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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

SUNDERLAND.—*Palatine Lodge* (No. 91).—The brethren of the Palatine Lodge assembled in the Masonic Hall, Toward Road, on Thursday 13th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Brother R. Humphrey, P.G.S.D. This being the annual meeting for the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, the choice of the brethren fell on Brother S. P. Austin, S.W. He was declared by the Master as W.M. elect. The brethren, about 50 in number, afterwards adjourned to the banqueting hall, when after a very choice repast, Brother S. P. Austin, S.W., rose, and in a suitable address, in the course of which he was warmly applauded, begged of the W.M. to accept from the members of the lodge a very handsome full-dress suit of Provincial Grand Lodge clothing, together with a jewel, as P.G.S.D., in recognition of the very eminent services rendered by Bro. R. Humphrey to the Craft in general, and more particularly with reference to the arduous duties undertaken by him, when recently, as a Steward to the Grand Lodge, he collected and carried to London the substantial sum of upwards of £300 for the benefit of the Boys' School at Wood Green, London, this being perhaps the largest sum ever collected by one brother. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the brethren of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, to Bro. R. Humphrey, W.M., together with Provincial Grand Lodge Clothing—Senior Deacon, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the Craft in general. Nov. 13th 1873."—The following lodges were represented:—No 80, Bro. Elwen, P.M. and W.M. Elect; No. 94, Bro. R. Lutert, S.W. and W.M. Elect; No. 424, Bro. Jonathan Cooke, P.M.; No. 949, Bro. Shadforth, J.W.; No. 1389, Bro. Riley, J.W.; as well as many respective members. Amongst the P.M's. present were Bros. H. Crooks, Provincial Grand Secretary; Bros. J. J. Clay, I.P.M., Wm. Skelton, J. Stainsby, G. Lord, M. Allison, P. Vistendahl. These, as well as all others present, rose and cheered heartily when Bro. Humphrey had been invested with the clothing and jewel. Afterwards the recipient addressed the brethren, and said in the course of his remarks that the handsome present made to him that night would remind him of the duties he owed, not only to the Palatine, but to all lodges in the province, and he would make it his study to deserve the fraternal esteem of the members in general, and he trusted that his children might be spared to join the Craft, and look on the beautiful gift as a token of the appreciation in which their father had been held; and he might say one of his boys was already a life governor of the school, having obtained that honour when only 20 minutes old. Bro. Humphrey resumed his seat amid long-continued cheering, Masonic toasts and harmony passed away a very enjoyable night—one such as has never been known in the new hall. The goods were from the noted firm of G. Kenning, Little Britain, London.—*Newcastle Journal.*

ROYAL GLOUCESTER LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 130).—A most interesting meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Bugle-street, Southampton, on Monday week, on which occasion the members gave practical proof of their ability for Masonic Work, tangible proof of their gratitude to one who was mainly instrumental in establishing the lodge and during the three years of its existence acting as Preceptor. After opening the lodge, in due form the seven sections of the first lecture were worked as follows:—

Bro. J. B. Thomas W.M., Preceptor.

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„ „	3rd	„	„	Manby.
„ „	4th	„	„	Feuvre.
„ „	5th	„	„	Wilson.
„ „	6th	„	„	Miles.
„ „	7th	„	„	Sharpe.

At the conclusion of which the W.M. (Bro. Thomas), in a few words, reviewed the history of the lodge, since its establishment, and congratulated the members on its success, showing how it had began, by two or three of them meeting to learn the first three sections, and that afterwards through the instrumentality of Wor. Bro. Le Feuvre, it had been founded as a regular Lodge of Instruction, had done much good in instructing the Masters nominate and other officers of the different lodges of the Town in their coming duties, and in providing a number of brethren, ready qualified, and capable of filling any temporarily vacant office in lodge if called upon to do so. He proceeded to show that all this good result was mainly due to Wor. Bro. Le Feuvre's exertions, who had at great sacrifice of time and of his own convenience, done so much to help the lodge forward, and keep it going. He (the W.M.) then on behalf of the lodge presented Wor. Bro. Le Feuvre with a P. Prov G. Sec. jewel, and begged he would accept and wear it as a token of the obligation the lodge felt under to him for his past and present services in founding and maintaining it in its present efficiency. Wor. Bro. Le Feuvre was quite taken by surprise at this sudden termination of the W.M's. remarks, he expressed his great gratification at the compliment paid him, but regretted he had not had some previous intimation of the intention of the brethren, as he should have been then better able to give expression to his feelings on the subject. He assured the brethren he felt their kindness very much, and that he should ever esteem and wear the jewel in remembrance of his connection with the lodge, and of their willingness to assist him, for without their aid he could have done little, and althrough his occupation as Preceptor seemed to be nearly gone, his pupils having taken the lead of him, (no, no,) he should always be ready and ever willing to aid and assist them in all their undertakings. He begged to thank them from the bottom of his heart.

TRANQUILITY LODGE (No. 185).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Monday, the 17th inst., which was attended by a vast number of brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Cohen and Phillips were passed to the second degree, and Bros. Foss, Rees, Child, and Croaker, raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The W.M., Bro. Nathan Moss, conferred these degrees in his usually impressive manner, and his working throughout was perfect. The lodge was resumed in the first degree, and the sum of £10 was unanimously voted from the funds of the lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, the same to be placed on the list of the W.M., who has undertaken a Stewardship of the said institution. A further sum of ten guineas was voted towards a testimonial for the retiring W.M. The lodge was then closed and the brethren repaired to the banquet chamber. A very substantial repast was provided, under the able presidency of the newly-appointed sub-manager of the hotel, Bro. Smith, and we congratulate him upon his success in catering for the brethren, who expressed themselves on this occasion, thoroughly well pleased with his efforts. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and ably responded to. Several of the members contributed to the harmony of the evening, the most noteworthy being Bro. T. P. Child, who sang "Come into the Garden, Maud," with taste and ability. The S.W., Bro. John Constable, solicited the members to encourage the project for obtaining a Life Governorship of the Benevolent Institution;—to this we referred some months since, and we heartily wish him success in his undertaking. The example presented by the principal officers of this lodge is well worthy of emulation, the W.M., S.W. & J.W., having each undertaken the Stewardship of the Benevolent Institution at the next festival, and we hear that the S.W. has collected a very considerable sum. The brethren separated early, after a very agreeable evening.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—*St. Hilda Lodge* (No. 240).—A meeting of this lodge was held on South Shields on Monday week, when Bro. E. Thomson, J.W., was unanimously elected to the office of Worshipful Master for next year. The brethren at the same time resolved to subscribe five guineas annually to the funds of the Ingham Infirmary, South Shields.

PECKHAM LODGE (No. 879).—Whatever differences may have been observed among the brethren of the Peckham Lodge during the past year, it is impossible to imagine a more harmonious gathering than that which assembled on Thursday last, the 13th inst., at Bro. Freeland's Southwark Park Tavern, Bermondsey. The lodge was opened at half-past six, military time, by the W.M., Bro. C. W. Kent, assisted by Bros. Pennefather, S.W. and pro tem Secretary; T. A. Hudson, J.W.; J. Howe, P.M., Treasurer; E. Brewster, J.D.; A. Emler, D.C.; Villenger, W.S.; and O. Lingwood, I.G. Bro. Knowles was crafted; and Messrs. T. Kent, J.J. and G. Latt, initiated into the Order. Another candidate would have been initiated had time permitted. Bro. Johnson, of No. 1178, was admitted as a joining member. Many propositions of candidates were made for the next meeting of the lodge. An excellent banquet was afterwards partaken of by the brethren, and the proceedings throughout were enthusiastic and harmonious in the highest degree. Among the numerous visitors we observed Bros. W. H. Green, W.M., 619; H. Bartlett, W.M., 147; G. J. Wintle, W.M., 548; T. Neville, P.M., 765; J. J. Hole and J. Phillips, 73; E. J. R. Lugg, 193; J. Davison, 299; and many others.

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 instant, the lodge having lately been removed from the New Globe, Mile End Road. The business commenced by balloting for six candidates, four of whom, Messrs. Armstrong, McKenzie, Hancock and Rowlandsen, being in attendance, were duly initiated in the mysteries and privileges of 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, P.M., assisted by Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 933 and 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., Trea.; G. Clayton, Sec.; W. Lusty, S.D.; G. Rowe, J.D.; R. Bradbrook, I.G.; Verry, Tyler. Bro. Weatherill, W.M., then had the pleasing duty to perform of presenting the I.P.M., Bro. Salter; with 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 Treasurer, 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, after which the brethren adjourned to a banquet. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to.

ALDERSHOT.—*Aldershot Camp Lodge* (No. 1331).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Aldershot, on Thursday, the 30th October, 1873, when the chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Capt. Richardson, he being supported by the presence of all his officers, and a numerous attendance of the brethren. The lodge having been opened in form, Bro. P.M. J. Balfour Cockburn, *M.D.*, 30°, and Bro. P.M. Samuel Cole, W.M. No. 1424, P. Prov. G. P. Kent, were ballotted for as

joining members, the ballot in each case being unanimous. Four candidates were also ballotted for, and a fifth, previously elected, appeared on the agenda paper for initiation, but only two of them being present, Messrs. Fisher, and Peterkin, they were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. Bro. Irwin, was passed as F.C., and Bro. Pain raised to the sublime degree. The Report of the Committee of reference, respecting the audit of the Treasurer's Accounts for the past year, &c., was then read and unanimously approved, after which it was proposed by the W.M. elect, seconded, and resolved by the brethren that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Capt. Richardson, the W.M., for his services to the lodge generally, and for his year of office in particular, during which he has acted in the joint capacity of W.M. and Treasurer, also for the highly satisfactory manner in which the balance sheet for 1872-73, had been prepared by him. The lodge was then closed with prayer, about 7.30 p.m.

The annual Installation meeting of this lodge was held in the same place, on Thursday, the 6th inst., at 3 o'clock p.m., when the chair was again taken by the W.M. Bro. Capt. Richardson, Installing officer, the whole of his officers being again present. The lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes of the last regular meeting and lodge of emergency separately read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. A. McKenzie, the W.M. elect, presented for the benefit of Installation, by Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn, 30°. The usual preliminaries, having been gone through, a board consisting of eight Installed Masters, was convened, and Bro. McKenzie placed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. He then invested his I.P.M. The Master Masons having been admitted, the new W.M. was saluted, proclaimed, and greeted in that degree; the working tools presented and the charge to the W.M. being delivered by the Installing Officer. The lodge was resumed to the second degree, and the F.C.'s admitted, when the W.M. was saluted, proclaimed, and greeted in that degree, the W.T. of which were likewise presented. The lodge was resumed to first degree, and the E.A.'s admitted, when the ceremonies of saluting, &c., appertaining to that degree, were carried out; after which the Book of Constitutions, Bye-Laws and Warrant of the lodge, were duly delivered into the custody of Bro. McKenzie. The charges to the Wardens and brethren were then given in a correct, and most impressive manner by the Installing Officer, the I.P.M., who received the hearty congratulations of the brethren, especially of the visitors from lodges in the locality, and other provinces, for the faultless manner in which the whole ceremony had been conducted. A valuable gold P.M.'s jewel subscribed for by a number of the brethren, was then presented to the I.P.M. Bro. Richardson, who in returning thanks, expressed his delight that the humble endeavours he had made to faithfully, zealously, and impartially adminster the duties of his office, had met with the approbation of the brethren, assured them that he prized very highly the decoration they had confered upon him, and really appreciated it in a much higher degree, than if it had been simply presented from the lodge funds. Bro. Williams, Surveyor, R. E. department, having been proposed and seconded as a joining member, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer, about quarter to 5 o'clock p.m. The Installation banquet, at which forty or more brethren sat down, took place at half-past 5 o'clock. the new W.M. presiding, when from the beautiful and artistic manner in which the tables had been laid, combined with the brilliant uniforms of the military, and the evening costume of the visiting civilian brethren, the spacious well lighted room in which the banquet was served, presented an aspect rarely to be witnessed on such occasions. The catering of Bro. Knee, the host, could not be surpassed, and all present expressed their high satisfaction at the unexceptionable quality of everything supplied. The usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to with the greatest cordiality, and after spending a most enjoyable evening, the brethren began to separate at half-past 10 o'clock, the visiting brethren expressing themselves highly delighted with the very cordial reception they had received.

Chipping Sodbury.—*Tyndall Lodge* (No. 1363).—The installation of Bro. F. Vizard, as W.M. of this lodge, took place at the Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, on the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. Henry Gratte, P.M., P. G.S.D., Mon., 471; Robert Fendick, P.P.G.S. W., Bristol, 103; Richard Fox Gee, P. Prov. D. C. Bristol, 103; W. Benham, P. Prov. J.D.C., P.Z., 103; M. Worlock, W.M. 1388; G. Rennie Powell, P.M., P.G.P. Gloucestershire, M.M. England, 1363; L. White, P. Prov. G.S.D., Gloucestershire, 855; S. Davis, W.M. 363 and 270; Osborne Dauncey, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D. 855 and 76, &c.; The following officers were appointed:—Bro. S. Davis I.P.M., J.D.; B. Trenfield, S.W.; Charles A. Bush, J.W.; Alfred Pontifex, Chaplain; W. H. Hartley, Steward; G. Rennie Powell, D.C.; J. Trenfield, Treasurer; James P. Curtis, Sec., Algernon Sudlow, S.D.; C. M. Heim, J.D.; F. Townsend, I.G.; James Iles, Organist; and E. Holiday, Tyler; After the ceremony the brethren walked in their Masonic clothing to the Grapes Hotel, where they sat down to a most sumptuous repast, provided by Bro. W. Codrington.

Highgate Lodge (No. 1366).—A meeting of this flourishing young lodge took place at the Gate House Hotel, Highgate, on Monday the 8th inst., under the presidency of the new W.M. Bro. Jesse Owens, assisted by his officers. Bro. Watkins and Knight were passed, and four candidates were initiated. Bro. Charles Grey Hill announced his intention of serving the office of Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, this being the third time he has officiated in that capacity, shews that he has the good of the charities at heart. Since the Installation meeting, the ex-Secretary, Bro. Barton, has departed this life. His loss is deeply lamented by the lodge, and the W.M. undertook to write a letter of condolence to his relatives. The visitors were Bros. Gompertz Odell, Dagley, McRober and others. All Masonic business being ended, the brethren adjourned to supper.

Royal Arch.

Lion and Lamb Chapter (No. 192).—An emergency meeting of the above chapter was held on Tuesday the 18th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Present—Comps. E. Roberts, M.E.Z.; King, H.; Newman, J.; Copstick, N.; Birdseye, P.S.; Kenning, Treasurer; Muggeridge, E.; Yeoman, Organist; H. Muggeridge, Cook, Figes, Bartholomew, Chapman, Phythian, Arkell, Cann, Kent; Visitors Comps. R. W. Little, P.Z., Domatic Chapter; Binckes, jun., Panmure Chapter; Meakins, British Chapter; and Levander, P.Z.; Panmure Chapter. The following Brethren, being in attendance, were exalted to the degree of Royal Arch:—E. F. Stoor, Neptune Lodge; A. G. Marks, Lion and Lamb Lodge; J. A. Acton, Royal Albert Edward Lodge; F. Fellowes, Lion and Lamb Lodge; and J. W. Vickers, Royal Albert Edward Lodge. The usual banquet was provided, when toasts, songs, and recitations beguiled the evening until a late hour.

Mark Masonry.

Southwark Lodge of Mark Masters (No. 22).—One of the most interesting and brilliant meetings of the Masonic Season took place on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. The Southwark Mark Lodge, after having had a successful career for many years, had fallen of late into the sere and yellow state of existence, and for some time had seemingly ceased to exist. At length some City brethren, feeling that it was discreditable to the Mark Degree that a lodge so conveniently situated and of such former excellence should fall into disuetude, rallied to the rescue, and with such success that it has at once been placed in the first rank in point of respectability and working order. Thursday week was the annual period of installation, and it was originally intended that the proceedings should terminate with the appointment of officers, but an intimation having been given that Colonel Francis Burdett, P.G.M.M. of Middlesex and Surrey, proposed to honour the lodge by visiting it for the first time, it was determined that the occasion should be distinguished in a manner which should unmistakably evince the appreciation of the Southwark Mark Lodge of the proposed visit. Accordingly orders were given to Brother Spencer, the proprietor of the hotel, to prepare a suitable banquet in his honour. The brethren met at six o'clock, the retiring Master, Bro. John Read, P.G.O., in the chair, with a numerous attendance of officers and brethren. The brethren received with regret an intimation that, owing to important business, the P.G. Master would be enable to pay his proposed visit until another opportunity should occur. The W.M., after the usual preliminary business had been disposed of, advanced to the Mark Degree Bros. A. Brett and H. A. Milford, of the Caledonian Lodge, No. 134; D. Greenaway, of the Royal Albert Lodge, No. 907; J. Hutt, Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13; and S. Lilley, Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73; Bro. W. Klingenstein, of the Samson and Lion Mark Lodge, No. 86, was elected a joining member. There were several other candidates belonging to eminent City Craft Lodges, whose other engagements did not admit of their presence this evening, but who will be present at the next meeting, which promises to be equally successful with that which we are at present recording. The advancements having been finished, Bro. Read vacated the chair, which was then assumed by Bro. T. Meggy, P.G.M.O., who is an honorary member of this lodge. The W.M. elect, Bro. I. J. H. Wilkins, P.G.S.B., was duly presented to and installed by Bro. Meggy in a most impressive manner, Bro. Meggy being one of the very few brethren in possession of this important ceremony. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. John Read, I.P.M.; Stidolph, S.W.; Sparks, J.W.; Harry Brett, Treas.; Harry Read, Sec.; Poore, M.O.; Spluch, S.O.; Gilbert, J.O.; Bouts, S.D.; Montgomery, I.G.; and Hutt, Registrar. Several propositions of candidates were made, a discussion entered upon with regard to the raising of the subscription fees of the lodge to a very considerable amount, which will doubtless before long be carried into effect; and the resignation of Past Master A. D. Loewenstark, for many years Treasurer of the lodge, was tendered and accepted. The lodge was then closed. The banquet took place in the large ladies' coffee-room on the first floor of the hotel, and was really worthy of the very highest commendation that words can bestow upon it. Bro. Spencer had evidently disdained cost, and placed every delicacy which money could procure before his patrons, and the tables, decorated with consummate taste and artistic skill, were worthy the eye of a painter. A nobler banquet was never yet served, "Ab ove uspue ad maia," and was duly done justice to by the numerous company, which included as visitors Bros. Binckes, G. Sec. (who, as usual, spoke most eloquently, and congratulated the lodge on its improved position and elevated tone); Emberlin, Gotthiel, Lazarus, and others. Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.M., came express from Brighton on purpose to attend this meeting, the most important, beyond all comparison, since its consecration.

Liverpool.—*West Lancashire Lodge of Mark Masters* (No. 65).—The brethren of this lodge were summoned to attend their Masonic duties at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 3rd inst., when a most interesting meeting took place. Bro. T. Ashmore, W.M., presided at the opening of the proceedings, supported by Bros. T. Clark, P.M.; J. Taylor, S.W.; H. Nelson, J.W.; J. R. Goepel, P.M., Treas., P.G.S.O.; Joseph Wood, Sec.; W. Shortis, M.O.; C. Leighton, S. D.; A. Bucknell, J.D.; and P. Bell, Tyler. The members present were Bros. C. H. Hill, J. Hamer, W. Fish, E. Clements, H. Jackson, W. Doyle, J. Capell, H. Burrows, J. W. Newman, C. Tryer, J. K. Smith, and J. E. Jackson. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken from Bros. R. T. Owens, of the Alliance Lodge, No. 667, and Bro. T. Large, of the Hamer Lodge, No. 1393. As this proved unanimously in their favour,

they were duly inducted into the privileges of the Order. In pursuance of notice, Bro. J. E. Jackson proposed, and Bro. J. Taylor, W.M., elect, seconded the nomination of Bros. J. Hamer, P.M., and P.G.M.O. as an honorary member of the lodge so long as he should live. The proposition was carried by acclamation. Bro. J. Taylor was presented to the W.M., to receive the benefit of installation, when all below the rank of Installed Masters were requested to retire. Bro. Hamer took the chair, and performed the ceremony of installation, and I.P.M. Ashmore afterwards delivered the charges to the following officers:—Bros. H. Nelson, S.W.; Joseph Wood, J.W.; W. Doyle, M.O.; J. E. Jackson, S.O.; A. Bucknell, J.O.; H. Jackson, Chaplain; J. R. Goepel, P.M., P.G.S.O., re-elected Treasurer for the ninth time, amidst the most general expression of approval; W. Shortis, Sec.; Reginald Young, Registrar of Marks; J. Hayes, S.D.; J. Capell, J.D.; J. K. Smith, D.C.; W. Fish, S.S.; H. Morris, J. S.; C. Tyrer, I.G.; and P. Ball, Tyler. The lodge was subsequently closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

Bridport.—*St. Mary's Lodge Royal Ark Mariners.*—In accordance with summons duly issued, the following Royal Ark Mariners met at the Masonic Rooms, Bridport, on the 12th November, for the purpose of constituting a Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge:—Bros. P. H. Newnham, J. C. Vigne, J.M.P. Montague, and T. Coombs. Bro. Philpot, of Poole, was prevented from attending by the loss of a train, and sent a telegram to that effect. Bro. Newnham having assumed the chair; a R.A.M. Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the following brethren were admitted and regularly elevated to the degree of R. A. Mariner, Bro. Vigne acting as I, and Bro. Montague as S. Bros. J. Gundry, B. P. Gundry, W. Chick, J. S. Webb, W. H. W. Toby, J. Hine, C. Tucker, W. H. Hay, P. Montague, H. G. B. Frampton, T. Long. The newly-elevated brethren having taken their seats, Bro. Newnham announced that he was empowered by the Grand Secretary formally to consecrate and constitute the St. Mary's Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, and called on Bro. Tucker to read the Warrant of Constitution. Bro. Newnham then delivered a short address upon the origin and antiquity of the Royal Ark Mariners' Degree, in which he showed the great probability that this degree was derived from the mystic worship of the "Ark" in the earliest times, even as other portions of Freemasonary shewed traces of the primitive worship of the "Pillar." A similar allusion to the "Ark," was kept up by the Druids in their ceremonies of initiation, and it was probable that, in later times, their ideas and practices had become merged into the Bible record of Noah's Deluge, in which form they had been laid hold of by the early Freemasons, and so handed down to us in their present shape. The ceremonies of consecration were then duly performed, Bro. Vigne carrying round the corn, Bro. Montague the wine, and Bro. Coombs the oil. Bro. Newnham then declared the St. Mary's Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge duly constituted. The Brethren were then called upon to elect their Commander, when Bro. Newnham proposed, and Bro. Vigne seconded Bro. Montague, and he was unanimously elected. He was then presented, and replied to the preliminary questions. All Brethren below the rank of W. Commander having withdrawn, and a Board of Installed Commanders opened, Bro. Montague was obligated and installed in the chair of N. The brethren were re-admitted, procession formed, and Bro. Montague duly proclaimed and saluted. He then proceeded to appoint his officers:—Bro. Vigne, J., Br. J. Gundry, S., Bro. B. P. Gundry, Treas., Bro. C. Tucker, Sec. After a code of bye-laws had been discusssed and the Lodge formally closed, the brethren separated, all highly pleased with their introduction to this interesting old degree.

At a regular meeting held on the 10th inst., it was resolved that the Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction should in future be held at the Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, every Monday evening, at eight o'clock, for the purpose of Instruction in Mark Masonry.

Voting at Charity Elections.—Mr. Charles Reed, *M.P.*, has written to the Lord Mayor, saying that the managers of the principal charities have consulted, and are prepared to adopt the "suggestions" of those who advocate reforms. Meanwhile a committee is being formed under the Charity Organization Society for promoting the reform of the elections to charities, and many gentlemen of great influence have agreed to join it. The object will be to give information, and divert subscriptions from the voting to the non-voting institutions.—*Athenæum.*

The will of Bro. William Robert Clemow, of Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, was proved on the 5th inst., by Mr. Robert Clemow, the uncle, and Mr. Francis Harding Clemow, the brother, the executors, the personalty being sworn under 7,000*l.* The testator leaves to his partner and brother, Mr. Francis Harding Clemow, all his half-part or share in the business premises, furniture, stock, &c., of Anderton's Hotel. The rest of his property he gives to his brothers and sisters and a cousin.

Roman-British Remains.—Many persons who are interested in the recent discoveries of Roman-British remains at the site of the National Safe Deposit Company's premises, Mansion House, will be glad to learn that an opportunity is afforded for inspecting the collection between the hours of one and three, from Monday, the 24th, to Saturday, the 29th inst., inclusive, at the offices of Bro. John Whichcord, *F.S.A.*, Architect, 12, Queen Victoria-street. Admission will be by tickets, which will be forwarded by Mr. E. W. Bradbrook, *F.S.A.*, 1, Elm-court, Temple, and Mr. J. E. Price, *F.S.A.*, 53, Beresford-road, Highbury New Park, Honorary Secretaries London and Middlesex Archæological Society.

The Baird Trust.—The *Glasgow News* publishes a resumé of the trust deed settling the munificent gift by Mr. James Baird to the Church of Scotland of £500,000. The deed says that the donor has been moved to give the £500,000, because he "feels deeply impressed with the extent to which spiritual destitution prevails among the poor and working population of Scotland, and is satisfied that this proceeds in a great measure from the want of properly organized and endowed territorial work. He is also convinced that there is a "tendency to a departure from the truth, and to an exclusion of religion from the teaching of the young;" and that "the means available by law are insufficient to provide for the faithful preaching of the word of God, for the refutation of error, and for the support of the Church, and for educational and other purposes of a religious character." He therefore, to aid in carrying out these objects, vests the £500,000 in seven trustees, viz., himself, Alexander Whitelaw, ironmaster, of Glasgow; David Wallace, ditto; William Weir, ditto; William Baird, of Elie; James A. Campbell, jun., of Stracathro; and the Rev. Archibald Scott, minister of Greenside Church, Edinburgh. The trustees may increase their number to nine, and they have the most ample powers to apply the interest of the £500,000 to any of the purposes set forth above. Provision is also made for an annual lectureship of six discourses on religious subjects. A curious provision in the trust is that the donor provides that the trustees may, at the expiry of fifty years bring it to a close if they think fit, by expending the capital, as well as the interest, for the object specified. The trustees are to have £500 yearly divided among them, according to the number of meetings they attend. They are all to be members of the Church of Scotland, and not more than one is to be a clergyman.

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

Masonic Funeral in Glasgow.—Bro. Jacob Bright, a P.M. of Lodge Prudence, 170, New York, having been taken ill while in this city, was taken to the Infirmary, where the Lodge Union has a bed at their disposal. Here his wants were attended to, and he gratefully admitted that, though in a foreign land, he was still at home. But it pleased the Great Architect to call him to the Lodge above, and on Thursday his remains were accompanied to the South Side Cemetery by a number of the brethren, foremost among whom were Bro. R. Mitchell, P.M. 382; J. Cunningham, R.W.M. 475; W. Bassett, 27; G. W. Wheeler, 73; R. Ramsay, 408; and J. Humber, 408, and about 30 other brethren. Had the day been more propitious, there would have been a larger assemblage. Bro. the Rev. J. Reid, of Christ Church, Mile-end, had kindly offered his services, and accompanied the melancholy cortège from the Infirmary, nearly three miles to the grave, and when there impressively rendered the last services of the dead. By the kindness of the Clyde Lodge No. 408, who own a double lair there, our Brother's body was deposited in front of the splendid granite monolith they have erected to the memory of departed brethren of the Lodge. But it was felt that in a port like Glasgow, where so many American and Continental Masons are continually arriving, and some of them frequently dying in our midst, that we should have a grave belonging to the Craft at large, and not have to apply to one lodge to grant a portion of her ground for that purpose; and Bros. Mitchell, Wheeler, Bassett, Cunningham, and Ramsay were appointed a Committee to lay the subject before the various lodges.

Gift by the ex-Mayor of Liverpool to the Police Bandmaster.—Bro. G. Samuelson ex-Mayor of Liverpool, as is generally known, is not only a literary man, but a skilled musician. One of the last complimentary acts he performed, before relinquishing office, was to pay a pleasing tribute to the police band through their master. His worship summoned Mr Beardhall to his "private parlour" in the Town Hall, and there presented him, without public display, with a magnificent ivory bâton, mounted with gold, and bearing the following inscription:—"Presented by Edward Samuelson, Esq., Mayor, to Bandmaster Francis Beardhall, to mark the time of 1873." A more public presentation of the testimonial was made to Mr. Beardhall by Major Greig, C.B., the Head Constable, at the "setting of the afternoon parade," Main Bridewell yard.

Irish Fisheries.—The Baronesss Burdett-Coutts having offered (in addition to other contributions which she has given, viz., £250 for the benefit of the Boffin and Shark Islands, and £300 for the Claddagh fishermen) a prize of £10 for the best essay "On preventing Nets from Rotting"; and, as President of the Ladies' Educational Committee for the prevention of cruelty to Animals, a prize of £10 for the best essay on "On killing Fish (particularly those of the larger species, such as the basking shark, sun fish, &c.) with the least cruelty," these subjects are now open to public competition throughout Ireland, and essays on either or both will be received up to the 31st March, 1874.

According to the latest arrangements, the German Imperial Crown Prince and Crown Princess will leave for St. Petersburgh on the 17th of January, where the marriage of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh with the Grand Duchess Marie of Russia will be celebrated on the 21st of that month.

The merchants of Liverpool have prepared a petition to the Postmaster-General, urging the immediate necessity of the Liverpool Exchange and the Central Telegraph Station, London, being placed in direct communication by special wire.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1873.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION OF THE IRISH GRAND LODGE.

We understand that, at a recent meeting of the Irish Grand Lodge, amid other questions which naturally arose, clause 133—to which we so strongly objected in a previous number of the *Freemason*—gave rise to a prolonged and animated debate. It was objected to, mainly, we believe, on the grounds we had ourselves previously laid down as most opposed to the dignity and honour of the Grand Lodge itself, but was upheld on the other hand by those who apparently wish to maintain this most anomalous state of affairs. We believe that nothing was actually decided, and that the matter stands over, on a point of order, whether an amendment to strike out the names of the other alien authorities can be legally received.

We can hardly believe the statement, that, any presiding officer holds such a view, or will persist in such an opinion. All we can say is, if he does so, the position he takes up is unexampled, and, *ipso facto*, illegal; and that such a decision must place the Grand Lodge of Ireland in a most difficult and delicate position.

Other Grand Lodges may fairly ask the question, can that be said to be the Grand Lodge of Irish Craft Masonry, which admits the decisions of other, and exterior jurisdictions as binding irrevocably on Grand Lodge.

We still hope for the present and future welfare of Freemasonry in Ireland, that other and wiser counsels will prevail, and that those excellent and zealous brethren, who wish to see Freemasonry in Ireland relieved from many needless restrictions and regulations, and allowed to partake of the rational and well ordered progress of the times in which our lot is cast, will eventually be successful.

There can be no reason why the Grand Lodge in Ireland, should not be equally active and energetic with our own Grand Lodge in its calm, yet well directed course, and we are glad to repeat that there is, and always has been, the kindest and most brotherly feeling between English and Irish Masons.

We trust that the Irish Grand Lodge will surmount all difficulties of detail and all questions of order, and come to the happy conclusion, that, if it is to be the Grand Lodge of Irish Craft Masons, its regulations must be founded on the unchanged traditions of the Craft, on sound legality, and intelligent common sense.

So we shall be glad to hear, that, Clause 133, which ought never to have got in, will eventually come out.

May our aspirations be realized!

WEEKLY SUMMARY OF NEWS.

The news of the last week has not been very exciting for us at home.

We have indeed, to record, the death of Lord Liveden, more familiarly known as the Mr. Vernon Smith, of earlier parliamentary life, and of Lord George Lennox, a brother of the late, and uncle of the present Duke of Richmond, formerly an officer in the army, who had seen much service, both in the 9th Lancers and the 15th Hussars, and as A.D.C. to the Duke of Wellington.

The Elections for the School Boards have begun, and so far the large number polled shows, happily, an increasing interest in that most important subject, education.

It has been arranged, that the Dean of Westminster will perform the marriage service, "More Anglicano" for His H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, and Her Imperial Highness the Grand Duchess Marie of Russia, and Viscount Sydney, the Lord Chamberlain, and Lady Augusta Stanley, wife of the Dean, will attend on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty.

We presume that the English Marriage will take place under a special license from the Archbishop of Canterbury. The English Church at St. Petersburgh being too small for the number expected, a hall in the Winter Palace, will in all probability, it is said, be fitted up for the marriage, according to the Rites of the Anglican Church.

Sir John Duke Coleridge has been appointed Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, in the place of the lamented Sir W. Bovill, and one interesting feature connected with Sir J. D. Coleridge's promotion is, that, his venerable father, the Right Hon. Sir John Taylor Coleridge, formerly one of the Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench, still survives, at a green old age, to witness, happily the elevation of his son to one of the highest situations on the judicial Bench.

The vacant posts of Postmaster General and Solicitor General have been filled up by the introduction into official life of Dr. Lyon Playfair, in the room of Mr Monsell, and of Mr. Wm. Vernon Harcourt, vice Mr. Henry James, now Attorney General.

The Rev. Henry White, Chaplain of the House of Commons and the Savoy, has been appointed one of the Chaplains-in-Ordinary to the Queen, and the Rev. Francis James Holland of Quebec Chapel, is gazetted as Honorary Chaplain to Her Majesty.

The news from India of the probable famine in portions of Bengal, has naturally created no little anxiety at home, as the records of the last famine have for us all so painful a memory, but it is hoped, that, the authorities by timely precaution and preparations will alleviate, if they cannot hinder the alarming visitation.

News has arrived from the Gold Coast, by which it seems that, owing to local difficulties, it is impossible to make the proposed railway there. For railway operations the railway plant will, therefore, not be sent! The other preparations are actively being pushed on, and we doubt not soon to hear of successful operations, and a happy peace.

Some controversy has recently arisen about the discovery of the North-West passage, the credit of which is claimed for that good officer Sir R. McClure, recently deceased. It seems, however an undoubted fact, that, the primary discovery is due to Sir John Franklin and the gallant crews of the "Erebus" and "Terror," who, as Sir John Richardson very truly said, "forged the last link with their lives." And in admitting this "double discovery" there is no detraction from the merit of Sir R. McClure, and his officers and men. We were glad to read a characteristic letter from that eminent seaman, Sir Leopold McClintock, on the subject, and to be also reminded of the gallant services of our energetic brother, Captain Bedford Pim.

The Foreign Intelligence is in some respects, and to some extent, a little more stirring, and certainly a good deal more sensational.

In France much doubt and debate still continue as to the present and future form of Government. In all probability the result of the present political dead-lock will be, the re-appointment of that gallant soldier Marshal McMahon, Duke de Magenta, to the supreme authority for a specified term of years. Any day may bring the solution of a question which is of vital necessity for France, as that fair land is like a person recovering from a long fever, and requires quiet and repose. The Bazaine trial continues, and is likely to last for some time longer.

In Germany, Prince Bismarck is re-appointed Premier of the Prussian Cabinet, and Count Von Roon, the good old soldier, and long War Minister, and lately Premier, retires apparently into private life. It is said General Von Kameke, a very distinguished officer, succeeds him as Minister of War.

In Austria the Exhibition has closed, with it is said, and which we are very sorry to hear, a considerable deficit. The undertaking deserved success, as it was admirably planned, and still more efficiently carried out in all its many and difficult details.

In Spain the civil war continues, with successes and defeats claimed and asserted by both sides, but nothing, so far, appears actually decisive, or as significant of a probable termination of the present untoward state of things. The execution of 59 of the crew and passengers of the Virginius, including the captain, by the authorities of Havannah, is, in our humble opinion, an act of unexampled barbarity, and, as the American Government truly says, "an outrage on civilisation and humanity." We should not be at all surprised to hear that this most high-handed proceeding has led to summary action on the part of the United States Administration. The American navy and army seem to be rapidly gathering up, and any hour may bring us intelligence of a decisive step.

If it be true that sixteen of those executed are British subjects, it is not off the cards, that, the "Union Jack" and the "Stars and Stripes" may yet float side by side, for, as Flag-officer Tatnall, of the American navy, once very truly observed, when his men *would* somehow or other help our blue jackets in the famous action under Admiral Sir James Hope in the "Peiho," "Blood is thicker than water."

THE POET BURNS AND FREEMASONRY.

In a little work, intended for private circulation, an author, concealing himself under the title of "A Son of the Rock," has given some interesting facts regarding the Masonic career of the poet Robert Burns, which deserve a place in the pages of *The Freemason*. The author starts by stating that Masonry was the "Great propelling power of the poet, influencing his thoughts, inspiring his muse, and nurturing that stern love of independence and brotherhood which are universally acknowledged to have been predominant characteristics of his manhood." With few exceptions, the poet's patrons, associates, correspondents, &c.—in fact all whose names are made memorable by his genius—were linked together in the Masonic chain. On the 4th July, 1781, when Burns was in his 23rd year, he was initiated at St. David's Lodge, Tarbolton—a memorable event for him, who was so full of human nature and brotherly earnestness. In the following year a disruption took place, when the separating portion reconstituted the old lodge of St. James, Tarbolton, which had formerly existed, and to which Burns adhered with all the fervour of new love and light. Major-General Montgomery, a scion of the noble house of Eglintoun, was the first W.M.; and though the poet removed to Mossgiel, about three miles distant, he never missed attendance at any of the meetings. In the St. James's Lodge began his acquaintance with Gavin Hamilton, whom the poet thus describes:—

"The poor man's friend in need;
The gentleman in word and deed."

Amongst others, he then became intimate with Dr. Mackenzie, who married one of the celebrated "Mauchline Bells." John Ballantine, to whom "The Brigs of Ayr" were inscribed, and by whose exertions was erected the new "brig," opened on the 22nd November, 1786, when a grand Masonic demonstration took place; William Wallace, Sheriff of Ayrshire, respecting whom the poet wrote.

"Heaven bless your honoured, noble name,
To Masonry and Scotia dear."

and John Rankine, of Adamhill, who was also a member of the lodge, was a great humorist and great companion of the poet. After settling at Mossgiel, the poet held lodges at Mauchline, and in July, 1714, he was elected Depute Master of St. James's Lodge, signing the minutes "Robert Burness" till the 1st March, 1786, when his name appears as it was afterwards known to the world. Professor Dugald Stewart, who visited the Masonic lodge at Mauchline, where Burns presided, thus speaks of him, "He had occasion to make some short unpremeditated compliments to different individuals, from whom he had no reason to expect a visit, and everything he said was happily conceived, and forcibly as well as fluently expressed. In the early part of 1786, Burns went to Kilmarnock, to arrange for the publication of the first edition of his poems, when he visited St. John's Lodge, where he was surrounded by the brethren of the mystic tie, who were friends and patrons of the forthcoming volume. One of the most eminent of these was Bro. Thomas Samson, seedsman, hero of the well-known "Elegy," at whose house the poet was welcomed with genuine cordiality, and whose sterling worth was thus immortalised after his death.

"The brethren of the mystic level,
May hing their heads in wofu bevel,
While by their nose the tears will revel,
Like ony bead;
Death's given the lodge an unco devel,
Tam Samson's dead.',

Before leaving Kilmarnock, Burns was admitted an honorary member of St. John's Lodge, on the 26th October, 1786, and he left them his parting benediction, full of brotherly affection. One stanza is certainly worth being quoted and remembered by every brother:—

"Ye powers who preside o'er the wind and the tide,
Who marked each element's border,
Who formed this frame with beneficent aim,
Whose sovereign statute is order;
Within this dear mansion may wayward contention,
Or withered envy ne'er enter,
May secrecy round be the mystical bound,
And brotherly love be the centre.

The 28th of November, 1786, is the supposed date of the poet's memorable arrival in Edinburgh, where Masonry was in the highest repute at the time, eleven or twelve lodges held monthly meetings, and the officials of the Grand Lodge were in the habit of visiting each lodge once a year. Amongst the officers at that time were the Duke of Atholl, the Earl of Balcarras, Lord Haddo, Sir Wm. Forbes, Col James Murray, Sir. James Hunter Blair, Earl of Buchan, Lord Napier, Lord Banning, Earl of Morton, &c. On the 7th of December, Burns attended a meeting of the Cannongate Kilwinning Lodge, where he was introduced to the Hon. Henry Erskine, Dean of Faculty. On the same evening the "Kilwinning" was visited by the Grand Lodge and eight Craft Lodges, and the poet was in a blaze of excitement as he returned to his lodgings in the Lawn Market, after he had been lionised during the evening. Two days afterwards, Henry Mackenzie ("The man of Feeling") a brother Mason published in *The Lounger* a review of Burns' Kilmarnock poems, in which it was first declared that "a poet of no ordinary rank had been born among the peasantry of Scotland, possessing the spirit as well as the fancy of a poet." On the 13th the *Courant* printed a complimentary espistle in which Burns was spoken of as

"The prince o' poets and o' ploughmen.

On the same day the poet wrote to a brother Mason—"I have been introduced to a good many of the *noblesse* but my avowed patrons and patronesses are the Duchess of Gordon, the Countess of Glencairn, with my Lord and Lady Betty (Cunningham), the Dean of Faculty, Sir John Whitefoord, &c. I have likewise warm friends among the literati, Professor Stewart Blair, and Mr. Mackenzie, the "Man of Feeling." The publication of the poems was pushed forward and warmly supported by the eminent brothers whom he met. On the 11th of January, 1787, the Grand Master visited the ancient Lodge Mary's Chapel, and Burns, who was present, wrote to Ballantine at Ayr:—"I went to a Mason lodge yesternight, where the Most Worshipful Grand Master Charteris and all the Grand Lodge of Scotland visited. The meeting was numerous and elegant; all the different lodges about town were present in all their pomp. The Grand Master, who presided with great solemnity and honour to himself as a gentleman and Mason, among other general toasts, gave 'Caledonia and Caledonia's Bard, Brother Burns,' which rang through the whole assembly with multiplied honours and repeated acclamations. As I had no idea such a thing would happen, I was downright thunderstruck, and, trembling in every nerve, made the best return in my power." On the 1st February, sixteen new members were initiated in the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, some from Forfarshire, all of whom became Masons to meet Burns, who was then made an honorary member. On the 6th of February the Prince of Wales was initiated, and on the same

evening Burns was created Poet Laureate of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, an honour which he highly prized—

"To please you and praise you,
Ye ken your Laureate scorns;
The prayer still you share still
Of grateful minstrel Burns."

He added the title of "Bard" to his signature, and appended his Masonic mark in the Bible he presented to Highland Mary, now treasured in the monument at Alloway kirk. On the 21st April his poems appeared, containing a list of 1,500 subscribers' names, making up a list of 2,800 copies. Publisher, printer, portrait painter, and engraver of the portrait, were a rare class of men—all characters in their way, and all Masons. During a tour through Scotland the poet was made a Royal Arch Mason at the general encampment of St. Abb's Lodge, Eyemouth, on the 19th May, and on the 25th June he was present at a meeting of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge when Lord Torphichen was elected Master, and Wm. Dunbar, Writer to the Signet, Depute Master—"rattling, roaring Willie. Amongst the members of the Lodge to whom Burns specially attached himself were William Woods, tragedian, for thirty years the reigning dramatic favourite; Louis Cauvin, teacher of French in Edinburgh, who afterwards left money to found an hospital for the education and relief of the sons of poor teachers; James Johnson, engraver, musicseller, &c., to whom the world is indebted in a large measure for the publication of many valuable songs; Lord Monboddo, the first pioneer of the Darwinian theory; the Earl of Buchan, a literary celebrity of the day, &c.

Speaking of the poet's Edinburgh visits and associations, Robert Chalmers writes—"All—the admiring, the disliking, and the indifferent—must, we think, admit that Burns, externally a peasant and of peasant breed, but internally a great man, had come through the crisis without the slightest derogation from his true character. Intellectually a giant, he maintained his proportions in convivial scenes which too often caused a sacrifice of the inherent to the accidental, of the true to the false, of the great to the mean. The dignity of the whole picture, as it looms through the saloons of the polite and learned world of Edinburgh, must indeed form a gratifying picture in the minds of all true men whatever." "Masonry," the author of the brochure adds, "was the keystone of the arch, and Burns was doubtless indebted to the brotherhood for his brilliant reception in the capital, and the generous homage it called forth. If he had not possessed the mystic key to unlock the door of the inner sanctuary he might have had to wait longer for the recognition of his genius. All honour, then to the brotherhood who rallied round him, introduced him to their homes and families, and interested themselves in his fame." After continuing faithful to his Masonic allegiance, Burns died on the 21st July, 1796, and the author to whose execellent little work we are indebted for the sketch which we have given, concludes as follows; "Masonry was the undercurrent of many a poetical inspiration, and his heart's devout prayer in one of his very latest and noblest songs, sent to Thomson the year before his death:—

"For a' that, an' a' that,
It's coming yet for a' that;
That men to men, the warld o'er,
Shall brothers be for a' that."

And so with a hearty "Amen" ends our slight framework of biography, in the hope that a more extended and exhaustive work may follow. The Masonic life of Burns has yet to be written by some brother of the Craft competent to do it justice; this stone to the cairn is offered with all the affection of brotherhood without its mysticism."

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Original Correspondence.

SURREPTITIOUS RITUALS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was pleased that attention was called in *The Freemason* of last week to the Ritual Advertising Dodge, as it is undoubtedly carried on to so great an extent. I may mention that there is one purporting to be "as used in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M's," The prospectus of which I received from a very unexpected quarter. This was followed by a notice of an illustrated volume by the same publisher (Mr. A. Lewis) promising a full exposition of the various secrets. My object in writing, however, was to direct attention to another matter, viz., the fact that a number of non-masons are in possession of a drinking sign which they use continually, and thus young Masons may inadvertently be led to give them hints of knowledge. By giving publicity to this in your valuable paper, some at least may be put upon guard against these intruders, and I venture to submit that if one on two of the ordinary test questions be put, the ignorance of the pretender will generally be at once discovered.

I am, yours faithfully,
T. J. T., P.M., &c.,

READING THE SCRIPTURES.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to your Correspondent, J. D. F., I beg to say that the passage of Scripture for the third degree is stated in your article of 23rd August, it being there stated to be Ecclesiastes 12, verses 1 to 7. The three passages there mentioned are taken from the instructions contained in Cross's chart, but Dr. Oliver says, that in the first degree "the Volume of the Sacred Law" is usually unfolded at Ruth 4, v. 7; in the second degree at Judges 12, v. 6; and in the third degree at 1 Kings, 7, v. 13 and 14. These usages, however, are arbitrary, for we find, at different periods during the last century, that Genesis 22 and 28 were indifferently used for the first degree; 1 Kings 6, v. 7, and 2 Chronicles, 6, for the third. It is, however, a matter of little importance, provided the passage corresponds with the structure of any part of the degree.

Yours fraternally,
HENRY T. BOBART.
P.P.G.S.B.

MASONIC INTOLERANCE IN WESTERN INDIA.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was much surprised and pained to find, on looking over the *Masonic Record of Western India*, that the Editor, Bro. George Bease, has been subjected to most unwarrantable and unmasonic treatment from the Provincial Prior through the Prov. V.C. of Bombay.

Bro. Bease inserted in his paper an article which appeared in *The Freemason* (*i.e.*, this paper) respecting the so-called letter of the Grand Chancellor's, which many have doubted; but up to this time, as it has not been contradicted, I presumed was the production of that high official, Sir Patrick Colquhoun. Now, I have not a word to say at this time about the Grand Chancellor's letter. Those who have offered opinions on the subject condemn it most unmercifully, and have commented upon it quite as severely as the writer of the article which appeared in *The Freemason* I will grant, for the sake of argument, that the article commenting on the letter was a mistake, or was too severe, or was ill-timed (neither of which, however, I really admit), and that consequently an injustice was done; even then, so long as Bro. Bease, as Editor of the *Record*, considered it a fair and legitimate review of its statements, he was thoroughly justified in giving it a place in his Magazine. Bearing in mind this fact, and remembering that Bro. Bease simply published what had appeared in *The Freemason*, what will our readers think of the Provincial Grand Prior for Bombay instructing his G.V.C. to write Bro. Bease, reminding him "whom he had lately appointed to high office in the Provincial Priory" that, "whilst he admits that the acts of public men are open to criticism by the press," he, the Prov. Prior, "repudiates the claim which he (Bro. Bease), in his capacity as editor, made to a right to republish without comment such an article as that under notice," &c., &c. "Under these circumstances, it appears to the Provincial Prior that your opinions differ so widely from his own that you cannot with any consistency continue to act as one of his officers. He, therefore suggests to you the propriety of your resigning the office of Second Captain C.C. of the Provincial Priory, which he conferred upon you a few months ago."

To this intolerant document Bro. Bease has made a reply, in which he states that "he would be very sorry indeed to continue to be a member of any Preceptory under the rule of one who has betrayed such a vindictive and unchristian-like spirit," as he presently proceeds to show. Other matters are introduced into the discussion, with which we have nothing to do; but we think it worth while to present an exhibit of the treatment meted to Masonic Editors in India in contrast to the kind spirit always evinced towards *The Freemason* and its staff in this country. It will also serve to illustrate what may follow in the so-called "lower degrees" if such intolerance is allowed to go unchecked in India, and for the time probably the Editor of *The Freemason* may as well be content to keep away from that country. One writer in the *Record* (evidently officially inspired) speaks thus—"Whether the writer of that article is a Freemason or not, I earnestly trust he is not a Knight Templar. But my regret at this rebellious production has been greatly intensified at its re-publication in the columns of a Journal edited by a Templar." The same gentleman also styles the article a "malicious attack," although he says not a word as to the character of the letter by the Grand Chancellor, which called forth the indignant reply in *The Freemason*. Bro. Bease is also threatened with the possibility of "all good Templars in India deciding whether your journal (the *Masonic Record*) is deserving of their continued support." What a sad exhibition of intolerance and decided attempt at persecution! This Brother, I see, is called Tudor Trevor, and is an officer in the Provincial Priory of Bombay! He is allowed to call the article in *The Freemason* a "seditious attack;" but Bro. Bease, for inserting the communication, which was, after all, but a fair criticism of a letter which ought not to have appeared, is called upon to resign office, and threatened to lose a number of subscribers, if he is not coward sufficient to lead him to eat his own words. We are glad to know that Bro. Bease had spirit equal to the occasion, and that his conduct under such tyranny and vexations circumstances was equal to the emergency, and consequently the meanness of his persecutors will go forth to the Masonic world in the true colours it deserves.

Yours fraternally,
W. J. HUGHAN.

THE DOUBLE TRIANGLE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read Bro. Paton's letter in your last issue; but though there is not much to reply to, I feel bound to say a few words.

I admit that properly the Double Triangle is an emblem of R.A. Masonry, but I cannot admit, therefore, that it does not belong to Craft Masonry.

In our present arrangement, the R.A. is separated from Craft Masonry, but in treating of Masonic symbolism it would not have been out of place to allude to that remarkable figure, which, symbolical as it is, has been made use of by the operative Masons from the very first.

When Bro. Paton says, "Every Freemason knows that a Masonic mark must have an odd number of points," I cannot profess to understand what he really means.

I never heard of such a rule, and I am not aware where it is so laid down, or how it is proved.

I have studied the subject of "marks" for some time, and I have no hesitation in saying, that there is hardly a collection of Mason's marks in which

the Double Triangle is not found. As I said before, the Pentalpha, or Pentangle, or Pentacle, as it is sometimes called in Cabalistic books, (the "Great Pentacle" being the "Double Triangle,") is a form of Jewish cabala, though it was probably known as well as the Double Triangle to the Egyptians and Tyrians.

Both these figures were made use of by the Christians at a very early period mystically, and are also to be found in Rosicrucian works, and so-called magical formulæ.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,
Yours fraternally,
THE WRITER OF THE REVIEW.

SPIRITUALISM.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have a very great regard for the learning of Bro. W. Carpenter, and cannot refrain from expressing my fear that "much learning, &c., &c., &c." I can assure my learned Brother that, as a medical man whose attention has been particularly directed to incipient insanity, I am bound to say his letters give me great cause for uneasiness.

The subject of spiritualism has been, I fancy, more than sufficiently ventilated in the columns of your excellent paper, and I for one shall be exceedingly pleased if I miss the correspondence in the future numbers of the *Freemason*. I venture to suggest that it is not a very interesting subject to the great majority of your readers, and, I doubt not, many of them have, with me, while reading Bro. Carpenter's letters, been led to exclaim—

"QUANTUM MUTATUS AB ILLO."

MASONIC LITERATURE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I thank you for inserting my communication regarding Masonic Literature in the last issue of *The Freemason*.

Error and folly should be alike exposed, and you have done good service in No. 243, by holding up to infamy the "Spurious Rite of Memphis," and to ridicule the "United Orders," which, having the only resting place for the soles of their feet on Freemasonry, would now wish to ignore Freemasonry, and to become exclusive and aristocratic, and chivalric and—anything, in fact, but what they really are!

The Prince of Wales is not likely to have much more to say to them, and the exhibition in Willis's Rooms, and the letter from Sir P. Colquhoun, and the injury done to them by the anti-historic series of communications in your journal from Bro. Holmes, have combined to disgust many of the true Masonic Templars, who, on one pretence or another, were induced to join in the movement got up by a few silly and ambitious men for their own ends.

Thanks to *The Freemason*, this new "fungoid growth upon Freemasonry" has caved in, and in future the leaders will, I trust, be content to be "honest men and Masons."

I am, yours faithfully,
G. H. W.

"THE GREAT CITY" LODGE," AND BANQUETS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have been much pleased on reading a report of the second regular meeting of this newly-formed Lodge, to find that the proposition to omit one of the usual banquets, and donate the amount so saved (about £50) to the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," was "received with acclamation." I can conceive no higher Masonic compliment to the W.M. of 1426, than to so act, and have the amount thus saved placed on his list as Steward for that excellent Institution, and I hope the example thus set will be speedily followed by other Lodges. Whatever may be the gustative propensities of the brethren who assemble in our lodges, we have a right, as well-wishers of the Craft, to ask them to gratify their tastes out of their own pockets. Unfortunately, in many lodges the reverse is the case, and the funds are mainly devoted to meeting the liabilities incurred by banquets. In the country generally, the annual subscriptions do not average over 24s., and I have known the usual attendants at the lodges' assemblies to obtain fully that sum—and sometimes more—in a year in "suppers," "refreshments," and "banquets." Such a state of things is a disgrace to any society, and particularly to the "Free and Accepted Masons," and I hope ere long that the Grand Lodge will prevent the ordinary subscriptions being used for any but strictly Masonic purposes.

Yours fraternally,
15th Nov., 1873. W. J. HUGHAN

OUR MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Sir and Brother,

My object in troubling you is for the purpose of calling the attention of lodges, and the individual supporters of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, to the necessity of publishing the particulars of the Masonic career of the deceased brother on the voting paper, against the name of his child who is seeking election to one of the above institutions. I believe it is so on the voting papers of the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, and surely if it is necessary in the one case, it is in the other, for the child whose parent has supported these institutions, and laboured hard in other respects for the good of the Craft, has a primary call on the votes of the members to one whose parent has perhaps been a member of the Craft some few months. I do not, by any means, claim the originality of this necessary alteration, for I heard it mentioned by an influential brother of this province—Hampshire—who is about to bring it forward; and I hope the brethren of the different provinces will rally round and support him.

Yours fraternally,
THOS. FRANCIS, JUN., W.M., 804.

THE SAINTS JOHN AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I observe, in the second of Brother Jacob Norton's interesting articles at present appearing in *The Freemason*, an error in regard to date at which Mother Kilwinning resolved to hold its annual festival on St. Thomas's Day. It was on the 20th of December, 1779—not 1679. The new arrangement came into force on St. Thomas's Day, 1780.

Yours fraternally,
D. MURRAY LYON.

Ayr, Nov. 17, 1873.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONS' MARKS.

Bro. Paton, in his notice of the fraternal review of his last work, speaks of every Freemason knowing that the marks in question consisted of an odd number of points. I certainly profess to be a Freemason, and yet am quite in ignorance of what Bro. Paton assumes to be known to all the Fraternity; and, as I am in good company in such a belief, surely he must have committed a great error in making such a statement.

The copies of marks which adorn the magnificent "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh," by my friend, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, dating from the sixteenth century, furnish many instances of marks which consist of an even number of points, so also do the illustrations in "Sessional Papers" 1868-69 (No. 9), Royal Institute of British Architects, London. The latter form a valuable index to a learned lecture by Mr. Goodwin Fellow, F.S.A., &c., on "Something about Masons' Marks in various Countries." Bro. W. A. Laurie's "History of Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of Scotland" might also be consulted on the same subject. These and other similar works prove many of the marks consisted of *even* points.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Poetry.

THE GRAND MASTER OF MASONS.

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

Of Ripon's fame we well may sing,
A Statesman, Peer, and Brother,
Whose fertile brain and suasive speech
Each answers to the other.

When clouds o'erspread the western sky,
And threaten'd friends to sever,
His sovereign chose him as the one
To bring the friends together.

He went with thoughts and words of peace,
And Heaven his mission bless'd;
The cause of rupture was remov'd,
The quarrel set at rest.

Both spheres rejoiced, both peoples pray'd
That friendship thus renew'd,
Might never interrupted be,
By unintended feud.

Our Master's peaceful work was crown'd
By the Master whom he serves;
And now in peace he rules the Craft.
All honour he deserves.

His Sovereign's honour well he wears,
With dignity and grace;
Long may he wear both her's and ours,
And long adorn the dais!

AN ACROSTIC.

Brother! What unity, love, and strength the word conveys;
Reciprocation, Fraternity, an associate of our days.
Oh! that this lovely term "A fellow-creature,' united one and all,
T'would make life heavenly, and prevent man's fall.
Here on this earth the beauteous flowers that grow,
Each rivulet, each field of wheat, God's love doth shew.
Regard well the word, and Brotherly Love bestow.

Henry! How regal is this name, and what a race of kings
Echos in the sound, and to the recollection brings
Noble deeds, ambition, rebellion, intrigue for power;
Richard, who murdered his two nephews in the tower.
York and Lancaster wars, roses red and white, sad, sad the flower.

Muggeridge, now comes the task, some goddess guide my pen.
Utopia, "The abode of a happy Society," composed of just such men,
Giving wise organisation, legislation, and freedom from all care,
Granting "more," gave us an imaginary, we need not despair.
Each one who seeks our Brother's aid, finds he freely gives to all.
Right well our Preceptor rules his lodge, respected by great and small.
Illustrious in Masonry, he is known to not a few.
Deservedly popular, a Mason generous, good and true.
Give him the laurel he has gained! also to any other
Excellent Mason (such as he) who is indeed a Brother.

F.

The National steamship Egypt, which arrived from New York on Wednesday week, brought for Bro. Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, from Utica, in the United States, some valuable cattle, purchased at a cost of $30,600 at the recent sale of the New York Mills herd. The same steamer also brought a consignment of stock, purchased for Mr. Cheemey, of Guddersley Hall, Leicestershire. This is quite a reverse of the ordinary practice of sending breeding stock from England to America.

CONSECRATION OF TWO RED CROSS CONCLAVES.

On Thursday, October 23rd, two new Conclaves of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, viz., the De Irwin and Munbee, was inaugurated at Bristol. The inaugural ceremony was very ably and impressively performed by Ill. Sir Knight, Major General Gore B. Munbee, Intendant General of Somerset, Bristol and Gloucester, assisted by Captain Knight, Captain Irwin, and several eminent Sir Knights of the provinces of Somerset and Wales. The following Masons were installed Knights of the Order.—Bros. Scott, Hodges, Hallam, Hunt, Munro, Amor, Williams, Tricks, Tonkin, Plant, and Cole. Sir Knight G. F. Tuckey was installed M.P. Sovereign of the De Irwin, and Sir Knight W. A. Scott of the Munbee Conclaves, Sir Knight Hodges and Ward V.E. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Sir Knights adjourned to the White Lion Hotel, and partook of a most sumptous banquet, presided over by Sir Knight General Major Gore B. Munbee, supported by the Visiting Sir Knights. The toasts of the "Officiating Sir Knights," was proposed, and responded to. These are the first Conclaves of the Order of the Red Cross in Bristol, but we believe it will become very popular among the Masons of this Province.

WEST INDIA ISLANDS.

The first meeting of this recently-revived Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Tobago on the 24th September last, under the presidency of its much valued Provincial Grand Master, the Hon. Joseph King Wattley, Chief Justice of Tobago. The lodge was opened in the first degree with solemn prayer, and raised to the sublime degree. The commision to the P.G.M., and letter therewith from the Grand Secretary, were read by the Provincial Grand Secretary-designate. Bro. Wattley thereafter administered the oath *de fidele officio* to himself, and afterwards invested the following brethren in their respective offices:—Depute P.G. Master, Henry Francis; Substitute P.G. Master, William Ifill Buhôt; Senior P.G. Warden, William M'Call; Junior P.G. Warden, Samuel Hartley Hill; P.G. Secretary, George Kennedy Forbes. In the above office-bearers each Island in the Province has a native.

Among other business transacted the following resolution was passed—"Resolved, It is the opinion of the P.G. Lodge for 'West India Islands,' holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, that a brotherly connection and correspondence with Provincial Grand Lodge of Trinidad, holding under the Grand Lodge of England, will be found productive of honour and advantage to the Fraternity in general, and the Province in the West Indies in particular."

It was also resolved that the future quarterly communications should be held on the first Wednesdays of December, March, June, and September.

The meeting was thereafter adjourned until the 22nd October current, for the appointment of Proxy Provincial Grand Master, and Trustees on Grand Lodge Debt Liquidation Fund.

SOCIETAS ROSICRUCIANÆ IN SCOTIA.

College of the East of Scotland.—A full meeting of this flourishing College was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 8th inst., the Chief Adept presiding, supported by Fratres H. Z. D. Copland, Suffragan; Dr. Dickson, Conductor; W. J. Rindon, Secretary; Council of Ancients, Fratres W. Bryce, H. C. Peacock, F. L. Law, R. S. Brown, J. Reid, and J. Webster; Fratre J. H. Bostock, Herald; R. Davidson, Organist; R. Bryce, Torch Bearer, &c., &c. There were also present Captain Charles Hunter, and a number of the members. The M.C. having been formed, the following Fratres were received:—Captain R. Rintoul, Dragoon Guards; P. Gardner, Esq., *F.R.S.A.*, Rector of Leith Academy; and W. Milne, Esq., banker. A select choir intoned the ceremonies of the occasion. A ballot was taken in favour of several distinguished gentlemen, who were duly elected. The Chief Adept has agreed to read a paper on "The Mysteries" at the quarterly meeting in January. This College, though so lately founded, is in a very vigorous condition, and promises to carry on the labours of the Society with great enthusiasm.

Masonic Tidings.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6 30 p.m. Bro. C. F. Hogard will preside on this occasion. Brethren desirous of disseminating their knowledge are respectfully solicited to give their names to the Secretary of the above lodge, which meets every Wednesday throughout the year, at 7. 30 p.m., under the able presidency of Bro E. Gottheil.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction.—The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the "Large Hall" at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Monday evening, Nov. 24th, at seven p.m., precisely by the following brethren: Verry, P.M., 554; Wallington, S.D. 860; Berry, S.D. 554; Constable, S.D. Griffith Maunders, 1201; Watts, 1201; Golmie, 861; Morrison, 141; Gardiner, 749; under the Preceptorship of Bro. Beckett,

Strong Man Lodge and Charterhouse Club of Instruction.—At a joint meeting of the brethren of the Strong Man Lodge and Charterhouse Club of Instruction, held at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on the 3rd of Nov., 1873, it was proposed to present a testimonial to Bro. Beckett, as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his services as Honorary Preceptor to the above Lodge and Club. A committee was formed for the purpose of carrying out the object. The presentation is intended to be made on 15th December, and it is requested that those brethren who desire to participate in the pleasure, will give in their subscriptions not later than 8th December.

Bro. Charles S. Burgess has resigned, or is about to resign the office of Grand Registrar of Marks.

The "Palestine" Rose Croix Chapter, will meet at the Masonic Hall, Golden square, on Tuesday next, the 25th inst., at half-past four. Bro. George Kenning 30° is the M.W.S. Elect.

We are requested to state that the window to be placed in Durham Cathedral, as a mark of esteem to John Fawcett, Esq., is not the gift of the "Freemasons of the City of Durham," as stated by us, Nov. 5, but "has been subscribed for by the whole of the Masons of the province, and not of the City alone." We duly apologise to the "provinces."—*Figaro.*

We have been favoured with a view of a life-size likeness in oil, by Mr. W. R. Dickinson, of Tunbridge Wells, of R.W. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, District Grand Master of Bengal. The picture, which is pronounced to be an excellent likeness, and is certainly a good work of art, is taken partly from sittings and partly from a number of photographs by Messrs. Robinson and Cherill, the well-known photographers of Tunbridge Wells. Bro. Sandeman is represented in his regalia as D.G.M., and wearing the collar and jewel of the 33°. The picture, after remaining a short time on view, will be forwarded to its destination, the Freemasons' Hall in Calcutta.

Our attention has again been called to that excellent little work "The Oxford and Cambridge Masonic Almanack," a review of which has already appeared in our columns on June the 21st. The next issue will not appear before the 1st of October; it will comprise an Almanack and Diary for the years 1874 and 1875. We have every reason to believe that it will be another charming little work, and one that will vie with its predecessors. The price will be 1s.

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

GIFT OF AN ART GALLERY TO LIVERPOOL.

MUNIFICENT DONATION BY THE NEW MAYOR.

Mr. Alderman Walker, who has been elected to fill the Mayor's Chair in Liverpool has signalised his appointment to that high office by a munificent offer to expend £20,000 in presenting the town with an Art Gallery. The offer was as unexpected as it was generous. Mr. Walker, as he stated to the Town Council on Monday, formed so long ago as 18 months an intention of erecting some public institution in Liverpool; and the recent movement to provide an art gallery by voluntary contributions seems to have led him to embody this intention in the shape now announced. Coming as it does subsequent to, and not before, his election to the highest municipal honours, Mr. Walker's offer is as disinterested as it is acceptable. Henceforth his name will be associated with those of the late Sir William Brown, *M.P.*, who built for us the noble Free Public Library, in William Brown-street; and Mr. Joseph Mayer, whose costly museum of treasures, valued at not less than £25,000, was a few years ago presented to the town. Mr. Walker's gift is doubly opportune, for it not only furnishes what was much needed, but saves the town from the humilation with which it was threatened by the failure of the recent appeal to the wealthy inhabitants of the town for funds to erect an art gallery. The munificence of Mr. Alderman Walker is without a parallel in the annals of mayoralty of Liverpool, and he has, not more by his timely munificence, than by the cultivated taste displayed in his selection of a public gift, earned the lasting gratitude of every one of his townsmen.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 28, 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 22.

Red Cross Conclave, No. 3, Rose and Lily, Masons' Hal Masons' Avenue.
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, 24.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
„ 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms James's.
„ 28, Old Kings' Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
„ 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
„ 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
„ 831, British Oak, Bancroft place, Mile End.
„ 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
Mark Lodge 5, Mallet and Chisel, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (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.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Goach and Horses, Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, November 25.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
„ 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
„ 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
„ 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
„ 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue. Basinghall-street.
„ 259, Prince of Waless', Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
„ 1158, Southern Star Montpellier Tavern, Walworth.
„ 1196, Albion, Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.
„ 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-street, Millbank.
Chap, 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
„ 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
Rose Croix Chapter, Palestine, 33, Golden-square.
Pilgrim Lodge of Instruction, German Gymnasium, Old St. Pancras road. (working in German.)
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domatic 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.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, November 26.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
„ 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.
„ 5[illegible]ited Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington,
„ 754 High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page-gree Tottenham.
„ 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-pla Poplar.
„ 1056, Victoria, 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 27

General Commmittee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall at 4.
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
„ 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
„ 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
„ 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
„ 766, William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
„ 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham.
„ 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford.
Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
„ 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
„ 657, Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
„ 834, Andrew, Royal Sussex Hotel, Hammersmith.
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 (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, November 28.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
„ 569, Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company City-road.
Lodge 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
K. T. Precep. 26, Faith and Fidelity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement (Annual Festival), Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (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 (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m; Bro. H. Muggeridge, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. 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 (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), Roso 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 29, 1873.

Monday, November 24.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.30.

Tuesday, November 25.

Lodge, 1393, Hamer, Windermere-street, Breck-road, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple. Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, November 26.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel. Liverpool, at 4.
„ 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 4.30.
„ 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple Liverpool, at 8.
De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.
St. John's Lodge of Instruction, 90, Duke-street Liverpool at 8.

Thursday, November 27.

Lodge 594, Downshire, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.
„ 1313, The Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
„ 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
„ 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
Chap. 292, Liverpool, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.
Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

Saturday, November 29.

Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 3.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Friday, November 28, 1873.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, November 24.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
„ 369, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.
Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James-street.

Tuesday, November 25.

Lodge 413, Athol, 213, Buchanan-street.
Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.
„ 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.

Wednesday, November 26.

Lodge 570, Maryhill, 167, Main-st., Maryhill.
„ 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carluke.

Thursday, November 27.

Chap. 117, Govan, Portland Hall, Govan.

Friday, November 28.

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