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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).**—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Friday 14th inst., Bro. George Tims, W.M., presiding. There was a large muster of the brethren. Among the visitors present were Bros. Arnold, P.M. 55; Bartlett, 71; Limetry, 45; Kent, 192; Roberts, P.M. 192; Dawsey, 901; and Watts, 1201. The raising, passing, and initiations (two) having been gone through in capital style, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, and spent a very pleasant evening.

**BARNES.**—*Rose of Denmark Lodge (No. 975).*—This lodge held its eleventh installation meeting at the White Hart Tavern, Barnes Terrace, Surrey, on Friday, the 21st inst., and was attended by sixty members and visitors. Bro. J. H. Tyler, W.M., opened the lodge, passed two brethren, and raised a third. He then, in splendid style, installed his successor, Bro. H. O. Hinton, into the Master's chair, for the ensuing year, and received the congratulations of a large Board of I.M.'s for his excellent working. The officers appointed or invested were as follows:—Bros. Edmonds, S.W.; Brook, J.W.; Noyce, P.M., Treas. Little, P.M., Sec.; Clarke, S.D.; Leo, J.D.; Phillips, I.G.; Curtis, D.C.; Wrigglesworth, W.S. Bro. Tyler, P.M., then gave the usual addresses. The new W.M. at once proceeded to prove his workmanlike qualifications by raising a brother to the rank of M.M., a ceremony which he rendered in a manner as nearly perfection as it is possible to imagine. Before the lodge was closed it was resolved to present a testimonial on vellum to the retiring W.M., as an acknowledgement of his efficiency, and of the prosperity which had attended his year of office, in addition to a ten guinea P.M.'s jewel, with which he was invested during the evening. A banquet followed the proceedings in lodge. Bro. Hinton, P.M. 360, P. Prov. G.W., Norths and Huntingdonshire (father of the W.M.) responded for the numerous visitors.

**ABERYSTWTH.**—*Aberystwith Lodge (No. 1072).*—The second meeting of the season of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday the 13th instant at the Belle Vue Royal Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Szlumper, I.P.M., P. Prov. G.J.W., supported by Bros. Geo. T. Smith, P.M., P. Prov. G. Sec. P.G.S.W., acting as S.W.; Stanley J. Balcombe, Prov. G. Sec., J.W.; Edward Hamer, P.G.S.W., S.D.; J. Pell, P. Prov. G.D.C., J.D.; George Careswell, I.G.; C. Rice Williams, M.D., P.M., Sec.; John Davies, John Paull, W. H. Boundy, B. E. Morgan, A. J. Hughes, and many other brethren who did not sign the attendance book. The lodge was opened in form, and the minutes of the lodge held in October having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for three gentleman anxious for "light" which proved in their favour. This being the night for ballot for W.M., Bro. Geo. Tempany Smith, P.G.S.W., was unanimously

elected—here we may remark that this is the fourth occasion upon which Brother Smith has received the suffrages of his brethren to preside over the fortunes of this lodge—we wish him a very successful year of office, and believe that under his guidance 1872 will go on and prosper, ever more than in the past. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. W. H. Williams was passed to the F.C. Owing to the late hour, the lecture had to be omitted until some "future occasion." The lodge having been lowered to the first degree, Mr. Evan R. Pughe of Towyn, the only candidate present, was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., in his usual correct manner. Bro. John Vaughan was proposed for re-election as Treasurer, and, no other brother being "run" for the office, that may be considered as "un fait accompli." Brother John V. Rees was proposed as Tyler for the ensuing year. Nothing remaining, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a supper, served in thorough "Belle Vue" form. The Installation of the W.M. will take place in December, and the ceremony is expected to be performed by a brother of the adjoining Province high in the Craft.

**EARL OF ZETLAND LODGE (No. 1364).**—This Lodge held its installation meeting at the Old Town Hall, Hackney, on Saturday, the 15th inst. The lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. A. G. Challis being in attendance, was duly initiated into ancient Freemasonry. The W.M. then proceeded to instal the S.W., Bro. King, his successor in the chair of K.S., who appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Rhein, S.W.; Fysh, J.W.; Bush, P.M., Secretary; E. Wright, S.D.; Maples, J.D.; Keen, I.G.; Lowe, D.C.; Tunstall, Gompertz, W.S.; Gilchrist, T. Much surprise was evinced by the brethren present when the late S.D. was entirely passed over. Visitors to this lodge have always expressed great satisfaction with the kind, courteous and able manner in which his duties have been performed, and considering that as one of the founders of the lodge, also the perfect and masterly way in which he performs the work of Freemasonry, as evinced at the Lodge of Instruction, renders the step quite inexplicable. After the lodge had been closed the brethren adjourned to the Cannon-street Hotel, and partook of a sumptuous banquet.

**SEVENOAKS.**—*Knole Lodge (No. 1414).*—This lodge celebrated its first anniversary on Tuesday, the 11th instant, at the Masonic Rooms, Literary Institute, Sevenoaks, when the excellent and esteemed Bro. Edward Palmer, who had been unanimously re-elected to the chair, was re-installed in the presence of a numerous and brilliant gathering of the Craft. Bro. R. Wentworth Little, P.M., Prov. Grand Sec for Middlesex, who had consecrated the lodge, was specially invited to perform the ceremony of installation, a duty which he discharged with evident pleasure, and to the satisfaction of every brother present. It is, however, but simple justice to add that the manner in which Bro. Palmer, prior to his re-installation, raised a candidate, Bro. Cockburn, to the third degree, could not have been surpassed by any Mason in or out of the metropolis. To a letter perfect knowledge of the "Emulation" working, Bro. Palmer unites the advantages of a clear voice, an excellent delivery, and elocutionary acquirements of no mean order, and the result was beyond question a treat for the lovers of good and true Masonic work. The officers of the lodge are also exceedingly efficient, and deserved the high encomiums passed upon them by the W.M. when appointing them to office. Another qualifying circumstance in connection with this very pleasant Masonic gathering was the presentation of an extremely handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Palmer. In the design of this jewel, seven acorns—emblematic of Sevenoaks—and an accurate engraving of Knole House—from which the lodge takes its name—were very much admired by the brethren. This presentation was made, in the name of the lodge, by Bro. Chas. Duke, P.M. 40, Prov. J.G.D. Sussex, and honorary member, who has taken great interest in the welfare of the lodge, and never missed a meeting, although he resides at Hastings.

No better delegate could have been selected, inasmuch as he gracefully alluded to the services of the worthy recipient, and to the kindly feelings which dictated the gift, without admixture of fulsome compliment in the first case, or of sentimentalism in the other. Bro. Duke's remarks were greatly applauded by the crowded assemblage, as were likewise the choice and appreciative sentences in which Bro. Palmer couched his acknowledgments and thanks to the brethren. Bro. Wentworth Little then gave the address to the W.M., Bro. Herbert Dicketts, Grand Steward of England, that to the Wardens, and Bro. John Boyd, P.M., P.G. Pursuivant of England, the exhortation to the brethren, each being greeted with hearty Masonic applause. The lodge was then closed, all the usual rites having been previously observed, and the brethren adjourned to the celebrated Crown Hotel, the host of which Bro. W. Pawley, S.D. of the lodge, surpassed himself in the preparations he had made for the comfort of his guests. Shenstone's famous lines about "the warmest welcome at an Inn" came to recollection as we surveyed the really magnificent appearance of the tables, garnished with rarest plants and flowers, with clustering grapes fit to tempt an anchorite to forswear roots for ever. Nor was the substantial entertainment of the inner man in any way inferior to the pictorial spectacle which met the eye. A menu of a perfectly orthodox calibre, and wines of a more than ordinary excellence, completed the triumphs of the day, which will not readily be forgotten by any who had the privilege of being present. After the usual loyal and formal toasts, the health of the W.M. was proposed in handsome terms by Bro. Duke, and responded to, if not with Kentish fire, at least with a warmth of sincere good will, which evinced the respect which the "men of Kent," and especially those of the Knole Lodge, entertain for their chosen ruler. The W.M., in an eloquent speech, returned thanks, and reviewed the history of the lodge during its first year of existence. Young as they were, he said, they had sent two Stewards to the charities during that period: one to the Girls' School, and one to the Benevolent Institution—(cheers)—and he was happy to add that the J.W., Bro. Petley, had consented to represent the lodge at the Girls' Festival in 1874. (Renewed applause.) For himself he would promise to do his utmost to maintain and support true Masonic principles, and he hoped to have, during his second year of office, the help of his officers and the assistance of all the brethren. Our space will not permit us to enlarge upon the many excellent speeches delivered during the evening. Bros. Boyd and Dicketts replied for the Grand Officers, Bro. T. E. Chubb, P.M. 33, P.G. Steward, for the visitors, and Bro. R. Wentworth Little for the Masonic charities. The vocal abilities of Bro. Montem Smith added much to the pleasing character of the meeting, and not a hitch occurred to mar its harmony. We sincerely wish Bro. Palmer and the members of the Knole Lodge every success in the Masonic career which have so generally and so praiseworthy commenced.

**DAWLISH.**—*Salem Lodge (No. 1443).*—The usual monthly meeting was held at the Town Hall, Dawlish, on Wednesday evening, the 19th inst. The W.M., Bro. J. Stroud Short, in the chair of K.S.; Bro. S. Lorman, S.W.; Bro. W. Ball, J.W.; the other officers in their usual places. Visiting Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, P.M. 39; S. Templar, 303; Bunt, Gloyd. The lodge being opened in the first degree, the ballot was taken for Mr. C. B. Ferris, who was unanimously elected. The lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, being resumed in the first. Mr. Ferris was regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. Tripe was passed to the F.C. degree, and Bros. Whedborne, Friend, and Smith, were then raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the work being done by the W.M., who now called on Dr. Hopkins to deliver the charge and lecture in the third degree, which he did in his usual impressive manner. After the lodge having been again resumed to the first degree, the W.M. notified to the brethren that Bro. Dr. Hopkins, had executed a very handsome chart of Masonic emblems to commemorate the consecration of Salem Lodge; and which he now presented to

the lodge. A vote of thanks was carried by acclamation. The W.M., in a eulogistic speech, thanking the donor for the great interest he had taken in No. 1443, since its formation, proposed him as an honorary member, which being duly seconded, was carried *nem. con.* The brethren having closely inspected the chart, unanimously pronounced it to be a perfect specimen of penmanship, and immediately recommended it to be framed and glazed. The lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and the brethren retired in harmony. It should here be stated that Bro. Hopkins is most indefatigable in executing various works of penmanship, such as book marks, &c., not only with Masonic, but ecclesiastical emblems, and as they are so neatly finished, are readily purchased by all who have the opportunity of seeing them, the whole of the proceeds of the sale being devoted to the various Masonic charities.

### Royal Arch.

**BOLTON.**—*Chapter of Concord* (No. 37).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held in Freemasons' Hall, Bolton, on Monday, the 17th inst., when there were present Comps. G. P. Brockbank, P.Z., G. Treas., Z.; Thos. Entwisle, P.Z., Prov. G.S.N.; Jas. Newton, P.Z., Prov. G. Steward, Scribe E.; John Robinson, P.Z.; Robert Luthy, P.S.; Jas. Brown, 1st A.S.; Samuel Crowther, 2nd A.S.; John Sharples, Treas., and Samuel Chatwood; also Comp. G. E. Liddell, Kaudy Newera Chap. 454, Ceylon. The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The names of three candidates for exaltation were on the circular, they having been previously elected, but unfortunately none of them were able to be present on this occasion. Some business of a formal nature was transacted, and the chapter closed.

**PANMURE CHAPTER** (No. 720).—A regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on the 10th inst.; present—Comps. S. C. Davison, M.E.Z.; Henry Smith, H.; C. Hammerton, J.; James Stevens, P.Z., Scribe E.; H. C. Levander, P.Z., Treas.; R. H. Harvey, P.Z.; T. H. Pulsford, P.S.; Wm. Worrell, 1st A.S.; M. S. Larlham, 2nd A.S.; Rev. W. B. Church; G. Newington Bridges; A. C. Burrell; B. R. Bryant; Thomas Poore; — Harrison, and others. Comps. F. Binckes, P.Z., and E. M. Haigh, Chapter 387, were present as visitors. The chapter was opened, the minutes read, and the ballot taken for Bro. Henry William Binckes, and Bro. Rev. Philip Henry Ernest Brett, B.D., which being unanimous, they were exalted. Comp. Levander stated his intention to act as Steward at the ensuing Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and the chapter voted ten guineas on his list. Propositions for candidates for exaltation were taken. Two guineas were voted to the Thomas Memorial Fund. The chapter was then closed; the usual supper followed.

### Mark Masonry.

**BRISLINGTON.**—*Carnarvon Lodge of Mark Masters* (No. 119).—The regular quarterly meeting of this lodge, was held at the White Hart Hotel, Brislington, on Thursday, November 20th, when the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. A. Scott, at 4.30 p.m. The business of the evening was the election of the Worshipful Master, Treasurer and Tyler, the advancement of the brethren elected at the last meeting, and to ballot for and if elected advance Bros. Wotley, Worlock, and Plant. The ballot being clear in each case, and three of the brethren being in attendance and having signed the required declaration they were admitted in due form, and advanced to this honourable degree, the ceremony being worked in a most interesting and impressive manner by the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. Captain F. G. Irwin. Bro. Scott, having resumed the gavel, reminded the brethren that the time had now arrived for electing a brother to fill the chair of A. for the ensuing year, and on the motion of the D.P.G.M.M., seconded by Bro. Dr. S. Bryant, Bro. G. F. Tuckey, the present S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. The W.M., Bro. Scott,

then proposed the re-election of Bro. Dr. S. Bryant, as Treasurer, the D.P.G.M.M. seconded the proposition, alluding in highly eulogistic terms to the lengthened services rendered by the Treasurer to every branch of the Masonic brotherhood. Bro. J. Coles, was re-elected Tyler. There being no further business before the meeting, the lodge was closed in ancient form and with solemn prayer, at 6.30. Bro. W. A. Scott, P.M., G.S., W.M.; F. G. Irwin, P.G.O., D.P.G.M.M., I.P.M.; Dr. Bryant, P.M., G.M.O., Treasurer; G. F. Tuckey, Assistant Prov. G. Sec., S.W.; Dr. Hodges, P.G.S.B. J.W.; Munro, Assistant P.G.D.C., M.O.; Eastabrook, S.O.; F. Trull, J.O.; J. A. Clark, P.G.J.W., Sec.; G. Tonkin, S.D.; D. P. Belfield, P.G.S., J.D.; S. Edwards, I.G.; J. Coles, T., and others were present.

**Irwin Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners.**—At the close of the Carnarvon Mark Lodge a meeting of Royal Ark Mariners was held, Bro. George Tucker, occupied the chair of N. and satisfactorily explained to the brethren the reason they had not been called together before. Bro. William Munro, elevated in the Rainbow Lodge, at Yeovil, was received as a joining member, and it was resolved that the N., J., and S., do form a committee to draw up bye-laws and make all necessary arrangements for ensuring the proper working of this ancient and interesting degree.

**BURY.**—*Alfred Lodge* (No. 136).—On Thursday, Nov. 14th, the annual festival of the above lodge took place at the Bridge Inn, Bury. There was a very good attendance of members. The lodge was opened in due form at 4.30 by Bro. H. Maiden, W.M. After the minutes of last lodge had been read and confirmed, several of the brethren signed and received their certificates in open lodge. Bro. Thomas Hargreave, P.G.J.D. and P.M. 113, then took the chair, and Bro. Samuel Wood was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, according to ancient custom. Under the able and experienced Mastership of Bro. S. Wood we are certain that the prosperity and stability of the lodge will be fully maintained and increased. After the appointment and investiture of the officers, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6 p.m. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquet, provided in Bro. E. Whittam's usual style, and to which proper justice was done by the brethren assembled. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, being given and received with that fervour and enthusiasm which is such a truly distinguishing characteristic of the Lancashire Mark Masons. To the toast of the Grand Master, Deputy G.M., and grand officers, present and past, Bro. Hargreaves responded at considerable length. The P.G.M., Deputy G.M., and rest of P.G. Officers, and many other toasts were afterwards given, including the W.M. and I.P.M., to which both suitably responded.

### Knights Templar.

**WOOLWICH.**—*The Kemays Tynte Preceptory.*—A meeting of the above Preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, Woolwich, on Friday, the 21st inst. Present:—Sir Knight John Read, Eminent Preceptor; Sir Knight General H. Clerk, Very Eminent Provincial Prior for Kent; Sir Knight Boord, M.P.; Sir Knight Edmands, Sir Knight Captain Nicholls, Sir Knight Capt. Dadson, Sir Knight Peter Laird, Sir Knight Harrison, P.E.P.; Sir Knight Charles Allen, and Sir Knight George Kenning. A companion was proposed for advancement by the Eminent Preceptor. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that owing to the inconvenient place of meeting, the Preceptory be removed to London, subject to the approval of the Grand Master. The Sir Knights then adjourned to the Freemasons' Hotel, where dinner was provided by Bro. De Grey.

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### Red Cross of Constantine.

**PLANTAGENET CONCLAVE** (No. 2).—This conclave met at its comfortable quarters, at Bro. States's, the Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi, on Saturday, the 15th inst. The M.P.S., Dr. Parker Ward, being prevented by professional engagements from attending, Sir Knight R. Wentworth Little, G. Treasurer, was invited to take the chair, and was supported by Sir Knight J. Lewis Thomas, G.A., P. Sov., as V.; F. G. Baily, S.G.; H. T. Dicketts, Treas.; T. W. White, G.A.T. Recorder; G. S. States, P.V.; C. Hammerton, J.G.; C. Hogard, E. H. Thiellay, and E. H. Finney. Sir Knight H. C. Levander, G.H.A. P. Sov., No. 6. was the only visitor. The Conclave having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. Edward S. Norris, of Lodge No. 471, and proving favourable, Bro. Norris was regularly dubbed a Knight of Rome, and was then introduced and installed a Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine. After the performance of some formal business, the Conclave was closed, and the Knights sat down to a banquet, worthy of the high reputation which the "Caledonian" has secured under Bro. States' efficient management. The usual loyal and chivalric toasts were heartily honoured, and a special feature of the evening's proceedings consisted in the presentation of a handsome P. Sovereign's jewel, to Sir Knight Thomas, in recognition of his many services to the conclave. The jewel bears the "Plantagenista" or broom of the "Plantagenets" and was greatly admired. Sir Knight Thomas duly acknowledged the compliment, and after a most pleasant evening, the Knights separated.

### Scotland.

**LODGE TWEED KELSO** (No. 261).—This lodge held its regular monthly meeting in the Large Hall of the Cross Keys Hotel, Kelso, on Thursday evening, 12th November. Bro. J. S. Macgregor, R.W.M., occupied the chair, the Wardens were in their places, and a large number of the brethren turned out for the business of the evening, which had been anticipated for some months previous, the affiliation of Bro. Chalmers, I. Paton, P.M., No. 393 England, as a full member of the lodge, reading of the minutes, nomination of office bearers for the ensuing year, and reading a communication from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in regard to the qualification of Past Masters as life members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Deacons conducted Bro. C. I. Paton to the Altar, when the affiliation ceremonial was gone through by the R.W.M., and the brother was invested with the clothing in the colours of the lodge, and declared a member of Lodge Tweed. A member then brought forward a motion for discussion at next regular meeting "that non-resident members of the lodge might become life members by paying a sum down instead of the usual annual subscription." The brethren thereafter resolved to hold a torchlight procession on St. John's night, and a dinner and ball on the second Wednesday in January. There being no further business the lodge was then closed. Immediately thereafter the brethren retired to the banqueting hall and sat down to a sumptuous repast prepared for the occasion by Bro. Keddie, of the Cross Keys Hotel. The cloth being removed, the usual routine toasts were gone through, when Bro. Allen was called upon to sing one of the old and favourite Scottish Ballads, which he did in the true Jacobitish style. "Great prosperity to the Lodge Tweed" was proposed from the chair, and responded to by Bro. Steel, P.M., who said he had seen the lodge in its adversity and its prosperity, but was now pleased to see it occupy its present position and thought nothing was wanting but to continue in the doing of what all Masons ought to practice, charity and love. Bro. Hall gave a Scottish recitation, which caused much mirth and laughter. Several brethren added to the harmony, and after a most pleasant evening being spent, good night was declared for the third time, when all parted to meet again on another night.

### CONSECRATION OF THE CLAUSENTUM LODGE AT WOOLSTON.

The consecration of the Clausentum Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, No. 1471, took place at Woolston, Southampton, on Wednesday, the 18th instant, when the R. W. Prov. Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W.W.B. Beach, *M.P.*, his Deputy, Bro. J. R. Stebbing, P.G. Deacon of England; and the other Prov. Grand Officers attended. The Prov. Grand Officers having taken their places, the R. W. Prov. Grand Master proceeded with the ceremonies of consecration and installation, in the presence of a numerous attendance of the brethren, including Bros. Stopher, Hare, Alix, Booth, H. P. Aslatt, Howell, W. J. Hickman, S. S. Pearce, C. Cox, Cleveland, Harle, C. J. Phillips, Best, and many of the members of the newly-formed lodge.

In introducing the special business of the meeting, the Prov. Grand Master, in a most impressive address, referred to the powerful benefits Freemasonry was calculated to confer upon them. Instituted in the most remote ages, it had stood an Order by itself, uninfluenced by the flow of time, and defying those assaults which had been fatal to other Orders. Why had this been the case? Because it had been founded on those principles which alone are eternal, and which had proved that, rightly applied, they could not fail to be beneficial to the brethren who made themselves acquainted with them, and who acted up to them. They knew that the principles which conducted to make a man an excellent Freemason must produce a good man—that at the very root of the Order the most excellent virtues were inculcated which in the volume of the sacred law were recorded for the guidance of men. In the very first lessons of Freemasonry adherence to that volume was enjoined, and as the neophyte advanced in instruction in the Order, he was still bade look to that holy volume as his guide. He was told that the very first lessons a Freemason ought to take to heart were faith, hope, and charity—faith in the Divine Author of our being, hope in salvation, and to be in charity with all men, particularly our brethren in Masonry. These being the virtues and principles recorded for their guidance, he must believe that no Freemason could be uninfluenced by such recommendations. They knew that Freemasonry was not a system of religion, but, nevertheless, it was in harmony with many of the precepts which religion enjoined, and no brother who was animated by the principles of the Craft could fail to be influenced for good in his future life. Believing this, they certainly felt Freemasonry to be one of those excellent things which ought to be inculcated on our fellow men. It was not consonant with their principles to attempt to induce any to belong to the Craft—they did not wish to enlist unwilling additions to their numbers, but if their advice was asked upon the point, they could not refuse the benefit of that advice, founded upon that experience of the Order. They could not say that they believed Freemasonry to be of no effect. On the contrary, if they were true Masons, they must say that they believed it to be of great effect. They must, however, show by their own conduct and their own lives that they had taken its precepts to heart, and as true and faithful members of the Order they should endeavour to show by their actions that they were animated by the principles which it was their boast the Order inculcated. Such, he trusted, was the object and would be the endeavour of the brethren whom he was then specially addressing as those about to form a new lodge. He trusted that this lodge might prove a powerful influence in the locality, and that, aided by the counsel, advice, and assistance of their neighbouring brethren, the members of the Clausentum lodge would prove themselves workmen who needed not to be ashamed, and who would set an example to other lodges in the district.

The formal documents were then read, approved, and confirmed, after which Brother Basil Wilberforce, the Prov. Grand Chaplain, delivered an address on the nature and principles of the institution. He could have wished for the sake of the brethren, he said, that this duty had fallen into abler hands, profoundly conscious as he was

of his own own unfitness in the presence of so many brethren far more intimately acquainted with the history of their Order than he himself. It was not his intention to enter at any length into the controversies as to the exact date of the origin of Freemasonry. In the opinion of many their Order sprang into being at the time of the building of Solomon's Temple, and without doubt, if it did not originate at that time, the Order of Masonry would have received a powerful stimulant from the confraternities and guilds of artificers employed in that work of devotion to the great Architect of the Universe, all deeply impressed with the sacredness of the work in which they were engaged. But he could not but believe himself that their ancient Order was represented at a far earlier date by one who was especially inspired by Almighty God to erect the first architectural edifice used for the worship of God, namely, the tabernacle in the wilderness. We read in the xxxi. chapter of the book of Exodus, that "The Lord spake unto Moses saying, I have called by name Bezaleel, the son of Uri, and I have filled him with wisdom in all manner of workmanship to devise cunning works, to work in gold and in silver, and in brass, and in the cutting of stone." The antiquity of the Order being, however, beyond dispute, their time would be more profitably occupied in considering its position and value in the civilised world. Modern Freemasonry was, as they were aware, not a school of architecture, but a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, and its special connection with practical architecture had been gradually but surely severed. During the middle ages the inventions and improvements in architecture were due entirely to the skill and labour of the Freemasons, and the origin and spread of the well-known Gothic architecture throughout Western Europe was the work of the various lodges of the Craft, who communicated their inventions from lodge to lodge, and from country to country. In our own land it was remarkable that in the third year of King Henry VI., the Freemasons had assumed such power that, at the instigation of the then Bishop of Winchester, an Act of Parliament was passed in condemnation of the Craft, but not only was this tyrannical Act never enforced, but history leads us to the conclusion that King Henry himself became a Mason, or at any rate was present at the meeting of lodges, which would imply that he was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. King James the First of Scotland was also a Mason and a constant patron of the ancient Order. After this date, Freemasonry being no longer indispensable to the Church, gradually declined. At the time of the civil war (1642) it again made its appearance in full force, but entirely severed from architectural practice, and whilst retaining the ancient ritual the architectural symbols, devoted itself exclusively to the inculcation of brotherly love and every social virtue. From England Freemasonry was first introduced into France in the year 1725, into Spain in 1728, and into Italy in 1733, in which year the first Italian Masonic lodge was established at Florence. Now he conceived that were it necessary to place their ancient Order upon the defensive against the indiscriminating attacks which prejudice loved to make upon every institution recognizing the principles of mystery and secrecy, the most effective reply was not to be found by any mere appeal to antiquity, but by pointing to the well-known practical results of Masonry thoroughly acted up to. In an ever changing world the unchanging principles of their Order stood firm as a perpetual protest over body and mind, and as a school in which to learn the paramount duties of love to God and love to the brethren—as a rock over which the wild storms of political conflicts and the battle of creeds, which alter the destinies of whole nations, may sweep without ruffling its surface. It is of the essence of pure Masonry that it knows no creeds, recognises no politics; and thus pure Masonry can place itself into antagonism with no states, no religions. Purity, charity, fraternity, are the principles which it strives to infuse into the minds and hearts of its children, and it bids them go forth boldly from every lodge, and in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe, practice these virtues faithfully. The religions of the world

have varied, have developed, have exhibited intervals of terrible disruption—of almost universal disintegration. Masonry, in the midst of the storm, has still faithfully uttered her cry, purity, charity, fraternity. Men have made their creeds their battlefields, and to this or that religion the love of many has waxed cold, and when the love of a man to his religion waxes cold his morality suffers. Yet if one such has been a faithful Mason he has still heard the voice of the Ancient Order ringing in his ears—purity, charity, fraternity. And who can say that this constant exhibition of a high standard of social virtue has not filled a gap in the moral history of many a waverer in such times as those. He could not but recognise in this characteristic of their Order one reason why Freemasonry had so frequently come under the displeasure and excited the jealousy of prevailing religion. It was because it had effected so much for morality that it had been accused of rivalry to religion; but the assertion so frequently made that the secrets of Masonry were opposed to the doctrines of religion were both mischievous and false—intensely mischievous, inasmuch as to force Freemasonry into opposition to religion results disastrously for both systems—utterly false, inasmuch as Masonry is neither a religion nor a substitute for religion, but a system of morals eminently constituted to form a valuable handmaiden to every pure religion. What if Freemasonry had at times administered comfort and taught morality to some bewildered member of a religious community in process of disruption? This surely had been the fault of the professors of religion, and to the honour and credit of the Craft. We must not fail to observe, however, that the fault of a collision between Masonry and religion is sometimes the fault of the Mason himself. And circumstances will occasionally occur when the wisest discretion must be exercised. A peculiar and deeply interesting illustration of a dilemma of this nature, in which there could be no doubt that the principles of their Order were unduly stretched, was afforded us in scripture narrative. The history itself was full of interest to Masons as bearing marvellous testimony—first, to the antiquity of the Order, and, secondly, to the power of the principles of Masonry over one of the strongest passions of man's nature—the desire for revenge. In the 20th chapter of the 1st Book of Kings the incident is related—Benhadad, the King of Syria, had sent to Ahab, the King of Israel, a galling and insolent challenge—"Thy silver and thy gold are mine; thy wives also and thy children, even the goodliest, are mine." Ahab, after an interval of timidity and hesitation, being encouraged by a prophet of the Lord, joined in battle with the Syrian King and defeated him with terrific slaughter, Benhadad himself escaping from the field of battle, and concealing himself in the city. And now came the point of the history. From his concealment he sent messengers to supplicate the King of Israel for his life. What passed between the messengers and the victorious sovereign had better be rendered in the words of Holy Scripture, but if they did not refer to the passing between the conquered and the conquerors of a certain secret sign, it was not easy to see the meaning of the passage. Ahab, upon receiving the message, as if suddenly remembering some obligations of fraternity, cried out, "Is he yet alive; he is my brother;" and we read "The men did diligently observe whether anything would come from him, and did hastily catch it, and they said thy brother Benhadad." Doubtless they watched with eagerness to see if the sign of the brotherhood would come from him, and responded to it with the joyful cry, "Thy brother Benhadad." Remarkable, too, is the sequel of the history. Ahab being thus apparently constrained by the principles of the ancient Order to spare the life of his enemy, who had heaped insult on his country and his God, came, as he (the speaker) conceived, justly under the sore displeasure of his church, and was visited by the prophet, who foretold his own destruction for sparing the life of the enemy of his nation. Time would not suffer him to enter into the important question of the deterioration of Continental Freemasonry. The consistently hostile attitude adopted by the prevailing religion of the Continent towards Free-

masonry had much to answer for in forcing into unwilling collision a body, which, if treated with confidence and consideration, would have proved itself a valuable assistant to the cause of pure religion. The part which the Freemasons of Paris were reported to have taken with the Commune during the insurrection of 1871, and their share in the excesses which then disgraced the page of history, could not but be a sorrow to every Mason, and to every man, but he contended that no form of association, however pure its intentions, could protect itself wholly from abuse. Human ignorance and misconception will at all times sully the noblest fraternity of which the component parts are simply human. And the Freemasons of Paris were sinning against Freemasonry and against order and religion when they lent themselves to that bloody work. Whilst sincerely deploring so flagrant a departure from the principles of the ancient Order, it was some satisfaction to be assured, as he had been by the Grand Master of England, that the English Freemasons have no sort of official communication whatsoever with the Grand Orient of France. Were it otherwise he conceived that it would be the bounden duty of the Grand Lodge of England to express in the most public way the abhorrence of deeds which had sullied the reputation of our noble Craft. Brethren (the P.G. Chaplain concluded by saying), let the errors and the excesses of some who have belonged to our noble Order not discourage or deter us in our pursuit of virtue. Rather let them serve as a warning to us that the true secret of preserving a community in a state of purity and usefulness is for each member to begin by making one man pure and useful and that man himself. To those about to join the Clunes Lodge, now to be consecrated, I would say, make your Freemasonry a reality, and not a pastime. Attend, whenever possible, lodges of instruction, that you may become conversant with the real beauty and virtue of the system. Do not consider it as religion; or as a substitute for religion, but as co-existent with religion, and as an encouragement to search after higher and more soul saving truths. Cultivate the sublime principles which are so solemnly inculcated when you are admitted to the Order. Prove yourselves before the outside world to be true and genuine brothers, that all may see and approve the benign influence of Masonry; and above all things remember that the system of morality to which we, as Masons, are pledged is essentially for the well being of an earthly community, and as mortal beings you cannot rest satisfied with that. This life with its interests and necessities is after all but a starting point along a road without an ending, and before us all there is a time when systems of morality shall have faded away into the past, and eternity shall have set its terrible seal upon every action of this life. In praying that the Grand Architect of this life would vouchsafe His choicest blessing upon this newly constituted lodge, I would add the prayer that every member of the Fraternity, present and future, may so shape his course here below, that he may be admitted, through the mercy of one who loved the world and gave Himself for it, into the eternal portals of the Grand Lodge above. So mote it be.

The dedication prayer was then offered, and the invocation pronounced, the P.G. Chaplain reading II. Chronicles, 2nd chap., 1 to 16 ver., and after the remainder of the solemn ceremony had been performed, the following brethren were installed to the offices:—W.M., Bro. Capt. T. H. M. Martin; I.P.M., Bro. Wilkinson; S.W., Bro. G.S. Liddell; J.W., Bro. Walter Bowyer; Treas., Bro. W. A. Lomer; Sec., Bro. Davis; Direc. Cer., Bro. Waters; S.D., Bro. Stroud; J.D., Bro. Danells; I.G., Bro. Tilling; T., Bro. Vare.

Before the lodge separated cordial votes of thanks were tendered to the Prov. G.M., his officers, and to Bro. Rev. Basil Wilberforce. The number of propositions for candidates and joining was very large. At the conclusion of the proceedings Bro. W. A. Lomer fraternally invited the brethren to his residence, where they were hospitably entertained. There was a banquet in the evening at the lodge room, provided by Bro. Dartnall, of Southampton, Mr. Churcher, of the Woolston Inn, supplying the wines.

#### DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA (AUSTRALIA.)

The regular quarterly communication of the District Grand Lodge of Freemasons, under the English Constitution, was held in the Masonic Hall, Camp-street, Ballarat, last Monday evening, at which the Right W. District Grand Master, Captain Standish, and many of his officers attended.

The handsome and elegantly furnished hall was crowded by brothers attracted by the novelty of the occasion, which created great interest in the district, owing to the meeting being, it is stated, the first of the kind ever held out of Melbourne.

At the conclusion of the business of the District Lodge, the annual meeting of the Yarrowee Lodge of Freemasons, No. 713, E.C. was held, the Right Worshipful District Grand Master and officers of the District Grand Lodge remaining, in addition to the W.M. and Wardens of the St. John's Lodge, Orion Lodge, Havilah Lodge (Creswick) Buninyong Lodge, All Nations Lodge (Clunes), Sebastopol Lodge, and Prince of Wales Lodge (Smythesdale), and Past Masters Henry Cuthbert, R. Valentine, Henry Davies, Richard Gibbings, J. Josephs, H. H. Radcliffe, J. T. Sleep, D. Thomas, Thos. Aldred, J. McCartney, J. T. Weickhart, C. Megson, Rd. Kent, Thomas Purves, Revs. Bros Innis and Goldreich, and many distinguished members of the Craft. Unusual Masonic interest was shown in this meeting consequent on the compliment paid to the district by the R.W.D.G. Master Captain Standish, and his officers coming from distant places at some inconvenience and expense, and this was rightly appreciated and acknowledged by the Fraternity, who mustered in great force, and made the spectacle grand and imposing—one long to be remembered.

The installation ceremony was most ably given by the V.W. District Grand Senior Warden, Bro. Wm. Strachan, when the following brethren were installed in their respective offices:—Br. Wm. Little, W.M., W.D.G. J.W.; F. M. Claxton, S.W.; Chas. B. Finlayson, J.W.; Chas. Salter, Treasurer; Henry H. Peake, P.M., Secretary; Robert Wreford, S.D.; Fred. J. Gomm, J.D.; H. A. Nevett, I.G.; John Rae, Tyler; John Allender and S. J. Morgan, Stewards. On the conclusion of the ceremony, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Hawthorn's Royal Hotel, where about 100 members sat down to a very sumptuous repast prepared by host Hawthorn. The W.M. occupied the chair, supported on the right by the R.W.D. Grand Master Bro. H. Cuthbert, P.M., and the D. Grand Secretary; on the left by the V.W.D.G. Senior Warden.

During the evening the following toasts were given:—"The Queen," by the W.M., followed by "God save the Queen," by the musicians and company, and cheers; "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, P.G.M. of England;" song and chorus, "God bless the Prince of Wales;" "The Fraternal Memory of the Earl of Zetland," which was drunk in solemn silence; "The Three Grand Masters under the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions—Marquess of Ripon, Duke of Leinster, and Earl of Rosslyn."

Bro. Henry Cuthbert, P.M., proposed "The District and Provincial Grand Lodges of Victoria," coupled with the name of the R.W.D.G. Master, who, with his officers, had that day for the first time held a regular District Grand Lodge out of Melbourne. He considered that it should be recorded as a red letter day in Ballarat, that the D.G.M., who was the sovereign or the supreme ruler of the Craft in this colony, had condescended with his officers, at great personal inconvenience, less of time, and some cost to themselves, to come so far to honour them with their presence.

The R.W.D.G. Master, in reply, thanked the brethren and the members of the Yarrowee Lodge for the handsome manner in which they had been received in Ballarat, and said now railway communication had been established throughout the colony, he should feel it not only a duty, but a pleasure, to periodically visit the great centres of population in the country districts, and regretted much the absence of the representatives of the Irish Constitution, Bro. Wm. Scott, P.M., who,

he was sorry to hear, was prevented being present through sickness. The R.W.D.G. Master proposed the health of the W.M., Bro. William Little, and "Prosperity to the Yarrowee Lodge," and in doing so congratulated Bro. Little on the confidence displayed towards him by the members of the lodge in having re-elected him a second time, that being the highest honour the lodge could confer. He also alluded to his having recognised the enthusiasm with which Bro. Little had worked in the cause of Freemasonry, by having appointed him to the highest office in the District Grand Lodge ever conferred on any member out of Melbourne, viz., the D.G. Junior Warden, and congratulated the lodge, which he considered the leading lodge in the district, on having again selected such a worthy representative.

Bro. Little responded.

Bro. F. M. Claxton proposed "The Sister Lodges," coupled with the names of W.M. and Past Masters present, with three times three.

The W.M.'s of the St. John's, Buninyong, Havilah, All Nations, Orion, Sebastopol, and Prince of Wales Lodges replied.

Bro. Valentine, P.M., proposed—"The Health of the Installing Master, the V.W.G.D. Senior Warden, Bro. Strachan," and said that the very pleasing and impressive manner in which the installation ceremony had been given, would leave a lasting impression on the minds of the brethren present.

The D.G.S.W., in reply, thanked Bro. Valentine for the compliment paid him, and said that he was only too happy at any time to render any Masonic service which he was capable of, and and felt gratified at being present at such a large and influential gathering of of the Masons of this District.

Bro. Lempriere, D.G.S., proposed—"The newly-installed Officers of the Yarrowee Lodge," coupled with the names of the S.W., J.W., and Treas., who severally replied.

The V.W.D.G.S.W. proposed "The Past Masters and Past Officers of the Yarrowee Lodge," coupled with the name of Bro. Davies, P.M., and stated that the present position the lodge held must naturally be, in a great measure, due to the good government of the lodge by its Past Masters.

Bro. Davies replied.

Bro. Henry Davies, P.M., had much pleasure in proposing the health of the visiting brethren present, coupled with the names of the W.M.'s of the Clunes, Creswick, Smythesdale, Buninyong, and Sebastopol Lodges. Bro. Davies said this meeting recalled to his mind early associations of unmingled happiness and pleasure. He was a thorough believer in the good old system of English Freemasonry, and the beneficial effects from the frequent rubbing of shoulders together of intelligent men, and felt sure the social and moral progress of the world was largely indebted to such causes; he therefore hoped the system might long continue.

Bros. Lempriere, Caselli, and Megson severally returned thanks.

Bro. Finlayson, in a facetious speech, proposed "The Ladies," to which Bros. Josephs and Trenerry replied.

The health of the "Musicians" was proposed by the W.M., who stated that a great portion of his Masonic success was due to the kindness of his musical friends, who at all times had rendered their efficient services.

Bros. King, Lambie, and Austin T. Turner replied.

"The Tyler's" toast brought a very successful and pleasant meeting to a close at an early hour in the morning.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE BARD OF AVON CHAPTER, No. 778.

This new Chapter was consecrated at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Monday, the 10th inst., by Comp. R. Wentworth Little, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E., assisted by Comp. Colonel Burdett, Prov. G.Supt., as H., and Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R., as J., in the presence of about twenty companions, including many eminent R.A. Masons. After the consecration, the M.E.Z. designate, Comp. George Elliott, M.P., was installed as J., H., and Z., respectively, by the Pre-

siding Officer, assisted by Comp. T. Fenn, as S.E. Comp. Parkinson was inducted into the chair of H. Lord Limerick, the J., was unable to attend. The rank of Honorary Member was unanimously conferred on Comps. Colonel Burdett; McIntyre, Q.C.; and R. Wentworth Little, for their attendance and services. The officers were then elected, and the chapter was closed.

The companions afterwards sat down to a bountiful banquet, and all joined in congratulating the M.E.Z. upon the auspicious commencement of his career as a Chief in Royal Arch Masonry. It is almost superfluous to add that capital speeches were made during the course of the evening by the M.E.Z., Comp. Elliott, and by Comps. Mc Intyre, Parkinson, Burdett, and others, and that in every respect the chapter bids fair to be a worthy adjunct to the lodge from which it derives its parentage and name. The furniture, jewels, &c., were manufactured by Comp. George Kenning.

### Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

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A curious little pamphlet came into my hands the other day, entitled, "Thoughts on Masonry, and the Admission of Persons into that Fraternity." By M. Concanen, Jun. London: Printed by the Author, and may be had of Bro. Parsley, bookseller, Surrey Lodge, Blackfriars Bridge.

#### "OLD CHARGES OF BRITISH FREEMASONS."

Since issuing the above work we have come across some more MS. Masonic Constitutions, and especially a notice of one which we now desire to inform Masonic students about.

Bro. Jacob Norton, of Boston (Mass.), drew our attention to a "Masonic Charge" alluded to in an address by Bro. the Rev. J. Wilton Kerr, of Clinton (Canada, West) and which appeared in the *Philadelphia Mirror and Keystone* (now extinct) for August 15th, 1860. The MS. it appears, was duly copied by Bro. Kerr, and is given *in extenso* in the magazine for the following week.

These have been kindly sent us by the Editor, Bro. Leon Hyneman (an earnest and learned Mason, through Bro. Norton, and since their receipt we have been most anxious to obtain some information about the original. Both these brethren have been indefatigable in their exertions to trace the document, and have written to Bro. Kerr, besides making able enquiries.

So far, we regret to state, the object of their researches has not been discovered, and from the contents of the letter forwarded by Bro. Kerr to Bro. Thomas B. Harris, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, we fear that this valuable MS. is lost.

The "Charge" is said to have been delivered at "Scarborough, in the County of York, England, the tenth day of July, 1505, before William Thompson, Esq., President of said lodge," &c.

This version of the "Old Charges" agrees in the main with the others which we have published, and also with those Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., and ourselves are thinking of issuing in 1874; but we fancy the year 1505 must be a clerical error, and meant for 1705, at which time the old Lodge of York was active, and likely enough engaged through its members in admitting Masons in other towns in the country.

Bro. W. Cowling, P.M., P. Prov. G.W. (of York) has kindly searched through the names, but he cannot trace a William Thompson in the "rolls" preserved of the ancient York Lodge members, but the same surname is recorded, but not for the 16th century.

Bro. Kerr lent the MS., to the late Robert Cooper, Esq., County Judge of Haron, who gave a brother's pledge to return it, but alas it has never more been seen by its owner, and though he has made every inquiry of the executor and the friends of the deceased, he failed to find its whereabouts.

He now gives up all personal ownership, and intends publicly to advertise for it, as the property of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Bro. Kerr kindly promises, if he succeeds in

tracing it to place it at our disposal. If it is found we shall owe its discovery mainly to our good Bro. Jacob Norton.

Brethren interested in our description of the "Grand Lodge MS.," will find some interesting information relative to its purchase, &c., in the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*, vol. ix. 1842, pp. 149-50, which had escaped our attention until lately. W. J. HUGHAN.

### SOCIETAS ROSICRUCIANÆ IN SCOTIA.

COLLEGE OF THE EAST OF SCOTLAND.—A special meeting of this college was held in Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh, on the 15th inst.—present: Fraters John Laurie, 8°, Geo. Adept; H. Y. D. Copland, Suffragan; Geo. Dickson, M.D., Conductor; W. M. Bryce, 1 A.; H. C. Peacock, 2 A.; R. S. Brown, 5 A.; James Reid, 6 A.; James Webster, 7 A.; W. J. V. Bindon, Secretary; F. L. Law, C.M.; R. Davidson, O.; R. Bryce, T.B.; Captain Charles Hunter, W. Milne, Peter Gardner, F.E.I.S., and others. The M.C. having been formed, the following brethren were admitted and received into the grade of Zelator:—Charles Mackenzie and E. G. M. Sellentin, Frater Sellentin, being afterwards promoted to the grade of Theoricus. The accessories and furniture of the college were of the most tasteful and gorgeous style, reflecting great credit upon Frater W. M. Bryce, 1 A., who had the management of that department. A few names of brethren were proposed for admission, and after being balloted for, were declared duly elected, and it was intimated that the number being now complete, no more names could be proposed. The college was thereafter closed.

### MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

The following Rules of the Mark Benevolent Association will be found useful in the formation of similar associations:—

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"The Treasurer to be elected at the first meeting."

### Obituary.

#### BRO. E. WATES, D.P.G.M. KENT.

An earnest and honoured member of the brotherhood has just passed away. Bro. Edward Wates died at his residence, Gravesend, on the 5th inst., at the early age of forty-two. He had been ill for two or three months past, the malady being of a serious nature, but he lingered on, his friends hoping almost against hope, until, on the evening of Wednesday, the 5th of November, after having taken a somewhat hearty tea, he suddenly grew worse, and died an hour or two afterwards. Bro. Wates held several legal appointments in and near Gravesend. He was Clerk to the Commissioners of Taxes for the District; Registrar of the County Court at Sheerness; Clerk to the Stipendiary Magistrate at Chatham, and Clerk of the Gravesend and Milton Union. He had been for a considerable time a member of the Gravesend Town Council, and in November, 1872, he was elected Mayor, the choice being received with great favour by the inhabitants generally, with whom "Teddy Wates"—as he was familiarly called—was a great favourite; and it is hardly necessary to add that the news of his death, only a few days before the close of his year of office, although in a measure expected, was received with a deep feeling of sorrow throughout the neighbourhood. In the ranks of Masonry Bro. Wates was, as he merited, greatly liked and respected. He was a most painstaking and attentive member of the brotherhood, and had attained great honours in the Province. He was P.M. of the Lodge of Freedom, 77, held at Gravesend, and he performed the duties of Provincial Grand Secretary for Kent for many years, and so satisfactorily that a very handsome testimonial was presented to him by his brother Masons; and at the Grand Annual Festival, held at Chatham a few months ago, the office of Deputy Grand Master of the Province, vacant by the death of Bro. Dobson (also a former Mayor of Gravesend), was conferred upon Bro. Wates by Viscount Holmesdale, P.G.M., the appointment being one in which the Masons of the Province heartily concurred. The remains of the lamented brother were interred at the Gravesend cemetery on Tuesday last, about 100 of the brethren, including Past Provincial Grand Officers and the representatives of lodges in and out of the Province, being present.

### Masonic Tidings.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex will meet at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, this day, Saturday, at 5 o'clock. The Burdett Chapter will be consecrated at the same place, at half-past three.

Bro. W. H. Lucia, Prov. G. Sec. Suffolk, has undertaken the office of Steward for his Province, at the Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which will take place on the 28th January next, under the presidency of Right Hon. Lord Waverley, Prov. G. Master of Suffolk.

The fifteen sections will be worked on Friday 5th December, at the Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish-town, when Bro. T. F. Wuest, P.M. 753, the newly-appointed Preceptor, will preside. A full attendance is expected.

The next meetings of the Oxford and Cambridge K.T. Preceptory and Rose Croix Chapter will be held at the new Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square. The former will meet on Saturday, December 13th, and the latter on the Monday following.

In consequence of the number of applications for tickets to view the exhibition of Roman and British remains at Bro. Whichcord's offices in Queen Victoria-street, City, between Monday, the 24th, and Saturday, the 29th November, the hours of admission have been made from eleven a.m. to three p.m. each day, instead of one to three p.m., as formerly announced.

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## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1873.

## THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

Some questions having recently arisen, and still pending, as regards changes in that distinguished body, we think it well to call attention to-day to what, in our humble opinion, is the one great defect in the Scotch system, namely, the absence of annual lodge subscriptions. We admit, indeed, freely at the outset, that, each national Grand Lodge has a right to legislate for itself, and that, *a priori*, it is more likely to know what advances its own interests, and conduces to its own welfare, better than its friendly critics.

But in the case of Scotland some very serious drawbacks attend the present system, which affect others besides Scotch Masons, and therefore those outsiders have a right to express their opinion on a subject, which is, as we said at first, apparently and entirely alone within Scottish jurisdiction.

We have no doubt whatever ourselves, that, the whole difficulty about the Grand Lodge system itself has arisen from the fact, that, there are not, as with us, annual returns of the Lodges, as well as annual subscriptions to each Lodge, as a necessary condition for Grand Lodge Membership.

As a general rule in Scotland, we believe universally, at any rate with very few exceptions, no annual subscriptions are paid to lodges.

There is a payment, more or less, made at initiations, and though there may be small payments from time to time, we believe we are not incorrect in stating, that, once on the roll of the lodge all claims for payment cease.

There may be, as we have been told, a small payment for special purposes, or on some special occasion, but there is no regular system of

annual payment, much less of annual subscription.

If there be the slightest error in this description of the present Masonic system in Scotland, we shall be most glad to be corrected, and will most joyfully admit our error.

Such a system works most prejudicially, in every way, to the interests of Scotch Masonry.

At this moment Scotland has no charitable Institution worthy of the Order, which numbers in its ranks many most excellent Masons, and liberal hearted men, and with the exception of some special lodges, there seems but little effected, beyond routine lodge working, and the customary "symposia."

But there is another great evil in the present system.

In some Lodges in Scotland—the acceptance fee is so small, that, many persons are admitted often with little previous inquiry, who ought in fact, never to have been admitted. The lodges in our Northern Counties are not unfamiliar with the advent of wandering Masons, who mostly hail from N. B., and who seem to think, that, because they paid some time ago, a very small sum comparatively, for their admittance into Freemasonry in some lodge in Scotland, which they only visited once, and will never visit again, they have an equitable claim upon the "Pedestal" of all our English Lodges, wherever they are, and wherever they go.

We do not think it needful to dilate upon the subject further to-day, nor do we wish to complain unnecessarily of differences of detail, and organization, but, what we would wish to suggest to the authorities of the Scotch Grand Lodge is, that, now some questions of reform have arisen, they should at once make use of this most favourable opportunity, to fix a minimum fee for admission in all their lodges, which at present is sadly too low in most cases, and also to insist, that, all Scotch Masons shall pay an annual subscription to their several lodges, be that subscription large or small, and that subscription shall be the condition of membership in Grand Lodge.

Until they do this, we feel persuaded, that, the condition of Scotch Freemasons will remain, as at present, unsettled and unsatisfactory still.

We are sorry to perceive that our excellent contemporary the *Masonic News*, published in Glasgow, terms the surreptitious ritual,—put forth by a *soi disant* Bro. Mason, P.M. 30,—"a handy and useful work;" and that the enterprising publisher of the *Masonic News*, Bro. Bassett, advertizes himself an agent of the work for Scotland.

Can any of our readers tell us who Bro. Mason is, and if there is such a brother really in existence? We need hardly add, that, any claim of any authority for the work, or acceptance by the Craft—is all moonshine.

We would draw the attention of our many readers to the fact that the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar* for 1874, is now ready, price 2s. 0d. post-free 2s. 2d., and may be had at Bro. Kenning's Masonic Depots, or through any respectable bookseller or newsagent.

## WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Since our last impression we have had to regret the loss of two eminent merchants of London—Mr. Russell Ellice, and Mr. Thomas Baring, both of them high in the opinions of their fellow citizens. The death of Lord Richard Cavendish, brother to the Duke of Devonshire, is also announced.

The elections for the School Boards continue actively all over the country. In Sheffield no election has taken place, a course, we venture to think, of very doubtful legality, and still more doubtful propriety.

From the Gold Coast comes the first news of Sir Garnet Wolseley's proceedings, which took the form of a successful "reconnaissance," with no material loss. There has also been a skirmish at Escaboo, under Col. Festing, in which five English officers are "slightly wounded." Two good regiments,—the 23rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and the 2nd Battalion of the Rifle Brigade, have been despatched to the seat of war, and the 42nd Highlanders, are to follow. This fine brigade is to be commanded, it seems, by Sir A. Alison, and there can be little doubt all that can be done by British soldiers will be effected by these excellent representatives of our English army.

The Times states that some progress has been made in drawing up the new rules for the new arrangements of our law courts, which are to come into effect in the summer of 1874. Mr. Disraeli has made a most effective speech, and given very good advice to the students and others at Glasgow, and following the many very distinguished men who have preceded him in the office of Lord Rector, there can be little doubt that he has well sustained his character for eloquence and oratory.

In the foreign news, as we anticipated, Marshal MacMahon has received a prolongation of his high powers for seven years, and we sincerely trust that under his firm and temperate sway, our good neighbours of "Outre Manche," may happily regain the flow of national prosperity, and he signal blessings of order, liberty, and peace.

In Spain, no material change is announced, though great uneasiness and confusion seem to prevail in the beleaguered fortress of Carthage.

The Italian Parliament has been opened in a Royal speech, all "couleur de rose," but, Italy's old enemy, a financial difficulty, seems looming in the distance.

Another very startling robbery of jewellery has taken place at Lady Waldgraves, at Strawberry Hill, somewhat similar to one not long ago at Earl Russell's in Richmond Park. The thieves are described as gentlemanly and well-dressed, one light, the other dark, and we would commend the care and consideration of these interesting professors of "legerdemain" to the speedy handling of our useful and meritorious fellow citizens in Scotland-yard.

If the demands of the American Government are correctly given by Baron Von Reuter, they are very simple, but excessively comprehensive. They amount to a restoration of the vessel, the setting at liberty all who are still in confinement, indemnification to the living, and to the friends of those so unjustly executed, an open repudiation

of, and expression of regret for such uncalled for cruelties, and the signal punishment of all those who had any hand in inflicting, or permitting the unjust sentence of an incompetent court to be carried out, so hastily and so unmercifully.

Though we are Freemasons, and as such have nothing to do with politics, *per se*, we are still citizens, and let us hope patriots, endowed with the principles of common humanity and consideration for our fellow creatures. Probably another week will bring us decided news one way or the other. Having said this, we are glad to be able to express our hope that peace may not be disturbed, and that we all may learn more and more, that, the best way of maintaining tranquility in the world, and avoiding the horrors of war, is always to respect the rights, and laws, and liberties of others.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

By command of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire was held on Wednesday, the 19th instant, at the Brook-street Sunday Schools, St. Helen's. As this was the first meeting his lordship has held since his appointment and installation as Provincial Grand Master of one of the most influential provinces throughout the kingdom, the W.M.'s, P.M.'s, Wardens, and brethren of the lodges in the province assembled in strong force to show their interest in the meeting and their admiration for their Masonic head. Probably there were present nearly 400 brethren, and the fact that the whole of the 63 lodges in the extensive province, with one exception, were represented at the meeting, showed how deep and strong is the interest taken in Masonry, and how much his lordship is esteemed and respected. The first act of his lordship with respect to the allotment of "purple" in the Provincial Grand Lodge is sure to increase his popularity, and on Wednesday there was almost universal satisfaction among the brethren that all the officers, with one or two exceptions, were changed for the first time in the memory of many. It is understood that this will now be the yearly course taken by his lordship, and as a consequence brethren who have, so to speak, grown grey in the service of Masonry, will now have a prospect of honourable recognition, while those who are manfully struggling to the front will have increased incitement to perseverance and zeal.

With the best weather, St. Helens, with its myriad of smoky chimneys and chemical breezes, is not the most inviting place, but on this occasion it was fortunately seen at its best, as if it were determined to do honour to the occasion. The Liverpool contingent of the brethren started from Lime-street Station at 10.50, special arrangements having been made with the railway company, and as the other trains came from the other places in the provinces the "natives" stared with undisguised astonishment at the crowds of black-coated and white-choked strangers who had apparently taken full possession of the town. The accommodation at the Brook-street Sunday Schools was of the most satisfactory character, and the arrangements generally were very complete. To save a good deal of confusion and delay, however, we would suggest that at future meetings of Provincial Grand Lodges, more than one Tyler's book should be furnished. A dozen smaller paper covered books might be provided, thereby enabling a number of brethren to sign simultaneously, and, if necessary these might afterwards be collected and bound together. The effect of having only one book on this occasion, was that many had to struggle to get to it, others only signed after the business was over, while others left altogether without signing. In every other respect, however, there was nothing to which exception could be taken, and the St. Helens' meeting may, in every sense, be

reckoned the most successful and pleasant ever held, with the exception of that held at the Liverpool Town Hall.

## THE P.G. LODGE MEETING.

After the brethren had assembled in the large and handsome school room upstairs, the Craft lodge was opened in the three degrees by Bro. Hall, P.M., of Lodge 32 (the oldest in the Province), as W.M.; supported by Bros. J. W. R. Fowler, I.P.M. 86, acting as S.W.; J. Beesley, W.M. 216, as J.W.; and R. Brown, J.W. 241, as I.G.

Amongst the principals and leaders of the different Craft lodges represented, we observed the following:—Bros. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M. 249; H. Pearson, P.M. 248; C. Humphries, S.W. 1013; Dr. J. Worthington, W.M. 220; G. F. Robinson, W.M. 1375; S. Studd, S.W. 1375; W. Boulton, W.M. 823; J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; T. Ashmore, P.M. 823; J. Healing, 1263; J. Platt, P.M. 613; H. Nelson, P.M. 673; E. Kyle, W.M. 673; J. T. Callow, I.P.M. 673; R. Hooker, S.W. 1225; R. Pearson, P.M. 673; T. Fair, W.M. 1256; William Williams, W.M. 1182; W. Pugh, P.M. 1182; P. R. Thorn, P.M. 1182; W. Edginton, S.W. 1182; T. Clark, P.M. 673; T. Jackson, P.M. 580; P. B. Forshaw, S.W. 1403; J. Wells, S.W. 580; M. Corless, S.W. 673; S. Johnson, P.M. 673; J. W. R. Cook, W.M. 178; R. Pearson, P.M. 995; J. Bell, W.M. 1353; P. Pennington, P.M. 484; W. Bates, P.M. 484; T. Shaw, J.W. 823; J. W. Turley, P.M. 1035; T. Fozzard, P.M. 1035; G. Sculthorpe, P.M. 1035; W. Shortis, W.M. 724; W. G. Veale, Org. 1356; J. A. Vandyke, 241; J. B. Bunting, P.M. 1035; J. K. Hughes, P.M. 1013; Dr. Samuels, W.M. 1350; Captain W. Newman, W.M. 786; J. Jones, W.M. 1393; T. W. Sergeant, W.M. 203; T. Lowe, W.M. 1013; G. Roswell, S.W. 1356; R. Langley, P.M. 477; J. R. Goepel, P.M. 155; W. C. Marsh, P.M. 521; H. Scott, W.M. 86; W. Evans, W.M. 1356; C. M'Nab, S.W. 1035; F. P. Poole, W.M. 343; G. Morgan, P.M. 1035; J. Clegg, W.M. 1299; P. Macmuldrow, S.W. 1299; R. R. Martin, W.M. 1094; W. Cottrell, S.W. 823; R. G. Manning, P.M. 950; S. Cookson, P.M. 1182; H. Williams, P.M. 1035; R. Young, W.M. 1384; H. Owen, P.M. 786; J. Wray, W.M. 1061; W. S. Blackhurst, W.M. 1070; P. R. Thorn, P.M. 1182; J. Rigby, P.M. 1070; C. Leighton, S.W. 1325; J. Lunt, P.M. 1086; W. E. Edge, W. M. 1403; S. Wylde, P.M. 1403; P. Ashcroft, S.W. 986; D. W. Finney, P.M. 148; J. A. Hall, P.M. 32; D. Stansfield, P.M. 730; R. Brierley, S.W. 1250; Martin, W.M. 1032; G. Turner, P.M. 86; J. J. Rose, W.M. 249; W. Melbourne, S.W. 343; J. Wood, Treas., 1094; C. Bee, W.M. 314; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; T. Chesworth, P.M. 724; J. Davison, S.W. 724; E. Dutch, I.G. 1393; W. Harrison, P.M. 897; A. Davies, W.M. 1264; J. Thornton, P.M. 673; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1264; R. Washington, J.W. 1094; S. Schonstadt, 1299; J. W. Ballard, J.W. 724; R. Martin, jun., S.D. 1182, &c.

Shortly afterwards the Provincial Grand Lodge was announced, and Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., entered the room, preceded and accompanied by the following P.G. Officers, past and present:—Bros. J. F. Goggin, P.G. Chaplain; T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas.; T. Wylie, P.G. Reg.; H. S. Alpess, P.G. Sec.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; B. W. Rowson, P.G.S. of W.; G. Broadbridge, P.G.D.C.; J. W. J. Fowler, P.G.A.D.C.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; R. Robinson, P.G.S.; P. Ball, P.G. Tyler; W. H. Ball, P.G.A. Tyler; T. Birchall, P.P.J.G.W.; P. Maddox, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Laidlaw, P.P.G.S. of W.; S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hamer, P.P.G. Treas.; A. C. Mott, P.P.S.G.D. and P.P.G.S.W. of Westmoreland and Cumberland; H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C.; C. Sherlock, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Bowes, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Baxendale, P.G. Pur.; C. J. Banister, P.G.S.B. of England. The R.W.P.G.M. having ascended the throne, he was greeted with the royal honours, led by Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.G.D.C. The P.G.M. then proceeded to open the Provincial Grand Lodge according to ancient form, the following prayer being offered by Bro. Goggin, P.G.C.: "Let us pray for all sorts and conditions of men; and herein for our Sovereign Lady the Queen,

that she may be endued plenteously with heavenly gifts, and long reign over a loyal, united, and happy people; for Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family. Let us pray especially for the ancient Order, as members of which we have this day assembled, particularly for the Most Worshipful the Marquess of Ripon, our Grand Master; for the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, especially for that Provincial Lodge to which we belong; for the Most Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, and his Deputy. Let us implore further the Most High to bless all private lodges, particularly those now gathered together in this holy temple. May God prevent us in all our doings with His most gracious favour, and further us with His continued help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in His Holy Name, we may promote the happiness of our fellow creatures, and ever set forth His honour and glory." So mote it be.

Bro. J. Skeaf's anthem, "Behold, how good," was then sung very impressively by Bros. C. Haswell, 203; D. Jones, 155; B. Rowson, 203; T. Armstrong, P.G.T.; and T. Yeatman, 667; Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., himself presiding at the harmonium.

Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., then called the roll, when it was found that of the 63 lodges in the Province, only one was not represented, viz., Victoria Lodge, 1345, Eccles, and the usual penalty of £1 was inflicted. The P.G. Sec. subsequently read the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, held at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on the occasion of the Installation of the R.W.P.G.M. The P.G. Chaplain said he had been deputed by Mr. Hesketh, son of the late P.G.M., to convey to Lord Skelmersdale, the Provincial Grand Officers, and the brethren generally, his thanks for the vote of condolence with the family which they had passed at the last meeting. The P.G. Sec. said he would record this on the minutes.

From the financial statement submitted by Bro. Armstrong, P.G. Treas., it appeared that the total balance from last year was £1278 8s. 8d. The receipts for the educational fund during the year amounted to £176 1s.; for the Provincial Grand Lodge, with balance, £534 7s. 10d.; for the fund of benevolence, £1096 16s. 7d.; making a total of £1807 5s. 5d. The disbursements for the same period amounted to £423 13s. 3d., leaving a balance of £1383 12s. 2d. There had been paid in 1872 to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution the sum of £127; and during the present year £176 1s. Bro. G. Turner, P.M. 86, moved that the accounts (a copy of which was furnished to most of the brethren) be taken as read, and in doing so he suggested that in future the number of members belonging to each lodge should be given in connection with the financial statement. Bro. T. Wylie, P.G. Reg., seconded the motion as to the accounts, but was understood not to agree with the suggestion made by Bro. Turner. The motion was agreed to, and the annual financial statement, on being put by the P.G.M., was carried unanimously.

On the motion of the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G.C., seconded by the Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C., Bro. Thos. Armstrong, was unanimously and by acclamation re-elected P.G. Treas., and Bro. Armstrong briefly but feelingly acknowledged the renewal of the confidence of his brethren.

Bro. G. Turner said that there was a feeling amongst the brethren in that province that it was not fair this office should be confined to one brother year after year, but that if there were offices of honour, such as that of the P.G. Treas., they should be shared by other brethren. (Hear, hear.) It did seem somewhat inconsistent that this office should be held without change by one person, and it was natural that brethren who had done good service in the cause of Masonry should feel aggrieved at this system. In making these remarks he desired it to be distinctly understood that he did not do so from any personal feeling against Bro. Armstrong, for whom he had the highest respect, but from a desire to give expression to the feelings of many of the brethren. It was generally felt that the appointment of P.G. Treasurer should be left freely to the P.G. Lodge,

and not be influenced by the nomination of the P.G. Officers as a body. (Applause.)

The R.W.P.G.M. said he had only one remark to make, and that was that the appointment lay absolutely with the P.G. Lodge, and not with himself.

Bro. Sherlock said he must protest against the remark that the appointment was unfair, and he felt bound to resent it in the strongest manner. The subject then dropped.

The R.W.P.G.M. then proceeded to invest the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—

Hon. F. Stanley .....	D. Prov. G.M.
Sir James Ramsden, Bart...	Prov. G.S.W.
J. Prescott .....	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. J. F. Goggin .....	Prov. G. Chaplain.
T. Armstrong .....	Prov. G. Treas.
C. H. Hill .....	Prov. G. Reg.
H. S. Alpass .....	Prov. G. Sec.
E. Pierpoint .....	Prov. G.S.D.
W. Doyle.....	Prov. G.J.D.
J. Baxendale .....	Prov. G. S. of W.
G. De la Perelle .....	Prov. G.D.C.
R. Robinson .....	Prov. G.A.D.C.
R. Landless.....	Prov. G.S.B.
J. Skeaf .....	Prov. G. Org.
R. Pearson .....	Prov. G. Purst.
W. Leather .....	Prov. G. Steward.
J. R. Goepel .....	" " "
T. Lowe .....	" " "
G. Owen.....	" " "
S. Johnson .....	" " "
J. W. Turley .....	" " "

On the motion of Bro. Captain Mott, seconded by Bro. Broadbridge, Bro. P. Ball was re-appointed P.G. Tyler, and Bro. W. H. Ball P.A.G. Tyler.

Bro. T. Wylie, P.P.G. Registrar, presented his jewel of office to P.G. Lodge, to be worn by his successor, and the gift was received with cordial thanks.

The P.G. Lodge then proceeded to hear applications for relief, which were dealt with as follows:—Widow D. and three orphans of a brother of No 220, 15/; widow T. and three orphans of a brother of No. 673, 15/; widow R., whose husband was a member of No. 986 (second application), 5/; widow D., Lodges 241 and 1035 (second application), 5/; widow Mc., 15/; widow L., Lodge 1182, 15/; widow S., Lodge 580, 10/; widow W., Lodge 249, 5/; widow A., Lodge 216, 15/; widow B., 5/; Bros. J. P., Lodge 995, 15/; H.T., Lodge 292, 5/.

Bro. T. Wylie, P.P.G.R., moved that £50, in addition to £15, being 10 per cent. of P.G. Lodge fees, be paid to the Institution for the Relief of Aged Freemasons and their Widows, so as to constitute the R.W.P.G.M. a Vice President of the Institution. The Province was deriving great benefit from the charity, and he thought they could not devote the funds to a better purpose than by thus aiding the charities of their Order. At the same time, P.G. Lodges would be afforded an opportunity of paying a deserved tribute of respect to the P.G.M., who had taken a very warm interest in all the Masonic charities.

Bro. Capt. Mott seconded the motion, and dwelt upon the necessity of supporting these grand charities.

The R.W.P.G.M. said he took the vote as a compliment to himself, and having been deeply interested in the Masonic charities, he could say from experience, and on authority, that he did not know a nobler object to which they could devote their funds.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Bro. Sir James Ramsden, Bart, P.G.S.W., moved that the sum of £100 be voted towards decorating Rufford church, as a memorial of the late R.W.P.G.M. Sir T. G. Fermor-Hesketh, Bart.

Bro. Prescott, P.G.J.W., seconded the motion and said, that if this tribute to his memory was somewhat tardy, he hoped the brethren would now go forward in it with all the greater heartiness.

Bro. Alpass P.G., Sec., reminded P.G. Lodge that if this proposed grant were made, only £189 would be left to meet the expenses of P.G. Lodge during the ensuing year.

After some lively discussion the motion was

carried, and the following brethren were appointed a committee to control the expenditure and carry out the arrangements, viz.:—The R.W.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, Bro. C. Sherlock, Bro. T. Wylie, and Bro. Danson.

Bro. R. Wylie read the following report of the proposed Hamer Benevolent Fund:—

"Right Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren—The Provincial Grand Lodge having in 1871 voted twenty guineas to form the nucleus of a fund for providing a testimonial to Bro. James Hamer, Past Provincial Grand Treasurer. a committee was formed for carrying out this object, and an appeal was made to the lodges and brethren in the province, which has so far produced the sum of £227 19s. 6d., and this may be augmented, as there are several donations yet to be received. The committee, after mature consideration, decided to present to Brother Hamer an illuminated address and a Past Provincial Grand Treasurer's jewel, at a cost of twenty guineas, and with the balance to form a fund for benevolent purposes to perpetuate the name of our brother among Freemasons, a sub-committee being deputed to carry out the idea, the details of which will be laid before you. The committee, desirous of producing a scheme which would permanently secure from every Freemason in this province an interest in the sacred cause of charity, believe that the 'Hamer Benevolent Fund' is calculated to effect this most successfully. From the rapid increase of the Order in this province, it may reasonably be expected that there will be a very large number of claims upon our charity, and the committee think that the 'Hamer Benevolent Fund' may be made the means of alleviating a great amount of distress, without pressing heavily upon individuals or lodges, there being practically no limit to the relief that may be granted, provided the brethren will support this institution with small annual donations and subscriptions.

(Signed.)

"Charles H. Hill, P.M., 724, Chairman.

"Robert Wylie, P.M., 115, Hon. Sec.

"Liverpool, 14th Nov. 1873."

The bye-laws in connection with the scheme were also read; and on the motion of Bro. R. Wylie, seconded by Bro. Mott, the whole plan and report were cordially approved by the P. G. Lodge. Bros. J. Pearson, A. Stoddart, and H. S. Alpass, were appointed Trustees; Bro. W. Laidlaw, Treasurer; R. Wylie, Secretary; Bros. Hill, Armstrong, J. K. Smith, Wilsen, Ashmore, Baxendale, J. W. J. Fowler, R. Pearson, W. Vines, and G. Morgan, Members of Committee.

Bro. Alpass, P.G. Sec., then read the following:—

"Since the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge in February, a period of nine months, fifteen dispensations have been granted to ten lodges in Liverpool, to initiate more than five candidates on the same day; one lodge has had four, another three, eight others one each. I think it my duty to call the attention of the R.W.P.G.M. and the W.M.'s of the lodges to the fact that members of lodges frequently propose brethren for joining and candidates for initiation by note to the W.M., when there is not any emergency justifying that mode of proposal. I must also call the attention of W.M.'s of lodges to page 83, sec. 1 and 2 of the Book of Constitutions, whereby it is clearly laid down that a joining member must be proposed in open lodge, his name, occupation, and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge in which he is or was last a member, should be sent to all the members in the summons of the next regular lodge meeting, when he must be ballotted for. Candidates for initiation must be proposed in like manner, except in such cases as are mentioned in page 84, which says—'Any two members of a lodge may transmit in writing the name, &c., of any candidate they may wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency; and the Master, if it be proposed, shall notify the same to every member of his lodge, &c.' It is, therefore, evident that the responsibility of preventing the abuse of proposals by note rests with the W.M., and that he should not permit it unless he is satisfied that the circumstances justify it; and no emergency should be allowed in the case of a person residing in the neighbourhood except, perhaps, in the case of a

person proceeding to sea. All persons offending against these regulations subject the offending lodge to erasure." Bro. Alpass added that in other respects the lodges were working very satisfactorily.

The R.W.P.G.M.: I hope the W.M.'s of lodges will take away with them a recollection of what has just been said by the P.G. Sec. I hope this wrong doing—for so I must designate it, will be abated before I meet you again; and in order that the brethren may not be taken by surprise, I now give notice that, ten days before the next annual meeting of the P.G. Lodge, I will expect every W.M. of a lodge to cause the minute book of his lodge to be sent to the P.G. Sec. for examination with a view to check and prevent irregularities.

Bro. Pierpoint moved, in the absence of Bro. Birley, and Bro. Laidlaw seconded, that £25 should be voted towards paying for the chair ordered by Bro. Pearson, on behalf of the Masons, for presentation to the late Mayor of Liverpool; but the proposal found no favour, and was almost unanimously negatived.

At the conclusion of the Provincial Grand Lodge business, the annual court of governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held, to receive and determine the several recommendations of the General Committee, and for the transaction of the annual business of the institution.

Bro. A. C. Mott, the Hon. Sec., submitted the annual report of the Institution to the R.W. P.G.M., of which the following are the chief points:—

"Your committee, in presenting their report for the year 1872, have again the pleasure of congratulating you on the continued success which attends the operations of the Institution; for, notwithstanding the increased demands which have been made, its funds are happily in such a state as to warrant your committee in entertaining every application for its benefits, consistent with the rules of the foundation, which has hitherto been received.

Before referring to the details of the year's proceedings, your committee desire to express their deep regret and sorrow at the loss which this Institution has sustained by the death of its President, Sir Thomas George Fermor-Hesketh, Bart., late Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Western Division of Lancashire. By his death the institution has lost one of its most sincere friends and supporters—one who was ever anxious for its welfare, and ready to do all that lay in his power for its interests and prosperity.

"Referring to the report for the year 1871, it will be seen that 42 children were receiving the benefits of the Institution during that year, for whose education and advancement in life the sum of £274 3s. 8d. was paid. The number of children on the foundation during 1872 was 42, and the amount paid for their education, &c., was £341 1s. 3d.; which will be sufficient to show how greatly the demands upon the funds of the institution are increasing year by year.

"Turning to the financial statement, however, your committee have much satisfaction in drawing your attention to the evidence therein given of the ability of the Institution to meet these increased demands. The total funds of the charity at the close of 1871 amounted to £9220 6s. 3d., whilst the present statement shows a total of £9779 4s. 5d.; a result which cannot but afford the highest satisfaction to every supporter of the charity. It will be noticed that the item "fees from lodges" is small in comparison with previous years; but this is sufficiently explained by the death of the Provincial Grand Master, referred to above, which for the time being deprived the Province of the ordinary channels through which these fees reached the Treasurer of the Institution; these fees will, however, be received and placed to the credit of the 1873 account.

"Your committee, supported as they have been in the past by the brethren generally, commence the labours of another year full of confidence and hope, looking forward to increased opportunities of doing good, and increased assistance from the brethren in carrying on the work of the Institution; whilst, above all, they trust and pray that He from whom all good doth

emanate will add His blessing to their humble efforts in the sacred cause of charity."

The report was received, the recommendation of the committee confirmed, and the officers for the ensuing year appointed.

After the transaction of some important business, the P.G. Lodge rose, having sat nearly four hours.

#### THE BANQUET.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to the Fleece Inn, where about 200 sat down to a sumptuous and capitably served banquet. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., presided until the close, and gave the toasts in a peculiarly happy manner, and as all the speeches were brief and to the point, the after-dinner proceedings were divested of the weariness which too often attaches to them. After the dessert had been placed on the table,

The P.G.M. gave "The Queen," and said that was a toast which was received with the greatest enthusiasm in every assembly of Englishmen, but nowhere more so than amongst Masons. He begged to give the health of "Our Patroness, the Queen."—The toast was honoured with extreme loyalty. National Anthem, solo by Bro. Jones.

The P.G.M.: the next toast, brethren, which I have to give you is the health of one of ourselves, "Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.P.G.M." I need hardly dilate upon his many merits as a Mason, because he is well known to us, and year by year he shows how his interest in the Craft increases. He is a good brother, and therefore I give you his health, along with that of his beautiful wife, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family, more especially the Duke of Edinburgh, and his future bride.—The toast was honoured with special enthusiasm. "God bless the Prince of Wales," (Masonic version), solo by Bro. T. J. Hughes.

The P.G.M.: Brethren, I have next to give you "The Marquess of Ripon, M.W.G.M." (cheers). He has now reigned over us for two years, having recently entered upon his third year, and during that time we have had good reason to be proud of him. I owe my present appointment to him, and therefore I have all the greater reason for proposing this toast, with which I beg to couple "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W.D.G.M., and the other Officers of the Grand Lodge."

Bro. Birchall, P.P.J.G.W. (as the senior officer of P.G. Lodge present), said it was now his duty, and a source of gratification to propose "The Health of their noble R.W.P.G.M." (Great cheering.) For several years successively, during the time his lamented predecessor held that office, a similar duty fell to his lot, but now he had departed from their midst. He (Bro. Birchall) had the greatest pleasure, however, in now giving the health of his successor in that high office. At that board they did not enter into social matters; if they did, he would say that in every walk of life his Lordship (their present P.G.M.) had shown himself kind, affable, and considerate, while in Masonry generally, he had displayed on all occasions great assiduity and zeal, while in that province he had shown a desire to perform his duties thoroughly and to the entire satisfaction of all the brethren. (Cheers.) They all felt especial pleasure in meeting him that day, after braving the dangers of the great deep, and welcomed him back to his native country. He trusted that he would long be spared by the G.A.O.T.U. to preside over that province. The toast was received with immense and Masonic honours.

The P.G.M., who was received with an outburst of enthusiasm which has rarely been equalled, said,—Brethren, I thank you most heartily for the way in which you have received the toast of my health, and I thank you Bro. Birchall, for the kind eulogium which you have passed upon me. I do hope I may so act as to deserve it in the future. I begin now by asking your pardon for having delayed the meeting of the P.G. Lodge so long, and I should have asked my Deputy to have convened it in my absence, if I had not been specially anxious to meet you all for the first time after my appointment. (Loud cheers.) I thank the brethren for their large attendance this day, which I

assure you has made my heart warm towards Masonry more than ever. I remember that some years ago I consecrated a lodge in this town, which was the first official act of the kind I performed as D.P.G.M. I have not forgotten that act, and I assure you I don't intend to forget it. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, since we last met, I have been a long way from home, but I have not mixed with the brethren of lodges in America, because I felt that if I once made myself known I would have been smothered in Masonry. (Laughter and applause.) Still, everywhere I went in America, the fact that I was a Mason brought me a hearty welcome, which clearly shows, brethren, that our Order is not a mere name, but a great benefit. I have been north and west, and I have felt the benefit of being a Mason. I am proud of having had conferred upon me the highest honours which it is possible to receive, and I do trust I may be long spared to rule over this province. When at last I am taken away, I do sincerely hope the brethren will be able to say, "We have lost a man who did us good." (Immense cheering, the brethren rising to their feet *en masse*.)

The P.G.M. said he was sorry that the Hon. Frederick Stanley, W.D.P.G.M., was unable to be present at the meeting that day, owing to a sudden call to attend a railway board in London, and he desired him (Lord Skelmersdale) to express to the brethren his great regret at his unavoidable absence. He would now give them the toast of D.P.G.M., coupling with it the P.G. Wardens.

Bro. Prescott, P.J.G.W., responded in appropriate terms, regretting the early departure of Bro. Sir James Ramsden, P.S.G.W., who had to catch a train for Barrow.

The P.G.M. then gave the toast, "The P.G. Officers, Past and Present," and in doing so expressed his thanks to them for their assistance since his appointment. He also expressed his gratitude to the brethren who had accepted office that day, and trusted that the working of the province would be as efficient and harmonious in the future as it had been in the past.

Bro. Armstrong, P.G. Treas., acknowledged the toast, and said that although war might be looming in the distance with regard to his office, judging from what was said that day, still he thought the offices of Secretary and Treasurer could only be properly held year after year by one person.

Bro. Baxendale, P.P.G.P., gave "The West Lancashire Institution for the Education and Advancement in Life of Children of Distressed Freemasons," and in doing so spoke from personal observation of the great benefits of the Institution. It was worthy of all the support which could be possibly given to it, and he trusted that the coming year would see a material addition to the funds of the Institution. Since its commencement it had never done more than was at first intended; but now with an accumulated capital of something like £10,000, he hoped to see it do more than it was even now doing.

Bro. A. C. Mott, the Hon. Sec., returned thanks, and said it was the first Institution of the kind started in the provinces, but now Cornwall, Cheshire, and East Lancashire had corresponding charities, although of a somewhat different kind. They had never yet turned away a single child from the benefits of the West Lancashire Institution who was eligible for its foundation, and he trusted that as long as brethren existed in the Province, money would always be forthcoming, so that none may be turned back in future. He was proud to announce that Sir James Ramsden, their P.S.G.W., had promised to send a cheque, so as to constitute him a vice-president, and he believed Bro. Prescott, their P.J.G.W., intended to do the same.

Bro. Mott gave "The W.M.'s of the Lodges in the Provinces," which was acknowledged by Bro. Cook, W.M., of Lodge 178.

Bro. G. de la Perelle, P.G.D.C., gave "The Ladies," in felicitous terms, and Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.G.S., responded in an exceedingly happy manner.

The Tyler's toast brought the pleasant after-dinner proceedings to a close about eight o'clock. Several capital glees and songs were sung during the evening by Bros. C. Haswell, D Jones, and

T. J. Hughes, the accompaniments being played by Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.

Previous to the P.G. Lodge meeting, centenary jewels were presented to Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Rev. Bro. J. F. Goggin, P.G.C., by the brethren present from the Lodge of Loyalty, 86, Prescot.

As the whole of the brethren could not be accommodated at the Fleece Inn, about 80 of the members connected with the Downshire, Earl de Grey and Ripon, Harmony, St. John's, and Hamer Lodges, sat down to an excellent banquet at the "Raven," and a very pleasant evening was spent.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham was held in the Central Hall, Darlington, on Tuesday, 21st October, 1873.

There were present:—R.W. Bro. John Fawcett, Prov. Grand Master; R.W. Bro. Sir H. Williamson, Bart, M.P., D.P.G.M.; Bros. Joseph Doods, M.P., as P.G.S.W.; J. E. Denham, P.G.J.W.; Rev. C. Dale Trotter, P.G. Chaplain; John Trotter, P.G.R.; W. H. Crookes, P.G.S.; John Morrel, P.G.S.D.; William Liddle, P.G.J.D.; Robert Hudson, P.G.D. of C.; James Young, P.G. Sword Bearer; W. J. Marshall, P.G.O.; J. Riseborough, P.G.P.; John Thompson, P.G.T.; together with a numerous gathering of Past Provincial Officers, Past Masters, and brethren of the Province.

The lodge was opened in due form.

The Minutes of a Provincial Grand Lodge, held in the Masonic Hall, Durham, on Tuesday, 22nd October, 1872, were read and confirmed.

The Minutes of an Especial Provincial Grand Lodge, held in the Public Free Library in South Shields, on Thursday, 18th September, 1873, called for the purpose of assisting the R.W. Bro. Sir H. Williamson, Bart, M.P., D.P.G.M. in laying the foundation stone of the New Chapel of St. Mark's, were then read and confirmed.

The Treasurer's accounts were read, approved, and signed by the R.W.P.G.M.

The Fund Committee's Report was read, which stated they had granted the following sums for the relief of the petitioners; viz.: The widow of a Brother of Palatine Lodge £5; widow of a brother of Williamson Lodge, £5; widow of a brother of St. Hilda's Lodge, £5; widow of a brother of St. Hilda's Lodge, £5; and they recommend that a further grant of £5 each should be made to them, as all the cases were such as would warrant the R.W.P.G.M. in rendering them additional assistance. The P.G.M. cordially consented to this, and agreed to the recommendation.

They further stated that they had granted the sum of £5 each to the widow of a brother of the Williamson Lodge, and to a brother of the Borough Lodge.

They also recommended that the following donations be given to the Masonic Charities, viz.:—To the Girls' School, £52 10s.; to the Boys' School, £52 10s.; to the Royal Institution for Aged Freemasons; £25; and to the Widows' Fund, £25, which, on the proposition of Bro. Sir H. Williamson, seconded by Bro. Crookes, was agreed to by Prov. G. Lodge.

The Committee further recommended that the sum of £100 in the hands of the P.G. Treasurer be funded as heretofore. This on being proposed by Bro. James Groves, and seconded by Bro. W. A. Malcolm, was agreed to unanimously.

The roll of lodges was next called, when all appeared by their representatives except the Wear Valley Lodge, No. 1121.

The R.W.P.G.M. then addressed the brethren, and expressed his great pleasure in again meeting them in Prov. G. Lodge. In taking a retrospect of the affairs of the Craft since they last met, he said the principle circumstance was the loss Freemasonry had sustained by the death of the M.W.P.G.M. the late Earl of Zetland, a nobleman whose name would ever be associated with occurrences of deep interest and advantage to Freemasonry, and whose memory would be

cherished with feelings of respect and esteem. To him Freemasonry was deeply indebted,—for the sedulous attention he had paid to its interest, and for the firmness, wisdom, and conciliatory disposition with which he had for so long been its ruler. He was lost to us, but he had in his exalted position left an example to all who wish successfully to discharge the duties of a ruler of the Craft in private lodges.

The Prov. G. M. then observed that he had little to communicate about the affairs of Freemasonry during the last year, but it might be well to inform them that a question on which there had been some doubt was now wisely settled by Grand Lodge, and that it was now a Masonic offence for any brother to appear at any place of public resort in Masonic costume. This would make no change in this Province, for he was happy in acknowledging the kindness and consideration with which the brethren had always attended to his wishes on the subject.

The Prov. G. M. also alluded to the changes made, and he thought most reasonably made, in the rules of the two Masonic Institutions for children, whereby lodges and chapters would be required to contribute more than individuals for the attainment of the same privileges. He was much gratified at the prominence given to the subject of the Masonic Charities in the reports he had heard of the state of the several lodges. He thanked the officers for the valuable assistance received from them on several important occasions.

The Rev. John Cundill, was re-elected P.G. Treasurer.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed the Officers for the ensuing year, and invested them with the insignia of their office, viz:—

Sir. H. Williamson,.....	D. Prov. G.M.
A. H. Hunt, .....	Prov. G. S.W.
John Bailey, .....	Prov. G. J.W.
Rev. F. W. Bewsher, .....	Prov. G. Chaplain.
W. Brignall, jun.....	Prov. G. R.
Rev. John Cundill,.....	Prov. G. Treas.
W. H. Crookes, .....	Prov. G. Sec.
Robert Humphrey,.....	Prov. G. S.D.
John Hunton, .....	Prov. G. J.D.
Robert Hudson, .....	Prov. G. D. of C.
George Ellis, .....	Prov. G. S. of W.
James Davison, .....	Prov. G. S.B.
James Hoggett, .....	Prov. G. Organist.
J. Wortley, .....	Prov. G. P.
J. Thompson, .....	Prov. G. Tyler.

The following were appointed Stewards:—J. E. Robson, 48; Robert Lutert, 94; Thomas Johnson, 531; George Pickering 1274; John Tindall, 1334; F. Maddison, 1389.

The lodge was then closed in due form.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Fleece Inn.

#### PRESENTATION TO BRO. JAMES WALLACE AND Z. CHAP. 79.

The many services of Bro. Wallace to the whole Masonic Craft in Glasgow, having induced his friends to propose to present him with some testimonial of their respect, the proposition was at once cordially taken up and responded to by every lodge in the province, and on the evening of the 5th inst., the presentation was made at Bro. P. Macdonald's, the Imperial Hotel. Councillor James Steel, P.M., of No. 4, and P.G.S.M., was called on to preside, and at once proceeded to the business of the evening, stating that though himself no novice in Masonry, he could remember at his entrance into the craft, that Bro. Wallace was even then looked up to as the Newton of Masonry. He need not remind them of his exertions for the benefit, not only of Glasgow, but of the whole West of Scotland, in the Grand Lodge at Edinburgh, or in his efforts to raise the Provincial Lodge of Glasgow. These efforts had produced beneficial effects, and to mark in a slight degree their approbation of these labours, he had now the pleasure of presenting him with an address embodying their views, this he could keep as a memento of their feelings. He had also to give, for Mrs. Wallace, a handsome set of gold earrings and brooch, and for his own use, a purse

of sovereigns. These tokens were to be taken, not as the value of his services, but as merely indicating, in a slight manner, the feelings of his friends.

Bro. Wallace said, if anything could enhance the value of the gifts, it would be receiving them from the hands of so old a friend as Bro. Steel, a man who was so well known for his blunt outspokenness, as one who was in the habit of saying what he thought to be true, even if by so doing he might offend even an old friend. He valued this quality, for it was one on which he prided himself, and if he had gained any good for the West of Scotland from the governing body in the East it was because they had come to know that Bro. Wallace would tell them truths, even though they might be unpalatable to them. He accepted the gifts in the spirit in which they were given, and he should deeply prize that to his wife. She was indeed, his better half; and, though Masonry had taken him from his home many and many hours, she was never the woman to find fault with him, or say, give it up. On her behalf, as well as his own, he thanked them.

The Chairman then gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured.

Bro. J. Crabb proposed the P.G.L. of Glasgow.

The Chairman, as Substitute Master, responded; as did Bro. M'Taggart, P.G.S., who proposed the "Health and Fireside of Bro. Wallace." In doing so, he dwelt at some length on Bro. Wallace's services, not only to the Province, but to the whole Craft of Scotland, by his efforts to heal the breach between the Grand Lodge and Mother Kilwinning—efforts which had settled the whole question by deciding the claims for the past, giving them their status for the present, and legislating for the future. This alone was enough to claim their admiration; but when they added to this the fact that it was mainly owing to him that they had a Benevolent Fund for Glasgow nearly equal to that of the Grand Lodge itself, he need add no more to induce them to join in this toast. (Cheers.) Bro. Wallace replied, and gave "Bro. G. Sinclair," Treasurer of the Glasgow Benevolent Fund, who suitably acknowledged the toast, saying the state of the funds had not only enabled them to quadruple the amount of their gifts to deserving objects, but also to invest the sum of £400.

Bro. G. Wheeler proposed "The Committee who had got up the testimonial and present meeting." Bro. Crabb replied.

Bro. Smith proposed the "Lord Provost and Magistrates of the City" in a highly humorous speech. Councillor Steel replied.

Bro. G. McDonald gave "The Musical Brethren who have delighted us." Bro. Robert Fraser replied by an impromptu song, in which he brought in the whole of the company, (which elicited repeated rounds of applause.)

The Chairman gave "The Host," whom he thanked for the very excellent way in which he had catered for the party. Bro. Peter Macdonald replied.

Bro. Crabb proposed "The Masonic Press," which was responded to by Bros. Bassett and Wheeler on behalf of *The Freemason*. The whole company then, out of respect to the guest of the evening, Bro. Wallace, sang the national song, "Scots wha hae wi' Wallace Bled." The Chairman then gave the final toast.

We cannot close the account of this meeting without saying that great credit is due to Bro. Balfour, the acting Secretary, for the unremitting attention he has paid to his duties, without which it would not have proved so very successful; and also according a meed of praise to Bro. Grant for the artistic way in which he had written the address on vellum, and the splendid border with which he had enriched it.

Besides, those named, there were present Bro. J. Steel, P.G.S.M.; A. M'Taggart, P.G.S.; G. Thollum, P.G.S.R.; J. Gillis, P.G.I.G.; J. Balfour, P.C.D.C.; and A. A. Smith, Convener of P.G. Committee; T. Tweed, S.M. Mother Kilwinning; J. Smille, R.W.M., No. 3; J. Baird, No. 4; J. Crabb, P.G.; Crab, N.; G. Macdonald, Z. Chap. 73; G. W. Wheeler, H. 73; G. Adams, H. 50; W. Bell, J. 50; W. Bassett, 69; and about twenty other brethren.

## Original Correspondence.

## SPIRITUALISM.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I must assume that my friend and brother, who writes of me in *The Freemason* of Nov. 22nd, has known me for many years, since he deploras the change from what I was, referring, I presume, to my present belief in spiritualism. More than twenty years ago I became convinced of the reality the phenomema which are now called spiritualistic, and I have been giving attention to them ever since, occasionally writing and publishing my thoughts upon them. I am not aware of much change in my mental condition; but it may be otherwise. I may be the victim of that incipient insanity which my brother greatly fears I am, though I thank the G.A.O.T.U. that I have been enabled, throughout that time, to attend to my daily literary pursuits, as I now am, without having heard that any evidences of insanity exhibited themselves in my writings. I am grateful to my brother, the "mad doctor," for his expressed sympathy in what he supposes to be my deplorable condition; but I should have been more grateful, if, with his familiarity with cases of incipient insanity, he had exhibited his brotherly love in a more practical way, by offering to afford such relief to a mind diseased as would be likely to restore it to the perception of truth. Permit me just to add that I did not introduce the subject of spiritualism into *The Freemason*. I simply objected to the statement made by a writer in its columns, adding, that I did not think *The Freemason* was the publication in which to introduce a controversy upon the subject. Since then, I have been only vindicating myself, and those who are with me on the subject, from the absurdities that have, by two or three of my brethren, been imputed to us.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM CARPENTER.

FRUGALITY AND PHILANTHROPY—  
THE GREAT CITY LODGE AND  
BANQUETS.To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bro. Hughan has drawn attention to the account in your last issue of the recent regular meeting of the Great City Lodge, and again recorded its frugality and consequent philanthropy.

I was myself struck when reading the account of its happy meeting, as it brought vividly to my recollection several very happy meetings at which I was present in the lovely and truly Masonic Island of Jersey, where at the Farborough 244, under our excellent Bro. Tracy, the Mechanics, 245, when Bro. Daw was W.M., the Royal Sussex, 491, when our worthy Bro. Barrow was W.M., the St. Aubins, 958, Bro. Gee, W.M., the Prince of Wales, 1003, under the Mastership of our excellent and musical Bro. Waldron, as well as the Royal Alfred, 877, and last, not least, the Lodge Le Césarée, when my esteemed Bro. Schmitt was Secretary, at all of which, after witnessing the best Masonic working I had ever seen, I was cordially entertained as a visitor, and to my great satisfaction in the same frugal manner as at the late supper of the Great City Lodge, and I understood it to be the regular custom of those lodges to spend as little as possible in eating and drinking, and to retain the greater portion of their lodge subscriptions for the purposes of charity.

I entirely agree with Bro. Hughan (whose name is a password to everything that is great and good in Freemasonry) that brethren should gratify their tastes in eating and drinking, out of their own pockets, and that the lodge subscriptions should be devoted to Masonic objects.

With between 1400 and 1500 lodges, what a glorious balance sheet our institutions might have next year, if every lodge would give up one banquet during the year, and devote the proceeds to the legitimate object—charity.

We might not only give our own institutions

all the help they need, but become what, as a body we ought to be, viz.: the patrons of the institutions for the deaf and dumb, the Idiot Asylum at Earlswood, besides many others of equal merit.

I shall make the proposition at the proper time in my own lodge. Who will do the same in theirs?

Fraternally yours,  
H. B. HODGES,  
P.M., P.Z., P.P.S.G.W. Herts.

## THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I must be one of many brethren who cordially agree with Bro. Francis with regard to his communication in to-day's *Freemason*.

It would be an immense advantage to many subscribers and donors to our great institutions if an extra column in the list of applications for their benefit should be devoted to stating whether the individual applicant, or his, or her father, had been a supporter of such institution, and, if possible, to what extent.

I have frequently, when hesitating for whom I should vote, searched for the names of applicants in the lists of subscribers and donors to our institutions, and often, *too often*, found no record of their names.

I need hardly say I make it a rule to give my votes, and all other votes I may be able to obtain, to any candidate who I find has, during his prosperity, supported the institution from which *he claims his right*, and I am confident that if every voter did the same we should have fewer applicants and a greater number of subscribers.

The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution to which, though not an agriculturist, I have the honour of subscribing, has a rule which provides—"That should any subscriber hereafter become a candidate for the benefit of the institution, such number of votes shall be placed to his credit at the date of the first succeeding election as shall be represented by the whole amount of subscription he may have paid." Would it not be a step in the right direction, and would it not be conceding a right to the supporters of our great institutions, if we adopted that rule in all our Masonic charities.

Fraternally yours,

HERBERT B. HODGES,  
P.M., P.Z., P.P.S.G.W. Herts.

## READING THE SCRIPTURES.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Seeing no answer in this day's *Freemason* to Bro. J. D. F.'s enquiry, respecting the portion of Scripture proper to be read in the ceremony of the third degree, I venture to contribute the following:—

Immediately after the candidate has been made to represent one of the brightest characters in the annals of Freemasonry, and before calling upon the Wardens, the W.M. calls upon the Chaplain, who comes forward and by the side of the G., standing to the N.E., repeats from memory, Ecclesiastes, chap. xii. verses 1 to 7., the Chaplain then retires to his chair, and the W.M. proceeds with the ceremony as usual. In the absence of the Chaplain it should be the privilege of the senior P.M. to read this portion of Scripture which, I need not say if properly done, adds greatly to the beauty and impressiveness of the ceremony. It is always read in the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, of which

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.  
For the Week ending Friday, December 5, 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 29.

Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, at 5.  
Chapter 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, at 3.30. (Consecration).  
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, December 1.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 69, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.  
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
" 144, St. Luke's, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.  
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.  
" 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.  
Chap. 1056, Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.  
Red Cross Conclave Premier, Freemasons' Tavern,  
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (95), 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, Coach and Horses, Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, December 2.

Colonial Board at 3.  
Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.  
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
" 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.  
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road.  
" 1261 Golden Rule, Hotel Royal, Air-st., Piccadilly.  
" 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.  
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington-oval.  
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.  
Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.  
Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, (Winter Half-Yearly Communication), Freemason Tavern.—See Advertisement.  
Farborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.  
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Canonbury, 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, December 3.

Quarterly Communication Grand Lodge at 6 for 7, Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.  
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.  
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.  
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.  
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tavern, 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, December 4.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 " 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, Clerkenwell.  
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.  
 " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
 " 231, St. Andrews, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 " 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.  
 " 1351, St. Clements Dances, 265, Strand.  
 " 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road.  
 Chap. 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 9, Moriah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.  
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.  
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.  
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.  
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.  
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.  
 Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.  
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, December 5.

Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.  
 " 706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.  
 " 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 " 1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
 Chap. 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 259, Prince of Wales's, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 Mark Lodge 8, Thistle, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement 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. Muggerridge, Preceptor.  
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.  
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.  
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verty, 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; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.  
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.  
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.  
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.  
 For the Week ending Saturday, December 6, 1873.

Monday, December 1.

Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 6.45.  
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Blundellsands Hotel, Great Crosby, at 6.  
 Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.  
 Everton Lodge of Instruction, (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.  
 Skelmersdale Conclave of the Knights of Rome (No. 77), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.  
 Tuesday, December 2.  
 Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.  
 " 986, Hlesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.  
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
 Walton Mark Lodge, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.  
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.  
 Wednesday, December 3.

Lodge 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.  
 " 86, Loyalty, Assembly Rooms, Prescott, at 5.  
 " 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
 " 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.  
 Chap. 477, Fidelity, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.  
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.  
 Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.  
 Thursday, December 4.  
 Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
 " 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, at 4.  
 " 1384, Equity, Sim's Cross Hotel, Widnes, at 6.  
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.  
 Friday, December 5.  
 Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.30.  
 " 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, December 6, 1873.  
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, December 1.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-st.  
 Chap. 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-street.  
 St. Mungo Encampment, K.T., 213, Buchanan-street.  
 Tuesday, December 2.  
 Lodge 32, St. John's, St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.  
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.  
 " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.  
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.  
 Wednesday, December 3.  
 Lodge 4, Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-st.  
 " 117, Partick St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.  
 Thursday, December 4.  
 Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.  
 " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.  
 Friday, December 5.  
 Lodge 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st.  
 " 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.  
 " 242, Johnstone, Cross Keys Hall, Johnstone.  
 " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.  
 " 512, Thorntree, Thornliebank.  
 Saturday, December 6.  
 Lodge 458, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Busby.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 6, 1873.

Monday, December 1.

Grand Lodge of Scotland, Election of Officebearers, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 5. Festival of St. Andrew, same place, at 6.  
 Tuesday, December 2.  
 Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 86, Constitution-street, at 8.  
 " 36, St. David's, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street, at 8.  
 " 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.  
 Thursday, December 4.  
 Lodge 97, St. James's, Writers' Court, High-st, at 8.  
 Friday, December 5.  
 Lodge 29, Celtic, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street, at 8.  
 Chap. 8 St. Andrew's, Free masons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

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