodge for the Freemasons of Derbyshire, I, as Chairman of the Committee, have very great pleasure in laying this memorial stone and tablet, and I hope it will remain for generations to come. I also hope that Freemasonry may prosper within its walls, and that the brethren of all lodges in the province will do their best to promote the interest of so noble a work, and assemble under their respective banners to further the interests of the Order.

This concluded the interesting ceremony, and subsequently his Worship the Mayor hospitably entertained the trustees, architect, and builder at a sumptuous dinner at the St. James's Hotel. The Mayor has been a large donor to this new institution in Derby, and contributed £100 towards the building fund.

CONSECRATION OF A MILITARY LODGE AT CANTERBURY.

On Tuesday, 4th inst., an interesting ceremony in connection with Freemasonry took place in St. George's Hall. The large number of non-commissioned officers in our Cavalry Depot includes a goodly proportion of Freemasons, and lately several of their comrades have indicated their wishes to join the Craft. Accordingly in the true spirit of Freemasonry three or four brethren determined upon promoting a scheme for the founding a Military Lodge for Canterbury, and they were generously joined in the movement by Colonel Cureton, the respected Commandant of the Depot, and the necessary preliminaries having been gone through, a warrant was granted by the Grand Lodge of England. General Brownrigg, C.B., who is now the Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, and who performed the ceremony of consecration for the Military Lodge at Chatham some three years since, and which is called by his name, was invited to do the same office for this new Military Lodge at Canterbury and at once kindly consented.

There was a gathering of about 150 brethren, consisting of deputations from several of the lodges in Kent, the brethren of the newly-formed lodge, and several officers of the army and volunteers, being Masons. The hall had been very appropriately prepared for the ceremony, which commenced with a procession into the room, headed by the Master of the Ceremonies (Capt. Watson), who kindly officiated in the absence of Bro. Cooley, who was prevented by illness from attending).

The Consecrating Master then appointed Bro. Winch, S.W., and Bro. J. R. Hall, J.W., pro

tem., and the lodge was opened in the three degrees.

General Brownrigg then delivered a short address, conveying some truly kind and valuable advice to the founders of the lodge; and this was followed by prayer by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. — Hill.

The founders of the lodge, with Colonel Cureton at their head, were then arranged in order, and Bro. Mate (of Sandwich) acting for the Provincial Grand Secretary in his unavoidable absence through illness, read the Petition and Warrant, add this was followed by an admirable oration "On the Nature and Principles of the Institution," by the Provincial Grand Chaplain; followed by the Dedication Prayer and the ceremonies incidental. The whole of these ceremonies were increased in their impressiveness by the singing of appropriate psalms by the brethren, and selections of music on the grand harmonium, at which Brother. A. Cannon ably presided.

General Brownrigg having dedicated and constituted the lodge, deputed Brother Adamson (of Dover) to perform the ceremony of Installation of the Worshipful Master elect, Brother Alford Wade, which was done in impressive and complete style; and the other officers of the lodge were then inducted into their several offices as follows:— Bros. W. Greenwood, S.W.; Moorhouse, J.W.; Plume, Treas.; Ormond, Sec.; Tomkins, S.D.; Archer, J.D.; Cutting, I.G.; Frisby, Org.; Christian, Tyler. The lodge was then "closed down" with the usual solemnities.

The banquet was held at the Guildhall Concert Room, (which will in future be the lodge room for the Royal Military Lodge, as the Ancient United No. 31, and the 972 St. Augustine Lodges.) And excellent dinner was well served by the Shaxby. General Brownrigg presided until he was compelled to leave, when the chair was occupied for the remainder of the evening by the W.M. During the banquet, the Band of the Cavalry Depot, under Bandmaster Hardy, occupied the stage of the theatre, adjoining the Concert Room, and played selections of favourite and appropriate music.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were followed by others of a complimentary character, and the evening was enlivened by some excellent singing and speeches of mutual congratulation at the great success of the entire business and ceremonies of the day.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The Annual General Meeting of the above Provincial Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicestershire, on Wednesday, the 5th day of November, inst., under the auspices of St. John Lodge, No. 279, the chair being taken by the R.W.P.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, who was supported by Bro. W. Kelly, P. Prov. G.M.; the Prov. G. Wardens, Bros. J. J. East, and Clement Stretton, and most of the Provincial Grand Officers. There was also a fair attendance of members of private lodges, though not so numerous as on recent previous occasions.

The business of the lodge, beyond that of installing the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was of an ordinary routine character.

The Committee of General Purposes reported favourably upon the Treasurer's accounts, and as to the progress of Masonry and the condition of the several lodges in the Province.

The ceremony of installing Bro. Sir Henry St. John Holford Bart, P.M. 1330, P. Prov. S.G.W. as Deputy Provincial Grand Master was very ably performed by the R. W. Provincial Grand Master.

The officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested as follows:—

- G. Toller jun. .... Prov. S.G.W.
- W. Adcock ..... Prov. J.G.W.
- W. T. Fry ..... Prov. G. Chaplain.
- W. B. Smith ..... Prov. G. Treas
- J. H. Douglass ..... Prov. G. Reg.
- S. Partridge ..... Prov. G. Sec.

- E. Falkner ..... Prov. G.S.D.
- J. G. Bennett ..... Prov. G.J.D.
- J. Barnard ..... Prov. G. S. of W.
- T. B. Hall ..... Prov. G.D.C.
- R. Boughton Smith ..... Prov. G.A.D.C.
- Capt. P. P. Goodchild ..... Prov. G.S.B.
- W. T. Rowlett ..... Prov. G. Org.
- G. Clifton ..... Prov. G. Purst.
- A Palmer ..... Prov. A. G. Purst.
- M. H. Lewis ..... Prov. Stand. B.
- Wm. Crow ..... Prov. G. Steward.
- John Lorrimer ..... " " "
- Walter S. Allen ..... " " "
- Henry James ..... " " "
- Thomas Macaulay ..... " " "
- A. A. Barber ..... " " "
- C. Bembridge ..... P.ov. G. Tylers.
- T. Dunn ..... " " "

Bro. W. Beaumont Smith, who has, for several years, held the important post of Treasurer, was re-elected to that office, and a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to him for his past services.

Bro. Robert Waite, P.M., was nominated to represent the P.G. Lodge, as Steward at the next festival of the Girls' School.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, which had been provided by the Stewards of the local lodge. The chair was taken by the Deputy Prov. G.M., Sir Henry Holford, in the absence of the R.W.P.G.M. who was unable to remain for this portion of the proceedings. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, those of the "Masonic Charities" and "The Visitors" being very ably responded to by Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, Prov. G. Sec., Middx. and Sec. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The enjoyment of the evening was very materially enhanced by the efforts of the musical brethren, and in particular, by the instrumental selections performed by Bros. Henry Nicholson, G. L. Vaughan, J. A. Wykes and W. T. Rowlett, on flutes, oboe and bassoon, which were very highly applauded.

Masonic Tidings.

Bro. Manoah Rhodes has been selected as Mayor of Bradford for the ensuing year.

Bro. Edward Wates, Deputy Grand Master for Kent, Mayor of Gravesend, died on Wednesday night, at the age of 42, after an illness extending over several months.

We regret also to record the deaths of Bro. Henry Arthur Hoare, P.G.W., Vice-patron of all the charities, and Bro. Jabez Samuel Gower, 31<sup>o</sup>, a Grand Officer, K.T., also of the Red Cross Order, and a liberal donor to the charities.

The post of Secretary at the Crystal Palace is vacant, and will be filled up at Christmas.

Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, 30<sup>o</sup>, Sub Prior of Suffolk and Cambridge, Prior of the Temple, P. G. Chaplain, Mark Grand Lodge, P. Prov. Grand Chaplain, Suffolk, Preceptor of the Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction, is a candidate for the head Mastership of the Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. Sanderson is well known in Ipswich and its neighbourhood, as a very distinguished Mason. He is the second Master at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School at Ipswich, and it is no secret that in the event of the Head Mastership of that school becoming vacant through the advancement of the Rev. Dr. Holden (one of the greatest scholars in England) there are large numbers who would wish to see Bro. Sanderson, who is deservedly popular and admirably qualified as an experienced teacher of considerable attainments, take the place of the Rev. Doctor. Should Bro. Sanderson succeed as Head Master of the Boys' School, Ipswich will have lost one of its greatest luminaries in Masonic lore, and erudite scholarship, and the Masonic Institution will have gained a Head who will bring to it all that tends most to make so admirable an institution even more successful in the future, than it has been in the past.

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## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1873.

## CHARITY ELECTIONS.

The conference which took place, under the auspices of the Lord Mayor, at the Mansion House, on October 30th, came, as was somewhat to be anticipated, to the practical conclusion "it's better to bear the ills we have, than fly to others that we know not of."

No one denies, that, as with all human institutions and arrangements, weaknesses may be discovered and abuses may be found in our charitable institutions, but as it has been very truly said, it is "far easier to describe the evil than to point out the cure, and even if the cure were obvious," it is as often "still more difficult to apply it."

Our great charitable institutions have grown with the growth of this great country, are peculiar to itself, and are so remarkably alike in their origin and their development, the personal and increasing benefits they convey to thousands of our humbler sisters and brethren in the world, that they have attracted the wonder of foreigners, and are justly a subject of satisfaction to ourselves.

We confess, that, we do not think the preliminary treatment of this important subject has either been judicious or fair.

In the first place, many of the most conspicuous assailants of our charitable organisation, (we specially exempt from this criticism the worthy, and active, and philanthropic late Lord Mayor,) know the Charities more in *theory* than in *practice*, and their experience, or fitness for judging of the present working of these Association is "ex necessitate rei" not to be compared with that of those, whose kindly efforts have been directed unswervingly for many continuous years to the efficient control and energetic usefulness of many of these much needed and most valuable institutions.

And in the next place a most unwise attack on the governors of these institutions has been made, attributing personal motives and sordid grounds to their resistance to the proposed changes.

Now this is manifestly improper and unjust. Too much praise cannot indeed be ascribed to those many unknown and unnoticed persons, who labour on, year after year, calmly, unobtrusively, and with nothing of worldly recognition, simply as an act of duty, and with an heartfelt wish to benefit their fellow creatures.

It is far too much the custom, at the present hour, in order to carry some supposed good or to compass some desired change, to asperse the actions of those who, on good grounds, deprecate the change and resist the alteration.

There seems a sort of idea amongst us all, that, "all is fair" as we say "in love and war," and that if we only "cast a certain amount of dirt on others" some of it will at any rate "stick."

Let us now see what are the changes proposed, and we will take them, as very clearly set forth in the *Daily News*, of October 30th.

"The proposal of the Lord Mayor is not to take the election from the subscribers, but to stop the traffic in votes, to discourage canvassing, and to abolish the public poll. The cases would, in fact, be submitted to the subscribers, as at present; but it would be done by the managers, who would send the description of the cases and their comments on them, and receive back the votes of the subscribers; the result of the poll being declared by circular and advertisement. It is evident that this scheme would remove many of the abuses of charity elections without abolishing the system."

And these changes are advocated on the following grounds, which are also equally clearly set before us in the same article of October 30th.

"On the very face of it, the system is vicious. The object of charitable institutions is to help those who have fewest friends; but by this method the very ground of choice is made to be that of having most friends. The most deserving recipients of aid are those who are in the straitest circumstances and the extremest need; but those who get the help these institutions give are just those who can raise most money or exert most interest. The candidate who has rich friends can make sure of election; the one whose friends are all among the poor is almost equally sure of failure. There is no pretence of selection. No question can rise of the most deserving. Five or ten thousand subscribers cannot investigate a case; and there are perhaps a hundred candidates from whom to choose. There is therefore not only an entire absence of any guarantee that the charity is given to those who really deserve it, but the chances are, in every case, that the most needy and probably the most deserving are rejected.

It is true that in many of these institutions votes given one year may be counted in succeeding years; but the advantage is, to some extent, illusory, since a person with but small resources may go on slowly piling up a few votes year after year, and each year a host of new candidates with larger resources may elbow their way past him. Large numbers of philanthropic people have, in fact, come to the conclusion that it is better to make what effort they can to benefit a poor person privately than to attempt to put into the lottery of a charity election."

Now if this picture were correctly limned in itself, if it were not rather a "wee bit" sensational piling up of the agony," we should at once say, make a sweeping change, even what the *Daily News* terms a "revolution," but the truth is, that many of these drawbacks are inseparable for many charitable institution, and are such as at present seem to us purely unavoidable.

For we must remember that all candidates for the charities have already passed the ordeal of the House Committee. If they have not properly investigated the cases, if they have done their duty in a perfunctory way, if any unworthy applicants are placed on the list, the fault lies with them, not with the subscribers; not with the charity itself.

All candidates are supposed, *primâ facie*, to be equally necessitous, and equally deserving, and

the subscribers in voting, exercise their undoubted right of selection.

That eminent judge, Sir Colin Blackburn, in a recent case before the Court of Queen's Bench arising out of an agreement to exchange or sell votes, seemed to intimate that in his opinion, the voting power of the subscribers was accompanied with an implied condition to ascertain the worthiness of the individual case.

But he forgot, as it seems to us—we say it deferentially—that with the subscriber "cæteris paribus," on the ground of worthiness, by the acceptance of the case by the House Committee, it is to the individual subscriber only a question of degree, and of personal opinion.

There is no à priori reason why A should not say to B, "If you vote for my candidate, No. 10, this time, I will vote for yours, No. 12, the next time; or if you can get me 30 votes for No. 10 this half-yearly election, I will get you 30 votes for No. 12 next half-yearly election; and what A can say to, and do with B, C, D, and E can say to and do with F, G, and H.

Hence it must be very difficult to interfere with the liberty of the individual voter, or to say to the subscribers of any institution, "We, the committee recommend you to vote for certain candidates," because the inevitable result of such a system would be to make a close election of what is now an open election, to diminish individual interest and personal energy in particular cases; to reduce the general income of the society; and to introduce a "remedy" worse than the "disease."

With some modifications and amendments in existing arrangements, which must be left to the governing bodies to initiate and carry out, we do not think that at present much material change can be made in the rules and regulations of our many and valuable charities.

We do think, indeed, and have always thought, that, something might be done to lessen the large number of disappointed candidates, year by year, as in our Masonic Boys' and Girls' Schools.

It has occurred to us, that, the managing committee might have power to select from those candidates, year by year, [who have failed twice, and whose candidature is feebly supported, a certain proportion of "cases of urgency," and place them on the roll of the school or the charity.

Beyond this we do not well see, what can be really done without seriously affecting the very existence of the charities themselves.

We have said all this, having considered the question very carefully for many years, and we feel certain that, with all due deference to others, we are right in deprecating hasty changes and unpractical interference with the working of our great and valuable charitable institutions.

But whatever we do, now and hereafter, let us keep clear of "sensationalism" in charitable questions and work. Let us seek to look at all these questions in a calm and kindly frame of mind, remembering that our endeavours should not be directed to carry out particular views, but to advance the cause of true charity, and to benefit our fellow man.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday, 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. the Rev. John Huyske occupied the Z. chair, Comp. R. Hamilton the H. chair, and Comp. Murray the J. chair. Comps. John Hervey, S.E.; W. Pulteney Scott, N.; John B. Monckton, P.S.; Col. Whitwell, First A.; W. Glaisher, Second A.; were in their places, and the following companions were also present:— John Whichcord, D.C.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Prin. S.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.S.B.; N. Bradford, P.G.D.C.; Benjamin Head, P.G.S.B.; H. Browse, P.G.S.N.; C. A. Murton, P.G.A.S.; E. S. Snell, P.G.S.B.; Major J. Creaton, P.G.S.B.; G. Campion, Z. 19; John Boyd, P.Z. 145; Joshua Nunn, P.G.D.C.; J. Bellerby, P.Z. 164; H. G. Russ; Joseph Dixon, P.Z. 271; H. Radcliffe, P.Z. 11; H. Massey, Z. 619; Thomas Cubitt, Z. 177; A. A. Richards, Z. 8; J. A. Rucker, H. 12; S. G. Foxall, P.Z. 382; A. A. Pendlebury, P.Z. 1056; F. B. Davage, P.Z. 185; F. Adlard, P.Z. 214; and S. L. Tomkins, P.G.P.S.

Comp. Hervey read the minutes of the Quarterly Convocation of August, which were put and confirmed, and Comp. W. Pulteney Scott then moved, and Comp. Joshua Nunn seconded, "That the report of the Committee of General Purposes be taken as read" and "received, and entered on the minutes."

The motions were carried. The following is the report:— To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 16th July, to the 14th October, 1873, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance 16th July.....	£462	14	8
„ Subsequent Receipts .....	245	7	6
	£708	2	2
By Disbursements during the Quarter .....	£158	6	10
„ Balance.....	549	15	4
	£708	2	2

which balance is in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., Bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. Henry Radcliffe, as Z; Charles Fish, as H.; Henry John Reynolds, as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Regularity, No. 91, London, to be called "The Chapter of Regularity," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

2nd. From Comps. Nicholas James West, as Z.; John Coombe, as H.; John Pearce Smith, as J.; and eleven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, Hayle, to be called "The Hayle Chapter," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, Hayle, Cornwall.

3rd. From Comps. Lieut. Col. Francis Burdett, as Z.; Robert Wentworth Little, as H.; Frederick Davison, as J.; and nine others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, Hampton Court, to be called "The Burdett Chapter," and to meet at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, Middlesex.

4th. From Comps. Samuel Gover Foxall, as Z.; Antonio John Codner, as H.; James John Pope, as J.; and eight others, for a chapter to be attached to the St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305, St. John's Wood, to be called "The St. Marylebone Chapter," and to meet at the British Stores, New Street, St. John's Wood, St. Marylebone, Middlesex.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee regret to have again to report the violation of the regulations by two Chapters, the St. John's Chapter, No. 80, Sunderland, and the Stamford Chapter, No. 1045, Altrincham,

having each exalted a companion within the period prescribed by the Royal Arch Regulations Article 23, page 20, edition 1869. In their last report the Committee had to direct the attention of Grand Chapter to the fact of their having considered it necessary to endeavour to check a growing evil by the infliction of a fine of three guineas on the offending chapter, as reprimands alone appeared to be of no avail. In the present instance the cases are not so flagrant, but the Committee have deemed it their duty to inflict a fine in each case of two pounds, they have also ordered the two companions to be respectively re-obligated, the issue of the certificates to be suspended until that has taken place, and been duly certified, and that the Principals of each chapter be reprimanded, and ordered to be more careful in future.

The following notice of motion has been given by Comp. Edward S. Snell, P.G. Sword Bearer:—

"That the meetings of Grand Chapter in future be held at eight o'clock, instead of seven o'clock, as at present."

(Signed) W. PULTENEY SCOTT.

President

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

15th October, 1873.

The recommendations of the Committee that the petitions for the new chapters be granted having been agreed to,

Comp. Scott said, he had nothing further to trouble the Grand Chapter with but the subject of the violation of Grand Chapter Regulations by chapters at Sunderland and Altrincham, Exalting brethren within the time appointed by Grand Chapter was a breach of the regulations, he was sorry to say, of very frequent occurrence, and the Committee had again found it necessary to impose fines on the offending chapters. He stated this merely for the information of Grand Chapter, and he hoped that Grand Chapter would disseminate the resolution it had come to, so as to prevent a repetition of the offence.

Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn enquired whether the Principals of the offending chapters were summoned before the Committee.

Comp. Scott said that the fullest enquiries were always made by correspondence.

Comp. H. Browse also informed Comp. Martyn that the Principals were not summoned, but they were communicated with, and had every opportunity given them of justifying their acts.

Comp. Scott: And of appealing if they thought proper.

Comp. Browse added that the offence committed was much on the increase, and the Committee had inflicted a fine to stop it.

Comp. John Hervey, with reference to the remark of Comp. Browse, that there was an opportunity given for justification, said that there was no justification. A chapter in the return it made to Grand Chapter of the brethren exalted, named the day on which the exaltation took place. In the return to Grand Lodge, of brethren raised to the third degree, the day of raising was also named; so that the times of raising and exaltation were put beyond the possibility of question. There was no opportunity for explanation why a discrepancy appeared, and no chapter could justify its breach of the regulations. Grand Chapter laid it down distinctly what time should elapse between a raising and an exaltation, and chapters were called upon to conform to these regulations.

The following letter was read by Comp. Hervey from Lord de Tabley in explanation of his non-attendance.

"I very much regret that absence from London will prevent my attendance in Grand Chapter on the 5th November. Pray make my excuses to the companions, and believe me,

"Yours truly and fraternally,

WARREN DE TABLEY."

Comp. E. S. Snell, on bringing forward his motion "That the meetings of Grand Chapter in future be held at 8 o'clock, instead of 7 o'clock, as at present" said that when the alteration of the hour of meeting in Grand Lodge from 8 to 7 was made, the reasons were strong and powerful; but with regard to Grand Chapter the same reasons did not hold. Grand Chapter was never detained so long in transacting its business

as Grand Lodge, and had it not been for his motion this evening, the business of Grand Chapter would have been concluded in half an hour. He hoped the companions would agree with him that meeting at 7 o'clock was most unfortunate and awkward. Many companions like himself, could not leave business in time to dine and dress and come down to Grand Chapter by seven. He thought that eight o'clock would be more suitable, and that more companions, would be got together at that hour than at seven.

Comp. S. L. Tomkins seconded the motion. He represented a class which would be considerably benefited by the proposed alteration. Where men's business hours were from nine or ten till five, it took an hour later to finish up for the day; and if Grand Chapter met at seven, there was not sufficient time left for companions to dine and dress before they reached it. He himself had to apologise for not being dressed then; if Grand Chapter met at eight this would be remedied. When Grand Lodge met at eight the discussions were frequently kept up till eleven o'clock, and brethren could not get away in time for their late trains. But Grand Chapter had much less business to transact, and companions would be able to get off in plenty of time for such trains.

Comp. John B. Monckton felt that there was nothing to be added to the able arguments which had been adduced in favor of the change proposed, and he begged to support the proposition.

Comp. S. Rawson proposed as an amendment "That Grand Chapter meet at half-past five," which would enable Companions to attend Grand Chapter before they dined.

Comp. Major J. Creaton seconded the amendment. He thought half-past five would be much more convenient, on this principle, that they would be following as much as possible the example of private lodges and chapters, which did their work first and dined afterwards.

Comp. H. Radcliffe would be happy to vote for the amendment. He did not agree with Comp. Monckton that the arguments in favour of an eight o'clock assembling were strong; he thought them very weak. It would be far better to go to business first and dine after.

On a division being taken, 16 companions voted for the amendment, and 12 against it.

Before the amendment was put as an original motion,

Comp. H. Radcliffe suggested that the hour of half-past five should be tried for a twelvemonth, to see whether the attendance of companions was more numerous than at present.

Comp. Joshua Nunn thought the change was a move in the right direction. In Masonry, generally, business was transacted first; and in Grand Lodge of England it would be far better for those who spoke, and for those who unfortunately had to listen, if they dined after business. Half-past five would suit provincial companions just as well, because if they came up to town they could not go back the same night, and they would have an opportunity of visiting places of amusement after Grand Chapter was over.

Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn said he agreed with Comp. Nunn. He was obliged to stay in town a night when he came up to Grand Chapter, because his train left London at half-past four; and Comp. Huyshe was even worse off than that. If Grand Chapter met at half-past five, the companions from the country would have an opportunity of visiting their friends after Grand Chapter was over.

A division was then taken, when there appeared

For the amendment, as an original motion .....	19
Against.....	11
Majority for meeting at half-past five.....	8

Comp. Browne asked whether next Quarterly Convocation would be called for half-past five.

Comp. John Hervey said no, the minutes of this evening must be confirmed before that could take place.

Grand Chapter was then closed and adjourned till the first Wednesday in February, 1874.

#### MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

A meeting of the second series of the Mark Benevolent Association in London, was held at the Essex Head, Essex Street, Strand, on Monday last, when Bro. Meggy presided, and before proceeding with the business of the association, worked the ceremony of advancement in his usual admirable style. The following brethren also attended, S. Rosenthal, H. F. Binckes, E. Harris, C. Hammerton, C. J. Sparks, G. Barlow, A. D. Loewenstark, Charles Horsley, Charles Allen, B. H. Mallam, James Mander, I. J. H. Wilkins, F. Binckes, Hyde Pullen, R. Wentworth Little, and H. Massey.

The object of the association is very well known. By payment of a shilling per week, the contributor is entitled to take part in a ballot for a Life Governorship of one of the three Masonic Charities, and if the ballot is in his favour, has the liberty of choosing of which of the Institutions he will be a Life Governor. The association endures for 210 weeks, and the first series having completed its term, is now exhausted. This, the second series, is therefore established on the same principle.

The business of the first meeting of the second series having been completed, the brethren sat down to supper; but it was announced by Bro. Meggy, that the other meetings would be held in different quarters of the town, to give brethren living in all parts, the opportunity of attending without inconvenience. Bro. Meggy's exertions on behalf of the Charitable Institutions having been very great, it was deemed to be only a proper acknowledgment of his services, to present him with a testimonial, and this took the form of a handsome jewel. At the supper Bro. F. Binckes presided, and in presenting the jewel to Bro. Meggy.

Bro. Binckes said that the exertions of Bro. Meggy were very well known wherever Masonry was known, because his good deeds and activity were not confined to any particular sphere. He had known him advocate the great cause of Masonic Charity by sending his missives all over the world. Wherever there was the work to be performed, Bro. Meggy was always prepared to do it. Duty was his great guiding star, and Bro. Meggy had always been ready to discharge his duty. He had been the originator of one very successful association like the present in connection with the Mark Degree. Several brethren had through it been recipients of its benefits, benefits which they would not have received but for Bro. Meggy, and great credit was due to him for his untiring perseverance and his devotion to the great cause of Masonic Charity. Life governorships were by this means easily obtainable by brethren. By a small weekly contribution they were able to do in time what the more affluent did at once. The brethren who believed they could do nothing for the Charities were shown that it was in their power to forward the great object which Masons had at heart. No matter how little a man contributed; if he contributed his mite only, it was a positive proof that he regarded the obligation he came under at his initiation. These associations had done an immense amount of good, and one of them having been worked out, testified that they were successful. On the present occasion certain brethren were anxious to show Bro. Meggy that they appreciated his efforts in aiding Masonic Charity, and they presented him with a jewel, which would remind him that they were not forgetful of his services. He was sure that in placing that mark of his brethren's affection on his (Bro. Meggy's) breast Bro. Meggy would not regard merely the pecuniary value of the jewel, but only as it exhibited the sentiments by which his brethren were actuated. With the jewel he hoped Bro. Meggy would receive the hearty and sincere thanks of the brethren for what he had hitherto done, and their best wishes for his future happiness and prosperity.

Bro. Meggy in reply said he fully appreciated the great kindness of the brethren and the good feeling shown by Bro. Binckes in the address he had just delivered. He felt that Bro. Binckes had said more of him than he deserved, but he was deeply impressed with his observations. Of what he had done for Masonry he could only say he had

endeavoured to make himself a true Mason and to promote the cause of Charity. It was the great standpoint of Masonry to help their fellow creatures, and there were of course various ways of doing it. He was pleased to find what he had done in that way had met with the approbation of his brethren. When he undertook to form these associations, he did not expect that he would meet with such high approbation; but he nevertheless could not refuse to accept their acknowledgment of his poor services when it was so kindly offered. He required no such acknowledgment to spur him in his work, and he would always be ready to continue it. He had not expected the great success which had attended these associations, but he was now convinced that though they had been a marvel to himself they might be continued with equal prosperity. He agreed with Bro. Binckes, that every one might contribute something, and he should endeavour to impress that fact on the minds of the brethren.

Bro. R. Wentworth Little, responded for "The Masonic Charities," and in an able speech showed what an immense amount of good they had been the means of doing. All the Masonic Institutions worked together in great harmony, and if there was any rivalry between them, it was only that honest rivalry which was shown in trying which could do the most good. He spoke in the highest terms of the efforts of Bro. Binckes to promote the cause of charity even before he became Secretary of the Boys' School, and he thanked him for the interest he had exhibited in the Girls' School, of which he (Bro. Little) was Secretary. The usefulness of all the institutions was being very much extended, and though the Masonic Order was making such marvellous strides, the institutions were keeping pace with the extension of Masonry, and would always show themselves worthy of any support which might be given to them.

After some other speeches had been delivered, the brethren separated.

#### RELATIONS OF STS. JOHN TO FREE-MASONRY.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON

(Continued from page 724.)

Now, there are two conflicting statements pervading those legends. Some claim that lodges were dedicated to *both saints*, since their own time, while others attribute the origin of dedication to *the Baptist only*, since the Crusades. Both ideas cannot be true, but both may be false. The question, then, is: How far back can the existence of these legends be traced with certainty?

For ascertaining this I have waded through more books than those enumerated in Bro. Pierson's preface, and, without consulting Calmet, I venture to assert that Father Calmet never said that the Baptist was a "Freemason." This is doubtless, an interpolation of Bro. Pierson, or of some former luminary. Briefly, then, I have searched through ecclesiastical histories, encyclopedias, lives of saints, and books devoted to evidences of Christianity, including Dr. N. Lardner's work of "Jewish and Heathen Testimonies," but could find nowhere any testimony of either Christian, Jew, or heathen, in relation to the Saints or Saint John being a Freemason, and as it seems impossible that such an event as the Evangelist's Masonry could have escaped the notice of all early writers, I must come to the conclusion that St. John knew as much of Masonry as the man in the moon.

But Bro. Pierson is certain that the traditions were believed by the Craft in the fifteenth century. Fortunately, we have the Halliwell poem, and the Strasburg Constitution of 1456. The former contains legends about Euclid, Atheistac, Nabogodonozor, Noah, etc., but no allusion to the Saints John. Each of these documents contain an invocation to the Godhead, the Virgin, and the "four holy crowned martyrs." These martyrs, then, were the patron saints of both English and German Masons in the fifteenth century, and *not the Sts. John*.

Having examined all the existing authorities

before the Reformation, it is now necessary to say something about *Patron Saints*. Catholics entertain a notion that every society should enrol itself under the protection of some saint. Usually saints were selected who were, in this world, of the trade or of the society or sodality whom they were to be patrons of. The "four martyrs," the poem says, were "architects, and gravers of images, too." This, however, was not always adhered to; for instance, the Baptist was the patron saint of the London tailors and drapers, without pretending that he ever handled a tailor's goose or shears, or had ever presided over an assembly as a Grand Master Tailor.

The idea of a patron saint, among Catholics, is that of a celestial ambassador, who, for the honor of the appointment, is expected to keep an eye, or both eyes, open to watch over the welfare of the sodality who chose him for that office, and also to facilitate the entrance into Paradise of its departed members, and give them a comfortable place. Now this idea was rejected by the first Protestants. Hence, the first Masonic document written by a Protestant, viz. Matthew Cooke's MS. is minus the invocation, both of the "Virgin Mary" and of "the four martyrs." This author extended the history of the Craft to Enoch, and introduced a great many personages in it not found in older MSS., including St. Alban, but makes no mention of Saints or Saint John, or any kind of a patron saint. The same may be said of those MSS. lately published by Bro. Hughan, which were, no doubt, the rituals of the pre-1717 Masons; the oldest, probably, was written in the latter half of the sixteenth century and the latest in 1714, and though each gives the history of the Craft from Enoch, they are all silent about St. John, or patron saints of any kind.

Three pre-1717 lodge records, however, do make mention of patron saints: 1st Aberdeen Lodge in 1670, revered the Evangelist as its patron; 2nd. Kilwinning Lodge, in the seventeenth century, held its meeting on the 20th December, and in 1679, it resolved hereafter to hold its festival on the 21st of December, this being St. Thomas's day; and in 1701, Alnwick Lodge, Northumberland, it is stated, revered St. Michael, the Archangel, as its patron. We do not, however, know in what year these respective appointments were made. But the mere acknowledgement by a solitary lodge of one St. John as its patron, does not necessarily imply its belief of its patron having been a veritable Grand Master, or even a Mason. This has already been shown in the case of the London Tailors *versus* Baptist, and may further be illustrated by Alnwick Lodge, who, though it revered St. Michael as its patron, yet it could never have supposed that the Archangel had ever handled chisel or mallet, that he had ever decorated himself with white apron and gloves, or that he had ever wielded the gavel as Grand Master of Masons.

Thus far, then, no evidence exists to sustain the Sts. John legend, or that Masons have dedicated lodges to both Sts. John, or indeed, of having dedicated lodges at all. The inference, therefore is, that the said legends were invented by very modern Masonic humbugs. They manufactured them not because of the old Catholic belief, to induce the saints to take an interest in the welfare of the Craft, and to furnish its members with comfortable quarters in the next world, but to afford the *pious ones* a pretext to rant and rant in Masonic meetings about what they call "Christianity;" to mar the harmony of the lodge, and to destroy the universality of the institution.

I next examined Anderson's and Desagulier's Constitutions of 1721, 1723, and 1738. Anderson began the practice of dedicating lodges to the Baptist.\* He also enjoined the observance of the St. John's days by Masons. He also manufactured the story of Masons having met in 1502 on the Baptist's day; and in 1561, Elizabeth ordered the breaking up of a lodge in York on the Evangelist's day, and in 1663, the

\*Webb, in 1805, dedicated his lodges to the Baptist only, and still another Monitor, of 1812, mentions also the Baptist only at the dedication.

Grand Lodge, under G. M. St. Alban's, also met on the Evangelist's day; all which is purely apocryphal. Anderson had no authority whatever for those statements. The same Anderson also enumerates all the Grand Masters, Wardens, and Deputies from Adam up to his own time, which is also fictitious; and yet, though he made every prominent man from the creation, into a Masonic Grand of some kind, he never alluded to the St. John's, as either having been G. Masters or even simple Masons.

I next perused the several works written in the last century by the most distinguished English Masonic authors, viz: "The Freemason's Pocket Companion" (both English and Scotch editions), Dermott's "Ahiman Rezon," Preston, Smith, Calcott, Hutchinson, and every publication I could find in the Massachusetts Grand Lodge Library, or that I could obtain elsewhere. The first six authors named all give the early history of the Craft, or make profound comments (Masonic fashion) on the early history of Masonry; but I could never find a solitary author of the last century who knew of the St. John's ever having been either Grand Masters or Masons.

Hutchinson says: "In modern Masonry it is given as a principle why our dedication of lodges is made to St. John, that the Masons who engaged to conquer the Holy Land chose that saint for their patron;" and he continues: "We should be sorry to appropriate the Balsarian sect of Christians to St. John as an explanation of this principle;" and then goes on; "St. John obtains our dedication [not because he learned to eat dates among the Essenes, but] as being the proclaimer of that salvation which was at hand by the coming of Christ \* \* \* and in the name of St. John the Evangelist we acknowledge [not that he was G. M. when upwards of 90, but] the testimonies which he gives to the divine *logos*, etc." Here then, we see that Hutchinson, in 1775, knew nothing at all about the Masonry of the Saints. One remark more about Hutchinson; he objects to the theory of the Masons in the Holy Land having introduced the Baptist as the patron saint, on account of his reluctance "to appropriate the Balsarian sect of Christians to St. John." What he meant by it is more than I can tell, as I do not believe that "the Balsarian sect of Christians" ever existed at all; it is a bull, and yet that paragraph was quoted by Oliver, and probably by others, without stopping to inquire who the Balsarians were.

I next obtained Thomas Smith Webb's Monitor of 1805, (the first of Webb's Monitors dates 1797). Here I found for the first time in print, the Saints John Masonized; he says they (the saints) were parallels in Masonry as well as Christianity, or *vice versa*; but even Webb was ignorant of the cock-and-bull story so pathetically related in our lodges, of the Evangelist becoming Grand Master when upwards of ninety years of age.

I next consulted another Monitor, published in Salem, Mass., in 1822, in which I learned no more about the Saints John than Webb gave. Next, I inquired of a brother who was initiated in Massachusetts in 1821, and who very soon after his initiation took office in the lodge, and made himself well acquainted with the ritual; that brother assured me that the delectable story of the Evangelist's Grand Mastership was unknown to him for some years after his initiation.

And last, when I acquainted Bro. W. S. Gardner, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts, with the result of my inquiry, Bro. Gardner (who was certainly the best informed Grand Master that Massachusetts had had during the last 30 years, remarked "I have not the slightest doubt that the story of the Evangelist's Grand Mastership was manufactured, either at the very close of the last century, or the beginning of this."

The truth is, Anderson first began the practice of dedicating lodges to St. John the Baptist, and the Baptist only. Ramsay, in 1735, jumped therefore to the conclusion that the Masons must have been formerly connected with the Templars, from whom they borrowed the Baptist as a Patron Saint, and this led Ramsay to manufacture Templar degrees, etc. Hutchinson, in 1775,

discarded the theory of Masons having derived their Patron Saint from the Templars, and candidly admitted that lodges are dedicated to the Sts. John on account of their having propagated Christianity. Dunckerley afterward manufactured the symbol of the "parallel lines," when he for the first time Masonized the saints, which Webb afterward copied into his Monitor.

This continued effort to Christianize Masonry doubtless created discontent among the then Jewish Masons. To be sure Christian Masonic luminaries then, as well as now, did not care, or trouble themselves about Masonic consistency, but I am also satisfied that, though some of the fraternity at that time were bigots, there were also others who were disposed to preserve Masonry, not for the benefit of sects, but for *mankind*. For instance, Preston excluded Christian prayers from his system, and in 1813, the Grand Lodge of England itself abolished the keeping of saints' days, and of dedicating lodges to saints. It was about the period when these conflicting ideas agitated the minds of the active members of the Craft, or as Bro. Gardner thinks, either the latter part of the last, or the beginning of this century. About that time, a Masonic quack invented the fable of the St. John's Grand Mastership. This fable is as greedily seized by the Godly St. John day lecturers of the Pierson kind; it was voraciously swallowed by the pious noodles, and it was welcomed by the conservatives; a class who think more of *expediency* than *principle*, and who will not scruple to resort to the meanest dodges and quibbles in order to stop all kinds of reform. They welcomed the fable, imagining that it would serve as a soothing balm to allay the irritated conscience of the Jewish Masons. So that their future grumbling about the violation of the promises received at their initiation might be answered, as Bro. Mackay really did afterwards answer, "We do not dedicate lodges to the Saints John because they were Christian saints, but because they were eminent *Masons*." This, however, did not satisfy the Jews, and the result was, in 1813, Dr. Flemming, an English clergyman, when ordered to revise the ritual, abolished the practice of dedicating lodges to the Saints John, and the Grand Lodge discontinued observing the saints' days as Masonic festivals.

Having proved that our Masonic legend mongers are either a pack of credulous and ignorant scribblers, or totally void of the principles of truth, honour, and justice, I shall here only add that the obstinate retention of those *pious frauds* in our ritual by our Grand Lodge luminaries, in spite of all demonstrations and remonstrances, must certainly tend ere long, to arouse an indignant contempt for the Masonic institution, both among Jewish Masons and the better minded portion of the Christian community.

PRESENTATION TO A BROTHER.—Last Friday evening, at the conclusion of a successful benefit entertainment for Bro. Sam. Hague, proprietor of the "Hague Minstrels" who then completed the third year of uninterrupted and genuine success at St. James's Hall, Liverpool, the whole of his company were entertained by him to a magnificent supper at his residence. During the evening, Bro. T. D. Fenner, Stage Manager, and interlocutor on behalf of the whole company, presented Bro. Hague with a splendid sterling silver tea and coffee service, and claret jug, cup, &c., as a token of the esteem in which he is held as an enterprising manager and a thorough gentleman. Bro. Fenner also presented Mrs. Hague with a very handsome silver cup. Bro. Hague feelingly acknowledged the gifts, and assured every member of his troupe that he would strive to retain their esteem, and provide entertainments which would be worthy the support of the public.

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## Original Correspondence.

## "FREEMASONRY:—ITS SYMBOLISM, RELIGIOUS NATURE, AND LAW OF PERFECTION."

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you permit me to say a few words in your paper with reference to a review which appeared in the November number of the *Masonic Magazine*, of my recently published work, "Freemasonry: its Symbolism, Religious Nature, and Law of Perfection." I do not complain of the review, I am far from having any reason to do so. If it had been a severe cutting up of my book, I would not have complained, unless in case of manifest unfairness. But this is far from being the case. The review is evidently written in a fair and brotherly spirit, and I have to thank the writer of it for a meed of praise even beyond my expectation. But although, perhaps, the reviewer may be right in thinking that I have undertaken too wide a field, I cannot agree with him in deeming the Religious Nature of Freemasonry and its Law of perfection subjects not cognate to that of Masonic Symbolism, which occupies the greater portion of the work, nor in thinking that Jewish Symbolism is a subject not much to the point in a Masonic treatise on Masonic Symbolism. According to the tradition of our Order, we derive our Freemasonry from the ancient Jews; and many of the most familiar Masonic symbols have reference to things Jewish, so that it seemed and still seems to me, that some account of Jewish Symbolism is a proper introduction to the study of Masonic Symbolism. But this is of little consequence. If I have erred in making the book a little larger than it needed to have been, by a few chapters on a subject which it was not necessary for me to treat of, the reader who does not care for it may pass them over. As to the religious nature of Freemasonry, I hold that subject to be most intimately connected with its symbolism, for the doctrines of religion are inwrought into the whole system of Masonic Symbolism. And as to the Masonic Law of Perfection, that physical perfection which is required in candidates for admission into the Masonic Order, is itself symbolical of the moral perfection which it is the great aim of Freemasonry to promote. Thus in writing of Masonic Symbolism, I felt it impossible to avoid these subjects.

I must beg leave also to say that I cannot admit the soundness of my reviewer's criticism of my explanation of the Pentalfa, when he says "He confounds the Pentalfa or Pentacle as it is sometimes called," (Pentacle, I suspect being a misprint for Pentagah,) "with Solomon's Seal, though afterwards adopted by the Christians, and Solomon's Seal, was the double triangle, the well known symbol of our Royal Arch." I have not confounded the Pentalfa with Solomon's Seal, but have merely mentioned the old legend of its having been the device engraved on Solomon's Seal, and also on the foundation stone of his Temple, without expressing any opinion as to its truth. When the reviewer goes on to say, "it is somewhat strange that Bro. Paton apparently altogether ignores the double triangle, though it is really one of the earliest of our Masonic Symbols, and was even used as a Mark," I must say that I differ from him as to its having ever been used as a mark. Every Freemason knows that a Masonic mark must have an odd number of points, as the Pentalfa has, whereas the double triangle has an even number, six. And however early may have been the use of the double triangle as a Masonic Symbol, it has never, that I am aware, been received as a symbol of Craft Masonry, which alone is acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and universally throughout the world. It is a symbol of Royal Arch Masonry, but as the reader will find stated in my book, I have strictly limited myself, in my explanation of Masonic Symbols, to those of Craft Masonry.

I cannot conclude without again expressing my sense of the kind treatment which I have received from the reviewer of my book, for the acknowledgment of the book as the fullest work on Masonic Symbolism which has yet appeared,

as well as of the encouragement the reviewer gives me to proceed in a design, which I have long entertained, of pursuing the subject through that department of which he points out the omission, the History or Archæology of Masonic Symbolism. But I know that the subject is a difficult one, and that much laborious research would be necessary. If I can find time for the work, I hope to enter upon it.

I am Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

CHALMERS I. PATON.

## SPIRITUALISM.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Keet, has an easy way of disposing of facts of which he happens to be uncognisant, and which he therefore deems incredible. He assumes the thing in dispute, and concludes that he has disposed of it. Shakspeare has made Hamlet speak of the "undiscovered country" as "that bourne whence no traveller returns." Is Bro. Keet willing to take Shakspeare as arbitrator? Will he, on this and on all other questions, take the authority of Shakspearian against all other authorities, and against the individual experience, and recorded testimony of millions of persons, who, if not, Shaksperes, include some of the greatest scientists of Europe and America; and does he believe that any one who dissents from that authority has "fallen into the grave of superstition?" But if Shaksperian authority is enough, we claim it on our behalf. That Shakspeare believed in Spiritual manifestations is testified to by many passages in his writings; nay, Hamlet himself is not made to believe that the undiscovered country is "that bourne whence no traveller returns," for he had previously been satisfied that he had seen and conversed with the disembodied spirit of his father. He was satisfied that it was no illusion, for he exclaims, on the ghost's parting injunction to remember him—"remember thee? yes, from the table of my memory I'll wipe away all trivial fond records, all saws of books, all forms, all pressures past that youth and observation copied there, and thy commandment all alone shall live within the book and volume of my brain, unmixed with baser matter: yes, by Heaven!" The truth seems to be, that Hamlet is made to appear so far the victim of prejudice, that he occasionally resists the evidence of his senses, and utters thoughts which his reason repudiates. There are Hamlets in these our days, as sceptical and as inconsistent as was the Prince of Denmark.

As I do not pretend, like Bro. Keet, to possess knowledge of all things "possible," I shall not presume to discuss with him, whether "spirits in the flesh, can communicate from one part of the earth to another," without an electric cable. I am ready to accept any new discovery, on adequate evidence, but not to pronounce a thing, of which I know nothing, to be "more possible" than something which I do know.

Will Bro. Keet kindly inform me where I can find it recorded, that investigations into spiritualism which have taken place have produced no satisfactory result, simply, according to the spiritualists, because the persons present were sceptical?

WILLIAM CARPENTER.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF FIFE. CONSECRATION OF A LODGE AT CROSSGATES.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Fife and Kinross was held at Crossgates, by Dunfermline, on the 5th inst., for the purpose of consecrating the Lodge of St. John, Crossgates, No. 540. It is only of recent date that the spirit of Freemasonry began to show itself in the locality; but the increase of membership has been so rapid that already even the local Order is regarded as an "institution," and with a view of giving *éclat* to this occasion, business seemed, as it were, for the nonce suspended. The brethren belonging to Crossgates assembled about ten o'clock, and walked in procession to the station to await the arrival of the trains bearing deputations, invited from such lodges in

Edinburgh, Perth, and Dundee, &c., as might make it convenient to attend. The various trains having arrived, it was evident that the Fraternity from other quarters was to be well represented, and that, with the crowd which had assembled, the display altogether would be worth witnessing. The procession having been formed under the direction of Wm. Bryce, Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, took its way to M'Lean's Hall, in the village, where the business of the day was to be transacted. All along the route large groups were assembled here and there, who lustily cheered as the procession passed along. Having reached the place of meeting, which was neatly decorated with Masonic emblems and mottoes, enhancing the effect of the glittering costumes of the brethren themselves, no time was lost in putting the local lodge and deputations in working order. A raised platform at one end of the room was occupied by the following members of the Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges:—John Whyte-Melville, P.G.M.; J. T. Oswald, S.P.G.M.; Captain Lindsay, Acting S.P.G.W.; Rev. David Rose, Ferryport-on-Craig, Acting Grand Chaplain; P. H. Pagan, P.G. Secretary; and W. M. Bryce, Acting P.G. Tyler. The other lodges represented, giving the names of the Right Worshipful Masters, or their deputies, were:—No. 5, Leith and Canongate (*vice versa*), Wm. Kelly and R. Wooley. No. 19, St. John's Cupar, John Hood, R.W.M. No. 26, St. John's Dunfermline; R. Lindsay, R.W.M. No. 250, Union, Dunfermline; John Stewart, R.W.M. 400, Duncarn, Burntisland; T. Hutchison, R.W.M.; No. 468, Oswald of Dummickier, A. Galloway, R.W.M. No. 532, Rothes, Leslie; and other visiting brethren from Innerkeithing, and even No. 382, Kirkwall Kilwinning, which, with the members of the local lodge, increased the number of Freemasons present to close on 300.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, and Bro. Whyte-Melville, the P.G.M., on whom the duty of consecrating the lodge devolved, having stated why he had called the present lodge, the charter granted by the Grand Lodge was read by the P.G. Secretary, which, having been considered, was sustained; and after all the usual and necessary forms, ceremonies, and solemnities, the Lodge St. John, Crossgates, was declared regularly consecrated. The various office-bearers were then installed as follows:—Henry Cook, R.W.M.; John Paterson, S.W.; Thomas Muir Long, D.M.; Thomas Campbell, S.W.; Alex. M'Lean, J.W.; Walter Beveridge, Treasurer; Andrew W. Cowen, Sec.; William Reid, S.D.; Wm. Sharp, J.D.; Andrew Campbell, Inner Guard; David Robertson, Tyler; W. Spence, S.S.D.; James Brand, Chaplain, &c. Each office-bearer having been invested with the jewel of his office, and the P.G.M. having complimented them on the progress they had made, Bro. Cook, R.W.M., in appropriate terms, warmly acknowledged the obligation his lodge and himself were under to the R.W.P.M., and the various officers of Grand Lodge, for their attendance, and the admirable and impressive manner in which the consecration had been conducted, and the several office-bearers installed. He also thanked the deputations for their attendance.

The lodge was then duly closed, and the principal business of the day having thus been accomplished, the brethren were again marshalled by Bro. Bryce, who handed some of the jewels and "valuables" belonging to Grand Lodge to the most deserving office-bearers, in token of the progress they had made in the "ancient, high, and honourable art," and the whole body again walked in procession through the village and neighbourhood.

After perambulating the place to the lively strains of the band for fully an hour, the company returned to the hall, where a Masonic banquet was held in honour of the occasion—the P.G.M. presiding. After doing ample justice to the repast, numerous appropriate and complimentary toasts were given and responded to. Loyalty was duly expressed, as was also patriotism; and the other toasts were much of the usual post-prandial character. Having spent a harmonious and happy afternoon, the company separated after the manner of Freemasons—

"Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

It is hardly necessary to say that the brethren were highly gratified with the excellent arrangements and work performed under the direction of P.G.M. Whyte-Melville, whose devotion to the Order is well known and highly appreciated by all Freemasons.

In the evening a ball was given in the hall, when good fellowship was observed—the old maxim of the Order "We meet on the level, and part on the square," was evidently not forgotten by the brethren present. Everything went on successfully, and the "Guy Fawkes' day" of 1873, will we are sure, be long remembered in and about Crossgates.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire Freemasons held their annual meeting on Wednesday the 5th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, Market-place, Derby. The attendance was not so large as usual.

The lodge was opened at 2.30 by Bro. H. C. Okeover, D.P.G.M., in form, prayer being offered up by Bro. the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, M.A., Vicar of Wormhill, Buxton, R.D., and Provincial Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the two previous Grand Lodges were read and confirmed. The Worshipful Masters of the numerous lodges read their annual reports, from which it appeared that Masonry had very much increased during the past year.

The Masonic Hall Committee presented their report, which was adopted.

Bro. T. Cox was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

A proposition was made that a sum of £250 be transferred from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Derbyshire Masonic Hall fund.

On the motion of Bro. J. CROSSLEY, P.P.G. S.W., seconded by Bro. the Rev. A. A. BAGSHAWE, P.G. Chaplain, the sum of £250 was unanimously adopted.

The Acting Grand Master then appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—

- Rev. A. A. Bagshawe..... Prov. G. S.W.
- G. Hazlehurst ..... Prov. G. J.W.
- Rev. M. H. Middleton ..... Prov. G. Chaplain.
- J. M. Moore ..... Prov. G. R.
- J. D. Calder ..... Prov. G. S.D.
- S. Whitehead ..... Prov. G. J.D.
- J. L. Gibbon ..... Prov. G. S. of W.
- W. H. Marsden ..... Prov. G. Sec.
- Milligan ..... Prov. G. D.C.
- P. G. Hammond ..... Prov. G. A.D.C.
- Allen ..... Prov. G. Organist.
- Simpson ..... Prov. G. S.B.
- J. Pym ..... Prov. G. P.
- G. Staley ..... Prov. G. S.B.
- T. Slinn ..... Prov. G. Tyler.
- Thos. Merry ..... Prov. G. Steward.
- G. Woodiwise ..... " " "
- W. C. Watson ..... " " "
- Robinson ..... " " "
- S. Pipes ..... " " "
- J. T. Eaton..... " " "

Amongst those present at the Grand Lodge were the following brethren.—H. C. Okeover, Wm. Naylor, Augustus A. Bagshawe, Wm. H. Marsden, T. A. Jackson, James McAdam, G. H. Sheffield, W. Webb, M.D., J. W. Webster, W. L. Dodd, Geo. Garnham, J. S. Writham, Wm. Welbourn, Thos. Slinn, F. Campion, J. W. Moore, W. M. Hewitt, Geo. Haslehurst, Frank Iliffe, Thomas Horsley, G. T. Wright, J. Kinder, Joseph Pegg, W. H. Burton, Saml. Taylor, R. Waite, J. Hornsey Casson, John Maxwell, John Farnsworth, Jas. D. Calder, Charles Parkin, Fredk. Turner, W. Certes Sugg, M. H. Humphreys, A. W. Brentnall, C. R. Colville, Isaac Bowmer, James Worsnop, Samuel Whitehead, J. H. Jackson, J. Barrowby, B.A., W. Knight, Wm. Brammall, Arthur Strutt, W. C. Watson, Thomas Merry, John Brown, J. C. Merry, Wm. Dawson, Wm. Holmes, Jas. Hindle, Robt. Bindley, E. Grindrod, Geo. Woodiwiss, J. Allen, Walter Loverock, Samuel Pipes, Geo. Pipes, W. E.

Webster, Henry Burn, W. J. Gothard, Thomas Henry Warner, P. J. Hammond, George Sperey, John Hancock, Jos. Pym, D. Douglas, Jos. Fearn, Jonn Nield, James Ollerenshaw, R. Darwin, P.P.I.G.W.

Previous to the assembling of the Grand Lodge, the Hartington Lodge, held at the St. James's Hotel, was consecrated in ancient and solemn form by Bro. Okeover, D.P.G.M., when Bro. the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, P.G.C., delivered a very appropriate oration.

The banquet was held at the St. James's Hotel, at five o'clock in the evening, under the presidency of H. C. Okeover; Bro. the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe being in the vice chair. The usual Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT CROSSHILL, GLASGOW:

Crosshill and Queen's Park, though fashionable suburbs of Glasgow, are not in the County of Lanark, but in the Masonic Province of East Renfrewshire. It having been thought desirable to open a lodge there, for the benefit of those who reside on the south side of the city, Bro. J. D. Parkins, P.M. of 360, with the assistance of Bro. Giles, and Findlater, set about raising a lodge, and in order that it might be completed, they also determined to get up a hall of their own. The labours of the officers for the last few weeks have been unremitting, to get the hall, fitted, painted and decorated, but the *coup d'wil* presented, when it was opened fully repaid them for their trouble. The roof wants a little more attention to make it complete, but with that exception the arrangements were nearly complete. The chairs are massive, and covered with purple. Instead of the usual pedestals in front, they have followed the description of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia by having at the right side a pillar with a wide top representing respectively the Doric Ionic, and Corinthian columns, the centre of the room was covered with crimson cloth, the walls were tastefully draped and ornamented with rosettes and evergreens. The hall is lighted from the roof, and perfectly ventilated. At half-past 4 o'clock Col. Campbell, M.P., P.G.M. of Renfrewshire East, entered the Hall, accompanied by H. Iee Hervey, P.G.D.M.; W. Robertson, P.G.S.M.; O. G. McGregor, P.G.S.W.; J. Caldwell, P.G.J.W.; Jas. B. Lamb, P.G.A.; Rev. Stephen, P.G. Chap.; Alex McLeod, P.G.S.D.; Jas. Buchanan, P.G.S.B.; John Creswick, P.G.M.; and Thos. Bustad, P.G.T. Amongst the visitors we recognised:—J. C. Spiers, Mother Kilwinning No. 10; T. J. Smilie R.W.M. No. 3; J. Miller, R.W.M. 87; A. Burton, R.W.M. 109; J. Thickwood, R.W.M. 157; J. Wilson, R.W.M. 219; G. McNaught, R.W.M. 273; J. Carringham, R.W.M. 357; J. Mere, R.W.M. 390; J. Anderson, R.W.M. 370; J. Miller, R.W.M. 413; J. Walker, R.W.M. 524; and C. Jum, P.M. 2 (I.C.). While the Royal Arch was represented by the following Principals. J. Miller, Z. 50; J. Duthie, P.Z. 67; G. W. Wheeler, H. 73; J. Singleton, P.Z. 87; Thos. Holthet, 113; G. Thollon, Z. 119; and above 200 brethren. The lodge having been opened in due form by the P.G.M. and his Wardens, the P.G. Chap. gave the invocation, the choir sang the Anthem "Ye gates lift up your heads." The P.G.M. then gave an Oration on Masonry, in the course of which he narrated the history of Freemasonry from the early days of Egyptian Masonry, stating that during his recent travelling in Egypt and the East, he was fully convinced that the necessity of organization at the building of the Pyramids and Temples of antiquity had led to the establishment of Masonic Lodges. Let any one stand as he had at the Temple of Avema and gaze at the statues of the gods, cut from the solid rock, with that gracious smile on their faces, as, like our J.W., they sit with their backs to the rays of the sun, and then say that there is nothing in the alleged antiquity of our Order. This old fraternity of Masons had travelled all over Europe, and in our

own land they had left their marks in such places as the old Abbey of Thelwinny and the grand Cathedral of St. Mungo, in Glasgow; the old Masons had done much for the exterior of it and the munificence of Masons and others had now so added to its interior magnificence, that it stands a glorious memorial of the old Masonic art. No one can gaze on the old Masonic piles, and see the Mason marks left on them by the builders of former ages, and then go away and say there is nothing in Masonry, or that it is merely a thing of the present day. But the days of the old operative Masonry are past, and now it is only mural temples that we have to build. These temples are built in our various lodges on the solid foundation of the open volume of the Sacred Law, and on this point he would ask them to bear in mind the grand address given them by their own G.W.M. elect at the first meeting of the lodge. With such a Master, and such principles to guide them, he had no fear for the future prosperity of the *Marie Stuart* Lodge, but was sure that it would prove a blessing, not only to the brethren belonging to it, but to the whole of the inhabitants of Crosshill, and even extend its influence to the City of Glasgow. After the lodge had been properly consecrated, the P.G.M. proceeded to install the following brethren as officers of the lodge: J. D. Porteus, R.W.M.; Wm. Gillies, Depute Master; John Johnston, Substitute Master; J. Brodie, S.W.; W. M. Mason, J.W.; Thos. Renton, Treas.; S. Findlater, Sec.; James Stanning, S.D.; and J. Fraser, J.D. The charge to the Masters was given by the P.G.M. in a masterly style, and with the address to the Wardens and Officers elicited repeated cheers. The newly installed R.W.M. briefly thanked the P.G.M. for his kindness in coming to conduct these ceremonies in person, and requested him to kindly continue to fill the chair during the remainder of the proceedings. Col. Campbell having resumed the chair, the lodge was called from labour to refreshment, in the course of which the R.W.M. proposed "The Prov. Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East," expressing the thanks of the lodge to the brethren, most of whom had come from a considerable distance to assist in these ceremonies, Col. Campbell, M.P., P.G.M. in reply expressed his pleasure and that of the Provincial Grand Lodge at the admirable arrangements that had been made for their comfort, also for that of the numerous brethren, not only from their own Province, but from the Sister Province of Glasgow who had to come to give eclat to the proceeding Masonry, he said, was growing rapidly in his province, this was the seventh lodge he had consecrated in six years, and professed to be one of the best. He would now give, "Success to the Marie Stuart Lodge, with the Health of its First Master. Bro. Porteus in replying invited the Sister Lodges in the Provinces of Glasgow, to visit them when they should be settled down to their usual work. They had till the present been working under a dispensation, and then sickness had been great, but the large attendance to-day he took as a augury of even better things in the future, and it would be the constant care of himself and officer to see that Masonry did not suffer in any way to the establishment of the Maire Stuart. The lodge having been recalled to labour was shortly after closed by the P.G.M. in accordance with ancient custom. The ceremonies were much enhanced by the excellent singing of the brethren who had volunteered to form the choir, amongst who we recognised Bros. Robert Faazer, J. Miller, 250; J. McPhie, R. Robertson, Bolman, R. Seak, and others. Bro. Thompson presided at the Harmonium.

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#### 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 15.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.  
 " 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.  
 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 17.

- Lodge 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.  
 " 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.  
 " 185, Tranquility, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.  
 " 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
 " 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.  
 " 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
 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 18.

- Board of General Purposes at 3.  
 Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern.  
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
 " 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 165, Honour and Generosity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.  
 " 194, St. Pauls, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.  
 " 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
 " 857, St. Marks, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Brixton.  
 " 1441, Ivy, Windsor Castle Hotel, Southwark-bridge-road.  
 Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 " 186, Industry, Freemason's Hall.  
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, (emergency) at 5.  
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 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. Marybone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, November 19.

- General Committee, Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence at 6.  
 Grand Stewards' Lodge.  
 Lodge 144, St. George's Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.  
 " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.  
 " 193, Oak, Freemason's Hall.  
 " 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.  
 " 1044, New Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hotel, New Wandsworth.  
 " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons Hall.  
 " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched-friars.  
 " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton.  
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubit Town.  
 Chap. 127, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.  
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.  
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.  
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.  
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.  
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
 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 20.

- House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 49, Ripon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.  
 " 55, Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.  
 " 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.  
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 " 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's-wood.  
 " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.  
 " 1278, Burdett Coufts, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-road.  
 " 1287, Great Northern, Freemason's Hall, 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 21.

- House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 143.  
 " 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 975, Rose of Denmark, White Heart Hotel, Barnes.  
 " 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Chap. 92, Moria, London Tavern, Bishopsgate street.  
 K.T., Preceptory, Kemneys Tynte, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.  
 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. Muggerridge, 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 Coufts 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 22, 1873.

Monday, November 17.

- Lodge 721, Independence, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.  
 Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.  
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.  
 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 18.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.  
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.  
 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 19.

- Lodge 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
 " 527, Zetland, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 5.  
 " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.  
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree, at 3.  
 Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.  
 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 20.

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.  
 " 1299, Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, at 5.  
 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 21.

- Lodge 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
 Encampment of Jacques de Molay, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 4.  
 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 22, 1873.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, November 17.

- Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-st.  
 St. Mungo Encampment, K.T., 213, Buchanan-street.  
 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 18.  
Lodge 3 1/2, St. John's, St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.  
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.  
" 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.  
" 437, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.  
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 19.  
" 128, St. John, Shettlestone.  
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.  
Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.  
Chap. 113, Partick, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.

Thursday, November 20.  
Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.  
" 36c, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.  
Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.  
Lodge 275, Thistle and Shamrock, 22, Struthers-street.  
Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-street.

Friday, November 21.  
Lodge 408, Clyde, Festival at Assembly-rooms, Bath-st.  
Chap. 109, Sir William Wallace, Cross Keys, Johnstone.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 22, 1873.

Monday, November 17.  
Lodge 44, St. Luke's, Freemason's Hall, George-st., at 8.

Tuesday, November 18.  
Lodge 36, St. David's, Ship Hotel, E. Regis'er-street, at 8.  
" 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

Wednesday, November 19.  
Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nelson-street, at 8.

Thursday, November 20.  
Lodge 48, St. Andrews, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.  
" 226, Portobello, Town Hall, Portobello, at 8.  
Red Cross Conclave, 103, St. Giles', Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.

Friday, November 21.  
Chapter 83, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

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