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Craft Masonry.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—*Phoenix Lodge* (No. 24).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street, on Wednesday evening, when R. B. Lutert, was installed W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Lutert having been duly placed in the chair, invested the following officers, viz.:—Bro. J. S. Pearson, I.P.M.; Thomas Cairns, S.W.; J. D. Todd, J.W.; J. Riseborough, P.M., Treasurer; J. J. Stiles, P.M., Secretary; W. Hunter, S.D.; B. Caick, J.D.; J. Harrison, I.G.; W. W. Collie, M. Frampton, and C. J. Hall, Stewards. It is worthy of note that the genial Treasurer (Bro. Riseborough) and the energetic Secretary (Bro. Stiles) have each entered upon the tenth year in their respective offices, and they each received the warm congratulations of the brethren on their re-appointment. There was an unusually large attendance of members and visitors, including several Present and Past Provincial Officers, the W. Masters of the St. John's Palatine, and Williamson Lodges, and several Past Masters of the Phoenix and other lodges, who warmly applauded the new W.M. (Bro. Lutert) on his having attained the chair of his lodge, and earnest wishes were expressed by one and all for continued prosperity to this old established and flourishing lodge.

SUNDERLAND.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 80).—On Tuesday, 9th inst., the brethren of this lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, when Bro. Thomas Elwen, was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and the following officers were appointed, viz.:—James Davison, I.P.M.; H. J. Turnbull, S.W.; James Dobson, J.W.; Thomas Godfordson, Treasurer; T. G. Curray, Sec.; George Young, S.D.; D. P. Huntly, J.D.; J. Lowes, I.G.; J. Thompson, Tyler; G. L. Fox, and J. Herring, Stewards. Thursday se'night the regular meeting of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, was held in the same building, when Bro. S. P. Austin, was installed W.M., and the following brethren were invested with the insignia of the various officers viz.:—R. Humphrey, I.P.M.; T. Younger, S.W.; H. Fryer, J.W.; W. Skelton, P.M., Treas; N. Allen, Secretary; A. Currie, S.D.; T. Sharpe, J.D.; T. Twizell, I.G.; C. W. Robin, O.; J. Thompson, Tyler; Horsfield and Daglish, Stewards; Scarth, and T. E. Hall, Auditors. The annual festival was celebrated the same evening at Bro. Skelton's, when a large number of Past Masters and brethren partook of a very excellent and well-served dinner, provided by the worthy brother, the genial host of the Crown and Sceptre. The newly installed W.M. (Bro. Austin) was in the chair. During the evening, Bro. R. Humphrey, I.P.M. was presented with a handsome Past Master's Jewel, in recognition of the very efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. during the past year.

STOCKPORT.—*Lodge of St. John* (No. 104).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Old Admiral Inn, Higher Hillgate, when Bro. William Hiram Wakefield, of Stretford, was duly installed Worshipful Master of the lodge for the ensuing year. There was a good attendance of members, as well as of visiting brethren, on the occasion. The Installing Master was Bro. W. Goodacre,

P.M. 104, and Prov. G.P. of Cheshire. He was ably assisted in the duty by Bro. J. Beresford, P.M. 104, and P. Prov. S.G.D. of Cheshire, and Bro. W. Sykes, P.M. 104, and it is scarcely necessary to add that the ceremony of installation was gone through in a most impressive manner, and afforded great gratification to the brethren assembled. The officers of the lodge were invested with the insignia of their respective offices by Bro. Beresford as follows:—Bro. H. Finch, S.W.; Bro. C. Cooke, J.W.; Bro. W. Goodacre, P.M., Treasurer; Bro. G. Shaw, Secretary; Bro. T. Potts, S.D.; Bro. R. K. Payne, J.D.; Bro. G. Barber, I.G.; Bros. F. G. Platti, G. Armitage, and J. H. Duffield, Stewards; Bro. W. Gee, Tyler. At the conclusion of the business the lodge was closed in due form, and according to ancient usage. A banquet was held subsequently, which reflected great credit on Mrs. Raynor's cuisine. The Worshipful Master presided, and was supported by Bro. C. Pepper, I.P.M., the Past Masters of the Lodge of St. John, and a considerable number of brethren of eminence in the Craft, including Bro. T. H. Kirk, P.M., 1045, Prov. G. Organist (Cheshire); Bro. F. Jackson, Prov. G.D.C. (Cheshire); Bro. W. H. Hopkins, P.M. 633; Bro. J. Hardy, P.M. 1045; Bro. R. Jackson, P.M. 148; Bro. J. P. Bardsley, W.M. 322; Bro. J. Siddeley, W.M. 1045; Bro. J. Potts, W.M. 1219; Bro. H. Kenyon, S.W. 1045; Bro. J. Bury, W.M. 325; Bro. S. Studd, W.M. elect 1375; Bro. H. Briggs, S.W. 320; Bro. B. Brown, W.M. 1387; Bro. S. Cheetham, S.W. 78, &c. Altogether there were about sixty brethren present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured in the manner peculiar to the Craft, and an exceedingly agreeable evening was passed by the brethren. Following up the usual custom of the lodge, the W.M. took occasion, in proposing the health of Bro. C. Pepper, I.P.M., to invest him with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been subscribed for by the members as a mark of their appreciation of the manner in which he had presided over the lodge during the past year. The concluding toast, "All poor and distressed Masons," was given shortly after ten o'clock, when the brethren dispersed.

SHEPHERD.—*Britannia Lodge* (No. 139).—The anniversary of the Britannia Lodge was celebrated on Thursday, 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Surrey-street, when Bro. G. W. Hawksley was installed W. Master for the ensuing year, and appointed Bro. the Rev. A. W. Hamilton, M.A., Chaplain and Organist. The beautiful ceremony of installation was most ably performed by Bro. Brittain, P.M. After this followed the presentation, by Bro. Longder, P.M., on behalf of the brethren, of a handsome jewel and a beautiful outfit of Provincial Chaplain's clothing to Bro. the Rev. E. B. Chalmer, jun., M.A., Vicar of Sharrow, in testimony of their fraternal regard, and acknowledgment of the zeal and ability with which he had, during his year of office, discharged the important duties of Worshipful Master. Bro. Chalmer, after thanking the brethren for their handsome gift, said it was a source of pride to him that he had been associated with the Craft for some time, and that his attachment to it was strengthened by each succeeding year. The banquet, which was well attended, terminated the day's proceedings.

BRADFORD.—*Lodge of Hope* (No. 302).—On Monday, the 1st inst., the ceremony of installing Bro. Benjamin Broughton, as W.M. of this lodge, took place at the Masonic Hall, Godwin-street. There were present the following and other brethren, Bros. Manoah Rhodes, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., (Mayor of Bradford); Hen. Smith, P.M. Prov. G. Sec.; Thomas Hill, P.M., P. Prov. G.J.W.; Wilham Ibbetson, P.M., P.G.S.D.; J. J. Schaeppi, P.M., P.G.J.D.; A. M. Matthews, P.M.; John R. Armitage, P.M.; William Bealand, P.M.; C. Pratt, P.M. P. Prov. G.J.D.; J. D. Sugden, P.M.; A. Hunter P.M., P. Prov. G.J.D.; W. W. Barlow, P.M.; Evans, P.M. 974; Jere Rhodes, P.M. 974, P. Prov. G.D.C.; S. B. Walmsley, P.M. 974; Leeson, P.M. 974; F. Broughton, P.M., 651, P.S.W. South Wales; Robert Richardson, P.M. 974; S. Brook, W.M. 600; John Ambler, W.M. 974; George Althop, W.M. 1018; John Procter, W.M. 1034; Rev. John Vaile, Chap-

lain; Rev. R. W. Loosemore; Thos. Britton, M.D., 1040. The installation and investiture of the officers, and other business in the lodge completed, the W.M. invited all the visitors and members to the refreshment room, where about 50 sat down to dinner to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received heartily by the brethren, and with accustomed honours. After which he proposed "The Mayor of Bradford," and in so doing he said: The next toast which I have the honour to propose for your acceptance is one which, although not usually included in our list, is one which I am sure you will receive with that heartiness and enthusiasm to which it is entitled, namely, "The Mayor of Bradford." We have present with us this evening a brother, a member of our lodge, whom we all greatly respect, and who, by his uniform, honourable and upright conduct as a citizen, has gained the respect and esteem of his fellow townsmen; who in appreciation of his character and worth, have conferred upon him the office of Chief Magistrate of the Borough, the highest honour it is in their power to bestow. As a Mason, the name of Manoah Rhodes has become a household word amongst the brethren of the Province of West Yorkshire, and if he discharges his civic duties as zealously and faithfully as he has always done those of his various Masonic offices, he will, at the expiration of his year of office, be able to retire with the consciousness of having done his duty to the satisfaction of his fellow citizens. Brethren, I feel that it is only proper that, as Masons, we should offer Bro. Rhodes our congratulations on the high and honourable position he has attained; and I have much pleasure in asking you to drink to "His Worship the Mayor," Bro. Manoah Rhodes, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., (Mayor of Bradford) was received with the most rapturous applause, and in responding to the toast congratulated the W.M. on being elected to the highest position the brethren had it in their power to give, and trusted that he might enjoy good health during his year of office, so as to be able to perform its duties efficiently and to the satisfaction of the brethren. For the compliment paid him he most heartily thanked them, and was proud to know that the way in which he had performed the duties of the various offices he had held during the many years he had been amongst them had been appreciated and met with their approbation. This was the first time his health had been drunk, in a Masonic lodge, in his official capacity as Mayor of Bradford. He was very sensitive of their kind wishes towards him, and could assure them that it would be his endeavour to fulfil the onerous duties devolving on that office in the manner he had done those in the various offices he had filled amongst them as a Mason, and he hoped that at the termination of his Mayoralty if spared in health, he should equally deserve their congratulations. Bro. M. Rhodes before resuming his seat, in feeling and earnest terms proposed "The Clergy," which was responded to in a few well chosen words by the Rev. T. H. Flynn, P. Prov. G. Chaplain. The W.M. then called upon Bro. Rev. John Vaile, Chaplain of the lodge, to propose "The immortal memory of St. John the Evangelist," which he did saying: it is with mingled feelings of pleasure and diffidence I rise to propose this toast, but feeling confident that I shall be emboldened by your favourable attention, I will venture to utter a few plain sentiments on this sublime and noble subject. It may be a matter of surprise to the outside world to know how St. John is in any way associated with Freemasonry, but to us it is a matter of joy and pride that, in consequence of that great principle which actuates the whole Craft alike, and which was his all absorbing topic, we claim him as our patron, and celebrate his memory every year. St. John the Evangelist, throughout the whole of his sacred ministry, from the time when he was first associated with his great Master, who then walked this earth, and for his loveable nature was loved by Him in return, from those early days of manhood, to the last of his aged life, he breathed forth the pure and divinely inspired doctrine of Love to God, and brotherly union and concord. And this being the centre tenet of the whole Masonic code, and the source and motive from which all Ma-

sonic actions spring, recognised as much in the merest trifles of daily life between man and man, as in that world-wide magnanimity which extends the hand of friendship and brotherly help to the greatest stranger, and to the wildest foreigner, it surely shows the wisdom of our Christian forefathers who chose for their earthly star of guidance and for their earthly standard of action, that most holy and immortal saint who is rightly denominated the "Apostle of Love." And to us Masons, when we rightly regard him as our patron, it will become a salutary exercise to study his life and teaching, that we may follow the one and imitate the other, so that whether we regard him as a man thoroughly devoted to that truth which came down from Heaven, we can seek to be embodied with the same spirit of earnest devotion, or whether we look at him labouring (as tradition tells us) in the dark mines of Patmos, suffering persecutions, we can copy his example of patience in tribulation, and, through the darkness of this world's mystery, see, as he did, glimpses of the Grand Lodge above, a vision of the highest life in the very presence of the Great Architect Himself, or whether again, we look at that other scene which is handed down, when in his feeble old age, all capacity for labour and teaching was gone when no strength was left to guide his tottering steps, when he was carried on the shoulders of men through the ranks of his converts and disciples, and, like a general on the battle field, who feels his life blood flowing fast, spends his remaining strength in encouraging his men, he continually repeated without change, and reiterated without weariness, that new commandment which summoned up one great part of his Master's will, "Little Children, love one another," I say, we can surely remember, in all our conflicts that this is the first and the last, the Alpha and the Omega, of all our great duty to God and man! Well, then, brethren, if as we are gathered here, we feel proud to be under his patronage, let us also feel proud to be under his all-ruling precept, and if we take delight in immortalizing him at the festive board, let us take equal delight in honouring him by repeating his actions in our daily lives, then shall we be celebrating with due honour and decorum the immortal memory of so sublime a saint, and then may we boldly let our aspirations ascend in silence to the ears of our Supreme Ruler, whilst we invoke His aid in all our deeds of love, his acceptance of all our acts of charity. Bro. T. G. Andrews, Secretary, was called upon by the W.M. to propose "The Masonic Charities," and in doing so said I feel it a great honour to propose this toast, embodying as it does the very essence of the principles of Freemasonry, and this being the first time that a junior has had the opportunity of proposing such a toast. At the same time I feel my inability to put the proposition before you in such terms as I could wish to do. Prior to my initiation I had heard something in the outer world, that you collected money to aid and assist your brethren in one way or other. Now that I am in the secret I know how much good is done amongst Masons in innumerable ways, but we can point the public enquirer to those noble Royal Masonic Institutions for the education and maintenance of the bereaved offspring of our brethren, where I am proud to say they are most amply provided for and the best possible education given them until 16 years of age, and so fitted to play their part in the world to advantage, still having always a helping hand near should necessity require it. These establishments can, I am sure, be worked better on a large scale, as we have them, than, as some recommend, smaller and more numerous ones. There is one thing connected with them which I confess I should wish to see altered and that is that instead of calling them "Masonic Charities," we should designate them Masonic Institutions. I do not like the idea of our orphans being educated as charity children, I can however heartily urge upon you to subscribe to these and other valuable Institutions and those of the brethren, who have not already done so, I would recommend to pay a visit to them, and also to accept the office of Steward at the Anniversaries as a means of becoming better acquainted with them, and also contributing to the funds. Wishing every prosperity to the Masonic Charities, I call upon

you to drink to their success. Bro. Thomas Hill, P.M., P.Prov. G.I.W., on rising to reply, congratulated the W.M. on his elevation, and said it gives me great pleasure to respond to the toast, so very ably proposed by our Bro. Secretary, and I am much gratified by the excellent manner in which he has submitted the subject for our consideration, I am proud of my connection with the Benevolent Institutions, and may say for the information of the brethren that I always looked upon the word charity as meaning love, which is its true signification, and therefore I cannot see much objection to the use of the word. I have to thank the brethren, on behalf of the Institutions, for their aid in the past. The Lodge of Hope feels proud of what it has done, and will do more, and in pressing the claims of the Institutions upon the notice of the brethren, I trust that those who have not already subscribed to them will do so, "The Retiring Master," was put down in the printed programme to be proposed by Bro. Michael Rogerson, P.M., but as he was absent both from the lodge and refreshment-room, it had to be done by deputy Bro. George Richardson, I.P.M., in replying to the toast, said, I find myself this evening invested with a new title that of Retiring Master, but though late commander of your forces, I cannot as a retiring general might do, speak to you of successful campaigns and bravely fought well-won battles, for I have had no enemies to contend with and no battles to fight, neither have I to regret harvest trodden underfoot, towns sacked and plundered, and men cut down in the prime of life; on the contrary my year of office has been one of uninterrupted peace and tranquility, and as such I look back upon it with pleasure. I thank you all for the kindness and consideration you have always shown to me, and the memory of the past year will ever be cherished by me because of the place I have gained in your esteem, I am glad that my place is taken by such a man as Bro. Broughton and have a special pleasure in asking you to drink with me to his health as our W.M. Bro. Broughton was amongst the first of those who tendered me hospitality when some 22 years ago, I came to this town. I congratulate him on the position he has achieved as W.M., and am sure that the brethren will find him to be the right man in the right place. Bro. Broughton, W.M., on rising to respond, was received with great applause, and said I must acknowledge that your enthusiastic expression of feeling towards me affords me high gratification, though at the same time it causes me some little embarrassment, and I am at a loss for words in which to express my thanks for your hearty reception of this toast, and for the honour you have conferred upon me in placing me in this chair. It is sometimes said that silence is more eloquent than words, and I cannot say more than that I am deeply sensible of your kindness, and that I offer you the thanks of a grateful heart. I thank my worthy Bro. George Richardson, for the complimentary terms in which he has been pleased to speak of me in proposing this toast, and I thank you all, brethren, for the flattering and cordial reception it has met with at your hands. I trust you all know me too well to render it necessary that I should enter into any promises as to the future, and I feel a reluctance to make professions which I may not be able to carry out. I have, as you know, arrived at a time of life when I do not possess the vigour and other advantages of some of my younger brethren, but I trust that as Master of the Lodge of Hope my conduct will always be such as becomes a true Mason, and that by precept and by example I may do my duty in endeavouring to maintain and support the genuine principles of Freemasonry. At all events, I may assure you that it will be my constant and earnest endeavour, by a faithful discharge of the duties that may devolve upon me during my year of office, to show myself worthy of the distinguished honour you have conferred upon me, and to prove that your confidence has not been misplaced. I remember that when six years ago, I had the honour of addressing you in this room for the first time, I stated that it had been my aim through life to gain the good opinion and respect of my fellow men, and I expressed the hope that so long as I might be associated, actively or otherwise, with this ancient and honourable fraternity, my conduct might always be such as to

entitle me to the confidence and respect of all with whom I might be brought in contact. Brethren, I feel that to-day that hope has been realized, and I will only say further, that as in the past, so in the future, it will be my constant desire and endeavour to put in practice the principles I have professed; and I trust that the coming year may be, to all of us, one of profit and of pleasure, of peace and of harmony, of happiness and of prosperity. The W.M. then proposed "The Visiting Brethren," and in doing so said, the next toast is one which in the Lodge of Hope is always heartily received, and it affords me peculiar pleasure in proposing "The Visiting Brethren," I believe I may say without contradiction that the Lodge of Hope has always enjoyed a reputation for hospitality, and for the cordiality with which it has always received brethren of other lodges, and it gives me much pleasure and gratification in offering a hearty welcome to those visiting brethren who have honoured us with their presence on this occasion. We trust that every one will feel that we are all members of one great family, encompassed by one encircling cord of brotherly love, and that to good and worthy Masons the Lodge of Hope is always amongst the foremost to hold out the right hand of brotherhood. The following brethren respectively replied to this toast, namely, Bro. Cyrus Brook, W.M. Harmony 600; F. Broughton, W.M. Brecknock, 651, P.S.W. South Wales; (and brother by consanguinity to the W.M.) who said: Worshipful Sir, I have great pleasure in congratulating you on your elevation to the high office you now hold. I have known you for about 50 years, on and off, and I must say that the estimation in which you appear to be held by the brethren present, leads me to think that you are even better than I took you to be. If I might say a word to the brethren, it would be that if they let you have a great deal of your own way, as I used to do, they will find you a very good fellow. Bro. Foster, W.M. elect of the Pentalfa, 974, was also called upon, and replied in a few terse sentences. Bro. George Althorpe, W.M. Shakespeare, 1018, also responded, and after offering his congratulations to the W.M., suggested that it would be well if during his year he could arrange matters so that the G.M. might be called upon to come to Bradford to lay the foundation stone of a Masonic Temple—a fit place in which the brethren might assemble, and be alike worthy of them and the town. Bro. Proctor, W.M. Eccleshill, 1034, also responded, as did also Bros. Rev. R. W. Loosemore and Thos. Britton, M.D., 1040. Other toasts were proposed, namely—"The Past Masters;" "The Retiring Officers;" "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast, but we have already given as much space to reporting this meeting as our columns will admit of. We must not, however, overlook the great pleasure afforded by the admirable execution, on the grand piano, by Bro. Jeremiah Rhodes, P.M., who had volunteered his services in the unavoidable absence of Bro. F. C. Atkinson, Mus. Bac. Cantab., Organist to the Lodge; and also the vocal efforts of many of the brethren, which contributed much to the pleasure of all.

HAWORTH.—Lodge of Three Graces (No. 408).—The members of this Lodge celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist on Monday, Dec. 1st, 1873 at their lodge rooms, Haworth, on which occasion the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Robert Riley, was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The installing officer was Bro. James Charnock, P.M. of the St. James Lodge, No. 448, Halifax. Subsequently the W.M. invested the following brethren with the badge of office: Bros. Thos. Ogden, S.W.; J. E. Lambert, J.W.; W. Brown, P.M., Sec.; W. Wood, P.M., Treasurer; W. J. Terrell, S.D.; Edwin Robertson, J.D.; W. F. Sheckleton, I.G.; Smith and Holmes, Stewards; J. Whitham, P.M., Tyler. At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to the Black Bull Hotel, and sat down to dinner, the W.M. presiding, the vice chair being filled by Bro. Thos. Ogden, S.W. There were also present visiting brethren from the undernamed lodges, Probity, 61; Prudence, 219; Royal Yorkshire, 265; Prince George, 308; Pomfret, 360; Scientific, 439; St. James's 448; Saville, 1231; Ryburn, 1283; Stas, Philadelphia, United States. The usual loyal and

Masonic toasts were given from the chair and heartily responded to. Bro. E. Taylor, P.M., proposed in eulogistic terms the health of the W.M., to which Bro. Riley responded, Bro. Thomas Ogden then proposed the health of Bro. Frank Hebden the immediate P.M. to which Bro. Hebden responded. Bro. Hebden, P.M., proposed the Wardens and Officers of the Lodge of Three Graces, to which Bros. Ogden and Lambert responded. The "Visiting Brethren" was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by brethren of the different lodges. Subsequently, the "Masonic Charities," the "Marchioness of Ripon," and "The Ladies," and "Poor and distressed Masons," were proposed and responded to. The W.M. presented, Bro. James Charnock, P.M., the installing officer, with a very handsome Masonic ring for the very able and efficient manner in which he performed the ceremony of installation. The brethren then departed to their several homes after having spent a very pleasant and happy evening.

**YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).**—The usual monthly meeting of this old established and prosperous East End lodge was held on Thursday last, at Bro. Walter's, "The Green Dragon," Stepney, under the presidency of Bro. Harry Morrison, W.M., who was ably supported in the working by Bros. H. Coard, S.W.; T. Hood, J.W.; J. Berry, S.D.; J. Lincke, Acting, J.D.; and J. Allen, I.G. There were also present upwards of fifty members of the lodge, including the following Past Masters:—Bros. Wynne, Moseley, Kindred, Roberts, Stevens, Barnes, Chadwick, and Verry; and amongst the visitors we noticed:—Bros. S. H. Head, G.S.L.; T. Poore, W.M. 720; Curtis, 276; W. Russell and H. J. W. Buxton, 77; J. Barrett, 902; H. N. Taylor, 1421; J. J. Walter, 615; E. L. Crouch, 1278; P. A. Coard, 90; E. L. Cross, 754; and P. Goddard, 1288. The lodge having been regularly opened, Bro. H. Moseley, Sec., proceeded to read the minutes of the last meeting, and made the brethren acquainted with the gratifying fact that an amount exceeding £200 stood to the credit of the lodge in its funds. After the minutes had been regularly confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to raise Bro. Chapman to the third degree, and his delivery of the words of the ritual manifested a thorough conception of the ceremony, and a perfect knowledge of the declamation necessary to give due effect to the beautiful language of the degree. The labour of the third degree being ended, Bros. Thomas and Tinsley were passed by the W.M. to the degree of Fellow Craft, in a manner which evinced a like masterly interpretation of the observance as had characterised his rendering in the superior degree. The election of W.M. was, according to notice, next proceeded with, and Bro. Coard, S.W., was unanimously chosen to fill that honourable position during the ensuing year. Before balloting for the position of Treasurer, the Secretary directed the attention of the brethren to a clause in the Book of Constitutions, specifying that no absent brother can be elected to this office in a lodge, and this applying to the then Treasurer—who, we hear, although a Past Master of the lodge, has not been of late, from some unforeseen circumstances, a frequent attendant—the election was proceeded with, and resulted in the unanimous return of Bro. John Stevens. Bro. Speight was next re-elected Tyler, and thanked the brethren in appropriate terms for the continuance of their confidence. On the motion of Bro. P.M. Wynne, the sum of five guineas was voted by the lodge for the purchase of a jewel as a token of esteem to the retiring W.M., and Bro. Wynne referred in suitable terms to the energy, aptitude, and general courtesy of the W.M. in the position he was shortly to vacate. The remaining routine business having been completed, the brethren adjourned to a capacious new banqueting hall, built by the host, Bro. Walters, expressly to afford increased accommodation to the continually augmenting number of the brethren, and we would observe that the room and offices are of as handsome a character as any to be found in the eastern district of the metropolis, providing a dining apartment for one hundred and twenty people with every adjunct that the most critical mind could desire. Ample justice having been done to the excellent fare provided, the cloth

was removed, and the usual loyal and other toasts duly honoured, with the health of the respected host, in proposing which the W.M. alluded in appropriate language to the marked attention Bro. Walters had invariably paid to the numerous requirements of the brethren. Bro. Walters returned thanks and expressed the pleasure it afforded him to hear his efforts to please had given such satisfaction. Bro. J. Stevens, in responding to the toast of the Masonic Charities, drew the attention of the brethren to the fact that he had been deputed to represent the lodge at the next ensuing festival in aid of aged and distressed Freemasons, and in an apt appeal facetiously intimated that as it would be his first appearance in the character, the brethren were not to be surprised at his extraordinary temerity and unbounded impudence when he assured them that, in addition to such aid as might be offered him from the lodge funds, in his endeavour he was prompted from a knowledge of the merits of the cause he was advocating to appeal to the individual generosity of every brother, either absent or present. He also touchingly referred to the lamentable condition of helplessness to which a long subscribing member of the lodge had become reduced in early life through a continuous illness resulting in paralysis. This appeal was listened to with marked attention by the brethren, and we are pleased to report that the collection that evening resulted in the sum of £59, which was duly added to Bro. Stevens' list. Some excellent singing in which Bro. H. Graves and J. Thorn distinguished themselves, the former in particular by his expressive and distinct utterance as well as by the admirable taste shown in the selection of the pleasing ballads he rendered, brought a most agreeable evening to a conclusion, and the Tyler's toast was drunk about ten o'clock.

**ST. JAMES'S LODGE (No. 765).**—The ordinary meeting of the members of the St. James's Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the usual place of meeting, under the presidency of Bro. William Jones, W.M. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The other business having been disposed of, Bros. Mercer and Ford were examined and instructed. The lodge having been opened in the second degree, they were then passed. The lodge having been closed down, Bro. Whittaker, of Forest-road, Dalston, and Bro. Munree were severally initiated. The W.M., having risen for the third time Bro. Montague Scott, (Sec.), proposed that the sum of twenty guineas be given to the benevolent fund. The motion having been seconded, Bro. Hugh, P.M., moved an amendment to the effect that ten guineas be given from the lodge funds to the Steward's list of Grand Lodge. This was seconded by Bro. Brown, S.D., and unanimously agreed to. The labours of the evening over, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which consisted simply of bread, cheese, and ale, good old English fare, as was said by more than one brother present. During the evening it was explained to the brethren that the lodge was a very numerous one, and that the saving effected by the brethren having bread, cheese and ale, instead of the usual banquet would amount to over £30, which sum would be carried to the benevolent fund of the lodge, and thereby the better enable the brethren when assembled, to "exercise that virtue which is the distinguishing characteristic" of Freemasonry. The brethren enjoyed themselves mightily. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk in old English Ale. There were many songs and recitations, the hilarity of the evening being greatly enhanced by the efforts of the Organist, Bro. Henry Shelford, whose individual exertions, as well as his excellent accompaniment to the songs of the other musical brethren, were the theme of general remark.

**WHITTINGTON LODGE.—No. 862).**—The monthly meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday evening, the 16th inst., the W.M., Bro. William Frederick Smith, presided with his usual courtesy and ability. Messrs. Edward Sedgworth and Charles Brothers were duly balloted for and admitted to the first degree in Masonry, the ceremony of initiation being impressively performed

by the W.M. Bro. Frederick H. Roberts, having been duly interrogated was entrusted, and on his re-admission was solemnly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Other business of a formal character having been transacted, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer. A banquet of a most elegant character was then provided by Messrs. Clemow, to which the brethren paid due attention. The various Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. in an admirable manner, and responded to by the brethren with great enthusiasm. The two initiates severally returned thanks in a very appropriate manner, stating their determination to work hard at Freemasonry. Twenty-eight brethren of the lodge were in attendance, and among the visitors were Bros. W. Jones, (Fidelity Lodge, 445); Aitchison, (Hervey Lodge, 1260); H. Sadler, P.M. 147; K. R. H. Mackenzie, 190. The W.M., Bro. Smith, in returning thanks for his health, announced that it was his intention to qualify himself as a life subscriber on behalf of the lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, by a subscription of ten guineas. This announcement was received with great applause. Colonel Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M. for Middlesex, had intended to be present, but was prevented by having to preside at the annual dinner of the Leander Rowing Club Richmond. The Tyler's toast brought that agreeable evening, enlivened by some capital singing by Bros. Moore and Brett, to a close, and the brethren separated in the most harmonious spirit.

**BIRKENHEAD.—Rock Lodge (No. 1289).**—This lodge held its fifth annual festival, on Friday, 12th inst., at the Zetland Lodge Rooms, in Birkenhead, as the usual place of meeting at Rock Ferry is at present closed. Bro. Lewis, W.M. presided, and after the usual lodge business was transacted, raised Bro. Brown to the third degree. Bro. Friend then proceeded to instal Bro. F. K. Stevenson, P.M. 537, P.P.G. S.B. Cheshire, in the chair according to ancient form, and subsequently delivered the usual address. The following officers were appointed for the year. Bros. Wigdahl, S.W.; L. Ellis, J.W.; P. J. Pearson, Sec.; Stevenson, Treas.; Dr. Paton, S.D.; W. S. Stanton, J.D.; A. Wallace, I.G.; Sanderson and Lakey, Stewards. Bro. Holloway was unanimously re-elected Tyler. The following visitors and members were present. Bros. H. Bulley, G.S.B. Eng., P.P.J.G.W. Cheshire; J. P. Platt, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Platt, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Bulley, P.P.J.G.D.; R. H. Moore, W.M. 537; Ward, W.M. 1276, &c. After the lodge was closed, the brethren dined together at the Woodside Hotel, and amongst other toasts proposed by the W.M., was that of long life and happiness to Bro. Dr. Paton, S.D., whose absence was explained by the fact of his having been married the previous day. The brethren separated at an early hour, after a pleasant evening.

**SHEFFIELD.—Wentworth Lodge (No. 1239).**—This flourishing lodge held its fifth anniversary on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. The lodge was opened at 5 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Wostenholm, assisted by the whole of his officers. Upwards of 50 members of the lodge, and visitors, amongst whom we noticed, Bros. Drury, P.M. 296, P. Prov. G. J. W. of West Yorkshire; Ramplen, P.M. 362, P. Prov. G. Officer of Lincolnshire; Thynne, P.M. 151; Hay, P.M. 139, P. Prov. G.S.B. of West Yorkshire; Garnett, P.M. 139, 1239, P.G.S.B. West Yorkshire, and others. After the usual routine business of the lodge Bro. Wostenholm, W.M., requested Bro. Matthews, P.M. to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. Alfred Scargill, S.W. A board of thirteen installed Masters being opened, Bro. Scargill, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The board of I.M.'s was then closed, the brethren admitted, and the newly installed W.M. duly proclaimed and saluted in the different degrees. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year viz., Bros. Findall, S.W.; W. White, J.W.; H. J. Garnett, P.M., Treas.; S. B. Ellis, Sec.; J. Bennett, S.D. W. R. Thomas, J.D.; A. Pfeilschmidt, Org. C. Harvey, I.G.; and G. Wilkinson, Tyler. Bro. Matthews, as installing officer, gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren

in his usual impressive and forcible manner. It was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence be sent from the lodge to the highly esteemed D.P.G.M. of the province. Bro. Bently Shaw, *J.P.*, P.G.D., of England, on the death of his son. Bro. Matthews, P.M., was elected Steward to represent the lodge on the charity committee of the province of West Yorkshire. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where upwards of fifty sat down to a sumptuous banquet under the presidency of the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair. Bro. Garnett, P.M., and P.G.S.B., after replying to the toast of the Most Noble the Marquis of Ripon, G.M., and Prov. G.M., of West Yorkshire, and the Officers and Past Officers of Provincial G. Lodge, said before resuming his seat he had the pleasure and privilege in asking the brethren to join him in drinking the next toast, and he felt assured that no eloquence was required on his part to induce them to do so most cordially, for it was the toast of the evening, the health of the newly installed W.M., Bro. Scargill. He had had the pleasure of intimately knowing Bro. Scargill for a number of years prior to his becoming a Mason, and it had fallen to his (Bro. Garnett's) lot, during the year he filled the chair of the Wentworth Lodge, to initiate him into the mysteries of the Craft, and from the moment he was proposed to the present time, he had entertained but one opinion of him, and that opinion was fully endorsed by the brethren conferring on him the highest honour they had it in their power to do, and he congratulated them upon the choice they had made this evening. Bro. Scargill, the Worshipful Master, replied, and said:—Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Brethren, I return you my most heartfelt thanks for the very flattering manner in which you have responded to the toast so kindly proposed by Bro. P.M. Garnett. We all know his goodness of heart, and his readiness at all times to render a brother any assistance he may require: I have to thank him for many kindnesses received at his hands. I certainly feel proud to occupy the position the brethren elected me to fill, and have to accord them my best and hearty thanks for the great confidence they have thus placed in me. I have ever striven to do my duty by supporting the chair, not only in carefully getting up the work, but in a regular attendance at the lodge, and what I have done in the past I shall continue to do in the future, by performing those duties that may devolve upon me to the best of my ability. I shall strenuously uphold the character and dignity of this ancient institution, by faithfully adhering to the landmarks of our Order, and by the exercise of an ever judicious care in the reception of only worthy men as candidates for initiation. I look upon worth and not numbers as constituting the real progress of the Craft, and I trust, brethren, that I shall by such a course of conduct, merit a continuance of that support and of those good wishes which you have so kindly bestowed upon me this evening. In conclusion I have to thank the Past Masters of this lodge for the constant and unvarying kindness and assistance they have at all times rendered to me. The other toasts were the "I.P.M.," "The Installing Master," "The Visitors," then followed "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. Garnett, P.M. Bro. Matthews, the newly elected charity Steward replied, and said the toast was one that appealed direct to the benevolent feelings of every brother whose heart beats true to Masonry, that it reminded us that some of our brethren, (yea, and worthy brethren too,) were reduced to poverty and distress, that some had been removed and left behind unprovided for those who in life were nearest and dearest to them, and it also reminded us that it was our duty as Masons to succour and help those so left in the hour of their distress. Those noble institutions of the Craft had done much good, but much more remained to be done, which could only be accomplished by every brother, individually and collectively, subscribing liberally to their funds, and he ventured to hope that the brethren would not only accord to him the same support they had given his predecessor, but would increase it two-fold, and thus enable him at the end of the year to render

a good account of his stewardship. The remaining toasts on the list having been disposed of, the brethren separated, after passing in a fraternal manner a very enjoyable evening.

### Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Thistle and Rose Lodge* (No. 73).—The Installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at 170, Buchanan-Street. The chair was taken by G. Macdonald, R.W.M., G. W. Wheeler, acting as S.W.; J. McLeod, as J.W.; when R. Ranking, and J. Buchanan were initiated into Freemasonry, the lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. James Smith was passed as a Fellow Craft. The election of officers was then proceeded with, and there being no opposition to any of the members the installation took place. Bro. Halket, P.M. of 102, P.G.S.D., was the Installing Master, and Bro. J. B. McNair, R.W.M. of 332, presented the new Master elect, Bro. George Weston. On the re-admission of the members, Bro. Halket, at the request of the new Master, installed the following brethren, and delivered the charge to each, according to ancient custom, Bro. G. McDonald, I.P.M.; J. Bannerman, S.W.; J. McGregor, J.W.; W. Walter, T.; R. Richards, Sec.; G. W. Wheeler, Chaplain; J. Dow, S.D.; J. Munroe, J.D.; John Kay, S.S.; R. Reid, J.S.; A. Ross, I.G.; J. Buchanan, S.B.; and A. Kay, Tyler. The R.W.M., in assuming the chair, said he must trust to the forbearance of the lodge at the commencement of his work, but he had determined to devote himself to them, and he felt sure that, with the assistance of the new office-bearers, the Thistle and Rose would not lose any of its ancient prestige. (Cheers.) Bro. Wheeler wished the first duty of their new Secretary to consist in recording the cordial thanks of the lodge to Bros. Halket and McNair for their valuable services in conducting the installation ceremonies, and also that they be affiliated as honorary members. Bro. G. McDonald, P.M., heartily seconded the proposition which was carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment to the adjoining hotel. The chair was taken by the new Master, who proved himself fully equal to the occasion. The usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. J. Gilles responding on behalf of the officers of the Prov. G. Lodge. Bro. G. McDonald replied to that of the past office-bearers of the lodge, who would still at all times be willing to aid their successors to conduct its affairs successfully. Bro. Stuart, P.M., proposed "The Present Officers, and the S.W.," J. Bannerman, in a humorous speech, describing the qualifications of each. The Master then called on the new Chaplain, and S.D., to also reply. Bro. Wheeler said that though he had filled most of the offices in a lodge he must confess that he was new to that of Chaplain, but as the lodge had at present no reverend brother amongst them, he would do his best. He then entered on what he considered the duty of Masons to each other as to the outer world. Bro. Dow said he hardly desired the honour that had been conferred upon him, and now he had to speak after two practised speakers he must be content to pick up the crumbs they had left as that was all he could contribute to the mental feast, but in any way that he could aid his mother lodge he should be proud to do it. "The Tyler's toast" brought the proceedings to a pleasant termination.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Kilwinning* (No. 4) met in their own Hall, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday, December 3rd, Bro. A. Thirburn, R.W.M., in the chair, supported by Bro. George 3½; J. Gilles, and J. Baird, P.M. 3½, P.G.S.W. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, the R.W.M., in most excellent style, initiated a candidate into the order. He then intimated to the lodge that Bro. Grange had that evening brought to them the lost records of the lodge. They knew before that they were recovered, but they had been lent to Bro. D. Murray Lyon, who had sent extracts from them to *The Freemason* where doubtless, some of the brethren had read them. The election was then proceeded with, the R.W.M., being unanimously re-elected, Bro. J.

Gillon then installed the officers, of whom the following is a list:—George W. Clark, P.M.; A. B. Thorburn, R.W.M.; Thomas G. Jamieson, D.M.; R. B. Prout, S.W.; W. S. Henderson, S.W.; John Johnston, J.W.; J. D. Dixon, Treasurer; W. Grossett, Secretary; Thomas P. Mullen, S.D.; J. Carmichael, J.D.; J. M. Mills, S.S.; W. McCulloch, Secretary; S. Sage, P.G.S.; St. Vincent Day, Asst.; Dr. Penny, Chaplain; Charles Smith, B.B.; Holmes, M. of C.; Drummond, Jeweller; Bowering, Inner Guard; D. Ramsey, Tyler. This concluded the business, and the lodge then went to refreshment. Bro. Thorburn, presiding, Bro. Johnston, as croupier. After the loyal toasts had been honoured, the Master gave the "Three Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, with their respective Grand Masters. The P.G.L. was represented by Bro. Gilles, I.G. "The last laid Stone of the Lodge" was replied to by the new-made brother in a neat speech. Bro. Wilson, as one of the oldest members of the lodge, proposed "The Officers." Bro. Henderson, S.W., replied, stating, that as the representation of "Strength" he would try to uphold the lodge with all his strength, both of body and mind. Bro. Johnston J.W., said if he represented beauty, all that he could do was to try and admire it morally, but he must look principally to the aid of the brethren, as he was quite new to the duties of office, but he would try to do his best. The S.W. then gave "The Visiting Brethren," Bro. G. W. Wheeler replied, stating that instead of them honouring the lodge it was the visitors who were honoured by being allowed to attend their installation and sit at their festive board, when they considered that No. 4 had to night the honour of boasting that they could shew their minute books with a continuous record for nearly 150 years. Bro. Carsons also replied in a neat speech. The R.W.M. proposed "Bro. J. Grange," through whom they had received their lost records. Bro. Grange said he was glad that he had been able to do so, but it was not him that should be proud, he had only done his duty, when in the course of his official duties he had the opportunity of discovering the long lost treasures; as a Mason he could do no less than try to bring them back to their rightful owners. Bro. Wheeler proposed "Prosperity to Lodge Kilwinning, No. 4, and the Health of the Master." The lodge was one of the oldest in the kingdom, and one of the most celebrated, and it had shewn its good sense by re-electing their R.W.M., who had so worthily filled the chair during the past year, and who, now that he was thoroughly up in his work, might be expected to do even better in the future. Bro. Thorburn replied, stating that the best way in which he could acknowledge the toast would be by beginning to deserve the character Bro. Wheeler had given him. What he had said about the lodge he highly appreciated, as there he could fully coincide with him. He was glad that Bro. Bard had returned, he would now give them "St. John's 3½, with P.M. Bro. Bard." St. John's had always been very friendly with them, and had rendered them good service, and when they needed it. Bro. J. Bard replied, saying that No. 3½ and 4 had always worked very amicably together, he had been absent part of the time to-night, but it was by the consent of their R.W.M., to make further extracts from their old minute book for Bro. D. Murray Lyon and a brother in America, for as it had been stated in the pages of *The Freemason* these old minutes of theirs were likely to fix with certainty the date of the first lodge in Boston, U.S. Several other toasts were given, and Bros. Johnston, Prout, Wilson, Gilles, and the R.W.M., contributed by their excellent singing to the harmony of the evening.

GLASGOW.—*St. Rollox Chapter* (No. 144).—This young chapter held its monthly meeting on Friday, the 12th inst. The chair of Z. was filled by Comp. J. Duthie, P.Z. of 67; George McDonald, Z. of 73, acting H.; J. Balfour, S.E. 73, of J.; G. McCullum, J., as Scribe E.; G. B. Adams, J. 50; and G. W. Wheeler, H. 73, as 1st Soj.; J. Annard, 2nd S.; R. Appleyard, 3rd S. The presiding officer said that in consequence of their first Principal having left for India, they would have to elect a successor in his place. Comp. Wheeler proposed Comp.

Robert Bell; they all knew his abilities and his enthusiasm for Masonry, while his kind manners and mildness of disposition, as evinced in his rule of the St. Mungo Encampment of H., proved his fitness to rule in any degree. Comp. Jas. McLush, H., seconded the nomination. Comp. Duthrie, assisted by the other Principals present, then installed Comp. R. Bell, who afterwards extolled the high nature of the exalted office they had conferred upon him, expressing his determination to faithfully discharge its onerous duties.

GLASGOW.—*St. Andrew's Chapter* (No 69).—The monthly meeting was held on Dec. 9th., Comp. T. D. Humphries, *Ph. D.*, Z. presiding; G. Campbell, H.; H. Thomas T., acting J.; W. S. Oliver, Scribe E.; Jas. Balfour, P.Z., 73, acting 1st S. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened, and Bros. J. Mitchel and Thompson were introduced. Comp. G. W. Wheeler, H. 73, at the request of R.W.M.M., conferred on them that degree; then after a lodge of most excellent Masters, as well as a Royal Arch Chapter, were opened, when the same two brothers, along with Bros. Wm. Graham, were duly exalted into those degrees, Comps. Wheeler acting as Z., and J. Balfour P. Z., as Principal Sojourner. The companions of this degree in Glasgow being always willing to lend a helping hand to each other, in order to render the ceremonies effectively.

Royal Arch.

WEST YORKSHIRE, BRADFORD.—*Chapter of Charity* (302).—The usual monthly meeting of this chapter was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Godwin-street, when the following officers and Companions attended:—Comps. Wm. Beanland, M.E.Z.; J. D. Sugden, H.; W. H. Evans, J.; B. Broughton, S.E.; J. G. Hutchinson, S.N.; T. G. Andrews, P.S.; John Procter, 1st. A.S.; Jos. Best, 2nd A. S.; J. J. Holmes, Janitor. P.Z.s—Thomas Hill, W. Mawson, A. M. Matthews, W. Ibbeston, Alex. Hunter, M. Rogerson, H. O. Mawson, C. Pratt. Companions—W. Hodgson, Geo. Beanland, W. W. Barlow, F. W. Booth, H. Berlon, S. P. Firth, Thos. Woodhead, J. Clarke, J. Pickles, F. A. Williamson, T. Learoyd, (Truth 521) J. W. Monckman, (Sincerity 600.) The chapter was opened in ancient form, when the minutes of the previous chapter were read and confirmed. Bro. Smart (Eccles-hill 1034) being a candidate for exaltation to this supreme Degree, having been elected at the previous chapter meeting, was duly exalted to the degree of R. A. Mason. The labours of the evening being ended, the chapter was closed in ancient form, and the Companions adjourned to refreshment. A discussion arose as to holding meetings for practice, which resulted in Companion Barlow suggesting that there be a regular monthly practice meeting held in the lodge rooms, which was supported by the Companions generally, and adopted by the M.E.Z. A very agreeable evening was spent as well as a profitable one.

BOLTON.—*St. John's Chapter*, (No. 348).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on the 9th December, at the Rising Sun Inn, Churchgate, Bolton, when there were present Comps. T. Wilson, H.; J. Horrocks, J.; Thomas Chambers, P.Z., Scribe E.; Jas. Newton, P.Z., Prov. G. Steward; Robt. Harwood, P.Z., Prov. G. Standard Bearer; also as visitors Comps. Thos. Entwisle, P.Z. 221, Prov. G. Scribe N.; G. P. Brockbank, Z. 37, P.Z. 221, Prov. G. Treas.; Jas. E. Hall, E. 325, P.S. 152, and others. The chapter being opened and the minutes confirmed, Bro. James Allen, of Lodge 348, was unanimously elected as a candidate for exaltation, and being in attendance was admitted and exalted to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason, Comps. Thos. Entwisle, officiating as Z. and Newton as P.S. Three candidates were proposed for exaltation and the chapter was then closed.

Mark Masonry.

MANCHESTER.—*St. Andrew's Lodge* (No. 34).—The installation meeting was held on Tuesday, 9th December, at Freemasons Hall, and was well attended. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Gibb Smith, P.M. 32, P.P.G.O., assisted by the officers. After the minutes were read and confirmed Bro. Friedlander was advanced to the degrees of Mark Man and Mark Master, the first portion of the ceremony being given by Bro. Gibb Smith, and the second by Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.W. After the accounts were passed a hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. W. H. Hopkins, the W.M., who owing to the defalcations of the late secretary, has this year filled the onerous positions of W.M., Treasurer and Secretary. The W.M.-elect was then presented to Bro. C. F. Matier, who requested the non-qualified brethren to retire. A board of Installed Mark Masters was then formed and Bro. H. T. Robberds, P.P.G. Organist was installed into the chair of A. On the return of the brethren Bro. Matier invested the officers, Bros. Rome, S.W.; Gilles, J.W.; Benton, Arensberg and Milligan, Overseers; Meyer and Linck, Deacons; Salloun, Treasurer and Secretary, &c. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens and brethren were delivered by Bro. Gibb Smith to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. Several propositions having been made, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8 p.m. The brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and the brethren separated at an early hour. Among those present we noticed Bros. C. Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.W.; J. Gibb Smith, P.P.G.O.; W. H. Hopkins, P.P.G.D.C.; Robberds, P.P.G. Org.; W. C. Gilles, Prov. G.S.D.; Rome, S.W.; Benton, Allison, Le Gros and many others.

BOLTON.—*St. John's Lodge* (time immemorial).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 11th inst. at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, when there were present Bros. Wm. Hamer, Jas. Newton, Prov. G. Mark Inspector of Works S.W.; Jones, M.O.; Horrocks, S.O.; Jno. Harwood, J.O.; Thos. Entwisle, P.M., P. Prov. G. Mark Master; D. Stansfield, P.M., P. Prov. G. Mork Deacon; Robt. Harwood, P.M., P. Prov. G. Mark Deacon; Robt. Whittaker, P.M. P. Prov. G. Mark Assist. Dir. of Cer.; Thos. Morris, P.M., P. Prov. G. Mark Sword Bearer and a goodly number of other brethren. The lodge being opened the minutes were read and confirmed. Four candidates for advancement were ballotted for and unanimously elected, and three of them, viz., Bros. Robt. Kellett, Jas. Heywood and Elijah Manuel being in attendance were admitted and advanced to the honorable degree of Mark Master Mason by Bro. Robt. Harwood, P.M., P. Prov. G. Mark Deacon. This being the meeting for installation of W.M., the W.M.-elect Bro. James Newton, Prov. G. Mark Inspector of Works was duly installed into the chair of A. by Bros. Thos. Entwisle, P. Prov. G. Mark Master. The following brethren were invested officers, viz., Jno. Alcock, S.W.; Jas. Horrocks, J.W.; Jno. Harwood, M.O.; Robt. Grime, S.O.; Robt. Glaister, J.O.; Thos. Entwisle, Reg. of Marks; Thos. Morris, Sec.; Jas. Allen, Conductor; Thos. Holme, S.D.; Robt. Pickup, J.D.; Robt. Whittaker, Dir. of Cers.; Hy. Tattersall, Inner Guard. Bro. G. P. Brockbank, Past Grand Mark Warden was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. A grant of five guineas was made to the widow and family of a deceased member of the lodge. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

VICTORIA CHAPTER ROSE CROIX, H.R.D.M.—The annual meeting of the brethren of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Monday, the 8th inst.; present—Illus. Bros. Emra Holmes, 31° and Rev. R. N. Sanderson, 30°, P.M.W.S., Prelate;—Most Excellent Bros. the Rev. T. G. Beaumont, M.W.S.; C. T. Townsend, P.M.W.S., Recorder, and W. T.

Westgate, P.M.W.S.; Ex. Bros. Rev. A. W. G. Moore; Dr. Mills, 1st Gen.; E. J. Robertson, 2nd Gen.; G. Cresswell. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed the ballot was taken for a candidate, who was accepted, but who was not present to receive the rite of perfection. The ballot was also taken for M.W.S. when the Rev. T. G. Beaumont, Rector of Chelmondiston, was re-elected unanimously for the ensuing year. The Rev. J. Tweed, Rector of Capel, was proposed for installation as a Sovereign Prince, Rose Croix, at the next regular meeting. Arrangements having been made for the annual audit of the accounts and other business transacted, the chapter was closed and the brethren retired for refreshment.

MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

The regular meeting of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Female Orphan School was held at the School House, Burlington-road, on Tuesday, the 2nd December. The R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, as Senior Vice-Patron in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, and the usual routine business transacted, the following Report from the Scrutineers of the Ballot, for the election of Six Pupils, was submitted:—

"We, the undersigned, Scrutineers of the Ballot for the election of Six Pupils into the Masonic Female Orphan School, have to report that with the aid of the Assistant Secretary, we have examined the several voting papers sent in. The total number of papers received was 1,091, viz.: 159 from Life Governors, 609 from Annual Governors, and 323 from Official Governors; of these 48 were from Governors whose subscriptions were unpaid, 26 were not properly signed, 6 were received in Duplicate, and 11 received late. The total number of votes recorded was 7114, viz.:

Laura Anne Ballantine...	...	397
Catherine Brett ...	...	166
Jane G. Crymble ...	...	726
Susan Mary Curran ...	...	392
Annie Wilson Cutter ...	...	359
Elizabeth Mary Gill ...	...	241
Florence Hendley ...	...	497
Eliza Janet Kewley ...	...	109
Margaret M'Intyre ...	...	578
Agnes Owen ...	...	612
Anne Campbell Christian ...	...	604
Sophia Constance Fenton ...	...	765
Henrietta M'Nally ...	...	785
Christina Anne Orr ...	...	874

JOHN A. HOGAN,  
HARRY HODGES,  
GEO. HILL MAJOR, } Scrutineers.

SAMUEL B. OLDFHAM, Assist. Sec.  
Burlington, Road, Dublin, 29th November, 1873."

It was proposed by Bro. C. Ferguson, seconded by Bro. Roper, and resolved—that Christina A. Orr, daughter of Bro. John Orr, Stock Broker, of Lodges No. 40 and 36, Belfast; Henrietta M'Nally, daughter of Bro. James M'Nally, Wholesale Stationer, of Lodges No. 59 and 22, Belfast; Sophia C. Fenton, daughter of Bro. James Fenton, Solicitor, Lodge No. 217, Ballina; Jane G. Crymble, daughter of Bro. Samuel G. Crymble, Hotel Proprietor, of Lodges No. 22 and 272, Belfast; Agnes Owen, daughter of Bro. John Owen, Engineer, of Lodge No. 63, Limerick; and Annie C. Christian, daughter of Bro. James C. Christian, Solicitor, of Lodge No. 20, Sligo, be declared duly elected as Pupils of the School, and that they be admitted into the School in the above order, and at such time as may be decided upon by the Education Committee.

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## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1873.

## THE LATE PAPAL RESCRIPT.

In a recent Papal Encyclical Letter by which Bishop Reinckens is excommunicated, his Holiness alludes also to secret societies, and mentions the Freemasons in terms of rebuke and condemnation.

It was to be expected, that, such an outpouring of "severe indignation," would be improved upon by the *Westminster Gazette*.

The Encyclical letter is dated from France, November 21st, and the *Westminster Gazette* at once offers us, most kindly and sympathetically, this commentary upon it.

"In the late encyclical letter the Sovereign Pontiff has not only pronounced the judgments of the Church on apostate priests, and on persecuting princes, but has exposed with a luminous brevity the history of the vast conspiracy against the Church of Christ, existing in most countries of Europe, and extending even to some States of America. This evil is tracked to its source, and the Sovereign Pontiff once more condemns those secret societies which, whether they be called Masonic, or pass under any other name, have no lesser object in view than the extinction of the Church. It is notorious that the worst of the secret societies now no longer work in the dark, but, as if assured of victory, openly proclaim the end they have in view. The International is an open conspiracy against the rights and liberties of the Church, as well as against established order in Europe. The leaders of the secret societies, Masonic or international, are in many countries at the head of affairs, and the strange spectacle is afforded to Europe of witnessing established Governments doing the destructive work of the secret societies. It is in these societies, the "Synagogue of Satan," as the Sovereign Pontiff describes them, that the conspiracy against the Church was hatched; and now, armed with all the power that civil authority confers upon them, they avow their intention to reduce the Church to the worst of slaveries, to remove the foundations on which it rests, and to alter its divine character. Princes and their servants, States and their Parliaments, are now compelled to minister to the secret societies, and to register the decrees. How just was the counsel of the Pope to the German Emperor in warning him that putting his trust in the secret societies and adopting their destructive policy, he was undermining his own throne. How long will thrones stand when altars are overthrown? To day the war is directed against religion; to morrow it will be waged against monarchy, against established order, and against property.

The principal object of attack in this article, is the "Internationale" with which we have nothing to do.

But then the writer, changing at once, so to say, his "venue," proceeds to associate our society with that of the "Internationale" with which it has nothing whatever in common. "The leaders of the secret societies, Masonic or International," he boldly says, are in many countries at the head of affairs, &c." And again, a little before, as he had declared, "the Sovereign Pontiff once more condemns those secret societies, which whether they be called Masonic, or pass under any other name, have no other object in view than the extinction of the Church, so a

little lower down, he informs us that by the choice expression, the "synagogue of Satan," it is these secret societies Masonic or otherwise, which are so denominated.

As we object on principle to "Billingsgate" at all times, we do not think it needful or becoming to continue the discussion on such terms. All we can do is, to assure the highly agitated man who pens this fluent article, that the Freemasons in England have nothing to do with the Roman Catholic body, and are in no way mixed up in any proceedings of a political character, or of a religious persecution.

In some countries abroad, mutual antagonism exists between the Ecclesiastical and Masonic bodies, and while we do not profess to defend either the words or acts of all Continental Masonic Grand Lodges, we feel bound to say, that, if the Church of Rome were wise in her generation, which she apparently is not, she would go on her own way, and leave interdicts and anathemas alone.

The sword of St. Dominic has been proved to be a very fatal weapon for a spiritual body to wield, and we surely have outlived the days and times of the Inquisition.

With the Church of Rome we have nothing to do, and if she will only leave Freemasons alone, and not perpetually insult them by allowing her representatives at one time to couple them with "Fenians," and at another time with the "Internationale," she may be as perfectly certain that we shall never in any way allude to the Church of Rome.

But the truth is, as we hear from all sides, the Church of Rome is now raising an organised attack on Freemasonry in several portions of the civilised world, and in many towns, without success. In Brazil, Bishop after Bishop has "charged" his clergy against these dreadful Freemasons, but all in vain, and such we feel certain will be the fate, everywhere, of unwarranted attacks and unfounded charges against our peaceful and philanthropic Order.

We are only speaking, to-day, of and for English Freemasonry, and we protest once for all against the old "ruse" of seeking to do injury to our Masonic body in public opinion by asserting of Freemasons that they have a secret political association. We emphatically deny the assertion and repudiate the charge, on behalf of English, and we believe we may say, American Freemasonry. If anywhere Freemasons are using the secrecy of our ancient Craft for the purpose of political movement against Church or State, we deeply deplore it, but such are not the genuine principles of Freemasonry. Once more we wish we could hope that the Church of Rome, taught by experience would give up her old habit of denunciation and anathema.

In seeking thus to "put down" Masonry or silence those who are opposed to her, she is in fact, like the famous old lady Mrs. Partington, immortalised by Sydney Smith, who sought to mop up the waves of the Atlantic beating on the sandy shore.

Since writing the above we have read Archbishop Manning's letter to the *Times*, of date December 10th. We deeply regret to find, that that undoubtedly able person endorses the mistaken view of the Roman Church, that Free-

masonry, as a system, had anything to do with the serious controversy between the Roman Church and the Prussian Government. Archbishop Manning quotes the *Rheinische Herold*, which he says "openly confesses itself to be the organ of the Masonic Lodges," a fact we venture to doubt, as speaking in terms of approval of the Emperor William's answer to the Pope. With that controversy we have nothing to do, for that is a question purely Germanic, and for the German people to settle for themselves, but all we contend for to-day, is, that we as Freemasons, in this country, openly disavow any political or religious discussions.

If in Germany, or elsewhere, the Masonic body and the Church of Rome are in collision, while we regret the fact, and should gladly hear that foreign Masonry pursued our far wiser course of action in all such matters, we cannot but repeat, that, the Church of Rome, in thus branding Freemasons as unbelievers, conspirators, and revolutionists, furnishes a handle to those who oppose her, and betrays alike the weakness of her own position, and the injustice of her own anathemas.

#### OTHER ATTACKS ON FREEMASONRY.

It seems that the Roman Catholic is not the only body of ecclesiastics which thinks it well to attack Freemasonry.

Some years ago, so far back indeed, as the last century, a Scotch Presbyterian Synod made a wonderful "deliverance" against our Order.

However, in that long-headed country, nobody took any notice of it, the matter soon dropped, and Freemasonry went on its way, none the worse for this "*magni Fovis incrementum*."

It still can be perused, though worth very little, even as an historical fact, in those dusty little volumes which delight the eyes of some Brother Hughan or other Masonic bibliopist.

In England, as a general rule, Freemasons are wisely let alone, but even from time to time, mutterings have been heard of doubt or disapproval based on religious grounds, as it has been said, on mostly on no grounds at all. That able and eloquent writer who afterwards was termed "Father Faber," alludes to Freemasons and Freemasonry in a very uncomplimentary way in some otherwise charming tracts of his we have perused, and Bishop Armstrong, a well known African missionary bishop, thought well to publish a severe condemnation of the principles and proceedings of Freemasonry.

There is also in America a very large, though in England a very small, supply of anti-Masonic literature, all based on so-called religious objections.

Latterly we saw in a juvenile periodical a controversy as to whether or no our Bro. Lord Eliot had accepted as a condition of his joining a well-known ecclesiastical society—the understanding that he should withdraw from an active participation in Freemasonry.

That such a state of things should exist in 1873, we could hardly credit, or that such a condition of intolerance and bigotry could be suggested, much less discussed, we must be permitted to doubt. For in truth such an aspect

of matters would reflect discredit on both parties to the discussion. But, still as there are, it appears, a certain number of people who still object to Freemasonry, let us look at it to-day from a very simple point of view.

We do not say that the objectors are very important, or the objections worth much, but still here they both are continually before us, and let us give them an answer once, for all:

We may observe, before we do so, that these childish aspersions on Freemasonry generally come from those who are very imperfectly acquainted even with their own dogmata, and who understand nothing of the history of the society they so foolishly anathematise. Now Freemasonry is not a religious or a political society, and in no way interferes with or antagonises any question of church or state. It is a purely philanthropic order, standing, no doubt, on a very wide basis—the recognition of one great and holy and eternal Supreme Being, and therefore being built up on so broad a foundation, it certainly disclaims all subjects either of debate or controversy which relate to especial creeds or form of belief, however good or excellent *per se*. Freemasonry, as a body, is ever willing to associate herself with a religious denomination in seeking to promote works of common piety and admitted usefulness, but as her banner is an universal banner, whether for good or evil, she goes on her way to-day, unruffled by the breezes of contemporary controversy unaffected by the religious discussions of mankind.

Some persons have objected to such a position and have asked, and have wished, that Freemasonry should be either more religious denominationally on the one hand, or take a more distinct view of mere philosophic or humanitarian progress on the other.

But Freemasonry has kept, and still keeps, as it were, the *via media* between these two extremes, and, without either discussing politics or religion, offers a broad ground of philanthropic sympathy and goodwill for her members to assemble on and act together. Her maxims are unchanging, of gentleness, toleration, forbearance, and moderation, and alike in her exoteric arrangements or in her esoteric teaching, she ever asserts the lessons of pure benevolence, and commends the humble practice of every moral and social virtue.

Why such a society should be objected to, or placed under a ban, and subject to an anathema or an interdict, is difficult for us to say, but, as has been often said, "such is life," and we can only deal with facts as they are, and as we chance to find them in our hourly existence.

Let us hope, that, gradually such foolish prejudices and idle cavils may all happily disappear, and that, Freemasonry may be recognized by many who for some cause, or for no reason, are still her opponents, as ever a handmaid to religion, to order, and to law, the faithful expositrix of her undying principles, "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth."

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

#### WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Sunday, being the anniversary of the death of the lamented Prince Consort, Her Majesty the Queen, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince and Princess Louise of Hesse, Princess Christian of Schleswig Holstein, Princess Beatrice, the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Arthur, and Prince Leopold, went to the Mausoleum this morning at 11 o'clock.

A special service was performed by the Hon. and Very Rev. the Dean of Windsor, assisted by the Very Rev. the Dean of Westminster.

Sir George Elvey, Mus. D., and a portion of the choir of St. George's Chapel, were in attendance, and sang the following hymns and anthem:—

##### HYMN I.

Happy are the faithful dead,  
In the Lord who sweetly die;  
They from all their toils are freed,  
In God's keeping safely lie:  
These the Spirit hath declared  
Blest, unutterably blest;  
Jesus is their great reward,  
Jesus is their endless rest.

Followed by their works they go  
Where their Head is gone before,  
Reconciled by grace below;  
Grace has opened mercy's door;  
Fuller joys ordained to know,  
Waiting for the last Great Day,  
When the Archangel's trump shall blow,  
"Rise to judgment, come away."

Absent from our loving Lord  
We shall not continue long:  
Join we then with one accord  
In the new, the joyful song;  
Blessing, honour, thanks, and praise,  
Triune God, we pay to Thee,  
Who in thine abundant grace,  
Givest us the victory. Amen.

##### HYMN II.

Wake, awake, for night is flying,  
The watchmen on the heights are crying,  
Awake, Jerusalem, at last!  
Midnight hears the welcome voices,  
And at the thrilling cry rejoices,  
Come forth, ye virgins, night is past,  
The Bridegroom comes, awake!  
Your lamps with gladness take.  
Hallelujah!  
And for His marriage feast prepare,  
For ye must go to meet Him there.  
Zion hears the watchmen singing  
And all her heart with joy is springing.  
She wakes, she rises from her gloom;  
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,  
The strong in grace, in truth victorious.  
Her star has risen, her Light has come!  
Ah come, Thou blessed Lord,  
O Jesus, Son of God.

##### Hallelujah!

We follow till the halls we see  
Where Thou hast bid us sup with Thee.

##### ANTHEM.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: Even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours, and their works do follow them."—Rev. xiv. 13.

Her Majesty has during the last week held an Investiture of the Order of the Bath, and the Star of India.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales have been paying a visit to the Duke of Marlborough, at Blenheim, and on leaving Windsor Castle, will honour Lord and Lady Rendlesham, in Suffolk, by a short stay.

Dr. Lyon Playfair and the Solicitor-General have been returned for Edinburgh and Oxford respectively unopposed, and Mr. Arthur Mills has been returned for Exeter by a majority of 327 over Sir Edward Watkin.

The new London School Board has met, and elected Mr. Charles Reed, M.P., as chairman, and Mr. Currie as vice-chairman.

The Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, has been made one of the Privy Council, and it is said will be raised to the peerage shortly, and both the Attorney and Solicitor-General have received the honour of knighthood. The new Bishop of Ely was consecrated on Sunday, at

Westminster Abbey, the consecration sermon being preached by Archdeacon Pott.

Mr. Jean Luie, a very important witness for the prisoner in the Tichborne trial, has been discovered to be a convict with a ticket-of-leave, of the name of Lundgren, and has been committed accordingly by Sir Thomas Henry to the Middlesex House of Detention, on the charge of "having forfeited his licence as a convict of ticket-of-leave, by neglecting to report himself at intervals to the proper authorities."

Four railway accidents, more or less serious, have occurred during the last few days, the worst being a double collision near Bolton, on the Lancashire and Yorkshire, by which ten passengers were severely injured, and several others slightly.

The news from the Gold Coast is not important. Sir Garnet Wolseley is still aboard the Simoom, but able to attend to business, and is awaiting the fine brigade now on their way. In the meantime every preparation is made for an advance, and every precaution is taken to ensure the health of the troops. Commodore Hewitt has assumed the naval command.

At the Cape of Good Hope, a skirmish has ensued in Natal, between "Langilabile," a Caffre chief, and some thirty carabineers, under Major Durnford; in which three Englishmen lost their lives. It is to be hoped that this unfortunate event may not lead to another "little Caffre War."

Sir S. R. Baker has given a most interesting account of his expedition, before a select audience presided over by H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, the Commander-in-Chief.

A furious gale has raged since early Tuesday morning, all through Yorkshire, and extending into Scotland, causing much damage to property.

In Foreign news, there is not a great deal to notice.

Marshal Bazaine, despite the eloquence of Maitre Lâchaud, has been unanimously condemned to death and military degradation by the court martial, but Marshal McMahon has commuted the sentence into seclusion for twenty years, and removal from the army.

We are not politicians, and only profess to record events, but we cannot help thinking this prosecution of Marshal Bazaine a great mistake, as it is impossible after the event to judge of much that a General commanding has to take into account.

The French joke about poor Admiral Byng returns to our memory, for certainly it would seem, as if the intense desire manifested by some to punish and shoot an old soldier was "pour encourager les autres"!

The Dutch have had a successful landing at Acheen—and will probably soon master the outbreak in their colony.

Carthage has not yet surrendered, and the Carlist movement seems at a stand still.

The Virginius has been surrendered to the United States, so that all possibility of war is arrested. But the great question of compensation remains for British and American subjects illegally put to death.

We have to announce with regret the death of Mr. Winterbotham, M.P., Under Secretary of State in the Home Department, who died at Rome, where he had gone for the benefit of his health, on Saturday.

The death of the Queen Dowager of Prussia is also announced, as also that of Professor Agassiz.

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

### Original Correspondence.

#### FRUGALITY AND PHILANTHROPY To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Gottheil, in his able letter of Saturday last, though he has put forward his view of the subject with great power and perspicuity, has not quite represented the whole truth of the matter.

I quite agree with Bro. Gottheil that it would be most undesirable if even it were possible, to curtail the "amusements of the people," or to interfere unnecessarily with the social arrangements of our lodges, which I quite admit are not only most needful but most beneficial for our Craft. But the real question is, whether our system may not admit of some little amendment, and whether, in our present regulations on the subject, we quite do justice either to our lodges or our own feelings, or best promote the interests of charity, and the general welfare and progress of Freemasonry.

I quite endorse Bro. Gottheil's view that where the bye-laws of a lodge require a certain amount of annual subscription, and that for that sum certain banquets are specified among the privileges of the members, they receive in fact, only their "quid pro quo," and cannot fairly be said to employ the lodge funds for eating and drinking. At the same time I say this, I do not think those good bye-laws, which provide for any banquets out of the lodge subscriptions. For let us see how this system works. There are three systems in fact at present in vogue amongst us. One is the system which fixes the subscription at a given sum, and provides in the bye-laws for so many banquets gratis to the brethren yearly. The second is the system which calls upon the members of the lodge for a certain annual subscription, but says nothing about banquets, and when in consequence the expenses for refreshment are paid by the brethren personally each lodge night, and collected by the Stewards.

We must always bear in mind that while in London, and a few of our larger towns the lodges may be termed, without offence, dinner lodges, that is, where work is followed by a regular dinner, the great majority of our Provincial Lodges only have as a general rule supper after their labours, a much lighter and less expensive kind of refreshment. There is a third system where the subscription is at the minimum, and where the lodge provides the "catables," but where the Stewards provide the "drinkables," and each brother, to use a homely term, "pays his own shot." I do not purpose in this letter to pass any judgment, and least of all to cast any imputation upon either of these systems, or the Brethren who uphold advisedly, one or the other of them.

But the effect certainly of the present system is, that a large proportion of our lodges do not subscribe as lodges to any of the Masonic Charities, and though the names of the brethren appear on the list, the lodges themselves are not to be found there—with some happy and honourable exceptions. Bros. Hughan and Hodges, in their remarks, have been actuated by a desire to increase our charitable returns, and certainly the fact stated, if true, ought to suggest serious thought, namely that more than one lodge is in debt for the dinner fund, and is unable to do anything for charity.

This discussion will have this one good result. Let us hope that it will make some of us think, and if it only elicits one or two more as able letters as Bro. Gottheil's is, it will shew what I have always said, how great is the latent and dormant talent of the Craft.

I am, yours fraternally,  
AN OLD P.M. AND P.Z.

#### NOT GENERALLY KNOWN.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I do not, I confess, at all appreciate or admire Bro. Jacob Norton's constant allusion to his "credulous brethren" in America, of whom, according to his own view, many "thousands" exist.

If our good brother possesses so much more

light than his brethren generally, he should seek to enlighten them in a kind, courteous, and Masonic way.

It is not Masonic always to be dwelling on the supposed ignorance or credulity of others; when some might think, that, Bro. Jacob Norton, earnest as he is, pushes his cavils to the verge of absolute scepticism, and might say, fairly enough, "It is better to believe too much than too little."

I am, yours fraternally,  
NEMO.

#### HONORARY MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to "An Enquirer," honorary members cannot vote in lodge, and certainly cannot ballot for candidates for admission.

None but *bonâ fide* subscribing members to the lodge can vote or ballot.

I am, yours fraternally,  
DRACO.

#### BRO. BIGG AND THE MIDDLESEX LODGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The letter of "P.M.," which appears in your columns of the 13th inst., courts a reply from me to two questions, which I have no hesitation in giving, though I confess I have a dislike to anonymous correspondents. Possibly our worthy brother withholds his name, lest Bro. Salmon or myself should offer him the opportunity of enjoying our hospitality and thus disturb the balance of his fraternal impartiality.

1st. When the W.M. of the Middlesex came over to where I stood, and asked me to retire from the lodge until my introducer arrived, I said "All Masons were eligible to attend lodges and that it was not the rule of my lodge to expel brethren under such circumstances." Bro. Salmon told me in courteous terms, "It is our rule, and I advise you to withdraw."

2nd. The W.M. never hinted at the idea of "trying and proving" me, nor did I in the face of such a peremptory rule as the above, venture to obtrude myself on the brethren of the Middlesex Lodge.

I respectfully submit that the question at issue is not one involving "boorishness and inhospitality either, or caution and fidelity." It goes at the very root of "Masonry and its principles." It proclaims that the "Equality among Masons" is an axiom enforced in theory, but eschewed in practice, and that the maxims of "meeting on the level and parting on the square" is a practical Masonic joke. It admits of class lodges encouraging exclusiveness, and divests Masonry of its most attractive characteristic.

I never did, and I trust never shall attempt to thrust myself into any society where my presence would be objectionable, hence I withdrew on this occasion to the "convenient room adjoining the lodge," awaiting the arrival of my introducers.

In conclusion I may remark that had the W.M. and his Wardens performed the duties expected of them by Grand Lodge, they would have attended the last quarterly communication, and would have recognised me as the mover of the first resolution on the Agenda, but possibly I may be too much like the editor of the *Eatonswill Gazette*, who, when he had written a slashing leader denouncing everything and everybody, finding he had created no sensation, and was unrecognised, remarked "Good God! and this is popularity!"

Yours fraternally,  
FREDERICK BIGG,

W.M., 1261, P.M. 66.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I waited till your publication succeeding that which gave an account of Bro. P.M. Bigg's reception and dismissal at the Middlesex Lodge appeared, and which I do not hesitate to say was an outrage on the principles of Freemasonry, and may now be fitly so called; no explanation or apology having appeared in your columns from any member of that lodge.

I do not feel that one need wait for the replies invited by your correspondent last week, although doubtless they will be satisfactorily given, because it does not appear that any question was raised as to Bro. P.M. Bigg being a Mason; indeed he bears an historic name his father was one of the leading and prominent Masons of a past generation, and no doubt his son wore the splendid jewel, presented to his worthy sire in olden time. No! the rejection and outrage were from a principle of exclusiveness unworthy of the Lodge and of Masonry, which it is hoped exists to a very small extent elsewhere. This should be broken down by less tenacious Masons than Bro. Bigg. Brethren steady and firm of purpose must visit the Middlesex Lodge, now and again, as enjoined by the Book of Constitution, till the Middlesex brethren are taught better, or the Lodge is erased from an Order which, in one instance at least, it has disgraced Bro. P.M. Bigg had an invitation to visit that Lodge but any Past Master has a right to visit that lodge, and remain throughout the working without any invitation.

Let me say to the Middlesex exclusives that we have an organ of Freemasonry circulating in every part of England and vastly beyond it, and its violations of Masonic law and the principles of Freemasonry are disgusting every true hearted Mason within its wide and extended circulation.

Yours truly, and fraternally,  
AN OLD PAST GRAND OFFICER.

READING THE SCRIPTURES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to "P.M. 402," I may say the passage of Scripture used in the 3rd degree, is always repeated—never "read." I am sorry I used the word "read," it was a great mistake on my part.

I would also assure your correspondent that the working of the ceremonies in the Hertford Lodge differs in no wise from that of any other lodge using the Emulation working. We only flatter ourselves that it is better done than in most lodges. With hearty good wishes,

I am, fraternally yours,  
A P.M., 403.

A CAUTION.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It having come to the knowledge of the members of the Lindsey Lodge that a person giving the name of Geo. W. Ward, has, on more than one occasion succeeded in obtaining money from the Almoners of other lodges by representing himself to be a member of the Lindsey Lodge, and shewing a copy of the by-laws of that lodge in his possession, permit me to state for the benefit of your readers that although Mr. George Went Ward was initiated and passed in this lodge some two years ago, he never received the 3rd degree, circumstances having occurred which led to the lodge declining that honour. He has no certificate from Grand Lodge, and is returned as a defaulter by the Lindsey Lodge.

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,  
FREDERICK D. MARSDEN,  
Prov. G. Sec.

Louth, Dec. 10th, 1873.

BRO. LUPUS AND BRO. MACLEOD-MOORE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your issue of the 1st Nov., page 705, acknowledging from Bro. Emma Holmes the receipt of a copy of my address delivered before the Grand Lodge of Canada, on the 14th August last, you state with reference to the Order of St. John, that "I adopt" the views of Bro. Lupus. I beg to say that long before I ever knew that our talented brother was a member of the Order, or had written on the subject, I entertained those views, but must confess I feel much gratified by finding they are shared by so competent an authority as Bro. Lupus.

I am, yours fraternally,  
F. W. J. B. McLEOD-MOORE,  
Grand Prior of Canada.

MASSACRE OF FREEMASONS IN CUBA.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

I beg to call your attention to the following lines, taken from the *New York Times* of Wednesday, November 19, 1873,

"Letters have been received in this city under date of 'Santiago de Cuba, via Jamaica, Nov. 10,' showing that the Spaniards in Cuba, in addition to the bloody cruelty exhibited in the case of those on board the *Virginus*, have also recently been guilty of other atrocities. The facts are thus related in one of the letters:

'It is known that on the night of the 7th inst. after the *Virginus* had been brought here, the volunteers, together with the crew of the *Tornado*, wound up their infernal orgies by making an excursion outside the city where the widows of the unfortunate Master Masons, executed in 1868, lived in poverty. Shortly after the outbreak of the Cuban revolution, the Masonic fraternity in Cuba were forbidden to meet in council. The then Captain General issued an order prohibiting the contemplated session of the Grand Lodge at Santiago de Cuba. The officers ignored the pronouncement, and a company of Spanish volunteers were sent to the lodge-room. They broke open the doors, seized the officers and placed them in irons. The next day they were taken a short distance from the town and shot. The widows and orphans of the murdered men were sent into the woods and denied subsistence and clothing. They were also forbidden to leave the territory under the penalty of death. Since the year 1869, these outcasts have lived on what was surreptitiously sent to them by the humane Cubans. On the night of the 7th inst., when the news of the *Virginus* reached Santiago the Spanish volunteers, in fiendish exultation over their triumph, visited these poor creatures. The ruffians brutally outraged the helpless women, and in the struggle four of them were killed. Seven others have since died, and several are in such a dangerous condition that they cannot possibly recover.'

In view of the above terrible statement of facts, a petition is now being circulated in this city, which is being signed generally by the Masters of Masonic lodges in New York, and Past Masters of lodges residing here, calling for an emergent session of the Grand Lodge of the State, to take such action as may be necessary in the matter. Similar action on the part of the Masonic fraternity is being taken also in New Jersey and Massachusetts.

In the American State papers for 1869, "information in regard to the progress of the revolution in Cuba"—pages 58, 59 and 60—full particulars are given of the massacre of the Freemasons alluded to. They were all heads of families and well known in Santiago; Gonzalo Villar, lawyer; José Antonio Perez, physician; Manuel Espin, physician; Salvador Benitez, merchant; the brothers Bruno and José Antonio Collazo, merchants; Miguel Ascencio; Antonia Villasana, notary public; and Manuel Fremeda, notary public. They were shot by order of Colonel Palacios of the regiment of Onteguera, without any form of trial, or authority of any source whatsoever. Their only crime was to be Freemasons.

I entreat you to make these facts known to your readers. Freemasons as Freemasons have nothing to do with politics, but the Masonic fraternity of England can, for humanity's sake, ask the British Government not to be indifferent to such atrocities.

Yours Fraternally  
December 3rd, 1873. MANHATTAN.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

(IN REPLY TO A BROTHER OF NO. 1353.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Honorary members should be composed of brethren upon whom the lodge may confer the distinction as a mark of respect, and in consideration of their zeal and exertion in the cause of Masonry and also for services rendered. Lodge 1353 should have a by-law such as this— "No member shall have a right to vote on any occasion, or to sit down to banquet, nor shall he

be eligible to any office unless he shall have previously paid his subscription."

Now as honorary members pay no subscription it is clear they cannot vote, take office, attend the banquet without invitation, nor can they legally address the chair without the consent of the W.M. unless called upon by the W.M. to give their opinion upon any subject. An honorary member is simply enrolled on the register of a lodge and receives the usual summonses, and has the privilege of attending the meetings, unchallenged as an ordinary visitor would be.

Grand Lodge will not recognize honorary members, and honorary members, P.M.'s who do not subscribe to some lodge cannot obtain admission to Grand Lodge by virtue of their being honorary members, even if P.M.'s of a lodge.

MAGNUS OHREN,  
P.M. 33 and 452, G.J.W. for Surrey.

CHARITIES.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to make one or two remarks on the unfavourable, but good-natured comments on the "Charity Voting Reform" movement contained in the leading article of last week.

I shall leave Bro. Hogg to speak for himself. For myself I am happy to say I am not a "new convert" but an old manager who has seen with deep regret the gross abuses of the voting system during the last ten years, at least.

I did not, and do not say that our "Charities" are "a pauperizing system," but that the mode in which the elections to them are conducted is certainly so. For instance, I should feel much humiliated to see the child and widow of my deceased friend running up and down the stairs, and corridors of Cannon Street Hotel, with supplicating looks and gestures; and thrusting cards of particulars into the hand of every supposed voter; or to find the latter sending out 6000 printed cards or circulars giving particulars of her domestic misfortunes, &c., &c. I think, too, you will agree with me that it is rather a "travestic of charity" to gravely offer by advertisement "six votes" for a certain "Asylum" in return for a "lop-eared rabbit" or a "seal-skin jacket." I look, sir, on every vote as a trust, to be exercised with a sense of responsibility, not a mere chattel for indulging patronage, making money or open to exchange.

The charities of England, as of Masonry, are amongst the brightest jewels in its crown of glory—and the managers are, in general, men of the highest integrity, the greatest ability and the most disinterested zeal; but it is not the charities or the managers we attack, it is something outside of both—a fungus growth of years, eating out the life of charity, and impeding the healthy action of the voting system.

I may mention that our present movement was intended to take within its scope only the general charities, and not those of particular bodies such as the Freemasons, Clergy and the like. Yet I cannot but feel in regard to all our charitable institutions, that the more British sympathy and Christian charity have free course the less shall we seek an equivalent for our gifts, or if we must have an equivalent in the shape of a vote, the more scrupulous shall we be to use it as a solemn trust, to be put out in the interest of the most poor, most friendless and most deserving.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,  
Fraternally yours,  
Dec., 17, 1873. R. J. SIMPSON.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—During every break of wintry weather, excursions should be made by the afflicted to recover health before unremitting cold and trying storms set in. Throat ailments, coughs, wheezings, asthmatical affections, shortness of breath, morning nausea, and accumulation of phlegm, can easily be removed by rubbing this fine derivative ointment twice a day upon the chest and neck. Holloway's ointment is strongly recommended with the view of giving immediate ease, preventing prospective danger, and effecting permanent relief. These all-important ends his ointment and pills can accomplish, and will surely prevent insidious diseases from fastening on the constitution, to display themselves afterwards in those disastrous forms that will probably embitter life till death itself is almost prayed for.—ADV'T.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE.

The regular meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, was held under the auspices of the United Service Lodge, No. 69, at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, on Monday, the 15th December, when a large number of Mark Masons were present.

The R.W.P.G.M.M. (Bro. the Rev. G. W. Sicklemore, M.A.) took his seat on the throne at 2.45. Prov. G.M. Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer.

After the usual salutations to the R.W.P.G.M.M. and the V.W.Dep.P.G.M.M. (Bro. T.H. Grove Snowden, W.M., 129), the minutes of the special P.G.M. Lodge held at Ramsgate, on the 14th of March last, were read and confirmed.

The P.G.M. Sec. (Bro. James W. Smith) reported that the Byc-Laws made at the last special Prov. G.M. Lodge had been approved by the General Board of G.M. Lodge, except as to the last clause of Byc-Law No. 7, which provided that Pro. G.M. Stewards should, on promotion to a higher office, pay the full fee of honour. This had been struck out by the General Board, so that Stewards, with respect to promotion, might stand on the same footing as other officers.

The P.G.M. Sec. likewise reported that the R.W.P.G.M.M., after the Byc-Laws had been made and approved, had appointed Bro. J. L. Ellerm, S.W. 152, to act as Auditor on his behalf and that the P.G.M. Treasurer's accounts had been audited by him as well as by the other Auditors appointed by P.G.M. Lodge.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was read and confirmed, the Committee congratulating the P.G.M. Lodge on the fact of there having been during the current year no petition for relief from the Fund of Benevolence.

The P.G.M. Treasurer (Bro. L. Finch, P.M. 129) presented his accounts, which were unanimously approved of.

Bros. Finch and Meager were then severally unanimously elected Treasurer and Tyler for the ensuing year.

The P.G.M. Master then appointed and invested the following officers for the year ensuing:—Bros. G. Ashdown, P.S.G.M.W.; J. G. Redman, P.J.G.M.W.; H. C. Fuhr, P.G.M.O.; G. Page, P.G.S.O.; John Canham, P.G.J.O.; W. H. Edwards, P.G. Reg. of Marks; James W. Smith, P.G. Secretary; William Crawford, P. Assist. G. Sec.; James Hewett, P.S.G.M. Deacon; Charles Burley, P.J.G.M. Deacon; W. B. Wallace, P.G.M. Inspector of Works; T. Newton, P.G.M. Director of Ceremonies; T. W. Fripp, P. Assistant G.M. Director of Ceremonies; T. Nicholls, P.G.M. Sword Bearer; H. Baker, P.G.M. Standard Bearer; W. Larkin, P.G.M. Organist; T. Watson, P.G.M. Purst; W. Tucker, P.G.M. Steward.

Bros. Emmerson, P.P.G.G.M.W., and Page, P.G.S.O., together with Bro. Ellerm, S.W. 129 (appointed by the R.W.P.G.M.M.), were then elected Auditors for the ensuing year.

Bros. Hiscocks, Crawford, Emmerson, and Redman, were then elected as a Committee of General Purposes.

The Lodge was then closed.

A grand banquet afterwards followed, at which the Rev. G. W. Sicklemore, M.A., P.G.M.M.M., presided. After the cloth had been cleared and grace said, the following toasts were duly proposed and honoured:—

"The Queen and Mark Masonry." "The M.W.G.M.M. Earl Percy and the other Grand Officers." "The R.W. Deputy G.M.M. Earl of Limerick and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present." "The R.W.P.G.M. Master of Kent." "The United Service Brompton Lodge," complimenting them on their splendid reception. "The Deputy P.G.M. Master, Past and Present Officers of the Province of Kent," with Kentish fire. "Viscount Holmesdale, P.G.M.M."

The company separating after a handsome collection for the Fund of Benevolence.

### CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT PORT WILLIAM, WIGTOWNSHIRE.

Port William was on Tuesday last, Dec. 19, the scene of proceedings of a rather unusual character, and if they failed to excite widespread interest, it was because they were not patent to the outer world. We refer to the consecration and erection of the Mason Lodge, "Myrton," Port William, No. 539, and the installation of the office-bearers of the lodge by the P.G.M. of Wigtown and Kirkcudbright, Capt. Harriott of Killimore. Among the brethren in the province the "work" to be done excited a lively interest, and at an early hour in the forenoon of the day named, deputations from sister lodges found their way to Port William. The Monreith Arms, in which Bro. McCall does the duties of host with natural courtesy and geniality, was the general rendezvous, while the office-bearers elect of Myrton Lodge were getting the tools ready. At one o'clock the brethren met in the Myrton Lodge-room, where the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, the office-bearers present being:—Bros. Capt. Harriott, of Killimore, R.W.P.G.M.; T. W. Campbell, of Walton Park, D.P.G.M.; Dr. Millman, New Galloway, P.G.S.W.; William McIlwraith, Stranraer, P.G.J.W.; Rev. D. Stewart, Dalbeattie, P.G. Chaplain; James McMuldrow, Kirkcudbright, P.G. Secretary; William Kerr, Dalbeattie, P.G.S.D.; John Hislop, New Galloway, P.G.J.D.; James Clarke, Kirkcudbright, P.G.I.G.; James Livingstone, Kirkcudbright, P.G. Tyler. The solemn and impressive ceremony of consecration was proceeded with in due form, and according to the well-established usages and customs of the Craft. The new lodge having been duly consecrated, the office-bearers elect presented themselves, and were cordially approved of. The P.G.M. then, in Masonic style, installed the following as office-bearers of the Lodge Myrton, Port William, No. 539:—Bros. Alex. Thomson, Barmael, R.W.M.; Henry Montgomerie, D.M.; James McCall, S.M.; James McMurray, Drumrae, S.W.; Hugh McMaster, J.W.; John Macfarlane, Secretary; John McCulloch, Treasurer; J. D. Picken, S.D.; John Nish, J.D.; James Chalmers, I.G.; Gavin Melville, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony, R.W.M. Bro. Thomson briefly thanked the P.G.M. and assembled brethren for the honour and favour the members of Port William had received at their hands. The P.G. Lodge was then reduced from the high degree in which the labour had been conducted, and closed in the usual form. The brethren afterwards met in the Monreith Arms, under the presidency of the P.G.M., and dined together in fraternal style. After dinner the lodge was opened, and soon after the column in the south was observed to be in the ascendant, which induced the craftsmen to spend a couple of hours in harmony. The P.G.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in capital style, and under the guidance of the D.P.G.M. the brethren executed several rounds of "volley-firing" with spirit and precision. In proposing the toast of the evening—"Success to the youngest daughter of the province, 'Myrton,' Port William"—the P.G.M. adverted to the work which the brethren had undertaken in the locality, and enlarged in an eloquent

strain on the prominent principles of the Order, which in their lives and actions, they would be called upon to illustrate and promote. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Thomson, R.W.M., who made a brief and appropriate response. Other toasts followed from the east, and were honoured in truly Masonic style. Among those were the deputations from sister lodges, which were acknowledged by the following brethren, whose names were coupled with the toast:—Bro. McMuldrow, R.W.M., St. Cuthbert's, Kirkcudbright, No. 41; Bro. T. W. Campbell, R.W.M., St. John's, Castle Douglas, No. 189; Bro. Rev. D. Stewart, Chaplain, Granite Union, Dalbeattie, No. 480; Bro. Dr. Millman, R.W.M. St. John's, New Galloway, No. 494; Bro. Hunter, St. Ninian's, Newtonstewart, No. 499; Bro. W. Shaw, D.M., Kilwinning, Stranraer, No. 519. At last a call from the south brought the brethren from refreshment to labour, and it having been ascertained that all were satisfied, the lodge was closed in the usual manner. The brethren from the east drove to Newtonstewart, some to catch the late train, and others to continue their journey through 18 miles of a wild and exposed, although romantic district, while those from Stranraer drove home through Glenluce. Much satisfaction was expressed at the tokens of life manifested by the P.G. Lodge, and a hope was entertained that another meeting might be held before long under its fostering care.

### RESTORATION OF ST. ALBAN'S ABBEY.

A brilliant and most successful concert was given on Tuesday evening, 25th, at Woodhole Park, Herts, the magnificent seat of Bro. Abel Smith, M.P., under the patronage of the Lady Susan Smith, assisted by a party of well-known musicians in aid of the fund for the restoration of St. Alban's Abbey.

The concert was held, as on previous occasions in the spacious library, at the end of which there was a temporary raised platform, and in front of which a number of choice and elegant foliage plants were very tastefully grouped. Whether from the interest felt in the object for which it was given, or from the certainty that a musical treat was in store, or, perhaps, from a combination of both feelings, an audience assembled which filled the room to overflowing. The visitors staying in the house who were present at the concert, were—The Earl of Verulam and the Ladies Grimston; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marten; Mr. and Mrs. Toulmin; Mr. Balfour, cousin of the Marquis of Salisbury—the future member for Hertford; Mr. and Mrs. R. Hoare, &c., &c. Amongst the general company we noticed Bro. Abel Smith, M.P., and Lady Susan Smith and Miss Evelyn Smith; Bro. the Rev. Lewis Deedes, P.G. Chaplain for Herts, and Mrs. Deedes; Major General Bouchier; Mrs. Hudson, and Bro. W. H. Hudson and Lady Audley; Mr. and Mrs. Finch; Bro. the Baron Dimsdale, the Baroness and the Miss Dimsdales; Col. and Mrs. Robertson; Bro. W. C. Baker and Mrs. Baker; the Hon. Canon Barrington and Lady Catherine Barrington; Bro. R. B. Croft and Mrs. Croft; Capt. and Mrs. Mark Pechell; Mr. and Mrs. Fowel Buxton; Mrs. Busk; the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Mostyn, and the Misses Monk; Rev. Sir J. C. and Lady Hawkins; Major Logan; Sir H. Vavasour; the Mayor of Hertford, (the only gentleman who attended the concert in morning dress, he is *not* a Mason); Bro. McKenzie and the Misses McKenzie; Bro. Dr. Warrener and Miss Warrener; Bros. Morris; Stephen Austin and Mrs. Austin; Bros. Wright; Herbert Busy Hodges and Mrs. Herbert Hodges and about 260 other ladies and gentlemen.

The appreciative enjoyment of the entertainment was most unmistakably evinced by the unanimous and loud applause elicited by each separate performance.

The following was the programme of the concert, which was under the able direction of Bro. WILHELM GANZ, who has so often displayed his

talent, as well as his liberality on similar occasions at Woodhole Park.

PART I.—

*Piano. Duett*... Rondo Brillante in A... *Moschelles*  
Mrs. Frank Marten and Bro. Ganz.

*Quartett* "In this hour of softened splendour" *Pinsuti*  
The Misses Ferrari, Mr. Benson & Mr. Hardy.

*Song*... "He that loves a rosey cheek"... *L. Benson*  
Mr. Hardy.

*Duett*... "Una Motte a Venezia"... *Lucantoni*  
Miss Erica Robertson and Mr. Benson.

*Song*... "Bid me discourse"... *Bishop*  
Miss Sophie Ferrari.

*Piano* "La Gazelle" Souvenir des Pyrenees *Kullak*  
Bro. Ganz.

*Song*... "O! Santissima Vergine" *Gordigiani*  
Mr. Benson.

*Part Song*... "You stole my love"... *Macfarren*

PART II.—

*Piano. Duett*... "Tarantelle"... *Döhler*  
Lady Harriot Grimston and Mrs. F. Marten.

*Song*... "C'est l'Espagne"... *Offenbach*  
Miss Erica Robertson.

*Duett* "When the wind bloweth in from sea" *Smart*  
Miss Sophie Ferrari and Mr. Hardy.

*Song*... "A fireside song"... *Wallace*  
Mrs. Richard Hoare.

*Duett*... "Sceudi Sel Verdé prato"... *Dugola*  
The Misses Ferrari.

*Song*... "The Better Land"... *Arthur Cecil*  
Mr. Benson.

*Quartett*... "Bella feglia" (Rigoletto)... *Verdi*  
Miss Erica Robertson, Miss E. Ferrari, Mr.  
Benson and Mr. Hardy.

*Poet Song* "O hush thee, my babe"... *Sullivan*  
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

"Bid me discourse," was beautifully rendered by Miss Sophie Ferrari, as was also the duett by the two sisters. The voices of the Ladies Grimston, Miss Evelyn Smith, Miss Mary Blake, and Mr. Sykes, rendered efficient aid to swell the choruses.

Of the masterly playing of Bro. Herr Ganz, both in his solo and in the accompaniment of the songs, it is enough to say that it was "perfection."

The company numbered over two hundred and sixty ladies and gentlemen, who all partook of the generous hospitality of Bro. Abel and the Lady Susan Smith, and who were all delighted with their treat, and charmed with the courtesy of their host and hostess. The total receipts of the concert was £59, which will be paid to the Restoration Fund of St. Alban's Abbey, the whole of the expenses of the concert being defrayed by Bro. Abel Smith, (403).

Those brethren who are believers in our old Masonic traditions will say that this was well done.

The annual general meeting of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland was held, on Monday, in their library, Royal Institution, Scotland. The first business being the election of office-bearers in room of those retiring, the Duke of Sutherland was elected president, and Sir Joseph Noel Paton one of the vice-presidents: while W. F. Skene, LL.D., Mr. Robert Horn (advocate), and Captain Thomas, R.N., were added to the council, in room of the retiring members. Baroness Burdett-Coutts was elected a lady associate of the society. The treasurer gave a satisfactory statement of the condition of the funds. During the year 250 articles of antiquarian interest have been presented to the museum, and 250 volumes of books and pamphlets have been presented to the library. The Sutherland collection of coins has also been acquired by purchase from the Faculty of Advocates.

SEDAMENT.—The only guaranteed cure for Toothache.—This extraordinary application, marvellous in its effects, gives immediate relief, without injuring the tooth, and forms a temporary stopping is. 1/4d. post free 1s. 3d. The CORALITE TOOTH PASTE, for cleansing and improving the teeth, imparts a natural redness to the gums and gives brilliancy to the enamel. Price 1s. 6d. The ROYAL DENTIFRICE, prepared from a recipe as used by her Majesty, gives the teeth a pearl-like whiteness, and imparts a delicious fragrance to the breath. Price 1s. 6d. Sold by all chemists and perfumers, and by the proprietors, MESSRS. GABRIEL, the old-established Dentists, 72 Ludgate-hill and 56, Harley-street, Cavendish-square London

Reviews.

"Ever the Same." Written by Bro. ALFRED B. EMANUEL; composed by C. RICHARDSON. London: John Shepherd, 20, Warwick Lane, Paternoster Row, and of the author, 27, Somerford Grove, Stoke Newington.

This beautiful ballad has now reached a fifth edition. It is really charming in melody, and the poetry is very pretty. It is in the key of E flat; compass E flat to E flat.

It has been sung with much enthusiasm by many popular singers, including Mr. Sims Reeves. It cannot fail to please wherever sung, either in drawing or concert room. We beg to recommend it to our musical brethren, and feel confident whilst so doing they will be highly delighted.

"Often." New Song. Words and music by CARL WAGNER. London: Bro. Alfred B. Emanuel, "Bijou" Lodge, Burnt Ash Lane, Lee, S.E.

This excellent composition may be classed with Carl Wagner's great production, which have all proved great successes. Both words and music are good, and should be placed in every drawing-room. We congratulate the composer of this pathetic song, and may say great power has been displayed in its arrangement; and we trust that it will obtain a large and well-deserved circulation.

*The Secreta Monita of the Jesuits*; being the private rules of the Lion's Provider. Edited by H. M. W. Revised and collated with former editions, with an appendix by writers of eminence. Dedicated to the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Enniskillen. Glasgow: William Love, 40, St. Enoch Square.

The sole end of this edition of the "Secreta Monita" of the Jesuits, is the enlightenment of our fellow-countrymen as to the aims and ends of that confederation. And the editor has tried in this little work to rouse a Protestant spirit against the system he has opposed. It contains some seventy pages, well printed on fine tone paper.

We have also received "The House of Argyll and the collateral branches of the Clan Campbell, from the year 420 to the present time." Glasgow: John Tweed, 11, St. Enoch Square. London: Houlston and Son, Paternoster Row.

The House of Argyll, as the head of the Clan Campbell, holds a prominent position in our national history, its records are so closely blended with every struggle for religious and political freedom, the actions of its chiefs have shed such lustre on our annals, that any fresh fact connected with their history cannot fail to be welcome to the public. The contents gives—"The House of Argyll, The House of Craignish, The House of Breadalbane, The House of Cawdor, The House of London, The Campbells of Lochnell, The Campbells of Asknish, The Campbells of Auchinbreck, The Campbells of Abernehill."

The writer has very ably shown that the Campbells were equal to any of their compeers in the various arts, manufactures, and commerce. And were also eminent in the pulpit and the press, the synod and the senate, distinguished alike at the bar and on the bench, in the camp and at the court. He says—"No race has more freely offered up their lives in their country's service, both by sea and land. They have shone alike as poets, philosophers and philanthropists, doctors, and divines."

In the appendix are given some prominent facts in the history of the Clan, omitted by McEwin and Colvin, by the first setting forth an epitome of the history of the younger branches, and afterward giving a sketch of a few of the most distinguished men of the name, amongst whom are Baron Campbell, Lord Clyde, and many other noted celebrities. We have much pleasure in recommending this valuable and well-written history. The binding is so attractive, that, lying on the drawing-room table, would be quite an ornament. Then, those who take it up and open it, cannot fail to be delighted with its illustrations—so admirable in

design, and so exquisite in execution, and those who go on to read its pages will be carried along gently and pleasantly by its choice reading. Altogether it contains the fullest account yet published of the history of the Clan Campbell. We cordially recommend it to our numerous readers, feeling assured that it will win their appreciation.

Masonic Tidings.

At a meeting held in furtherance of the objects of the Sydenham Industrial Exhibition, Bro. Magnus Ohren, M.I.C.E., presided.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who is to be the guest, during the present week, of Lord Rendlesham, agreed to receive an address from the Mayor and Corporation of Ipswich, at the Railway-station, where the train waits on Tuesday. It was hoped that H.R.H. would be able to visit the town during the cattle show, but his many engagements prevent his doing so. The Ipswich Masons were particularly desirous to show him some mark of respect and entertain the Prince, and communicated with the Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, Lord Waveney, on the subject. His lordship telegraphed to Bro. Bobby, S.G.W. of Suffolk, on the 11th, that the Prince of Wales thanked the Masonic body, but as he would not arrive at Ipswich till late and proceed at once to Lord Rendlesham's, he regretted he could not accept their invitation.

THE MASONIC BALL AT LIVERPOOL.—The arrangements for the forthcoming annual Masonic Ball in the "good old town," on the 13th of January next, are in a forward state, and there is no doubt that this will probably be as brilliant as any of the twenty-four which have preceded it. The patronage is a most distinguished one, and the Committee is composed as follows: Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., President; Bro. the Hon. F. Stanley, D.P.G.M., Vice-President; Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M. 249 & 1094, Chairman; Bro. C. H. Hill, P.G. Reg., Vice-Chairman; Bro. D. W. Winstanley, Hon. Sec.; and Bro. R. Brown, Treasurer. At a meeting on Friday last, thirty-five Stewards were appointed and it was then resolved to have a set of splendid Stewards' badges manufactured by Bro. G. Kenning, of London and Liverpool, with distinguishing badges for the members of the Committee. The Mayor and Mayoress, Lord and Lady Skelmersdale, and ex-Mayor (Bro. Samuelson) and Mrs. Samuelson are expected to be present.

We regret to learn that the worthy and talented organist, Bro. William Sparks, of Springfield Villa, Leeds, is suffering from a most severe attack of bronchitis, which precludes him from attending to his professional and other duties.

A very pretty five point, blue enamelled star, set in gold, with crossed quills filleted by a band, also of gold, and attached to a blue ribbon, with three bars of the precious metal, shaped somewhat after the style of Mercury's wand, was presented to Mr. John Alexander, by some of his brethren at the Joppa Lodge, on Tuesday evening, as an additional recognition of his services of a Past Secretary, and his merits as an individual. On the back is the inscription, neatly engraved, "Presented to Bro. Alexander, by a few members of the Joppa Lodge, Oct., 1873."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—Thursday next being Christmas Day, the usual monthly meeting of the House Committee will be held on the day previous.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—The Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., M.W. Grand Master, has signified his consent to preside at the anniversary festival to be held on Wednesday, 11th of March next, "absence from England not preventing."

The Rev. O. G. D. Perrott, M.A., Oxon, Head-Master of Stepney Grammar School (in union with King's College School), has been elected Head-Master of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and will enter on his duties at the termination of the Christmas holidays.

## THE FIRST GRAND LODGE IN AMERICA.

Under the above heading, Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla, of Philadelphia, in a recent number of the "Keystone," of which admirably-conducted publication he is editor, gives an extract from my "Historical Notes on Scotch Lodges," now appearing in the "Freemason." It has reference to a letter of introduction presented by a Brother from Boston to the Lodge Glasgow Kilwinning in the year 1736. Having learned from Bro. Jacob Norton, of Boston, that in American Masonic circles some interest is attached to the letter in question, I beg to submit a verbatim copy of the minute as it appears in the oldest records of Glasgow Kilwinning:—"At the Old Coffeehouse, 2d Novemr. 1736. Members present: The Rt. Worshipful Jas. Montgomery pro Mastr.; John Murdoch pro Senr. Wrd.; Thos. Hamilton pro J. Varden; John Thomson, George Murdoch, James Craig, Robert Scot, Robert Draghorn, Arthur Martine, Andrew Scot, Alexr. Wardrop, John Telfer, William Robb; Robert Hamilton, Roger Rodburn (visiting brethren). At this meeting the following letter being presented by our trusty & well-beloved Brother Pathrick Robertson of New England, merchant, from our Sister Lodge in Boston, this lodge unanimously agreed and ordered the said letter to be engross'd in the books, and also judge it proper that an answer thereto may be transmitted by the hands of the above brother. James Montgomerie, pro. Mr. 'Most Worthy & Dear Brethren: Our true affection for the whole Fraternity will not permit, us to slip this favourable opportunity to give you sincere assurance of our due respect and regard for all our worthy brethren. Our hearty good wishes we forward to you under the care of our worthy Brother, Mr. Pathrick Robertson, who is a well esteem'd member of our Lodge. It will perhaps be acceptable to you that we inform you our Lodge was constituted here by our Right Worshipfull Master, Henry Price, Provincial Grand Master, on the 31st day of August, A.M. 5733, and is held at the Royall Exchange Tavern in King's Street, the second & fourth Wendsday of every month, and is adorn'd with the most eminent gentlemen of this great town, and keep up to its primitive beauty & purity. We shall always be ready & desirous to convince our Brethren, & particularly those of our R. Worshipfull Lodge, that we are with due respect Most Worthy & Dear Brethren, your sincere Bros. & humble Servts., Henry Price, G.M.; James Gordon, D.P.G.M.; Robt. Tomlinson, M.; Hugh M'Daniell, Sr. W.; John Osburn, Jr. W.; F. Breterth, Secretary. At Boston in New England, September the 1st, A.D. 1736."

D. MURRAY LYON.

Ayr, December 6, 1873.

The Scottish Corporation of London held its annual festival, on Monday, in the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor (Mr. Alderman Lusk, M.P.) About 500 ladies and gentleman were present, many of the latter being in Highland costume. In proposing the toast of the evening, the Lord Mayor warmly commended the objects of the society to the consideration of the charitable; and the secretary (Mr. Macrae Moir) then announced subscriptions amounting to nearly £3000. Among them were 100 gs. from her Majesty, and similar sums were given by the Lord Mayor Sir A. Sassoon, Mr. Peter Reid, and Mr. P. Denny. Lord Chief Justice Coleridge responded for the Bench, and remarked that, though only a Devonshire lawyer, he still had some claim to Scotland, as he had Scottish blood in his veins. When he considered how successful Scotchmen generally were, he felt inclined, like Mr. Lowe, to wish that he had more of the Scottish element in his composition. Mr. Clemens (Mark Twain), who was one of the guests, responded for "The Ladies."

THE CRYSTAL PALACE.—The directors have elected Captain Flood Page to succeed Mr. Grove, as Secretary, at the end of the year.

CANE SUGAR v. BEET ROOT SUGAR.—One of the commonest economical mistakes, and one that presses with peculiar heaviness on the poorer classes, is that which promotes the use of unrefined raw or moist sugars, or of lump sugar prepared from beet root, because they are low priced. It would be easy to prove by quantitative analysis, beyond all possibility of question or dispute, that a pound of the sugar crystals manufactured by Messrs Finzel and Sons, the Bristol refiners, and sold for fourpence half-penny, is at the least equal to two pounds of any moist sugar, or to a pound and a half of the best beet root loaf sugar. But more than this, while raw sugars are always full of impurities, beet root sugar can never be freed entirely, even when mixed with cane, from the unpleasant flavour of the beet oil, a close relation of the fusil oil, to the presence of which in our alcohol such terrible effects are attributed. Its sweetening powers are far inferior to those of cane sugar, and while its use for most domestic purposes is extravagant in the extreme, in preserving it becomes ruinous from its constant tendency to ferment, from which Finzel's Crystals are secured by their remarkable freedom from moisture and impurity.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, December, 26 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, December 20.

Lodge 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.  
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.

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

Monday, December 22.

Lodge 28, Old Kings' Arms, Freemasons' Hall.  
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7.  
Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.

Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.

British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. H. 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 23.

Lodge 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

" 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.

" 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 255, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.

Chap. 7, Royal York Chapter of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.

" 29, St. Albion's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, December 24.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.

Lodge 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.

" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington-park.

" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page-green, Tottenham.

Chap. 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane.

Red Cross Conclave 15, St. Andrew's, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-st.

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, Maimore 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 25.

Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.

" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.

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 26.

Lodge 569, Fitzroy, Head Quarters Hon. Artillery Co., City-road, Finsbury.

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

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. Muggeridge, Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Burdett Coult's Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, 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 27, 1873.

Monday, December 22.  
Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.30.  
Tuesday, December 23.  
Lodge 1393, Hamer, Windermere-street, Breck-road, Liverpool, at 6.  
Chap. 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.  
Joppa Mark Lodge, (11), Masonic Hall, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead.  
Wednesday, December 24.  
Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.  
" 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 4.30.  
" 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple Liverpool, at 8.  
De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.  
St. John's Lodge of Instruction, 90, Duke-street Liverpool, at 8.  
Thursday, December 25.  
[Being Christmas Day, these meetings will probably be adjourned.]  
Lodge 594, Downshire, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.  
" 1313, The Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.  
" 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.  
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
" 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.  
Duke of Edinburgh's Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.  
Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.  
Friday, December 26.  
Chap. 680, Sefton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.  
For the week ending Saturday, December 27, 1873.  
All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, December 22.  
Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st.  
" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.  
Tuesday, December 23.  
Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.  
" 541, Marie Stuart, Masons' Hall, Crosshill,  
Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.  
Wednesday, December 24.  
Lodge 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carlisle.  
" 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-st., Maryhill.  
Thursday, December 25.  
Lodge 167, Free Operative, Masons' Hall, Biggar.  
" 177, St. John, Masons' Hall, Coatbridge.  
Chap. 117, Govan, Portland Hall, Govan.  
Friday, December 26.  
Lodge 7, Hamilton Kilwinning, Masons' Hall, Hamilton.  
" 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollokshaws.  
" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.  
" 347, St. John's Operative, Council Hall, Rutherglen.  
Saturday, December 27.  
Lodge 34, St. John's, St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.  
" 305, St. John Woodhall, Masons' Hall, Holytown.

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