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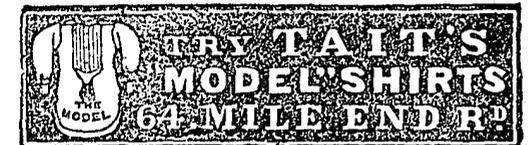


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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

GIBRALTAR.—Inhabitants' Lodge (No. 153).—Another installation, distinguished like many preceding ones by its success, took place on the evening of the 5th inst., at the Inhabitants' Lodge, No. 153. Invitations had been given to the officers and members of the other lodges, and a goodly number did honour to the occasion. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. J. Henry, and on being raised, was placed in charge of P.M. Bro. J. Morgan, who had kindly undertaken the onerous duties of Installing Officer, and if appreciation of, and interest in his subject are qualifications essential to success, the ceremony of the 5th inst. may be regarded with every degree of satisfaction. The brother on whom the choice for W.M. fell was Bro. A. Coley, the Immediate Past J.W., although Bro. J. Philpot was a worthy rival for the honour. The W.M. elect proceeded to appoint the following brethren as his officers. Bros. F. Williamson, S.W.; J. D. Slys, J.W.; Ward, S.D.; J. Bound, J.D.; G. Michie, Sec.; McGrath, I.G.; E. Barker, Steward. Bro. Donald, had again been elected Treasurer, and Bro. Staines Tyler. Bro. G. Gilbert, P.D.G.D.C., and P.S.W., had kindly undertaken the office of M.C., a position which will benefit from his experience. Owing to the departure for India of the I.P.M., the late Bro. F. Gilbrune, in 1872, previous to the completion of his term of office as W.M., Bro. P.M. Henry had been requested to undertake the duties, which he cheerfully accepted, and at the following election he was almost unanimously elected W.M. for the year 1873, and that the lodge has very materially benefitted by his former experience in the chair, is evinced by the state of prosperity in which he has handed it over to his successor, indeed Bro. Coley begins his year of office under favourable conditions not always accorded to a W.M. on his accession to the chair, in having the support of Past Masters Bros. Gilbard, D.P.G.M., J. Francis and Henry, who unite liberality to their zeal and desire for the welfare of the Craft. At the conclusion of the evening the brethren saluted the W.M. with the wassail bowl, which had been carefully prepared by P.M. Bro. J. Francis, the Patriarch of Masonry in Gibraltar. The brethren then proceeded to the banquetting room, where, thanks to the untiring efforts of Bro. Mandyke, an excellent banquet was served to which the guests did ample justice. The toast of the "Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. Henry, and coupled with the name of Bro. Morgan, who had efficiently acted as Installing Officer, was heartily responded to, and after a few well chosen remarks from Bro. Coley, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the following happy appeal by Bro. Henry. "True friendship's law is by this rule expressed: welcome the coming, speed the parting guest."

LODGE OF ST. JAMES (No. 755).—On Tuesday 3rd inst., this lodge met at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. The W.M. presided, supported by all his officers, save one—the S.W.—absent through severe indisposition. Five brethren received the benefit of the third degree, four were crafted, and there was one initiation. Other candidates arrived, but were not in due time, and had to be dismissed until a future occasion. The

whole of the working was accomplished by the W.M., who acquitted himself most creditably. Bro. R. P. Hooton, P.M. and Treasurer, informed the brethren that the festival in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at which he had represented the lodge as Steward, had been a great success, upwards of five thousand pounds having been subscribed, with sixteen lists still to be brought forward. A proposition by the same brother, that the banquets of the lodge should be restricted to three per annum, was postponed till the next meeting.

NEW MILFORD.—Neyland Lodge (No. 990).—This lodge assembled at the South Wales Hotel, New Milford, on the 26th ult., for the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. There were present the Worshipful Master. Bro. Chas. Willis, P.G.S.B., in the chair of K.S., Bros. Phipps, P.M. 290, P.P.G.J.D.; the Rev. W. Steadlin, Vicar of Dale, P.G. Chaplain and W.M. of 336; J. R. Owen, P.M. 426, P.P.G.R.; Nicholson, P.M. 378, P.P.G.J.D.; A. Long, P.M. 336, P.P.G.S.D.; Brace, P.M. 336; Paul, Vicar of Llanstadwell, and Chaplain of 880; Dr. Reynolds, S.W. 336, P.G.S.; Ladd, S.W. 336; Davis, S.W.; Cousins, J. W.; Harris, S.D.; Margraves, J.D.; Walkley, I.G.; Cook, P.M., Tyler, and other brethren. The lodge was opened, according to ancient form, at five o'clock p.m., by Bro. Chas. Willis, W.M. The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Davies, S.W., was presented to the W.M., as the W.M. elect for the ensuing year. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and all brethren below an Installed Master retired, when a board of Installed Masters was formed. The W.M., then proceeded to install his successor, which he did in a most superior manner. The newly installed Master was then proclaimed and saluted in the usual manner by the brethren. He then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Willis, I.P.M.; Cousins, S.W.; Harris, J.W.; Phillips, Sec.; G. Phillips, P.M., Treas.; Walkley, S.D.; Guy, J.D.; Evans, I.G.; Cook, P.M., Tyler. The Installing Master then in a most impressive and eloquent manner delivered an address to the W.M., to the Wardens, also to the brethren, and sat down amidst applause, several of the P.M.'s shaking him warmly by the hand, and congratulating him on the excellent way in which he had performed the installation ceremony. The brethren were then called off from labour to refreshment. They then adjourned and partook of an excellent dinner, served up in Mr. and Mrs. Whithers best style. The W.M. presided, supported on his right by Bros. Stradling, P.G. Chaplain; Paul, Vicar Llanstadwell; F. R. Owen; Dr. Reynolds; on his left by Bros. Chas. Willis, I.P.M.; G. Phipps, P.M.; Richardson, P.M.; Long, P.M. On the removal of the cloth the chairman gave "The Queen," "The Prince of Wales," "The Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Marquess of Ripon," "The Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," all of which were received with the usual loyal and Masonic honours. Bro. Willis, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," congratulating him on attaining that high dignity, and said he felt sure he would sustain the high dignity of this lodge, and manage its concerns in a satisfactory manner. The W.M. duly responded. The W.M. then proposed a toast which he knew would be well received "The Health of the Installing Master," Bro. Willis. He most highly praised Bro. Willis, for the superior manner in which he had conducted the ceremony of installation, and also for the able way in which he had performed his duties as W.M. for the past year, and considered him one of the best working Masons in the province. Bro. Willis responded, thanking the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed his health and the brethren for the very cordial way in which they had drunk it. He assured them it was most gratifying to him to find they were so well pleased with the way in which he had discharged his duty while in the chair; he had always tried to do his duty and uphold the dignity of his lodge and the honour of the Craft, and the cordial manner in which his health had

been received by the brethren showed that he had not been unsuccessful. He was glad to see so many visitors present, and especially some of them whom he had the pleasure of knowing for many years, and from whom he had always received the greatest kindness; he considered the presence of so many visitors evinced that a good feeling existed amongst the different lodges in the province. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," coupling the name of Bro. Stradling, W.M. 336, P.G. Chaplain. Bro. Stradling responded, and expressed his gratification at being present, and thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which his health had been given and received. He observed that he had visited several lodges, and been present at three installations, and was glad to notice that in nearly every case the retiring Master had installed his successor, which as they were aware, did not use to be the case, some able P.M. having to be called in to perform the ceremony. This, he thought, looked well, and showed a great improvement in the working of the lodges, that the installation seemed to be better performed at each lodge he attended, and had been far superseded that evening, by their most excellent P.M., Bro. Miles, who had installed his successor with such distinguished ability. He did not believe that the able manner in which the installation had been performed, could be surpassed. Bro. Nicholson then proposed the health of Bro. Parry, P.M., 990, and 378, P.P.G.S.W., which was most warmly received. No brother in the province has done so much for Freemasonry as Bro. Parry, he being one of the founders of this and other lodges in the province. Bro. Parry would have been present, as he always had been, but was laid up on a bed of sickness, but from which he was slowly recovering. Bro. Parry is most highly esteemed by the whole province. The brethren expressed their sympathy and much regretted his absence. "The Health of the Officers" was given and responded to. After spending a most enjoyable evening, the brethren separated about 11 o'clock.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1259).—The members of this lodge held their usual monthly meeting at the Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Limehouse, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., and had a very large attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Weatherill, W.M., in his usual able manner initiated five gentlemen (Messrs. Gilling, Charlton, Bennett, Williams, and G. Davies) into the Order, and we must not omit to mention the assistance rendered by his officers, who performed their duties in a very efficient manner. After the ceremony was concluded it was proposed by Bro. C. Jex, P.M.; and seconded by Bro. Salter, that the lodge should give the sum of twenty guineas to the orphan schools, which was carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet served by the worthy host in his usual satisfactory style, and spent a very pleasant evening.

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Marquess Tavern, Canonbury. There were present the following brethren:—Bros. W. J. Woodman, W.M.; Ballantyne, I.P.M.; Gladwell, acting S.W.; Cattlin, J.W.; R. Shackell, P.M. 30, P.P.G.P. Hants, Hon. Sec.; Rafter, S.D.; Cohen, J.D.; Wright, I.G.; Bigley, Stevens, Linton, Blay, and many others, about 40 members altogether. Among the visitors we observed Bros. J. Shackell, P.M. of 193; Woodward, Dore, and Dickinson. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Ballantyne then took the chair, and in his most able manner, raised Bro. Blackbee to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and passed Bros. Hunter and Watford to the second degree. This being the night for the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, Bro. R. Shackell, P.M. 30, the able Secretary, was unanimously elected to fill the chair of King Solomon, for the ensuing year. Bro. Butterford who has won the esteem of the brethren, through his brotherly and courteous manner, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Gilchrist was also re-elected Tyler. We are glad to find that this lodge is

making itself known amongst the charities, and it would be well if some of the older lodges would follow in its footsteps. Last month a Steward, Bro. Cattlin, J.W., was sent up to represent them at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, headed by a donation from the lodge funds of £10, and they have now returned the name of Bro. Moxon, as a Steward to represent them at the ensuing Festival of the Girls' School, and a notice of motion was given to head his list with a donation of ten guineas from the lodge funds. The usual gold P.M.'s jewel was voted to the retiring Master, Bro. Woodman, not so much for his working as for the zeal evinced by him for the good of the lodge and the respect in which he is held by the brethren. After business the members retired for slight refreshment, all leaving at an early hour, much pleased with the evening's work.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—A meeting of this prosperous lodge, which has now entered its third year, was held at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on Tuesday, the 3rd instant, presided over by the W.M., Bro. Mann, assisted by Bro. Koch, S.W.; and Bro. Everitt, J.W. There being a good deal of business to transact, it being installing day the lodge opened at 3 p.m. There were three gentlemen initiated, viz., Messrs. J. C. Walls, Byfield, and Pritchard. Bro. Koch, S.W., who had been previously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, was ably installed to the chair of K.S. by the retiring W.M., Bro. Mann. The W.M. appointed Bro. Everitt as S.W., and Bro. Gardner as J.W. for the year. Bro. Ingram having resumed his position of Secretary, was in consideration of his services since the foundation of the Lodge, unanimously elected an honorary member for life. Bro. Steward, P.M., was appointed Secretary in his place. The installation banquet which followed was attended by fifty-two brethren, and the "menu" was exceedingly good, and reflected great credit upon Bro. Pope, the worthy host. The usual loyal, Masonic and lodge toasts were with commendable brevity given by the W.M., and heartily responded to. The toast of "The visitors" coupled with the name of Bro. Watson, P.M., was received with great acclamation and suitably acknowledged by that veteran of the Craft. The health of the initiates was also given and severally responded to by Brothers Pritchard, Walls and Byfield. The proceedings were enlivened by several songs, and the meeting broke up soon after 11 o'clock, everything having passed off in a highly satisfactory manner.

WIDNES.—Lodge of Equity (No. 1384).—The installation meeting of this young and prosperous lodge was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes, near Liverpool, where there was a good number of the brethren of the mystic tie. The lodge was opened shortly after three o'clock by Bro. Reginald Young, W.M., and his chiefs present were—Bros. J. W. J. Fowler, P.M.; R. D. Simpson, S.W.; H. S. Offenheim, J.W.; W. Jameson, Treas.; J. W. Wareing, Sec.; W. Newsome, S.D.; W. I. Thomson, J.D.; A. Borthwick, S.S.; J. White, J.S.; and G. Brown, Tyler. The members present were—Bros. C. Gerrard, J.A.; Stoddard, W. Lyrer, J. Walker, F. A. R. Neill, W. C. Barker, J. Warburton, A. Tebbatt, and J. W. Carlisle. Amongst the visitors were—Bros. J. W. R. Fowler, I.P.M. 86; J. Hamer, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Hargraves, 203; J. V. De Denne, J.D. 86; and A. Fraser, I.G. The usual routine business having been transacted, the chair of K.S. was taken by Bro. J. W. J. Fowler, P.P.A.D.C., who proceeded to instal, with the greatest impressiveness and efficiency, his son-in-law, Bro. R. D. Simpson, as W.M. of the "Equity" for the ensuing year. Bro. Fowler, sen., was admirably assisted by Bro. J. Hamer in the investment of the subjoined officers:—Bros. R. Young, I.P.M.; H. S. Offenheim, S.W.; W. Jameson, J.W.; W. Newsome, Sec.; J. W. Thomson, S.D.; J. White, J.D.; A. Borthwick, I.G.; J. W. Wareing, D.C.; A. Tebbatt, S.S.; J. A. Stobbard, O.; and G. Brown, Tyler. After the lodge business was over a most sumptuous banquet was served by Bro. J. Walker, "mine host" of the Commercial Hotel, which gave complete satisfaction. The toast of "The Queen"

"H.R.H. Bro. Albert Edward Prince of Wales, M.W. Past G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The Marquess of Ripon, M.W.G.M.; and the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W.D.G.M.;" were given in happy terms by the W.M., and most enthusiastically responded to. The toasts of the P.G.M. Master of the province, his Deputy, and his Officers, were responded to by Bro. Hamer, and the health of "The W.M. and his Officers," given in pointed terms by Bro. R. Young, I.P.M., was acknowledged by the W.M. "The Installing Master," given by Bro. Wareing, was responded to by Bro. J. W. J. Fowler, who subsequently presented Bro. Reginald Young, I.P.M.; with a very chaste and handsome P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by the brethren, referring to the excellent services he had rendered to the lodge. The jewel bore the inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Reginald Young, P.M., as a token of brotherly regard and esteem, 1874." Bro. Young, in acknowledging the gift, spoke of the honour just conferred by the presentation, and referred to the satisfactory progress made by the lodge. "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," given by the W.M., was acknowledged by Bro. Fowler, sen., and "The Visitors" by Bro. Hargraves and other brethren.

Royal Arch.

LIVERPOOL.—Temple Chapter (No. 1094).—The companions of this chapter assembled on the last Tuesday in January for installation of officers, &c. Those present at the opening were Comps. J. Pemberton, L.; J. K. Smith, P.Z.; J. B. Robinson, P.Z.; J. Hamer, P.Z.; D. W. Winstanley, H.; W. Shortis, J.; R. C. Yelland, E.; P. Macmurdrow, P.S.; P. Ball, junior, R. Washington, Treas.; W. S. Barker, R. R. Martin, N.; J. W. Burgess, J. Wood, E. McSwiney, and R. Collins. The visitors were Comps. H. Williams, P.Z. 580; B. T. Ashmore, P.Z. 823, and 580; S. Haynes, Z. 823; and T. Heden, 757. At the installation the first chair was occupied by Comp. J. K. Smith, the second by Comp. J. B. Robinson, and the third by Comp. Hamer, the whole ceremony being beautifully and effectively given. The following were the appointments:—Comps. W. D. Winstanley, M.G.L.; W. Shortis, H.; R. R. Martin, J.; R. C. Yelland, E.; R. Washington, N.; J. P. Macmurdrow, P.S.; W. S. Barker, S.A.S.; J. W. Burgess, J.A.S.; and P. Ball, Junior. During the evening, a P.Z. jewel was presented to Comp. Pemberton. The companions subsequently banqueted.

Scotland.

EDINBURGH.—Roman Eagle Lodge (No. 160).—On Tuesday, 3rd inst., in accordance with an invitation from Bro. George Laing, R.W.M., of the Roman Eagle Lodge, the M.W. Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Sir Michael Robert Shaw Stewart, Bart., accompanied by his Grand Officers and Grand Stewards, paid a visit to the lodge at its spacious and noble quarters in the Iona Hotel, Nicolson-street. The brethren of the lodge, it is hardly necessary to state, were present in full force, and deputations were present from nearly every other lodge in the province. The M.W.G.M., who was accompanied by the Right Hon. Lord J. C. P. Murray, Deputy G.M.; W. Mann, Esq., Acting-substitute G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Kellie, R.W.S.G.W.; Major Hamilton Ramsay, J.G.W.; J. Laurie, Esq., G. Secretary; the Rev. V. F. Faithful, M.A., G. Chaplain; W. Officer, Esq., P.G. Deacon; A. Hay, Esq., G. Jeweller; C. W. M. Muller, Esq., G.D. of Music; A. T. Apthorpe, Acting G.D. of Ceremonies; Bros. McLean, Kinnear, Grant, Henry Law, and other Grand Stewards, attended by Bro. W. M. Bryce, G. Tyler, was received with every mark of honour and respect, due to his exalted position. Shortly after his being seated he was presented with a certificate of his visitation beautifully illuminated on vellum, by Bro. J. Melville, and bearing the signature of the R.W.M., not only as head and ruler of the Roman Eagle Lodge, but as Past Master of the Defensive Band Lodge

No. 151, and member of Nos. 1, 5, 31, 48, 112, 145, 223, 349, 392, 405, 429. The M.W.G.M., who was evidently gratified at receiving this compliment, expressed his thanks in terms which drew forth hearty and ringing approval from the brethren of the lodge. Nothing was wanting on this occasion on the part of the brethren of the Roman Eagle Lodge and its spirited Master that could be provided. A select glee party discoursed most eloquent music and instrumentalists were also ready and willing to witch the ears of their delighted hearers. After spending some hours in evident enjoyment, the M.W.G.M. rose and expressed the gratification he had experienced from his visit. He congratulated Bro. Laing, on the working and splendid appearance of the lodge, and he thanked him most heartily and cordially for the excellent arrangements made for his reception, which had been carried out in every respect to his entire satisfaction. He then entered a record of the visit on the books of the lodge, and, accompanied by his office-bearers, retired, amid the enthusiastic exclamations of the brethren. When shall we have the privilege of recording such a meeting in London?

GLASGOW.—Caledonian Railway Lodge (No. 354).—This lodge met on the 4th inst., Bro. Jas. Shaw, R.W.M., presiding. A good deal of business of a private nature was transacted, after which Bro. J. Hurley was initiated, and Bro. Weir and Howse were passed by the R.W.M. to the degree of Fellow Crafts. The Master stated that in consequence of the pressure of work lately he had arranged to have an emergency meeting on Saturday afternoon to work the third degree, accordingly on Saturday, at 4 o'clock, there was a good assemblage of brethren, Bros. Shaw, R.W.M.; J. Dolman acting S.W.; J. Stafford, J.W.; W. R. Dunn, Sec.; and Bro. H. A. Smith, P.M., as Director of Music, the excellency of whose playing added materially to the impressiveness of the solemn degree, which was very ably rendered by the R.W.M.; this being the first time he had performed this ceremony, but it speaks well for the future of the lodge. At the conclusion of the ceremony it was found that Bro. Hearse, who was also desirous of being raised had arrived the majority of the brethren determined to remain in order that he might attain that degree. Bro. A. A. Smith acted as Master, giving the solemn lesson of this degree in a way that must have deeply impressed the candidate.

GLASGOW.—Clyde Lodge (No. 408).—Friday the 6th inst., being the regular monthly meeting night, Bro. D. Downie, the R.W.M., assumed the chair. Bro. McGinne, S.W.; D. Mitchell, acting J.W.; A. Harper, Treas.; on the dais were Bros. J. Buchanan, P.M., and R. Mitchell, P.M. 332. The Treasurer presented the printed balance sheet, from which it appeared that there were £106, besides a cash balance of £47 17s. 8d. belonging to the benevolent fund, these gratifying results were received with loud applause. A motion was then made by Bro. J. Sturdy, and seconded by the Treasurer, "That in future the Steward do not open the refreshment bar till the close of the lodge, also in future the lodge shall hold a meeting once a quarter, which shall be devoted to harmony, on which occasion refreshment shall be procurable all the evening," they were both carried. Bro. G. W. Wheeler, then, on behalf of Thistle and Rose Lodge, 73, requested them to initiate a candidate for them; this was at once granted, as the R.W.M. said the Thistle and Rose Lodge had done the same for them last week, but he would ask Bro. Wheeler to act as S.D., for them, Mr. Dugald McCole, of 73, and Alex. McKichnie were then introduced and initiated by the R.W.M. The lodge was then opened in the 2nd degree, when Bro. R. Mitchie, conferred that degree on these brethren, after which the lodge was opened in the third degree, when Bro. McColl, Jas. Mitchell, and John McBlock were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Bro. R. Mitchell, P.M. After this protracted labour some refreshment was deemed necessary, the chair was again taken by Bro. Downie, who very briefly gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts. He then proposed the three new made Master Masons, Bro. Block of the Clyde, and

Bro. M. Coal, as a member of 73, responded in neat speeches. The next toast was "The Visiting Brethren, coupled with Bro. Wheeler," who appropriately acknowledged the compliment, and concluded by proposing "Prosperity to the Lodge Clyde, with Health and Long Life," when Worshipful Master Bro. Downie replied. Bro. R. Harper, proposed "Bro. A. Mitchell, P.M. 332," who in reply, said he had been connected with the Clyde ever since its foundation, and though he had for a time left it to fill the chair in his mother lodge, yet he still was at all times most happy to lend her a helping hand, and it had been a source of pride to him to night, while acting as Master, to have as his acting J.W. his own son. He wished yet to see him pursue his way till he got a seat in the east. Before sitting down he would propose their thanks to the Treasurer for the very elaborate balance sheet he had laid before them, and as he had by that shown his business capabilities, and they had elected him to manage the fund for the building of their new hall. He trusted every member of the Lodge Clyde, will try to have at least one stone in the building. If they could not get a large corner stone, let them at any rate take a brick. Bro. Harper acknowledged the compliment, saying he had always felt it a duty, as well as pleasure to work for Masonry. Bro. Grant, who has just published a local calendar, at the request of Bro. Wheeler, replied for the "Press," the final toast, concluding this happy meeting.

Original Correspondence.

THE CONVIVIAL BOARD.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am only a humble M.M., and do not aspire, nor desire, to enter into a controversy with so exalted a person as the W.M. elect 185; neither will I so far forget myself as to bandy expletives with him; nor will I, by any act of mine, disturb him in the enjoyment of his own self-importance, nor "tantalize" him further, sign himself "frankly and fearlessly" as he may. Now that the fraternal letter has appeared, which he so approvingly refers to, and which evidently must have acted upon him as a moral shower bath, I am truly sorry, for his sake, that I took any notice of his effusion, inasmuch as he has been thereby led to pen another painful rhodomontade, and make a further undignified exhibition of himself.

He laid himself open to reproof in his first letter, and does so still more in the second. If the "sly kick," he complains of has hurt him I am very sorry, and I hasten to apologise, for it was the principle of the lottery scheme and not the principal that I aimed at. At the recent festival of the Benevolent Institution, subscription lists were announced from about one hundred and twenty lodges, and amounting to upwards of £5,000, but only one hundred and twenty, out of a roll of nearly 1,500 lodges.

I repeat, if every lodge would do its duty, the Charities could dispense with all such extraneous support as lotteries, or "draws."

But, Sir, it is impossible to discuss principles with one who so confounds facts with motives, and both with personalities.

I have given the W.M. elect, 185, the compliment of my attention far beyond the merits that anything he has advanced deserved. There is nothing to be learned from his last letter except, indeed, this obvious moral:—How foolish it is to write in a passion, especially when ones gifts are not literary.

In conclusion, as our brother is so violent in his language, and his mind wanders in such frenzy from principles to principals, I must beg of you to let me "cowardly hide my identity" still.

Yours fraternally,

M. M.

MASONIC RELICS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read Bro. G.H.W.'s letter with much interest, but would ask him, to which

lodge he actually refers, Melrose St. John's No. 1, or Glasgow Melrose St. John's No. 1. Are they different lodges, or do they constitute one and the same body.

Yours fraternally,

AN ENQUIRING MASON.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If G. H. W., has manliness enough about him to give his name, &c., I shall be happy to meet him on all points advanced in his letter on "Masonic Relics." He professes to have a desire that some arrangement should be made between the "Melrose body," and the "Grand Lodge of Scotland," and yet makes assertions which he knows, or ought to know are utterly false. He may be ignorant on the subject, or he must be worse.

Yours, truly and fraternally,

THOMAS STRATFORD,

R.W.M., Melrose, St. John, No. 1.

DOYLE'S LODGE OF FELLOWSHIP.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to Bro. Hughan's remarks on my history of Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship, No. 84, I must inform him, that it was compiled exclusively from the minute books of that lodge, and Mariners' Lodge. In the minute book of the latter lodge, is the draft petition to Grand Lodge for the formation of Doyle's; the minute book of Doyle's Lodge gives in full detail its formation and consecration in 1806, under the number 336, and I have the authority of the Grand Secretary of England for stating that the first Masonic Lodge in Guernsey was established in 1763. Bro. Hughan would probably see these matters more plainly, were he to look through my book, (which is for private circulation only) and if he will give me his address, I shall only be too happy to forward a copy to so eminent a Masonic student.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. J. KINNERSLEY.

Les Touillets, Guernsey.

REFUSAL TO BURY A ROMAN CATHOLIC FREEMASON.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Have you observed that the Army Chaplain at Chatham has refused burial to a non-Commissioned Roman Catholic officer because he was "a Freemason." Another priest was applied to, but he could not bury the body as he was a junior priest. Finally he was buried by the Protestant Chaplain, and a large number of artillerymen, beside them told off, to attend the remains to the grave were present, testifying how much they respected him. (I read this in the *Times* I think.) I ask you to make this public, for I cannot understand how a paid officer in the service of our beloved Queen can decline to bury a Christian, simply because he is a "Freemason." Is the liberty of the subject real? Can a servant of the Pope of Rome refuse to obey the laws of this land with impunity? This non-commissioned officer was not a "felode-se" case which I believe is the only one which has not Christian burial allowed in this land. What must the relatives think of this cruel conduct?

Yours fraternally,

AUGUSTUS A. BAGSHAWE.

Past Prov. Grand Chaplain, Derbyshire, W.M. 1235, and Prov. S.G.W., Derbyshire.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—With the advent of the inclemencies of winter, many afflictions will arise, unless effective means for preventing or checking their courses be adopted. No lingering cough, hoarseness, nor shortness of breath on slight exertion, should be permitted to continue a single day without measures being taken for their removal, more especially when remedial means are safe, rapid, and effective. These qualities are displayed in a high degree by Holloway's preparations. The ointment rubbed upon the skin draws surplus blood from congested structures, and gives immense relief to every oppressed organ concerned in the respiration and the circulation. The wholesome effect externally, aided by the alterative action of the pills internally, dispels all danger from latent mischief.—ADVT.

MASONIC BALL IN WEST LANCASHIRE.

WAVERTREE.

The fourth annual ball in connection with the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, 1182, took place at the New Town Hall, Wavertree, on Thursday evening, the 5th instant, and was, in every respect, a most complete success. Although election excitement, and a ball of another lodge, somewhat interfered with the attendance, there were present upwards of 150 guests; and as the hall was one of the best for dancing purposes, and as the arrangements were of the most satisfactory and admirable character, the ball was not only one of the most successful, but also the most enjoyable of the series. The proceeds, as in previous years, will be given on behalf of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, which will, doubtless, benefit to a large extent by the festive gathering. The ball arrangements were entrusted to the following committee, who carried out the various details with the greatest success:—Bros. James W. Williams, W.M.; W. Pughe, P.M.; J. Thornton, P.M.; W. Woods, P.M.; S. Cookson, P.M.; P. R. Thorn, P.M.; J. Edginton, S.W.; T. B. Myers, J.W.; R. Martin, jun., S.D.; John Williams, J.D.; W. Brown, Treas.; T. Davies, I.G.; T. Musker, S.; C. Llewellyn, S.; and G. Scott, Org. The assembly was of the most fashionable character, and the zest and the cordiality which characterised the whole of the evening's festivities were evidences of the unity and fraternal spirit which mark the brethren of No. 1182. Amongst the guests and visitors present were Bros. W. Rowse, W.M. 594; R. Ing, I.P.M. 594; Peter M. Larsen, P.M. 594; S. Martin, I.G. 594; L. Bramall, F. Wilkinson, J. Williams, 241; Seddon, 673; Hignett, 1356; Bathgate and Newbold, 1182; Windell, 1356; W. Jones, 1356; Morrison, Sec. 594, and others. No more courteous or indefatigable Master of Ceremonies could possibly have been found than Bro. J. Myers, J.W., who had an efficient assistant in Bro. R. Martin, jun., S.D. The music was furnished by Martin's quadrille band, and the refreshments were supplied by Bro. T. Wright, of the Coffee House, Wavertree. Bro. Bales, the indefatigable Secretary of the lodge (who was prevented from being present in consequence of indisposition), earned great praise for his exertions in connection with the ticket arrangements.

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Bro. Hogg's account of the work he mentions is not quite correct. I give the exact title page of the 1776 edition.

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As I mentioned in a previous note, Cleland's name does not appear on the title page or on the preface, though the book is generally attributed to him, and neither his philology nor his derivations are now of much value or weight.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

The W.M., officers, and members of the Gibraltar Mark Lodge, No. 43, E.C., have just presented to Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn, a massive and very elegant timepiece, the workmanship of Bennett, of Cheapside, on which is engraved the following highly gratifying inscription:—"Presented to Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn, 30°, P.M., P.G.S.D., by the members of the Gibraltar Mark Lodge, No. 43 E.C., as a token of their esteem and regard, and in recognition of his eminent services towards Mark Masonry in particular, 1873."

Bro. Balfour Cockburn was W.M. of Lodge No. 43, in 1871-72, 1872-73.

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FREEMASONRY IN ITALY AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Such is the heading of a very severe attack on the Italian Freemasons, by the *Tablet*, a Roman Catholic journal, and which is printed in the *Church Herald* of January 4th, without one word of comment, or one expression of doubt.

Indeed it would seem as if the conductors of that paper, professedly a Church of England serial, entirely agreed with the views, thus put forward.

The article though somewhat long for our columns, we have deemed it right to reprint "in extenso," and our readers will, we think, see at once, why we have thought well to recur to the subject:—

"In Great Britain the Society of Free and Accepted Masons is regarded by many Protestants as a harmless institution. The members of the various lodges are for the most part well-to-do, respectable men, who are supposed to be linked together by some secret bond or oath, which engages them to do something mysterious and not to be explained, at some indefinite period. The Masons themselves—except a very few—are supposed to be ignorant of the real secret of their Craft, and the only thing concerning Masonry which is known to the public with certainty is that Masons are convivial, charitable, and benevolent, and help each other in danger or distress. The objectionable feature in Freemasonry in England, supposing it to be otherwise harmless, is its secrecy. No association, which is a secret one, can escape suspicion. The civil power is of course jealous of all organisations which possess no well-known and well-approved object, but in Great Britain many of the governing class belong to Freemasonry, and in consequence that association enjoys protection and exemption from hostile interference on the part of the state. The Catholic Church makes no compromise with Freemasonry, or with any other secret society. Nor is it easy to understand how the Church could tolerate an association which has no honestly declared purpose, and which at the same time possesses a formidable and extensive organization, capable of being upon occasion turned into a terrible implement for the overthrow of society and order. Moreover, the real nature of Freemasonry and its hostility to religion are well known by the declarations and the conduct of continental Masons. The head of Freemasonry in Italy is Giuseppe Garibaldi, whose public speeches and writings leave no doubt as to the infidel and blasphemous disposition of that extraordinary man. His cry is "Extermination to the Pope and to his Priests." The Cross—the sign of salvation among Catholics—is to Freemasons a "sinister and dolorous symbol. "We shall never make a step in advance"—said Giuseppe Ferrari—"except through the downfall and ruin of the Cross." The Church and Freemasonry, while they are adverse to each other, exhibit a striking contrast. The sects—as a deep thinker has pointed out—"form an infernal parody upon the monastical institutions of Christendom"—"infernal prodia delle istituzioni monastiche del Cristianesimo." "In each of these institutions I see"—says Della Motta—one chief and ruling principle, which engages man to be harsh to himself, and trains him to be the docile instrument of a superior power. There is an organization which forms of the entire body, either an asylum for particular doctrines, or a potent lever for some work or undertaking. But on the one hand, while those religious or political institutions which make a part of Christian or of civil society, in so far as they are docile instruments in the hands of the ruling power, become its safeguard and its defence; so on the other hand the sects which enshroud themselves in mystery and stand in

opposition to society and to the social power, becomes its danger and its scourge." The very terms of Freemasonry are copied from those of the Christian communities. There is the *Order* of Freemasons, and there are *Brethren*, just as there are *Orders* and *Brethren*, or *Friars*, or *Benedictines*, *Franciscans* or *Augustinians*. As if to travesty the nomenclature of the Catholic Church, the Freemasons in Italy divide their "National Communion" into "*Consistories*," *Conclaves* and *Chapters*. Of consistories there are three, those namely at Rome, Naples and Palermo. The Conclaves are eight in number, and there are twenty-seven Chapters. There are besides 171 lodges. The Grand Dignitaries of the Order are twelve in number, and the first among them is Giuseppe Garibaldi, who is a Honorary Grand Master for life. Five Deputies to the Italian Parliament are among these Dignitaries; the Grand Treasurer being Luigi Pianciani, the Syndic of Rome. The titles of some of the lodges are suggestive. Four or five are named after Garibaldi, and three after Mazzini. There is one lodge called "Free Thought," another called "Progress" and there are two called "Aspromonte." There are also the lodges "Venti Settembre," "Mazzini Risorto," and "Dio e Popolo." The danger to which the Church is exposed from these secret societies was plainly shown by His Holiness in his last Encyclical. "Perhaps," said Pius IX., "some people may feel surprised that so extensive a war against the Catholic Church has broken out in our days. But whoever understands the character, aims and purposes of the sects—be those sects Masonic or called by any other name—and compare them with the character, purpose, and magnitude of this battle which the Church is now forced to sustain throughout nearly the entire world, cannot doubt but that the cause of the present calamity must be attributed to the frauds and machinations of the same sects. For they compose that Synagogue of Satan which marshals its forces, unfolds its banners, and forms its alliances against the Church of Jesus Christ." And Freemasons themselves are prompt to avow their enmity to the Church and to Pius IX. *The Freimaurer Zeitung*, of Leipsic, in a recent article, proclaims open war against the Pontiff, and adopts the German Emperor as champion of the Order. When two adversaries stand forth for conflict, such as the Emperor, who in his Masonic quality esteems and protects the order, and the Pope who prescribes and condemns it, Freemasonry must of necessity declare its proper position. It must range itself with those among whom it is understood, and believed, and it must raise its voice against the man who treats it as the sworn foe of all faith and virtue. For Masonry the question is one of life or death." The same article compares the two old men—the Pope and the Emperor. It calls the prisoner in the Vatican "that old man, who, although declared to be infallible, is yet ignorant of the noblest actions of history and of nations, and whose range of vision is still bounded by the horizon of the ages which are past." The other old man of Berlin is, on the contrary, a "hero, whose ever-buoyant genius has strength to comprehend his own times to their very depths." The Emperor—so proceeds the Freemason organ—"wields, with us and for us, the hammer of strength, the compass of combined inspiration, and the square of wisdom, which served to regulate, according to an ideal pattern, actions truly worthy of humanity." He is the "noble old man, who has known how to combat the power of darkness, which would else annihilate our designs." Whatever may be the designs of the Freemasons, and whatever be the true drift of their mysterious jargon, it is quite clear that the welfare of Christianity is not one of the objects at which they aim. It is also manifest that the Prussian Emperor and his Freemasons are determined to overcome the Catholic Church, which they describe as the "power of darkness." It is to be feared they will find many assistants in Italy in their work of combating the Church. In Rome the Prussian lodges are doubly represented. The Grand Mother Lodge of Berlin has its local officer in Rome in the person of Cesare Donati, who holds a high post under the Italian Minister of Public Instruction.

The other Grand Lodge of Berlin, called the "Royal York," is represented in Rome by General Duke Filippo Lante di Montefeltro. There is thus an intimate connection between the Prussian and Italian lodges, not to speak of the common bond which unites together in obedience the members of all the lodges in all parts of the world. Yet, although the Pope has no allies amongst the rulers of this world, who seemed to have combined together to ignore or destroy the Pontifical authority, Catholics have no fear for the issue of this unequal combat. The aged Pontiff may be dethroned, his servants may be cast into prison or exiled, or even persecuted unto death. Yet the triumph eventually is certain and beyond doubt. The material conquests of the kings of the earth are destined, now as ever, to vanish before the moral might of that strength which is made perfect in weakness. The promise of the King of kings and Lord of lords to be with His Church to the end of the world is as valid now as when first uttered. And the victory of Christianity over brute force, of faith over scepticism, of life over death, is to Catholics as certain as the existence of God and the reality of the mission of Christ.—*Tablet*."

Now we will only permit ourselves to-day, to remark, that, the writer of this long-winded article entirely mistakes and misunderstands the position of English Freemasonry. It is not only tolerated, as he would put it, by our lenient laws, but it is, for its well-known spirit of loyalty and peaceful submission to the "ordinances of this realm," specially exempted by name from the operation of the Secret Societies' Act.

In the next place, as we said before, we have nothing to do with the proceedings of foreign Grand Lodges. Our own course of action is well known to all, our principles of entire neutrality in all matters relating to politics or religion, (that is as regards denominational differences), are admitted even by those who differ from us in England.

Indeed, our very abnegation on such topics, especially religious teaching, is one of the complaints curiously enough, most frequently brought against us.

But we cannot and do not profess to legislate for foreign Grand Lodges, and we are not responsible, therefore, for the differences which are to be traced between their proceedings and our own.

We can hardly believe that Bro. Guiseppè Garibaldi, or Bro. Ferrari used the words attributed to them, and we would like to see a verification of them before we condemn the Speakers on the *ipse dixit* of the writer in the *Tablet*.

If these are the opinions of these two brethren, and the formal utterance of the Italian Grand Lodge, we deeply deplore the fact, and have no hesitation whatever, as Freemasons, in saying that by the tolerating and charitable principles of our Order, they are equally indefensible and improper. We do not think that there ever was any intention in the use of particular words to ridicule or parody the religious ceremonies or organization of the Church of Rome. The words were chosen, because, they were convenient words to the Masonic Order, and are used, we believe, simply with that intent and end.

At the same time, we have often felt, that some of the foreign high grades, are so very peculiar in their forms and ceremonies, that, they may appear objectionable to religious-minded persons.

Hence a strong argument, as it appears to us,

for the simple forms and ritual of Craft Masonry. Neither do we believe, that, there is any foundation for the idea of a common crusade of the Italian and German Freemasons as against the Supreme Pontiff, the Roman Catholic Church, society in general, and legitimate authority in particular. This seems to be the chimera which is agitating Roman Catholics everywhere, at the moment, and the Masonic Order appears just now to be the bugbear of the whole Roman Catholic Hierarchy. One should have thought that they had something better to do than fulminate ceaseless anathemas against Freemasons.

But in the meantime the writer of this lachrymose jeremiad forgets this undoubted truth, that the Roman Catholic Church has commenced a most unseemly attack on the Freemasons. In Brazil, in Belgium, in America, and even in England, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy have unceasingly proclaimed that the wicked Freemasons are the cause of all the present evils, and above all of the serious conflict between the state in Prussia, and the Roman Catholic Church.

We believe, that, never in their history, though they have made many great mistakes, has the Roman Catholic Curia and the Roman Catholic Dignitaries committed so great a blunder.

There may be in Germany, as elsewhere, some who seem to think they never can be satisfied, unless they are attacking "Ultramontanism and Ultramontanes." But such uneasy Masons are in a very great minority.

The great majority of our Order, true to their old teachings, are ever most opposed to the "de-basing practice of persecution," from whatever quarter it comes, and are most anxious to live in peace and amity with all men, and above all, are seeking in all of sincerity, loyalty, and submission to the laws of their several countries, to pursue their honest callings, their one banner being the banner of toleration, sincerity, and charity, their watchword being ever, and under all circumstances, and alone—brotherly love.

REFUSAL TO BURY A ROMAN CATHOLIC SOLDIER, A FREEMASON.

As a very remarkable corollary on our preceding article, and a very striking commentary on the recent denunciations, and overt acts of Roman Catholic prelates, against our unoffending Order, we beg to call the attention of our readers particularly to the following extract from the *Times's* military and naval intelligence of February 5th:—

"Some excitement has been caused in Chatham Garrison by the refusal of the Rev. M. Cuffe, Roman Catholic Chaplain to the Forces, to perform the burial service over Armourer-Sergeant, J. V. Johnstone, of the 82d Regiment, a Roman Catholic Freemason, who died in Fort Pitt Hospital. The deceased had been a member of the Buckley Lodge of Freemasons, which met at the Soldiers' Institute. A resident Roman Catholic priest also declined, as the Rev. M. Cuffe was his senior. The Rev. Mr. Phillips, a Protestant clergyman, performed the Church service when the deceased was interred in the military burial ground near Fort Pitt. The deceased was much respected, and hundreds of soldiers attended the funeral."

Where then will this persecution of Freemasons end?

Though protected by the laws of the country, peaceable and loyal citizens, a Roman Catholic Chaplain, paid by the Government, actually refuses to perform the Roman Catholic Burial service, over a gallant Roman Catholic soldier, simply because he is a Freemason. To say nothing of the evident illegality of the above proceeding, even according to Roman Catholic canon law, we have in this act of the Rev. Mr. Cuffe, a most painful violation of the great Christian law of kindness and brotherly love.

It is not the first time Roman Catholic Clergy and Prelates have refused to bury Roman Catholic Freemasons. A case occurred at Gibraltar some years back, when Bishop Hughes, though a very kindly man himself, then the Roman Catholic Bishop at Gibraltar, declined to allow extreme unction to be administered to a Roman Catholic unless he abjured Freemasonry, and then after the poor man's death, refused to bury him.

Dr. Burrows, then the Resident Civil Chaplain at Gibraltar, and P.G.M., read the service over our brother, in the presence of thousands of spectators.

What good the Roman Catholic clergy can think will accrue to their Church or themselves by such unwise proceedings, we are altogether at a loss to guess, but of this they may rest assured, that such acts are utterly repugnant to the true spirit of that religion they profess to believe in. Matters however cannot be allowed to rest here, and the attention of the G.M. and the Grand Lodge ought at once to be called, to a course of action on the part of the Roman Catholic clergy, which is most subversive of the rights of Freemasons as peaceable citizens of the country, most derogatory to religion, and most unjustifiable on every ground of peace and toleration, and in the general interests of civilization and humanity.

Mr. Cuffe's refusal to bury Sergeant Johnstone is quite unprecedented in this country, and must be looked at in a most serious light, as in itself a most irreligious and unrighteous proceeding.

We feel quite certain that our Grand Master and our Grand lodge, will, on a proper representation from the Buckley Lodge, take such steps as will tend to uphold the right of our Roman Catholic brethren, as, be they ever so humble, they equally claim our sympathy, and deserve our support.

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WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty is still at Osborne.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh have been at Moscow, but have now returned to St. Petersburg, and are about to proceed to Zarskoe Selo, for a little quiet, after their public receptions, which have been most brilliant and enthusiastic.

The marriage party is breaking up, the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany have left for Berlin, together with the Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, and we shall very soon be expecting to see amongst us again their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The general elections have proceeded, 557 members have been already returned, and the elections will be over probably by the end of this week. Next week we shall be able to clearly estimate the result of the dissolution. As a fact, it is remarkable that the Lord Mayor of London, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, and the Lord Provost of Edinburgh have all three been returned to serve in the new Parliament.

Otherwise we have not much home news to record except another somewhat serious accident at West Drayton.

The Castro trial, and the Lord Chief Justice's summing-up still continues. We shall next week, we trust, be able to report the conclusion of this "cause célèbre," and the verdict of the very patient jury.

On Saturday his Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, accompanied by General Sir Richard Airey, G.C.B., Adjutant-General of the Forces; Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Ellice, K.C.B., Quartermaster-General to the Forces; Major-General Sir Thomas M'Mahon, C.B., commanding the Cavalry Brigade, Aldershot, Inspecting-General of Cavalry; Colonel Middleton, C.B., Deputy-Adjutant-General (Royal Artillery); Colonel Clifford, V.C., C.B., Assistant-Adjutant General; Colonel Oakes, C.B. (late commanding 12th Lancers), Inspecting Officer of Auxiliary Cavalry; Colonel Fraser, V.C., C.B., late 11th Hussars, Aide-de-Camp to his Royal Highness; and Captain Fenn, Inspector of Saddlery, Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, paid an official visit to the Saddlers' Company, in the City of London, to inspect a fine exhibition of military saddlery now on view there, and in relation to which the company had offered a series of prizes, with the view to encourage technical education in the branch of art and industry, with which they are especially identified. They are one of the oldest guilds in the City, being coeval in existence with the famous steel-yard merchants who were settled in Upper Thames-street on what is now called Dowgate-hill, and who, according to Herbert's "History of the Twelve Livery Companies," were a branch of, if they did not give rise to, the famous Hanseatic League. The distinguished visitors on Saturday were received at the hall of the company, situate in Cheapside, by Mr. Deputy Harris, the Master, and the rest of the governing body, among whom was Mr. Alderman Cotton, one of the newly-elected members for the City of London. The competition for the prizes, which were from 50 guineas downwards, had been open to army and regimental saddlers and the trade generally. The exhibition was tastefully arranged in the principal hall of the company on Saturday, and his Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, with the rest of the military authorities present, went carefully and critically over it, bringing their practical experience to bear upon the specimens shown. The hall of the company is adorned by a fine portrait in oil of Frederick, Prince of Wales son of George II., to whom the freedom of the guild was conferred in November, 1736, and also one of Queen Anne. It likewise contains a portrait of the late Sir Peter Laurie, long a noted member, and at one time Master of the Company. During the visit the Duke of Cambridge and the whole of the military authorities accompanying his Royal Highness were entertained by the Master and Wardens at a stately *déjeuner*, which was served in the court-room, a lofty and finely-proportioned chamber. The Company is rich in ancient drinking cups and tankards in solid silver, many of them massive and highly artistic in design, one being a cup nearly 200 years old, and another a very curious

tankard—much admired—of the time of Queen Elizabeth, and many of them were used at the entertainment.

The news from the Gold Coast, seems decisive of this, that the King of the Ashantees has agreed to "cave in," unless it be a "ruse de guerre" of that wily old gentleman "Amanquartia." Probably next week will bring us official tidings. Some doubt has been thrown however on the telegram.

The famine has we fear begun in India, though much rain has also happily fallen, and under Providence, let us hope, that by administrative energy, the disastrous consequences of previous famines in that densely populated country, may be happily averted from the suffering inhabitants.

Abroad the news is very unimportant. The "Préfet de la Seine" has given a successful *fête* at the Palace of the Luxembourg, and France is generally tranquil. In Germany Archbishop Ledochowski is in prison, and the Swiss authorities have expelled the Abbé Collet, a French clergyman, from Switzerland. The Dutch seem to be progressing in the Achinese war, and the Carlists appear to be on the eve of taking Bilbao.

We have to record the deaths of Earl Howth, K.P., of Baron Meyer de Rothschild, of Mr. Ireland Blackburne, one of the oldest ex-Members of Parliament, of Mr. Herman Merivale, under-Secretary, at the India Office, of that good officer General Gaspard le Marchant, of two old soldiers, Major Morgan and Lyon, and two Admirals who had seen much service, E. Gill and Balfour Maxwell.

RED CROSS BALL.

A grand ball took place, under the auspices of the Grand Council of England, of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday last, on which occasion there was a large attendance of the Knights of the Order, and their friends. Although the ball was under the special patronage of the Earl of Bective, Grand Commander, and the Grand Council, the privilege of attending was not exclusively limited to members of the Order, who were entitled to introduce friends, whether members or not, Masons or non-Masons, the only condition required being that the tickets should be signed by one of the Stewards. The natural consequence of this requirement was to make the ball a very select, and at the same time a very enjoyable one.

Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, to the music of an excellent band, provided by Bro. Weaver, and was kept up to a late, or rather early, hour.

The elegant apparel of the Grand Council and Knights of the Red Cross, toned down in a measure by the presence of a few gentlemen in the simpler evening dress, combined with the elegant toilettes of the ladies, and the tasteful decorations of the fine Ball-room of the Hotel, produced a *mis-en-scène* which can better be imagined than described.

At twelve o'clock, the company adjourned to supper. Bro. Col. Burdett, occupied the chair. The first toast proposed was that of "The Queen." The next toast was, "The memory of Constantine the Great, the founder, not only of the Constantinian Order of St. George, but also of the Masonic Order of the Red Cross," coupled with the name of H.I.H. Prince Rhodocanakis.

His Imperial Highness replied as follows:—"It is with sincere gratification that I rise to acknowledge the very high compliment which you have just paid me, and I feel assured, that under the circumstances, you will judge of my zeal in the cause of our orders of chivalry, rather by my acts, than by my words. I can conscientiously affirm, that in advancing the interests of our illustrious confraternity in general, and particularly in my native land, I have striven to carry out those wise cosmopolitan principles, which at the dawn of modern civilization, raised to such a pitch of grandeur, those renowned orders of chivalry which, even in modern times, we see, may be restored, if not with equal pageantry, at any rate with even more practical advantages. Fully alive to the importance in

every state, of a social organization, divested of the disturbing influence of politics, and relying rather on my honesty of purpose, than on my own qualifications for the task, I accepted the mission of conveying to the Greeks a fuller knowledge of those noble principles which had so impressed themselves upon me in this great and enlightened country, and in finally establishing the Grand Orient and S.G.C. of the Hellenic kingdom, I also prepared a way for the establishment there, sooner or later, of the Red Cross Masonic Order, which here I have found dignified by the noblest of principles, and with an organization the excellence of which is best attested, by the rapid extension of the order in the remotest countries. As regards my purely personal feelings, I acknowledge with the greatest respect the courtesy and hospitality extended to myself, but which after all, was but to have been expected at the hands of a body of gentlemen of social distinction and personal accomplishments, true Knights, as I believe, *sans peur et sans reproche*."

"The Ladies," was responded to by Bro. Col. Peters, in a humorous speech.

The management of the whole affair reflects the greatest credit on the Stewards, which comprised the following:—

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STEWARDS.—The Members of the Grand Council and Senate, and the following Knights:—Sir Gilbert E. Campbell, Bart.; Victor Cerexhe, Benjamin Cook, Antonio J. Codner, Henry A. Dubois, William Forster, Hon. Judge Gibbs, Isidore S. Gordon, Charles Hammerton, Charles F. Hogard, Charles Horsley, Frederick Keily, William Kelly, F.S.A.; Thomas Kingston, James Percy Leith, John George Marsh, Thomas Massa, Alfred Moore, Alpheus C. Morton, Edward S. Norris, Alfred Albert Pendlebury, Colonel James Peters, Henry Phythian, Frederick W. H. Ramsay, M.D.; Ebenezer Roberts, Edwin Sillifant, David R-Still, Eugene H. Thiellay, Frederick Walters, James Weaver.

Bro. Ebenezer Roberts discharged the duties of Master of the Ceremonies to the satisfaction of all present.

Great praise is due to the spirited host, Bro. Spencer, for the excellent repast and the choice wines and other refreshments that were provided with no sparing hand during the course of the evening.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland met again on Monday, the 2nd inst., in the Great Hall, George-street, Edinburgh. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., occupied the throne, supported by the Right Hon. Lord James C. Plantaganet Murray, R.W. Deputy G. Master, and Scottish representative at the Grand Lodge of England; W. Mana, Esq., P.G.W., as S.G.W.; Major Hamilton Ramsay, J.G.W.; H. Inglis, Esq., P.S.G.M. and P.G.M. Peebles and Selkirk; Major Hope, P.M. East Lothian; Lauderdale Maitland, Esq., P.G.M. Dumfriesshire; Captain G. R. Harnott, P.M., Wigtonshire; J. Laurie, Esq., G.S.; F. A. Barron, Esq., R.W.S.G. Deacon; W. Hay, Esq., J.G.D.; A. Hay, Esq., Grand Jeweller; Captain G.F.R. Colt, G. Swordbearer; C. W. Muller, Esq., Director of Music; R. Davidson, Esq., G. Organist; A. T. Apherpe, Esq., Acting Chief Grand Marshal; W. M. Bryce, G. Tyler; and many past grand officers.

The usual preliminary business having been disposed of, Bro. Inglis, Past Substitute Grand Master, announced his presence as representative of one of the three great masonic bodies of Germany, the "Grand Countries" Lodge, to

which office he has lately been appointed, and Bro. Inglis having been ushered into Grand Lodge with the honours due to his rank, was received by the Grand Master with a hearty welcome and duly installed.

Petitions for charters for new lodges were granted for Allahabad, Islay, Larkhall, Jamaica, Dreghorn, Lima, South Queensferry, and Kilsyth; several others were remitted for further and future consideration. The power of the G.M. of Western India was extended over all Hindostan.

The resignation of P.G.M. of Victoria was accepted, and Bro. John Hislop was appointed P.G.M. of New Zealand, a cordial vote of thanks being accorded to Bro. W. Caldwell for his services in the G. Lodge of that distant province.

A motion was then discussed for the purpose of constituting all Past Masters as members of Grand Lodge, and warmly debated on both sides, but was ultimately rejected by a large majority.

Sundry motions for discussion were tabled, to be hereafter considered, and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

THE WILL OF THE LATE BRO. HENRY MELVILLE.—Henry Melville the author of "Veritas," recently noticed in our columns, whose will has just been proved, recommends that immediately after his decease his books, papers, manuscripts &c., should be secured by Mrs. Maria Gibbs, and that she should, without loss of time, apply to the Crown for a patent to use the Masonic symbols on planispheres and celestial charts, by which the original of the Sacred Bible and other mysterious works can be interpreted; and then goes on to say: "The patent having been secured, I recommend that application be made to the British Government by the said Maria Gibbs for a commission of inquiry to determine whether the knowledge should be made public, or retained for a certain time (to be determined by such commission and the said Maria Gibbs), and then made public. I recommend that copies of my manuscript works should be made, and that no one copyist should be allowed to transcribe more than one book, and that such copying should be executed only in the presence of the said Maria Gibbs."

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, February 20, 1874.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, February 14.

- Lodge 108, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- " 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
- " 1423, Era, King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court.
- " 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Swan Tavern, Battersea.
- " 1457, Bagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill.
- Mark Lodge 104, Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Brunswick-road, Camberwell.
- Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
- 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, February 16.

- Lodge 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern.
- " 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- " 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- " 185, Tranquility, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- " 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
- " 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern.
- " 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1159, Marquess of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (145), 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. Gottheit, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
- St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, February 17.

- Board of General Purposes, at 3.
- Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
- " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- " 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 165, Honour and Generosity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- " 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- " 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chap. 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Domatic 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. Crawley, 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, February 18.

- General Committee, Grand Lodge, and Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
 - Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
 - " 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
 - " 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 - " 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.
 - " 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Hotel, New Wandsworth.
 - " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
 - " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
 - " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
 - Chap. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 - Mark Lodge Bon Accord, Freemasons' Tavern.
 - Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, at 3, 33, Golden-square.
 - Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 - United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 - Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
 - New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 - Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tavern, London-street, City, at 7.30.
 - Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 - Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 - Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 - Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 - Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 - Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8; Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.
- Thursday, February 19.
- House Committee, Girls' School.
 - Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
 - " 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 - " 55, Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 - " 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
 - " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
 - " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 - " 181, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, Annual Ball. (See Advertisement.)
 - " 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.

- Lodge 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 - " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
 - " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
 - " 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
 - " 1339, Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
 - Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 - K.T. Preceptory E, Observance, 14, Bedford-row.
 - 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, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
 - Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Friday, February 20.
- House Committee, Boys' School.
 - Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's.
 - " 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
 - " 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
 - Chap. 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 - Rose Croix Chap. Invicta, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 - Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 - Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
 - 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 Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 - Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 - Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 - Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 - Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 - Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. 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) Roso Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 - Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 - High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 21, 1874.

Monday, February 16.

- Lodge 721, Independence, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.
- Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.
- Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
- " 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
- " 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.

Tuesday, February 17.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
- " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.
- Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, February 18.

- Lodge 537, Zetland, Masonic Chambers, 9, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 5.
- " 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree, at 5.
- " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
- " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles.
- " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.

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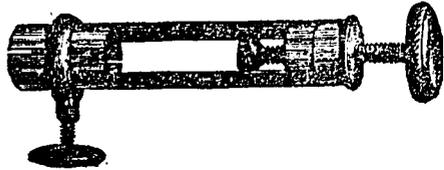
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