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Craft Masonry.

ST. JAMES UNION LODGE (No. 180).—This lodge held their usual meeting at the Freemasons, Hall on Tuesday, 10th February, being the first meeting after the installation of the new W.M., Bro. Gallico. The ceremonies of passing and raising were very ably performed by him, and it is much to be regretted that so few brethren were present, including as few visitors, to witness his excellent working; in fact many Englishmen might learn a good lesson from what has been accomplished by a foreigner. We are happy to learn that the W.M. is going as Steward to the Boys' festival in March, and the lodge voted 10 guineas for his list.

LODGE OF TRANQUILITY (No. 185).—The high esteem in which this lodge is held was exemplified by the strong muster of members and the number of visitors who assembled on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. The prodigious amount of work to be accomplished necessitated the meeting to be called as early as 2 p.m. With his accustomed punctuality, Bro. Nathan Moss, the W.M., opened the proceedings, in which he was efficiently assisted by Bro. John Constable, S.W.; John Ross, J.W.; J. D. Barnett, S.D.; F. Cocker, I.G.; John Peartree, Hon. Treas.; Phil Levy, Hon. Sec. After the confirmation of the minutes, the W.M. conferred the third degree upon Bro. T. W. Humphreys, passed to the position of Fellow Craft, Bros. Pare, Anthony, and Judge, and initiated into the mysteries of the Order, Messrs. W. D. Bayley, and T. S. Smith. This being the appointed time for the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. John Constable, the S.W., who had been unanimously elected to that important post at a previous meeting, was presented in regular form and duly installed with the usual ceremonies observed on such occasions. The new Master's first duty was to invest his officers, and the various brethren selected seemed to afford the greatest satisfaction, judging from the approbation manifested as each name was called. The appointments were as follows:—Bros. John Ross S.W.; J. D. Barnett, J.W.; John Peartree, Hon. Treas.; Phil Levy, Hon. Sec.; David Posener (unavoidably absent), S.D.; Child, J.D. Brown, I.G.; Spence, D.C.; Reece, W.S.; Vesper, Fyler. The installation ceremony was very ably performed by the retiring W.M., who, although suffering from a severe cold, secured undivided attention, and at the finish of the addresses to the officer and brethren, well merited applause. The auditor's report was then read, from which it appeared that besides enjoying the usual banquets, the lodge was able to spend £38 in charity, without encroaching upon their private benevolent fund, and yet leave a balance of £144 in favour of the lodge, thus proving that "charity which thinketh no evil" was "kind" in this instance and permitted benevolence and conviviality to go hand in hand. The benevolent fund in connection with this lodge consists at the present time of upwards of £600, invested in consols. During the past year the relief from this fund to indigent brethren amounted to £136. The adoption of the report ended the business of the evening.

The proceedings in the lodge were most decorous. The solemnity of the ceremonies being greatly enhanced by the addition of musical and vocal accompaniments, under the able conduct of Bro. G. Bilby. The lodge was then called from labour to refreshment. After so many hours of incessant work in the lodge the brethren most gladly availed themselves of the opportunity of raising their flagging energies. Ample justice was done to the many excellent things provided, all faces brightened under the genial influence. Hearts expanded and purse strings loosened, so that when during the toasts an appeal was made by Bro. Saul Solomon, P.M., to still further enlarge the private benevolent fund, £26 5s. were at once subscribed; visitors were not permitted to add their mite. The various other toasts were given and responded to in the usual manner, the most noteworthy of which were the one to the general Masonic Charities responded to by Bro. F. Binckes in his accustomed hearty manner. His energy is so contagious as to make one feel ashamed of oneself for not being at least Vice-President of all the institutions. In the course of his observations he complimented the W.M. upon his efforts in collecting an amount of nearly £400 towards the funds of the Benevolent Institution, and referred to a discussion lately carried on in the pages of the *Freemason* in which one of the correspondents thought proper to sneer at what is technically known as "Constable's Draw." Bro. Binckes agrees with this correspondent in this—"That if every lodge did its duty, we should not need such extraneous, and if you will, questionable help," but while such is not the case—while out of 1500 lodges under English jurisdiction only about 150 sent Stewards to the last festival, then, although not holding the opinion that in every case the "end justifies the means," in this matter the course pursued was highly commendable, and all honour is due to Bro. Constable for his very successful efforts in that direction. Bro. Terry followed suit in the same strain with an energy and earnestness scarcely inferior to the preceding speaker. Both Initiates replied briefly, as became novitiates, but showed signs of very intelligent appreciation of all they had seen and heard at their entrance into what they termed a novel view of life. The I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., who was exceedingly modest in his response, promising to use his best efforts to promote the welfare of the lodge. Bro. Maurice Hart responded for the P.M.'s. He alluded to the condition of the lodge some years ago, when it appeared on the lowest "round of fortune's wheel," but its resuscitation may be dated from the time of the W. Master's introduction. Besides other services, he has introduced some twenty-five of his personal friends, all good men and true, a credit to the lodge and an acquisition to the Craft. For the visitors Bro. Lazarus, P.M., P.G.S.W. Wilts, replied in few but appropriate words. This brother is nearly eighty years of age. It was therefore, pleasing to observe the almost youthful energy he possesses, imagination still vivid and intellect clear. A very handsome gold jewel was presented to Bro. Nathan Moss, I.P.M., a testimonial of esteem and affection seldom better deserved. The following notices of motion are worthy of record, by Bro. Saul Solomon, P.M., "That this lodge contribute annually £5 5s. to each the Boy's and Girl's School, and £10 to the Benevolent fund" by Bro. Constable, P.M., "That the sum of £10 10s. from the fund of this lodge be placed on the list of Bro. John Ross, S.W., who has consented to represent the lodge at the coming festival for the Boy's School. The P.M.'s present were—Holbrook Hatfield, S. E. Moss, Saul Solomon, Maurice Hart, N. Harris. The visitors were—Bros. F. Binckes, P.M. Grand Stewards; Terry, P.M. United Strength; Lazarus, P.M., P.G.S.W. Wilts; Roberts, W.M. Joppa; Dr. Solla, P.M. and W.M. Montefiore; Hogard, P.M., Israel; Gottheil, P.M. 141; Parker, P.M. Beadon; Adreed, P.M. 181; H. M. Levy, P.M. 181; Wood, 438; Henson, 180; Page, J.W. 902; Cummings, 534; Braomilla, 392; G. Hart, late 185; A. Gluckstein, 141; L. Abrahams, 141; Broo. 385; Thomas, 28; Myer, 63; Distin, 175; Webb, Lodge of Truth, Staffordshire; and Read. The vocalists were Bro. Parker, P.M.

Child, J.D.; Miss Dones and Miss Leo. Bro. Distin presided at the piano with his usual efficiency. The pleasant meeting will long be remembered by all who had the good fortune to be present. The prevailing harmony and good fellowship were truly Masonic. In the midst of thorough enjoyment, suffering humanity was not forgotten. In fact, the whole proceedings were conducted in the spirit of the grand principles upon which the Order is founded, "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth."

WINDSOR.—*Etonian Lodge* (No. 209).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at the Royal Adelaide Hotel, Windsor. Bro. Dixon, the W.M., was supported by Bros. Bladon, S.W.; Carter, J.W.; Strange, P.M. Sec.; Bryett, P.M. (acting) S.D.; Crowhurst, J.D.; Canvin, I.G.; Hume, D.C.; Roberts, S.; Stacey, P.M., Org.; Bro. Wilson, P.M., and several other brethren. The W.M. having opened the lodge in the first degree, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. T. Hawker, for initiation, and for Bro. Hiscock of 865 lodge, as a joining member, both of whom were elected. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, Bro. Pears, after the usual interrogation, was entrusted with the pass grip and word leading from second to third degree by the W.M., who then transferred his collar to Bro. Wilson, P.M., who raised Bro. Pears to the sublime degree in his well-known style. The resignation of Bro. Binnie, P.M., was read and received with universal regret, he having by his exertions contributed materially towards the present satisfactory condition of the lodge. After discussion on various matters the lodge was closed and adjourned until the next monthly night.

LODGE OF UNITED STRENGTH (No. 228).—The brethren of this ancient lodge held their installation meeting at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on the 10th inst. Present Bros. Crump, Winsland, Botterill, Terry, Davies, Colston, Carter, Robards, Hillhouse, White, Smith, Sniare, Hill, Snell, Wickens, Skeate, Duckett, Tallerman, Halford, Hickman, Percy, Vine, Killick, Patmore, Jones, Ingall, Burkett, and numerous other brethren and visitors. The business of the evening consisted of the usual ceremonies by the outgoing W.M., Bro. Terry, whose able working is universally known, and the installation by him of the W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. James Hillhouse. The occasion was rendered doubly interesting by the presentation to Bro. Terry of a valuable diamond ring by the brethren of the lodge, in token of the high esteem and regard entertained for him by the whole of the members. The W.M., after the banquet, in presenting the testimonial, alluded in appropriate words to the many excellent qualifications possessed by Bro. Terry, and paid a just tribute, not only to the able manner in which he had presided during his Mastership, and the satisfactory position of the finances of the lodge, mainly due to his exertions, but to the great regard personally entertained for him by every member, and referring to the inscription on the ring "Presented to Bro. James Terry, P.M. by the brethren of 228, 10th February, 1874. Probo et Fidei et Fido, remarked that those words represented truly the able, faithful, and trusty qualities so eminently possessed by him. In responding Bro. Terry heartily acknowledged the surprise and pleasure he felt at receiving the testimonial from the brethren, unexpected as it had been to him, and expressed the great pleasure it afforded him at all times to further the interest of the lodge by every means in his power, and that he felt deeply the kind expressions which at all times, and especially on that occasion, had emanated from the W.M. and all the brethren reciprocating their regard during the 14th year he had been connected with the lodge. The banquet was served by Bro. Gay, in his usual excellent style, and the brethren enjoyed a most agreeable evening.

BERKHAMPTSTEAD.—*Berkhamptstead Lodge* (No. 504).—The meeting for the installation of the W.M. of the Berkhamptstead Lodge was held at the King's Arms on Wednesday, 21st ult., and was attended by a larger number of brethren, the meetings of the P.G.L. Herts excepted, than has ever assembled in Berkhamptstead. This

assemblage was due to the fact, that in addition to the ceremony of installation, an event always honoured by the Craft, the occasion was chosen as a fitting one for the presentation to the lodge of an excellent oil painting of the worthy Treasurer and Father of the Lodge, Bro. J. E. Lane, P.M. and P.P.S.W., &c. After the routine business of the lodge had been transacted, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, prepared by the worthy hostess of the King's Arms, Mrs. Baker; and it may suffice, once for all, to say that her skill and management in this important part of the day's proceedings, left nothing to be desired in them. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. W. H. Rowe, supported on his right by Bros. T. F. Halsey, P.G.M. Herts; Rev. F. B. Harvey, P.M. 742 P.P.G.C. Herts, C. F. Humbert, I. Houll, I. Howe, A. T. Parkes, E. Terry, &c., and on his left by Bros. J. H. Adams, P.M.; J. Johnson, P.M. and P.P.S.W.; J. M. Shugar, P.M. and P.P.S.W.; J. E. Lane, P.M. and P.P.S.W.; R. A. Wright, W. I. Adams, W. B. Heath, G. Lambert, J. Burton, all prominent members of the Berkhamstead, Provincial and London Lodges. The brethren present also, to the number of about 50, included representatives from the Grand Lodge of England, down to the entered apprentices of that day's celebration. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given by the W.M., Bro. W. Wilson, P.M. and Hon. Sec., 504, proposed in most appropriate terms the health of the newly appointed P.G.M. Herts, Bro. T. F. Halsey, which was drunk with full Masonic honours. In an able and characteristic speech that gentleman responded, pledging himself to the discharge of the duties entrusted to him, for the sole good of the Craft in general, and of the brethren in the province in particular. The toast of the evening confessedly was that of the Treasurer and father of the lodge Bro. J. E. Lane, P.M., and P.P.S.W. Herts etc., by Bro. Lambert, whose metropolitan and provincial Masonic honours and position are almost beyond enumeration. In an able and feeling address he alluded to the high character and Masonic zeal which for so many years had distinguished Bro. Lane, especially enlarging upon the stay he had been to the Berkhamstead Lodge, and the attraction which, through his management, the lodge had so widely and successfully exercised on the London brethren. In conclusion, as expressing the sentiments of the entire lodge, by whom the portrait of Bro. Lane had been subscribed for, he fraternally greeted him on behalf of the lodge, and formally presented the portrait. After the cheers, loud and long, had subsided, which responded to Bro. Lambert's address, and bore testimony to the regard and affection in which Bro. Lane was esteemed, he returned his best thanks to the brethren in a very effective and most appropriate reply. It is impossible to report as fully of this meeting as it deserves. One toast, however, must not be passed over, for it embodies a sentiment dear not only to every Masonic heart, but also of interest to hearts yet to be Masonic. This toast was that of the "Brother Initiates," who had that day been admitted into the Craft as "Entered Apprentices." There were Mr. F. Q. Lane, and Mr. Jostling, whose health in their newly acquired character was suitably proposed by the Rev. F. B. Harvey, P.M., and P.P.G.C., Herts, and duly received and responded to. The health of Bro. Wilson, Hon. Sec., was proposed by Bro. Lambert in a humorous speech, accompanying it with a handsome present of a cruet and sauce stand from the brethren. And lastly, that same vivacious and generous brother presented the Tyler, Bro. Thomas, an old, and highly respected member, with a handsome plated biscuit basket, from the same brethren. Freemasonry is thus progressing in Berkhamstead.

WINDSOR.—Windsor Castle Lodge (No. 771).—The installation meeting of the lodge took place on the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, when there was a large assemblage of brethren to do honour to the new W.M., Bro. W. Hill Bingham, (amongst them the Rev. Sir John Hays, D.P.G.M.) Two gentlemen having been initiated, the W.M., Bro. Grisbrook, proceeded to instal his successor into the chair of K.S. The ceremony was admirably rendered,

and gave great satisfaction to all present. Bro. Devereux, I.P.M., delivered the address, and the proceedings were rendered more impressive by the choral service performed by Bro. Fuller, P.G.O., assisted by Bros. Briggs and Large, of the Chapel Royal Windsor. The W.M. having been duly installed, proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:—Bro. H. Greville Palmer, S.W.; W. H. Cutler, J.W.; Whitehouse, Treas.; Solley, Secretary; Rev. Sir John Hays, D.P.G.M., Chap.; S. Scott, S.W.; T. Fleck, J.W.; W. Brown, I.G.; W. H. Cantrell, P.G.S., D.C. A member of the lodge having served the office of Steward at the R.M.B.I. Festival announced that his list of subscriptions amounted to nearly £60, and entreated the brethren who had not contributed to do so at once. All business being ended the brethren adjourned to a very excellent banquet at the White Hart Hotel. After the cloth was drawn a most agreeable evening was spent, enlivened by the admirable singing of the musical brethren already referred to.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, Bro. F. Smith, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bro. W. J. Jones, P.M.; A. H. Haley, S.W.; Seeling, J.W.; and Quilty, Treasurer. After the confirmation of the minutes, ballot was taken for the election of Bro. Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie, as a joining member, and the ballot having been declared clear in the South and West, he was unanimously elected. The W.M., assisted by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, P.M., then raised Bros. Sedgwick and Brothers to the sublime degree of Master Masons. A vote of £10 was made towards the Girls' School, and a subscription was set on foot among the brethren to have the lodge adequately represented on the next recurring festivals. Bro. A. Moore handed a special subscription to the W.M. The lodge had to deplore on this occasion the decease of Bro. W. Anderson, J.D., which had taken place very suddenly. Bro. Jones, P.M., moved, and the S.W. seconded, that a letter be addressed to his widow, condoling with her upon the bereavement she had sustained. It was further announced that the Whittington Chapter would meet for dispatch of business on Friday, the 27th inst., Bro. James Weaver, M.E.Z. The visitors were—Bros. John Boyd, 145, P.G.P.; and H. Higgins, 184. At the banquet which followed, the usual toasts were duly honoured, and some delightful music from Bros. Weaver and Moore terminated a pleasant evening, although it was saddened by the melancholy event above mentioned.

HARROGATE.—Harrogate and Claro Lodge (No. 1001).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, on Friday evening, February 13th. The W.M., Bro. Robt. Ackrell was supported by Bros. John Burke, S.W.; Render, J.W.; Pullan, P.M., Powell, Harrison, and a goodly number of members; visitor, Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg. Cumberland and Westmoreland. The lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes were read and declared to be correctly recorded. The business consisted in the reading and consideration of a number of communications. Notably amongst them was a reply from the D.P.G.M., Bro. Bentley Shaw, to a vote of condolence. The W.M. stated that he had attended, with his Wardens, the recent Provincial Grand Lodge at Leeds, which was presided over by the Most Noble the Marquess of Ripon, and thereupon made a report of the proceedings. There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1321)—This lodge held its usual meeting on Monday, 12th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Custom House-buildings, Hindpool-road, Bro. Henry Cook, P.M. 1021, 138, P.P.G.R. for C. and W., presiding, in the absence of P.M. Sir James Ramsden, Prov. Grand Senior Warden, who was confined to his house on account of severe indisposition. After the usual business had been transacted, the S.W. proposed that the thanks and gratitude of the lodge

are due to Bro. Cook, P.M., &c., for the very handsome present of a harmonium: The high eulogiums passed by the speaker and other brethren fully testified the position Bro. Cook holds in the Craft, whose graceful and impressive delivery, combined with correct working, unremitting exertions, devoted zeal, and by his suave manner has gained the respect of the brethren in this and other lodges. Bro. Cook's reply was given in his truly characteristic style. The lodge is fortunate in having such talented and influential brethren as Bros. Sir James Ramsden and Henry Cook to preside over them, by whose munificence the lodge has been to a great extent re-furnished.

HAMPTON COURT.—Era Lodge (No. 1423.)—The anniversary meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Saturday, 14th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court, punctually at three o'clock, p.m. The W.M., Bro. J. T. Moss, P.P.G.D., Middlesex, opened the lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed, and the report of the audit committee was read, received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the lodge minute books. It showed the funds to be in a good state. As there were only initiations down on the list of work to be done, in addition to the installation, that ceremony was proceeded with. Although a large list of names was on the summons, but two presented themselves, who were duly initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.M. 73, Treasurer, took the chair, and in an able manner installed Bro. Henry Arthur Dubois, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, and W.M. elect, as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The officers appointed are—Bros. J. W. Baldwin, S.W.; J. Baxter Langley, J.W.; T. J. Sabine, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M. Secretary; J. S. Sweasey, S.D.; W. C. Devereux, R.N., J.D.; E. W. Devereux, I.G.; Rev. P. M. Holden, Chaplain; E. W. Mackney, Organist; S. Wolff, M.C.; B. Wright, W.S.; J. Gilbert, Prov. Grand Tyler, Middlesex, Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, a cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.M., Treasurer, for his kindness in performing the ceremony of installation, and it was ordered to be entered on the lodge minute book, which met with the unanimous approval of all present. The event of the evening was presenting the out-going Master, Bro. J. T. Moss, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., with a massive silver cup (unanimously voted to him by the lodge). The cup was made by Bro. George Kenning, Little Britain, and did him great credit, for it was perfection in every way. When Bro. J. T. Moss, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., had the cup given him and rose to return thanks he was received most cordially, and had an ovation. So great and long was the applause it was a work of time before he could return thanks, which he did in an excellent manner. The cup was handed round the lodge room, and was much admired for the beauty of its design and its excellent workmanship. When the Prov. G. Master, Col. F. Burdett, and Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. C. Parkinson, arrived, soon after the lodge was opened, they were each received with the honours suitable to their rank, and the gavel and position of the W.M. was offered, but kindly refused by each of them. However before the close of the lodge at the earnest solicitation of the P.M.'s and others. Bro. J. C. Parkinson, D.P.G.M. Middlesex, in the kindest possible manner gave the address as Installing Master to the Wardens in a beautiful, agreeable, and impressive manner. Several brethren were proposed as joining members. The indefatigable veteran Secretary, Bro. Frederick Walters, P.G. Steward Middlesex, would not let them separate until he had all the Stewardships of the Charities filled up, as he said he had a Steward for Boys, three Stewards for Girls, 1874, but the Stewardship for Royal Benevolent 1875 was vacant. He did not have to appeal very long, as he soon got a volunteer in Bro. John Faulkner, who was elected to that office, and agreed to accept it. Not satisfied with this success, the Secretary assured the brethren he had a member amongst them who had not been raised, whom he felt sure he could induce to be a Steward for the Benevolent, in addition to

the one already secured. We have no doubt that if that Secretary could have his own way he would make everybody a Steward and Life Governor to all the Charities. In consequence of the large arrears of work, it was arranged to hold an emergency meeting on Saturday, March 14th, at two o'clock, so as to suit the many professional members contained in the list of members. All business being ended the lodge was closed. A splendid banquet and magnificent dessert was served and provided for by the hostess, Mrs. Diver, which gave universal satisfaction. Some good songs, sang by members, amongst whom were Bros. F. E. Rawlinson, F. Coyne, J. Hillier, and others of equal note and celebrity.

PORTSMOUTH.—*United Service Lodge* (No. 1528).—The brethren of this lodge assembled at the Dolphin Hotel, High-street, Portsmouth, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., for the purpose of giving their esteemed Worshipful Master, Bro. Captain F. C. Trower, a complimentary banquet, in return for the great personal zeal and assiduity he exhibited in the formation of the lodge, he having not only devoted a very considerable portion of his time, but added very materially in a financial point, to its prosperity, by presenting it with a complete set of regalia, silver jewels, with collars, etc. Captain Trower is the first W.M. of this lodge, and as it was only in August last year that the installation ceremony took place, and as it now numbers 42 members (many of whom are officers in both services), the W.M. may be congratulated on the success he has already obtained. A most interesting ceremony took place in this lodge on the 16th ult., viz., the initiation of Lieut. F. E. Trower, 95th Regiment, by his father, the Worshipful Master, and if the son will only follow in the footsteps of his father, in a military as well as Masonic career, he will do credit to the profession, as well as being an ornament to the Craft. It may not here be out of place if a brief *resumé* of Bro. Captain Trower's services—military and Masonic—be given here, which will show his devotion to the Craft, and active service in his professional career; both are so intimately blended as to be almost inseparable. Mr. Frederick Courtney Trower was gazetted to a cornetcy in 1837, and was present with his regiment throughout the whole of the Afghanistan Campaign, where it formed a portion of the Army of the Indus under Lord Kane from October, 1838 to February, 1840. He officiated as adjutant, and was present at the capture of Ghuznee, and the occupation of Cabool, for which he received a medal. He was initiated into Masonry 6th May, 1840, in the Hope Lodge, at Merut, in India. He was promoted to a Lieutenancy in the 9th Lancers in 1842, and was appointed interpreter to his regiment on its arrival in India. He was elected W. Master of his Mother Lodge in 1842, and was exalted in the "Sincerity" Chapter, at Cawnpore in 1843, and was made Noahite of Prussia also in 1843. He was present with his regiment during the Gualior Campaign of 1843-4, including the battle of Punnari, for which he received the Bronze Star. In 1845-6 he was present with his regiment during the Sutley Campaign under Lords Hardinge and Gough, and received a medal for the battle of Sobraon, 10th February. In 1848-9 he served with his regiment throughout the whole of the Punjab Campaign, including the passage of the Cheenab at Ramnugger, the battles of Chillianwallah and Goozerat, for which he received a medal and two clasps. He was installed First Principal of the Umballah Chapter in 1852, became Super Excellent Master and Knight of the Red Cross and Ark and Mark Mariner in the same year. He was again elected W. Master of Umballah Lodge in 1853. He was appointed to officiate as Deputy Judge Advocate General during the mutiny among the native troops, and his appointment was afterwards made permanent by the directors of the Honourable East India Company as a special case. He left India in March, 1854, through illness, after a residence of 17 years, was promoted to Captain in the 9th Lancers in June, 1854. In 1855 he exchanged into the 50th Queen's Own Regiment to serve in the Crimea. In 1856 he was appointed by her Most Gracious Majesty to the Adjutancy of the Cavalry Depot at Brighton. Was Adjutant

of the Royal 1st Devon Yeomanry from 1856 to 1862. Sold out of the army in January, 1858, as Captain of 4th Regiment of Foot. He was appointed Provincial Grand Sword Bearer of Devon in 1858; became Past H. in the Chapter at Exmouth in 1861; became R.I. in Portsmouth; was elected W. Master of the Phoenix Lodge, Portsmouth in 1872; was Provincial Grand Sojourner of Hants in 1872; is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, 30th degree; and, finally, is one of the founders and the first Worshipful Master of the United Service Lodge, Portsmouth, in 1873. Such a career as this needs no comment; it speaks for itself.

INSTRUCTION.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 259).—The fifteen sections were worked in connection with the above Lodge of Instruction on Friday, 13th inst., at Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Limehouse. Bro. Yetton in a very able manner presided on the occasion. Bros. J. Stevens, Barnes, Berry, Fielderwich, Musto, Rugg, Weatherill, Potts, Hogg, Reeves, and Clayton were present.

Royal Arch.

INSTALLATION OF COMP. LORD SKELMERSDALE AS M.E.Z.

The companions of the Bridson Chapter, No. 613, held a meeting at the Masonic Hall, Nevill-street, Southport, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., the principal business being the installation of Comp. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the Most Excellent Provincial Grand Superintendent, West Lancashire, as M.E.Z. of the chapter for the forthcoming year. The chapter was opened in ample form at five o'clock, and after the transaction of some formal business, his lordship was presented for installation by Comp. W. Dodd, the retiring M.E.Z., and was placed in the chair with much unction and impressiveness by Comp. Wylie, of Chapter No. 82. The rites and ceremonies belonging to the installation having been duly performed, the chapter was closed, and the companions subsequently adjourned to the Scarsbrook Hotel, where they dined under the presidency of the noble M.E.Z. The dinner provided by Bro. Watson was exceedingly sumptuous, and served in a most satisfactory manner.

The M.E.Z. proposed "The Health of Her Majesty," the patroness of the Craft, which was loyally responded to; and afterwards, "The Health of the Prince of Wales," whom he knew to be a thoroughly good and hearty Mason. He intimated that it was not unlikely that another of the Royal Princes would shortly seek admission as a member of the Craft. He did not know whether the Duke of Edinburgh would do so or not, having taken to himself Russia's lovely daughter to wife; it might be an obstacle in the way for the present.

In the hearty response this toast met with, Bro. J. Turvey sang "God bless the Prince of Wales," adding verses, which he happily composed *apropos* to the marriage of the Duke of Edinburgh. The toast of the evening, "The newly-installed M.E.Z., Companion the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale," was proposed by Comp. W. Dodd, who referred to the very high esteem in which his Lordship was held by all members of the Craft who have the happiness of knowing him, and by the inhabitants of Southport generally. They knew the high regard he had for Southport, and were grateful for the time he had spent, and the efforts he had made, to further the interests of the town.

Lord Skelmersdale, in replying to the toast, said he thought he did not deserve the eulogy which had been passed upon him by Comp. Dodd, and so heartily responded to by his companions around him, but he declared his very strong attachment to Masonry, and all that appertained to it, and that it ever would be his delight to advance the interests of the Craft throughout the province, and particularly in Southport. Referring to the town of Southport, he said he always looked back with pleasure to the days of his boyhood, when he used to dabble and dig in the sand on the shore, and although he did not visit the town so frequently

now as in former years, Lady Skelmersdale and his family did frequently visit it. He looked forward always with increasing pleasure to his yearly visit of a week, with his troop of yeomanry, and he never failed to go away without feeling like a renewed man. Referring to the benefits he was supposed to have rendered to Southport, he said that had necessarily been little, but it had given him great pleasure that he had been instrumental in causing the Prince and Princess Mary of Teck to visit it, and lay the foundation stone of Cambridge Hall. It had been hinted to him that day that it would be a good thing if he could induce another member of the royal family to visit us when that hall was opened, and he expressed the pleasure it would give him to use all the influence he had to get one of the Princes to do so. In conclusion, he said the public spirit he saw exhibited in Southport in beautifying the town, and adding to its attraction on all sides, showed they had got the right spirit, the spirit of self-help, and that they required no help from him or any one else, but that he should always be glad to promote in any way he could the interests of the town, for he had a hearty love for the place. (Loud and continued applause.)

The "Visiting Brethren" and other toasts were given and suitably responded to.

Mark Masonry.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).—The ordinary February meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last, at the Head Quarters of the 1st Surrey Volunteers, when the W.M., Bro. Arthur Wolton, Prov. G.S.O. Middlesex and Surrey, presided. There was also a good attendance of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. W. Worrell, S.W.; Thomas W. White, J.W.; Alfred Williams, S.O.; T. Meggy, P.M., Treas.; W. C. Hale, Secretary; N. J. F. Barnett, Steward; W. P. Collins, I.G.; G. Motion, J. Dennis, C. R. Crommelin, J. H. Pill, W. Bell, C. W. O'Neill, W. H. Waghorn, I. J. H. Wilkins, W.M. 22; W. Scott, Thistle, E. S. Norris, 40; and H. Massey, P.M. 22. The W.M. and his officers performed their duties to perfection, and in the opening and closing of the lodge, and in advancing Bro. C. A. Hermann, to the Mark Degree, proved themselves efficient Mark Master Masons. Several candidates besides Bro. Hermann, were on the paper for advancement, but from lodges to which they belonged meeting on the same evening, they were unable to be present. Notice was given of a motion to charge only a nominal membership fee to brethren who were compelled to be abroad for any lengthened period, and a further notice of motion was also given by Bro. Thomas Meggy to elect Bro. James Stevens, an honorary member of the lodge, Bro. Stevens, being W.M. of the Great City Lodge, which meets on the same evening as this lodge, and on this account unable to be present at the meetings, of the Macdonald had sent in his resignation, but this the lodge declined to accept, and Bro. Meggy gave notice of the above motion. The lodge afterwards was closed, and the brethren partook of an admirable banquet. The W.M. proposed "The Queen," and then "The G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers," remarking that Earl Percy was an excellent G.M., &c. Mark Masonry was progressing most favourably under his headship. The other G. officers were also an ornament to the Order, and many of the members of this lodge had the honour of holding grand office. Bro. W. Worrell, S.W., returned thanks on behalf of the Grand Officers. They were told in Masonry that they got promotion through doing their duties properly, and the members of this lodge who held grand office could flatter themselves that they had done their duty and had received their reward. Bro. T. Meggy, P.M., Treasurer, proposed "The W.M.," an officer who always conducted the proceedings of the lodge with precision, accuracy, and fluency. Whatever he did he did thoroughly, and he set a good example to the numerous brethren whom he (Bro. Meggy) was glad to see present that night to assist. Unless he was ably assisted they all knew that the work could not be done efficiently, but it was done efficiently, and the candidate was

thoroughly imbued with the beauty of the ceremony. The W.M. in reply said he had endeavoured to make himself well acquainted with the ritual which it was his duty to deliver, and he was very much pleased indeed that he had so far succeeded as to meet with the satisfaction of so admirable a Mark worker as Bro. Meggy. He was also pleased with the punctuality of his officers, who had not suffered their business engagements or anything else to interfere with their duties to the lodge. He must say that without their assistance he must have broken down. The W.M. then proposed "The newly advanced Brother," whom he was delighted to find that he knew when he made his appearance in the lodge. He was glad he had selected the Macdonald Lodge for taking this degree, because he had obtained an opportunity of seeing the ceremony properly worked. Although sorry that Bro. Hermann was going abroad, he hoped when he got to Japan, where he was going, that he would establish a Mark lodge there, and do what he could for the benefit of Mark Masonry in that quarter of the globe. He also wished him a prosperous voyage, and that when he came back he would find the Macdonald Lodge quartered in better apartments than those he was then in. He must beg him to remember that the Macdonald was never a banquetting lodge, but it was always very hearty, and in support of that character, they wished Bro. Hermann a prosperous voyage, and hoped before long to see him back amongst them. Bro. Hermann, acknowledging the toast, said he had spent many pleasant evenings in his time, but none pleasanter than that evening in the Macdonald Mark Lodge. He had to thank the brethren for two compliments, one for electing him as one of their members, and the other for drinking his health. He was much pleased with the ritual of Mark Masonry, and with the way in which it was conducted. There was no Mark lodge where he was going, but they were going to establish one, and for that purpose he held a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and he hoped to start one eventually. The toasts of "The Visitors," and "The Officers" followed, and the brethren directly afterwards separated.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Glasgow* (No. 441) met on Thursday, February the 10th, in their own Hall, 22 Struthers-st., the R.W.M., Bro. W. H. Jackson, presiding, assisted by Bro. Main, S.W.; Bro. Mason, J.W.; J. Rennie, Secretary. There was a full attendance of members. The R.W.M. said, as the brethren would have seen by the summons convening the meeting, the first business would be to enquire into the charges brought against Bro. Thomas Stratford, who he saw was present to answer for himself. The charge was, that he being a Master Mason and a member of this lodge, had in violation of his Masonic obligation to uphold and maintain the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, joined himself to a spurious and unrecognised body, calling themselves the Glasgow Melrose St. John's Lodge, No. 1, and furthermore that he had accepted office in this spurious body, and was or called himself the Master of this so-called Lodge of Freemasons, who hold no charter or warrant from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, nor from any other recognised Grand Lodge. He then called Bro. Thomas Stratford up to the altar, and desired him to say on his M.M.O.B. if he was guilty of the charges alleged against him. Bro. Stratford said if to have joined the Melrose Lodge, and to have taken office as its Master, was to plead guilty, then he was guilty, but he denied the competence of this tribunal to find him guilty, and he should demand a proper trial. After some little discussion, the S.W. moved that Bro. Stratford having admitted his guilt, the lodge proceed at once to erase his name from the roll, and expel him from the lodge, and that the Secretary be instructed to write to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, and also to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, informing them of the facts, in order that they too may take action in the matter. This was seconded by the S.D. The accused asked for the question to be adjourned for a

month, but there being no amendment, the motion was carried unanimously; the R.W.M. then ordered him to withdraw. Mr. Stratford before doing so, said he had one request to make, and that was that they would not erase his name from the roll till they heard from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, as he intended to appeal, and they would yet be sorry for the motion they had passed. He then left the lodge. The lodge was then reduced to the apprentice degree, and after some further lodge business, three candidates, Messrs. John Fulton, James Creilman, and Robert Gault, were introduced and regularly initiated into Freemasonry. The ceremony was admirably wrought, and we have seldom heard the "charge" given in more expressive terms than by Bro. Jackson. There was other work to be done, but as the extraordinary business had taken up so much time, it was determined to have an emergency meeting on the 18th inst.

GLASGOW.—*The Star Lodge*.—This lodge met on Monday, Feb. 9th. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. L. Wilson, R.W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. Alston, S.M.; there was a very large attendance both of brethren and visitors, amongst the latter present were—Bro. Bain, P.M. 3½; E. Wright, R.W.M. 103; J. Phillips 275; J. Shaw, R.W.M. 354; and D. Reid, R.W.M. 465. The work consisted of three initiations and two passings. At the request of the Acting Master, the first ceremony was performed by Bro. Bain, and the second by Bro. Wright, R.W.M. 103. Bro. Wilson, who had now arrived, tendered the thanks of the lodge to both those brethren, not only for their kindness in attending, but also for the very able way in which they had conducted the ceremonies.

GLASGOW.—*The Scotia Lodge* (No. 219).—This lodge held their monthly meeting on the 10th, Bro. Matheson in the chair, when two candidates were present; arrangements were then made for carrying out the annual festival of the lodge, which will be held next week.

GLASGOW.—*St. Andrew's Chapter* (No. 69).—This lodge met on Tuesday, the 10th, Bros. J. D. Humphries, Z.; D. Campbell, H.; J. Herne, J.; D. B. Fleming, 1st S.; Comp. Oliver, S.E.; there were three candidates for exaltation, the ceremony being worked by Comp. F. Halket, Z. of 113; assisted by J. Balfour, Scribe E. and P.Z. of 73.

GLASGOW.—*Glasgow Chapter* (No. 50).—This chapter assembled on the 12th inst., Comp. John Miller, Z., presiding. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened—J. Miller, W.M.M.; J. Brownlie, S.W.; G. W. Wheeler, acting J.W.; Comp. J. Halket, 213, conducted the ceremony, Comp. F. O. Park acting as S.D. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the 1st Principal proposed that thanks be given to Comps. Halket, Parks, and Wheeler, for their services on this as well as on previous occasions. The three companions briefly returned thanks, expressing the pleasure it afforded them to be of service to any Chapter in the province.

GLASGOW.—*St. Rollox Chapter* (No. 144).—This young chapter met on Friday, the 13th, under the able presidency of its new Z., Comp. R. Bell. Propositions were received for four candidates for exaltation at the next monthly meeting.

GREENOCK.—*Kilwinning Lodge* (No. 12).—A special meeting of this old and very flourishing lodge took place on the 10th inst., when a large number of the brethren assembled to do honour to the occasion, the business of the evening being the presentation to the lodge of a beautiful and costly set of tracing boards by Bro. Captain Shanks, Knight of the Imperial Order of the Medjidie, P. Prov. Grand Warden of Devon, &c. When the lodge had been opened in the first degree, the W.M. called on Bro. Shanks, who then addressed the meeting as follows:—Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren, a little more than fifteen years ago I had the honour and privilege of being initiated into Freemasonry in the body of this lodge, and although I have been separated from it for some time in consequence of being in Her Majesty's Service, although I have met with a truly fraternal welcome in every lodge I have visited or belonged to; although elsewhere I have attained a high position in all the degrees; yet I have

never for one moment forgotten that place where I first saw the light, and to this, my Mother Lodge, my thoughts have ever reverted with feelings of the greatest pride and affection, but in saying this I must be simply echoing the sentiments of all the brethren present, for every one who understands Freemasonry properly, everyone who goes deeply into its sublime teachings, must see that the privileges conferred upon us at our own initiation are very great, and he must therefore have this thought ever present in his mind, "What can I do for the lodge which has done so much for me?" He must be constantly saying to himself—

"I never enough can honour her

"Who, past all bounds, has honoured me."

Some few, indeed, there may be who will say "we pay for what we get, and there is no need to do more than that;" but, brethren, I hold that if the sum demanded from candidates for admission to our mysteries was a hundred fold more than it is, that amount even would be no equivalent for the inestimable advantage of being Freemasons; and I therefore, think we all ought to do as much as possible for our lodge. With these views in my mind, and after long consideration, I came to the conclusion that a set of tracing boards was most urgently needed in this lodge for the instruction of the brethren, and I now beg to offer these for your acceptance. [The boards were here unveiled and their splendid appearance drew forth long and loud plaudits from the brethren]. Bro. Shanks continued—I trust these tracing boards may be considered worthy of this lodge, and that their presence here will induce some of the brethren to study the science of Freemasonry more than they have hitherto done, and to search more deeply into the beautiful mysteries of its esoteric teachings, for we should ever remember that one may be thoroughly well versed in the ritual, may be well-informed in our secret means of communication, and yet be only on the very threshold of the science. All the beauty, all the knowledge being within, but still freely open to that Master who would search for them properly, aided by the light of the sacred volume; and it has ever been found that the more we know of Freemasonry, the better we understand its wonderful power for good, the more do we appreciate and love it. In the hope then that these tracing boards may conduce (even in a small degree) to the welfare of this lodge, I now ask your acceptance of them. A hearty and cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Shanks for his handsome present; and he then, by request of the W.M., delivered the lecture on the first tracing board in a manner highly gratifying to his audience, and was listened to with that close and interested attention which the Masonic lectures always command when ably delivered. This is the first time a lecture of this kind has ever been given in this lodge; the task being by no means an easy one, very few are willing to undertake it. At the close of the lecture Bro. Shanks was greeted with prolonged and rapturous applause. On one of the tracing boards is fixed an elegant silver plate, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to his Mother Lodge, Greenock Kilwinning, No. 12, by Bro. Captain Shanks, K.M., Royal Marines Light Infantry, Past Master of 139, E.R.; Past Prov. Grand Warden of Devon, 1874."

MASONIC BALLS IN WEST LANCA-SHIRE.

LIVERPOOL.

The annual ball of the Pembroke Lodge, No. 1299, which holds its meetings at West Derby, near Liverpool, came off with the greatest eclat, and to the delight of every one concerned, at the Assembly Rooms, Hardman-street, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 12th inst. The attendance was large and fashionable, and included a goodly muster of the rulers of the Craft. The arrangements, which were of the most complete and satisfactory character, making the whole festive gathering like a happy family party, were admirably carried out by the following officers and members of the lodge:—Bro. J. Clegg, W.M., President; Bro. G. Aspinall, Treasurer; Bro. A. Jones, Hon. Sec.; and the following committee:

Bros. W. S. Vines, P.M.; P. Macmurdrow, S.W.; W. Jones, J.W.; R. Bennett, Sec.; A. T. Smith, S.D.; M. Bush, J.D.; E. Foster, J. Capell, F. Moss, W. S. Bennett, J. Lonsdale, E. Kirkpatrick, W. Hiles, and S. Stonewehr. Dancing commenced shortly after nine o'clock, and was kept with great spirit until an early hour in the morning, the music being furnished by Mr. Martin's band, which, as usual, was of the best quality. The supper and refreshments, which were of the most *recherché* character, were supplied by Bro. W. S. Vines. Bro. J. Clegg, the W.M. of the lodge, deserves special praise for the way in which he contributed, by his efforts, to the pleasure of the party, receiving valuable help from his chief officers.

BARROW-IN FURNESS.

A Grand Masonic Ball in connection with the local lodges took place on Thursday evening, the 5th instant, at the Town Hall, Barrow, and was attended by an amount of genuine success, which must have been satisfactory to the brethren engaged in carrying out the details, as it will be beneficial to the Masonic charities, to whose funds the proceeds will be given. The ball was under the distinguished patronage of the following brethren:—Bro. Sir James Ramsden, P.S.G.W., W.M. 1021, (who was unfortunately prevented from attending by illness); Bro. the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for W.L., Lord Skelmersdale; Bro. the Right Hon. Marquis of Hartington, Provincial Grand Master for Derbyshire; Bro. the Hon. F. A. Stanley, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for W.L.; Bro. John Prescott, Provincial Junior Grand Warden for W.L.; Bro. H. W. Schneider, Esq., P.M., and P.P.G.J.W.; Bro. his Worship the Mayor of Barrow, J. T. Smith, P.M. 1021; Bro. H. Cook, P.M. 1021, P.P.G.R. for C. and W.; Bro. G. Cornfield, W.M. 1225, S.N. 995; and officers and brethren of the neighbouring lodges.

The application of the committee for the loan of furniture and decorations for the room, was liberally acceded to, special mention being due to Bros. Sir James Ramsden, J. T. Smith (Mayor of Barrow), Councillor Fisher, Councillor Townson, W. Ewart, T. A. Morphet, Pickavance, R. Taylor, F. Worrall, &c. The brethren appeared in full dress Masonic clothing, and amongst the numerous guests were representatives of the Knights Templar, Royal Arch, Mark, Red Cross, and other orders, there being a goodly sprinkling of the purple. The Durham Royal Fusilier Guards played capital dance music. Bro. R. T. Taylor, of the Hartington Hotel, provided the refreshments, which were of a superior order. Dancing was kept up until five o'clock the following morning.

The hall was profusely decorated for the occasion, and arrangements for the pleasure and comfort of the company left nothing to be desired. One of the main features in the arrangement was the utilisation of the gallery, to which spectators have been admitted in past years, for orchestral purposes, and certainly the effect produced justified the alteration. The platform was used as a refreshment room, in the front of which a temporary screen draped with green baize, and surmounted with ferns and plants, was erected. A number of choice plants were also arranged in a very tasteful manner at the head of the room, and these, with the Masonic emblems, which hung on the green baize, gave this end of the hall a very agreeable and attractive appearance. Round the sides of the hall were placed a number of settees, placed at the disposal of the committee by the Furness Railway Company, and these, with the furniture from the Masonic Club at the Hartington Hotel, afforded the most complete accommodation. Large mirrors were hung in suitable places round the room, and the floor was covered with a large sheet of holland. There was a choice display of bunting on the rafters of the hall, and this added greatly to its appearance. Much credit is due to Bro. Townson, who superintended the decorations for the taste displayed.

ANNUAL BALL OF THE CLAPTON LODGE (No. 1385).—The above ball took place at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Friday last, and was one of the greatest successes of the season

owing to the popularity of the W.M., Bro. Miles. This young lodge may be congratulated on having such a brother as W.M., and we feel assured that he will add considerably to the prestige of the lodge during his year of office, aided as he is by the Hon. Secretary, Bro. B. Butler, a P.M. of one of the oldest lodges in the Craft, viz., Albion No. 9. Indeed the exertions of these two brethren during the evening made the ball the great success it undoubtedly was.

MASONIC BALL AT SHEFFIELD.—The first subscription ball in connection with the three Masonic Lodges in Sheffield, the Britannia, Brunswick, and Wentworth—took place last week, in the Cutlers' Hall. The large banquetting-room was used as the ball-room, and the floor was laid with holland. The music was supplied by Bro. Harvey, and the refreshments by Mr. Henry Mountain. There was a large attendance, the total number of tickets sold being 333. A feature of the ball was a dance named "Knight Templars," in each set of which four gentlemen appeared wearing the costume of the Knight Templar degree.

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THE ANCIENT LODGE AT MELROSE, SCOTLAND.

I have been pleased to notice the letters from Bro. Stratford, R.W.M. Melrose, St. John, No. 1, and shall be glad, if he will kindly obtain information as to what records are still preserved at Melrose of the ancient lodge, so long in existence in that old Masonic district, and communicate the same to me. (Address, Truro Cornwall.) I desire especially copies of any old Masonic Rolls or MSS., similar to those being published in the "Masonic Magazine," and should like to have the same printed for the information of the Craft universal, provided the consent of the lodge be obtained for my so doing. A lodge which has records, so I am told, for about 300 years, must possess many memorials of its past career of interest to Masonic students. Hitherto, I am sorry to say my efforts to procure authentic information have failed, though I am willing to pay all the expenses attending a careful examination of the records, and when able, will gladly pay a visit to Melrose myself to personally investigate the matter thoroughly.

I have nothing to do with its present position, in opposition to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but I may be permitted perhaps to express a hope that the members will soon be induced to join that body, for although it cannot boast of equal antiquity with the lodge at Melrose, it has many lodges on its roll, which have had an existence long before the institution of a Grand Lodge anywhere in the world.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE NEW CONSTITUTIONS.—IRELAND.

Thanks to Bro. Hughan, for his fraternal expression of sympathy with our efforts to reform the Craft in Ireland.

Rule 30, which he refers to, and quotes, has been passed with the insertion of the words "in Ireland" in the second clause. As explained in an article some time since this second clause was a new rule, evidently aimed at the "Manchester Rose Croix Masons here, but that intention has been defeated by the amendment carried. The first clause has been "on our book" since 1st February, 1844, having been, I believe, composed and proposed by the late Archdeacon Mant. The Masonic community here had been divided and wearied by the discreditable struggle that had been going on for years between the body claiming to be the Grand Chapter of Prince Masons in Ireland, and the Self Constituted Authority of the Supreme Grand Council of Rites, a struggle which eventuated in the surrender, almost at discretion of the weaker body, apparently the more legitimate authority of the two. In looking at Masonic legislation here, allowance must be made for the difference in the general social and religious conditions in Ireland and England. The retention

of rule 30 is a matter of expediency, and having, in view certain complications likely to occur in our Christian Orders, its repeal may ere long be found necessary.

JOSEPH H WOODWORTH, P.M. 245.

ON THE DUTY OF CONSIDERING THE WANTS AND DISASTERS OF THE POOR.

When we consider that the expense of a single evening's amusement, or a single convivial meeting would give support and comfort perhaps to twenty wretched families, pining in hunger; in sickness, and in sorrow, can we so far divest ourselves of all the tender feelings of our nature (not to mention any higher principle), can we be so intolerably selfish, so wedded to pleasure, so devoted to our own gratification, as to let the lowest of our brethren perish, while we are solacing ourselves with every earthly delight? No one that give himself leave to reflect for a moment, can think this to be right, can maintain it to be consistent with his duty either to God or man. And, even in respect to the very object we so eagerly pursue, and are so anxious to obtain, in point even of pleasure, I mean, and self gratification, I doubt much whether the giddiest votary of amusement can receive half the real satisfaction from the gayest scenes of dissipation he is immersed in, that he would experience (if he would but try), from relieving a fellow creature from destruction, and lighting up an afflicted and fallen countenance with joy.

Let us then abridge ourselves of a few indulgences, and give the price of what they would cost us to those who have none. By this laudable species of economy, we shall at once improve ourselves in a habit of self-denial and self-government; we shall demonstrate the sincerity of our love to our fellow creatures, by giving up something that is dear to us for their sake, by sacrificing our pleasures to their necessities, and above all, we shall approve ourselves as faithful servants in the sight of our Almighty Sovereign; we shall give some proof of our gratitude to our heavenly Benefactor and Friend, who has given us richly all things to enjoy; and who, in return for that bounty, expects and commands us to be rich in good works, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to comfort the sick, to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and to keep ourselves from the world, unpolluted by its vices, and unsubdued by its predominant vanities and follies.—*Dundee Recorder*, 1831.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. John M. Clabon, President; Bro. J. Savage, S.W.; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, J.W. There was a very full attendance of brethren. Bro. John Hervey, G.S., and Bro. H. G. Buss, were also present. There were but 14 petitioners, 13 of whom were relieved with an aggregate sum of £250; one case was deferred. There were two gifts of £30 each, one of £40, and one of £50.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—The second meeting of the Board of Stewards of this Institution for the Seventy-sixth Anniversary Festival, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 2nd of March, at half past four o'clock. Business: To receive a report from the sub-committee on music; to consider the arrangements for the festival; to appoint ladies' stewards; general business.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21 1874

THE PRESENT POSITION OF OUR
MASONIC CHARITIES.

Bro. Walker's recent pamphlet has called the attention of the Craft to our great Masonic Charitable Institutions, their actual position, their many claims, and their increasing importance to our fraternity.

Indeed no one can rise from the perusal of Bro. Walker's Pamphlet without feeling how very wide is the scope, and extended the radius of our Masonic charity, and with no little admiration for the past sacrifices and present exertions of our numerous and benevolent brotherhood.

Bro. Binckes, the active Secretary of the Boy's School, has also a short time ago stated, at a meeting of the St. James' Union Lodge, London, No. 180, that there were about 40,000 or 45,000 enrolled Freemasons, but of that number only about 5,000 or 6,000 contributed to the Masonic charities, leaving about 35,000 who at present did not contribute to the charities at all, and whom he should never relax his efforts to gain as practical supporters of the institution for which it was both his pleasure and duty to plead.

There can be no doubt too, whatever, that, a larger support should be given by the lodges to the Masonic charities, a large proportion of the lodges not giving any grant to any of the charities whatever. This then seems at first sight rather a dark picture, but there is a brighter side to it, namely the very cheering fact, that, during the last year, we believe, in all £25,000 were contributed by the Craft to our great Metropolitan Masonic Charities.

But the principal point which Bro. Walker's pamphlet forces upon our notice, is, that there is a very large sum required annually to keep the charities in working order, and that, that sum has to be raised at any rate, supposing that they are maintained at their present standard of numbers and expenditure.

There seem, however, to be unmistakable signs of the increasing wants of our Order, and of increasing demands inevitably for more accommodation in our schools, and for more grants from our annuity funds. Let us take the Boys' School as an illustration.

It has now no funded property—no actual income—and is, therefore, entirely dependent on the annual subscriptions and donations of the Craft. It has now 153 boys elected into the institution, and these, with three perpetual and one life presentation, and eighteen admitted on purchase, give a total of 176 boys to be educated and maintained in 1874.

In the election in April next there are 28 unsuccessful candidates from the October election, and 24 fresh candidates, making in all 52 candidates, of whom only 14 can be elected.

The question then fairly comes before us all, how are our charities to be efficiently maintained, how are these increasing claims to be met and provided for?

It may be well to remember here, that though our Order is very numerous, and we have many rich members amongst us, yet we have also a large proportion of brethren who are not able to do a great deal, and that we must always be on our guard, lest we overstrain or overtax the willingness and the means of our fraternity, and above all, lest we so largely increase our charitable institutions, as to induce some to gain admission into Masonry for the possible material good they may obtain from it.

But with this one word of caution, we would ask once more, how can we make the support of our great charities more general and more regular in our Order? One or two suggestions occur to us. In the first place, the charities do not advertise, and they are not advertised sufficiently in *The Freemason*. Were the attention of the brethren called to the claims of the charities occasionally in *The Freemason*, there can be no doubt, many more of the Order generally would be made aware alike of their claims and needs.

Even the meetings of the Anniversary Festivals of the charities are not advertised in *The Freemason*, and the brethren, except through the Stewards, and the non-Masonic papers have not the means of knowing the many details of these important gatherings. And what is still more remarkable, the results of the elections are not uniformly advertised in *The Freemason*, the place of all others to insert them, one would think.

But no, they are sent to the *Times*, which many of our provincial brethren hardly ever see, or some other fashionable London paper.

What *The Freemason* has done to fall into such disrepute with those excellent brethren who manage our charities we know not, but certainly, though *The Freemason*, is now the only Masonic paper in England, it has received the "cold shoulder" from them in a most remarkable degree, and the "sweet shady side" of Masonic support and patronage, has been extended towards it. Though some of these worthy Masons subscribe for themselves, the charities do not extend the slightest countenance, to a "friend and a brother Freemason," and we would suggest to the House Committees, and to our good and august Bro. Binckes, and the other Secretaries, that, if they will make a little more use of even so humble a medium as *The Freemason*, they will whatever may be the spiritualistic results, we feel persuaded, greatly advance the cause they have all so much at heart.

Most seriously we repeat, were the charities more regularly brought to the notice of the brethren, through *The Freemason*, and their wants made known, their proceedings published, and the brethren generally taken into council and confidence, we feel convinced, from what we know of our Order, a far more general and systematic support of our charities would be offered and annually maintained, through the length and breadth of our English Craft.

No one can deny the necessity of our charities, or their importance, which all must admit, their admirable arrangements, their undoubted value, and above all, their real charity, to those whom time and circumstances have compelled, to claim their fostering hand, or enjoy their friendly aid.

THE RIGHTS OF VISITING BRETHREN.

The question involved in this discussion is undoubtedly a very large one indeed, and a very important one for the Craft at large, but, the matter can hardly be disposed of in the off-hand way propounded by Bro. Thomas Stratford in our impression before last.

We observe, that he signs himself R.W.M. of Lodge of Glasgow Melrose St. John's &c., but we find that he has been expelled from Lodge Glasgow, 441.

The question however, is not one of sentiment, but simply of constitutional law, and has necessarily to be treated and decided in a dispassionate spirit, and according to Masonic precedent alone. It is now quite clear, we think, that the view we recently submitted to our readers in the pages of *The Freemason*, as regards the stringent regulation of the English Book of Constitutions on the subject, is the only correct view. It may not be a popular view, and the practical working of the law may be somewhat difficult in days when lodges are many, and visitors are as abounding, but we can quite see that at times such a law will be a great help and safeguard to many a lodge.

Indeed, much may be said in support of the position laid down so clearly in our English Book of Constitutions. For instance in the new edition of the "Masonic Jurisprudence," by our late learned Bro. Dr. Oliver, which has been republished quite recently, with a preface by Bro. Walter Spencer, the subject is so lucidly handled, and the law on the subject is so clearly set forth, that we prefer to quote the words of our learned and lamented brother to any which we could ourselves employ.

At page 113, sec. 111, he thus deals with the laws relating to visiting brethren:—"The laws respecting visitors are rather stringent in their operation, and it is frequently found expedient to relax from their severity, for no visitor can be admitted into a lodge, unless he be personally known, recommended, or well vouched for, after due examination by one of the brethren present."

At page 115, Brother Dr. Oliver says, "No visitor can be admitted unless he be known, or vouched for by some member of the Lodge, or if he be a perfect stranger, produce his Grand Lodge certificate, and submit to the usual examination, of which no specific form has been prescribed, as it is commonly left to the discretion of the proper officers."

Dr. Oliver therefore leans evidently to the view, that, the vouching "by one of the present brethren," spoken of in the Book of Constitutions, is covered by the voucher of the examining brother, be he who he may.

If we do not so understand the law, it would require a particular voucher in addition to a general examination, which in some cases, would prevent a visiting brother obtaining admittance at all.

In the famous and recent Middlesex Lodge case, the W.M. ought, it appears to us, to have said to Bro. Biggs, "I cannot allow you to remain in the lodge, as you are not personally known to me or any of the brethren present, until you have submitted to a proper examination, and produced your Grand Lodge certificate." But

the W.M., it seems, preferred to accept the "voucher" of a brother of the lodge, no doubt reading the law as requiring that, as well as an examination, or in fact dispensing with the examination.

Dr. Oliver, at page 117, mentions the "declaration of a late Grand Master" whose name he does not give, "that a Mason's Lodge is a Mason's Church, and that no qualified brethren could be legally refused admittance under any circumstances."

And the Doctor goes on to say, "there will be no difficulty in the admission of a visitor, provided he has a friend or acquaintance in the lodge who will vouch for him; but many brethren who are desirous of visiting are strangers and sojourners, without either friends or acquaintances amongst the members to become their vouchers; in which case they may still be admitted by "certificate," and "examination."

The Doctor goes on to suggest, in a case of necessity, a special declaration to be made by the visitor, much used in America, and sometimes used in Ireland, yet hardly ever practised in this country.

It appears, that at a quarterly communication in 1819, a report was made by the Board of General Purposes, to the effect, that a complaint had been preferred against a London lodge for having refused admission to some brethren, well known to them, on the plea, that, as the lodge was about to begin work, no visitors could be admitted till the ceremony was over.

The Board therefore decided that it is the undoubted right of every Mason "who is well known or properly vouched" to visit any lodge during the time it is open for general business, observing the proper forms to be attended to on such occasions, so that the Master be not interrupted in the performance of his duty."

This decision appears to settle the question, generally, and if it be the correct interpretation of the law, that the voucher of the summoning brother or brethren is the voucher alluded to by the Book of Constitutions, the difficulty is at once got over, and that law may be most surely upheld, as a wise and salutary provision for the true interests and orderly work of all English lodges.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty continues at Osborne.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, are, we believe, soon starting homewards, and the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh are expected at Gravesend, March 7th. A very hearty and loyal reception awaits them in this good old country of ours.

The Dean of Westminster's allusion to the marriage of Vladimir Monomachus with the daughter of our King Harold, has brought out another interesting correspondence which passed between Ivan the Terrible, and our "good Queen Bess," who declined the offer of his hand and heart, but sent him a silver ship, which appeared at the recent festivities at Moscow, in honour of the newly-married and august couple.

The elections are now complete, and the result is a House of Commons of 653 members, including a double return for Athlone, in which 351 members may be reckoned as Conservatives and 302, including the Home Rulers, as Liberals. The full number of the House is wanting by six members, as the six seats for the disfranchised boroughs—Beverley, Bridgewater, Sligo, and Cashel—have never yet been redistributed. Out of the 653 members returned, 187 obtained

their seats unopposed, so that there were 266 contested elections—that is to say, not seats contested, but members who had to fight for their seats, against about 360 competitors who were unsuccessful. The aggregate number of votes polled throughout the United Kingdom was 2,485,183, of which the unsuccessful candidates received 891,836, and the House of Commons, therefore, as it stands at present, has been elected by 1,593,347 votes. This shows an increase of about a quarter of a million on the polling in 1868. An enumeration of the votes polled of course gives no idea of the number of electors who exercised the franchise. It would be impossible to get at this, or the numbers who actually voted on each side, without an elaborate analysis of the polls, and a comparison of "plumpers," "straight splits," "cross splits," and other complications for which the materials at present are not forthcoming. According to a Parliamentary return published in February, 1873, the number of registered electors in the United Kingdom was 2,645,564—2,157,295 in England and Wales; 262,768 in Scotland; and 225,511 in Ireland. The aggregate polls in England and Wales were 2,053,511; in Scotland, 212,330; and in Ireland, 219,342. So that, taking into account the uncontested seats—viz., 147 in England, 14 in Scotland, and 20 in Ireland—there must have been large numbers who abstained from voting in all the three kingdoms. The 346 members who had to stand a contest in England and Wales received 1,306,405 votes, of which 718,545 were given to 188 Conservative members, and 587,880 to 158 Liberal members. In Scotland there were 36 contests, and in which 24 Liberals polled 102,160 votes, as against 30,218 polled by 12 Conservatives; and in Ireland, where 83 seats were fought, 83,970 votes were given to 50 Liberal candidates, and 54,696 to 33 Conservatives.

The Castro trial is not concluded. The Lord Chief Justice continues his summing-up, *de die in diem*, and will probably close this week. We withhold all comments on this most extraordinary case until next week, when we shall have before us, let us hope, the verdict of the patient jury.

A very great disaster has fallen upon many persons, in the destruction of the well-known Pantechnicon by fire, a disaster, which to Sir R. Wallace, as regards his treasures of art, must be irreparable. As usual there was a difficulty in procuring water. Surely somebody must be in fault for such defective arrangements?

Beyond this there seems but little of novelty to notice or record, except this most unpalatable fact, that, the Roman Catholics of England contrary to their wont, are imitating the folly and recklessness, and perversity of some of their ecclesiastics in foreign countries.

The refusal of a military Roman Catholic Chaplain (R. W. Cuffe, is the gentleman's name) to bury a Roman Catholic soldier, because he was a Freemason, is not only a very irregular step in itself, but very unwise in the interests of Roman Catholicism in the army. English Roman Catholic Soldiers are not likely to regard with approval the disrespect shown to a good comrade on such childish grounds, and Mr. Cuffe's letter to the *Times*, is a piece of unmitigated "cheek," to say nothing stronger. That such an excuse is likely to be "satisfactory," as he says, to the military authorities, we doubt very much, and though we know The Papal "Allocutions," and "Pastoral Letters" on the subject, we cannot find that, they support Mr. Cuffe's wonderful declaration that a Roman Catholic Freemason ceases to be a Roman Catholic. It has always been asserted, that in his young days, the present excellent Pope Pius IX., was a member of "Giovane Italia," and a Freemason. If so, according to the doctrine of the Rev. Mr. Cuffe, he ceased to be a Roman Catholic. Some years ago, high Roman Catholic ecclesiastics were members of our Order. What was their condition? In short, Mr. Cuffe's position is equally unsound and untenable.

Up to Saturday evening the public subscription now being raised at the Mansion-house, under the immediate auspices of the Lord Mayor and a committee of gentlemen in the City, in anticipation and towards the relief of those suffering

from the impending famine in the Presidency of Bengal, amounted, in round numbers, far towards £5,000, though the subscription only began a few days ago. That sum is exclusive of about £700, notified to the Lord Mayor on Saturday evening as the beginning of a subscription set on foot on the Stock Exchange, and which will be continued from day to day. The donations received by the Lord Mayor on Saturday included, among others, one from Helmuth Schwarze, £105; Mr. Robert Loder, £100; Messrs. Whitbread and Co., £100; Mr. W. H. Lowe, £50; Mr. R. J. Bagshawe, £50; Mr. D. H. Macfarlane, £50; Count Michael de Souza, £40; Sir William de Capel Brook, £24; and Delta, £25. A meeting of the Relief Fund Committee was held on the 17th inst., at three o'clock, at the Mansion-house, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor.

It seems very doubtful whether there will be an Easter Monday Review of the Volunteers this year, owing to the difficulty of transit by the railway companies. The following resolution was unanimously carried at the meeting of Volunteer Commanding Officers. The Marquis of Westminster moved,—“That the Secretary of State for War be requested to forward the earnest expression of the Commanding Officers' hope to Her Majesty that she will be graciously pleased to review the Metropolitan Volunteers in the course of the coming season.” This was seconded by Lord Truro and carried unanimously.

Abroad there is positively nothing to chronicle, except that the Emperor of Austria has gone to visit the Emperor of Russia, and though some papers attach political significance to the interview, we believe that it is one of simple personal friendship and regard.

In Spain, General Moriones seems to be embarking and disembarking, marching and countermarching continually, but, nothing as yet appears decisive one way or the other. It will be a very curious fact, if the Carlists fail again before Bilbao.

We have to record the deaths of Dr. Strauss, the leader of the modern German Rationalistic school, and of Monsieur Michelet, the French historian, of the Honble. Jenico Preston, of Sir Edwin F. Scudamore Stanhope, of Sir Francis Stapleton, of Sir Francis Pettit Smith, inventor of the Screw Propeller, of Mr. Samuel Stone, (Stone's Justice's Manual), of Mr. John Pye, the father of landscape engraving, of Mr. John Christian Schetzky, Marine Painter, of Admirals Thomas Bullock and Carter, of Lieut.-General French, and of an artillery veteran, Captain Michael Tweedit. We have also to mention the departure from amongst us of Robert Brett, well known in the medical profession, and as a good man and true, in his time and generation.

Original Correspondence.

FREEMASONRY AND THE ROMAN CHURCH.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In common with all thinking Masons of my acquaintance, I am delighted to see that you have taken up the cudgels on behalf of our Order against the scandalous imputations of the *Tablet*. Those who are acquainted with that journal, however, and with the principles which it is its especial province to support, will not be surprised to find it descend to misrepresentation when such a course is necessary for the purpose of soiling the fair fame of our Order, against which it can allege nothing worse than that it is based upon the three great foundation stones of brotherly love, relief and truth. In the eyes of the Masters of the *Tablet* these three great principles, recognised alike by modern thinkers and the members of our Order, form in themselves a combination which, did they dare, they would willingly stigmatise as the “abomination of desolation.” But in these days of modern light and progress such a step would be highly impolitic, and a resort is therefore had to “lying fables,” a course of proceeding to which the

Tablet is no stranger. The reason of the enmity existing between the Ultramontane party and the Masonic body, is to be looked for, not on the surface, but throughout their entire system. The Ultramontanes hold the same tenets precisely as those who have under the guise of religion and holding commissions from the Vatican, tortured, slain, and persecuted their countless myriads of fellow men ever since the assumption of temporal power on the part of the Popes. They are and have ever been the active enemies of light and progress, and truth is to them as the name of the evil one. Masonry, on the other hand, opens its arms of charity to all, irrespective of creed, only insisting upon its cardinal points; its objects are the pursuit of light or knowledge and it aims at truth. Is it difficult to see that two systems so diametrically opposed can ever flourish together, or even co-exist harmoniously.

Nevertheless, true to its ancient landmarks, Masonry takes its onward irresistible course, regardless of and unaffected by alike the commendations of friends and the slanders of foes.

We, in England, have not experienced what our brethren in Germany are now undergoing—hot opposition from a powerful religious party, and it becomes a question whether in their case, the provocations of the Ultramontanes may not have arrived at such a pass as to call for something more than passive resistance. Practically, Freemasonry is constantly affording a passive resistance to all apostles of persecution and error, but if the brethren under her banner have discovered that special circumstances have arisen whereby their interests and principles are gravely threatened, surely it becomes them to stand firm in defence of their Order, and, if necessary, offer even a threatening front to those who would deprive them of their rights and privileges.

I fear I have trespassed almost too largely upon your space, but the question seems to me to be one of the highest importance, and viewing, as we do, the activity of the Ultramontanes in this country at the present time, it is impossible to foresee the period that may elapse before we shall be called upon to take part in the great struggle, in which even now our brethren in Germany and Italy are engaged.

Yours fraternally,
T. B. WYTHEHEAD, 1338, E.C.

Feb. 14th, 1874.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is to be sincerely hoped that the W.M. of the lodge to which our late brother, Colour Sergeant J. W. Johnstone, was a member, will take a prompt step to lay the above case before Grand Lodge, not only to vindicate the memory of our late brother, it will also be a soothing balm to his relatives to know that although denied by his Church the last rites of the departed, we, as Freemasons, and free men of England, will not allow the dogmas of the Pope to trample on our freedom as Englishmen. There are many Roman Catholic non-commissioned officers in the army, that are Freemasons, and if the above be allowed to pass unchecked, where will it end? And further steps should be taken by the brethren at Chatham to see that the case is reported H.R.H. the Commander-in-Chief, who is the soldiers' friend, who will see justice done. Mr. Cuffe, being an Army Chaplain, receives his pay from the State, and as such his duty is to teach and inculcate the principles of brotherly love, kindness, and charity to his fellow men. By his act he has shewn that he does not possess these attributes, he should be turned out of the army with disgrace, being utterly unfitted for the position of a Chaplain.

Yours fraternally,
JOHN LENN, P.M. 1331.

MASONIC RELICS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to the letter in your issue the 14th inst. from “An Enquiring Mason” I beg to say that I refer to the body meeting in Glasgow who call themselves Melrose St. John's

No. 1. They profess to work under the authority of the old lodge meeting in Melrose, which I believe never had any distinctive number, as they never acknowledged the authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Your other Correspondent, Thomas Stratford asks if I have manliness enough about me to give my name, when he, as well as the active brothers in all the Masonic Orders in Glasgow, know very well the person whose initials are G.W.W.; this was also shown by his calling at my place of business wishing to see me about the letter, before his last communication was sent to you.

He states that my assertions are utterly false, but omits to state a single point in which I depart from truth. In my former letter I made three assertions.

1st. That the lodge of which he signed himself the R.W.M. was an unrecognised body.

2nd. That the Provincial Grand Lodge had issued circulars cautioning the brethren against having anything to do with them.

3rd. That the Melrose St. John's Lodge had by advertisement invited visitors to come to their Lodge.

The assertions refer to printed documents, and are therefore easily susceptible of proof. In reference to the first, the Lodge Glasgow 441, of which he also signs himself a member in his letter, published in yours of the 7th inst., met on the 10th inst., specially summoned to consider his case. Bro. Stratford was present, and by the unanimous vote of the lodge he was expelled for having violated his Masonic obligation by joining a body calling itself the Melrose St. John's Lodge No. 1, and also for acting as its R.W.M. This I think fully justifies my observations, and though after that decision I cannot meet Mr. J. Stratford to discuss Masonic subjects either in your pages or elsewhere, still, in justice to myself I could not allow his letter, published before that decision was given, to go unanswered, or lay under the charge of having published statements that I knew to be utterly false.

Yours fraternally,
G. W. W.

QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a good deal of correspondence has arisen in regard to the irregular initiation of a candidate into the mysteries of Freemasonry, perhaps it will be well that you allow the letters that have appeared within a short time in the Falkirk district newspapers to appear in your columns. When anything else that arises it would be more regular to correspond through a recognised organ of the Craft.

“I have seen in your paper of the 15th inst., a letter signed “B. J.,” on the qualification of candidates for admission to the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, with especial reference to the right of the deaf and dumb to be admitted. It appears that some Masonic lodge, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire, has admitted a deaf and dumb candidate. I am sorry to think this is the case—that any Lodge in Scotland has so forgotten and contravened the essential rules of the Masonic Order. It is well, however, that the conduct of the lodge which has done so has been brought under review of the Provincial Grand Lodge. I have no doubt as to the decision to which the Provincial Grand Lodge must come. The laws of Freemasonry are so clear and explicit on the point that only one decision is possible. The lodge which admitted a deaf and dumb candidate must be found to have done wrong. What censure ought to follow on any of the parties concerned—whether such as your correspondent “B. J.” suggests, or somewhat milder—I know not. Without having the whole circumstances before me, I would not venture to express an opinion on this point. But I have no hesitation in saying that the initiation of a deaf and dumb man as a Freemason is null and void, and that all concerned in it are censurable. As “B. J.” well puts it, the laws of Freemasonry require that all within the Lodge should be *ashlar* and not *rubble*, and the

deaf and dumb man can be nothing else than rubble. It is impossible that a deaf and dumb man can take a part in the working of a Lodge. He cannot hear what is said; he cannot take part in a debate; he cannot listen to the lectures; he cannot give any of the lectures. But these, although important, are not the main things to be considered. The laws of Freemasonry require—and it is so laid down even in the Landmarks, which are unchangeable and the foundation of the whole Masonic system—that he who is admitted as a Mason must be perfect in body—must have all his members perfect “as a man ought to have.” The reason for this law is to be found in what may be called the very essence of the whole system of Freemasonry—its aspiration to perfection. Freemasonry seeks to promote in the utmost possible degree the welfare of all mankind, and more especially to lead on the members of the Masonic Order to the highest attainable degree of moral and spiritual perfection. And, as symbolism is inwrought into the whole system, and much employed in its teachings, the necessity of moral perfection is symbolically taught by the requirement of physical perfection. To introduce a deaf and dumb man into the brotherhood is contrary to the requirement, and involves the whole system of Masonic symbolism in confusion.

“I have had occasion to treat this subject recently in two works which I have published—“Freemasonry and its Jurisprudence,” and “Freemasonry; its Symbolism, Religious Nature, and Law of Perfection.” In preparing these works I found this subject to meet me under different aspects. In the first-mentioned, mainly in its relation to the Landmarks and Ancient Constitutions; in the second, more with regard to the reasons upon which it is founded and its intimate connection with the symbolism of Freemasonry, the symbolic character of the whole Masonic system. To repeat what I have said in them would occupy far more of your space than I can presume to think you would allow me; but I beg leave to refer my Masonic brethren to the works themselves, in which I hope they will find the whole question thoroughly discussed.—I am, yours obediently,

“CHALMERS I. PATON,
“Past Master No. 392 and 393, England.”

SIR,—In your paper of Saturday fortnight a letter appeared, signed “B. J.,” in reference to the admission of deaf and dumb candidates into the mysteries of the Craft. The admission of bastards and maimed parties has long been a vexed question, both in this country and America; but the right of admission of a candidate void of any one of the five senses is so absurd and diametrically opposed to the ancient Landmarks of the Order that it, so far as I am aware, or can trace, has actually never been raised. None of the Masonic writers within my grasp even touch upon this point, as will be seen from the following quotations. Dr. Albert G. Mackay, of America, says “that the candidate must be unmutilated, free born, and of mature age;” while J. W. Simons, in his work on the Principles and Practice of Masonic Jurisprudence, says “that the candidate must be free born of lawful age and hale and sound at the time of making.” The constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York sets forth that the candidates “must at least be 21 years of age, of good report, hale and sound, not deformed or dismembered, and no woman nor eunuch,” while Bro. Luke A. Kirkwood, in his work on Masonic Law and Practice, gives as the ancient Landmarks of the order, “that every candidate must be a man of lawful age, born of free parents, under no restraint of liberty, and hale and sound as a man ought to be.” By Section IV. of the charges, approved of in the year 1772, it is provided that “all candidates for Masonry must have no maim or defect in their body that may render them incapable of learning the Art, and of serving his Master's Lord.” In Scotland, if the candidate is freeborn, well reported, sound in body and mind, and able to work for his daily bread, he is considered a proper party, and entitled to crave to be initiated into the mysteries of the Order; but for any one to argue that a candidate who was both deaf and dumb, or even partially deaf and dumb, was sound, both in body and mind, is so absurd,

masonically, that it would be wasting your valuable space in saying one single word more on the subject. Freemasonry is no chimera of a man or body of men, for self gratification, but a society formed for the real happiness and advancement of the common weal, and requires its members to be composed of men of pure and intellectual minds, with all the faculties in full development which God has granted to the human race. It is an art, and has often been called the royal art—its elements and force being derived from the head, heart, and soul, the intellectual and moral powers of man. All who wish to unveil its mysteries must on the first place conform to all its ancient Landmarks, and, if admitted within its portals, must study it by engaging in the work which it enjoins, and mixing with those who regulate their lives and actions by its sacred laws, which are founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue. The aspirations of the members of the Craft are everything that is fair, good, and true, and are united by this tie alone, untrammelled by the dragging chains of superstition, and unmindful of the prejudices of caste or nationality. The binding link is an intellectual one joined with the unchangeable and everlasting principles of truth, honour and virtue—a union which, in fact, invests every species of obligation our common humanity is under with a more sacred character. So far as the opinions of a non-Mason is concerned in reference to the Craft, I quote the words of the late Lord Derby when delivering a speech in the House of Lords on the 7th of June, 1869. He said—“I am not a member of the body, but I believe a more loyal, peaceable, charitable, and benevolent body does not exist.” A higher eulogium no society could get, nor could it be given by a non-Mason whose opinion is more worthy of respect and admiration. Such testimony given by such a man as Lord Derby should surely advance the interests of the Craft, and ought even to bias the minds of these in its favour who do not belong to it. I trust there are many such as Lord Derby in the outer or profane world of whom we can say—*Although not of us, they are not against us.* If Masonry was a little more studied by its members, and its grand principles and doctrines more widely diffused to the profane, we should certainly have more candidates seeking admission to its hidden mysteries in order that they might become disciples of its glorious principles. RUSTICUS.”

The most of the brethren that I have conversed with agree along with myself in the foregoing opinions expressed in the letter.

A MEMBER OF A LINLITHGOW LODGE.

REFUSAL TO BURY A MASON IN ENGLAND.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read Bro. the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe's communication, with feelings of surprise and indignation, and shall be glad to co-operate with him in any way he may think necessary or desirable to expose such cruel and undeserved conduct towards the relatives of the deceased non-commissioned Roman Catholic officer, and such disgraceful treatment of the remains of our brother, whose only crime in the eyes of the Roman Catholic Army Chaplain at Chatham, was the fact of his having been a Freemason.

The leading article in *The Freemason* on the subject is to the point, and is a correct reflection of the opinion of the Craft.

Ought not a subscription list to be started, and the funds used to prosecute the Army Chaplain in question, in order that it may be decided whether he had the right to refuse burial to our lamented brother, and yet be allowed to continue in the service of the Queen. All honour to the Protestant clergyman who fulfilled the last sad office of respect and departed merit.

W. J. HUGHAN.

The Confidence Lodge of Instruction, hitherto held at the “Railway Tavern,” London-st. E.C., will be removed to Bro. Charles Chard's “White Hart Tavern,” Abchurch Lane, E.C. The first meeting in the new room will take place on Wednesday, the 11th March, at 7.30. Bro. G. Gottheil, P.M., is the Preceptor.

Reviews.

The Gentleman's Magazine.” (Grant and Co.)—We notice in the January number, the production of a new novel of great interest, entitled “Olympia,” by the author of “Earl's Dene,” “Zeldas Fortune” &c. “Christmas day on a Growler,” is most amusing. This magazine, which is under new management, will, we trust, meet with the success it so well deserves.

We have received a copy of the “Life Boat,” a journal of the National Life Boat Institution. This little work, which is issued quarterly, contains a very interesting account of the various services of the Life boats and their gallant crews.

The “Westminster Papers” for February, a monthly journal of chess, whist, games of skill and the drama, will be found of great service to those of our readers, who study the noble game of chess.

“England and Russia.” (Willey and Co.)

This is a very pretty march, introducing the popular airs of “Hearts of Oak” and “Rule Britannia.”

“VERITAS.”

The following notice of the late Bro. Melville's Book appears in the *British Press and Jersey Times* :—

“Veritas,” which conveys not the least idea of the subject-matter, is the title of a book we have received. The selection, however, is explained by the description of the work, as set forth in the title-page. It is a “Revelation of mysteries, biblical, historical, and social,” which, we suppose, being emphatically called “Veritas” is thereby set up as a true revelation; nor it would seem simply as something true (*vera quaedam*) but *Veritas*, the Truth. The old ironical formula, what is truth? is no longer a mock. The truth is here before us; nor shaming any by her nakedness as she emerged from her well, but clad in showy cloth and gilt lettered so as to befit a drawing-room table; vouched moreover by one author with two editors, and issuing from Paternoster Row. That she is no mere claimant, but the genuine long-lost, there may be no doubt. Neither discovered nor expounded, poor expedients addressed to erring reason, she is revealed, Mr. Melville being the Seer; and a Revelation is not a thing to be trifled with, much less disputed.

We are not going to dispute it, the less so since we are reminded on the title-page that *Omnia vincit Veritas*; and we have no mind to be overcome and perhaps for ever silenced. We shall confine ourselves to telling, so far as we are able without studious examination, what the book is about, and, as it were trotting out Truth for the inspection of her admirers, if she have any; though these, we fear, preoccupied as usual with an abstraction, will find fault with the living Damsel as altogether ungainly, stubborn, and disagreeable. The Truth, then, is that Mr. Melville, being a Freemason, and a man with an inquiring but mystical mind to boot, making a great discovery, the subject of his Revelation is big with the “Lost Mysteries of Masonry.” If, as becomes one in the presence of Mr. Melville, we confess the truth on our own part, the discovery, whatever may be its worth, rather disconcerts us. We have been accustomed, like many others beyond the sacred circle to comfort ourselves with the shrewd belief that, notwithstanding the mysteries to which the Craft pretends, there is really no mystery in the matter beyond perhaps a common-place code of good-natured philosophy and a few formulas of trifling import designed for purposes of mutual recognition. Singularly enough, the whole body of Masons are disconcerted too. They appear, indeed, on their own showing, to have exceeding little mystery in their possession; and, to Mr. Melville's utter chagrin, they are indisposed to accept of any more. He has offered them the “lost mysteries,” the truth secured by him in an apparently discursive ramble through eastern literature, the consideration of “intellectual religions,” whatever these may be, ancient and modern, and an examination, at which it becomes one to turn serious, of the

Revelation of St. John, but they decline to take such an article at any price, and indeed reject it with indifference. "In 1848," he says, "I voyaged some 15,000 miles expressly to lay my discoveries before the Earl of Zetland, the then Grand Master of England ;.....but the Grand Master and his Grand Secretary treated my introductions, my discoveries, and myself with silent contumely." In 1866, eighteen years afterwards, though the truth had been greatly advanced in the meantime by further developments, further attempts to obtain recognition were equally unsuccessful, Earl De Grey and Ripon, then Grand Master, deciding that however interesting the discoveries, they were beyond the scope of ordinary Masonry. Mr. Melville then betook himself in despair to the *Freemasons' Magazine*, in order to excite the curiosity of the brethren by indirect reference to the mysteries, in the hope of awakening or re-generating the dormant science, but, he adds with the bitterness of unrequited love, not yet grown into self-contained cynicism, "I only aroused a set of Masonic scorpions."

Rejected of Freemasons, Mr. Melville found consolation in the appreciation of a woman, who, of course, is not a Freemason, or probably she might have been found among the scorpions of which the Craft generally made up. Mrs. Lane, of Franc Fief, Jersey, lent a helping hand to Mr. Melville's enterprise; but, though she procured an interview with the Duke of Leinster, the Grand Master of Ireland, nothing came of it beyond a nobleman's chivalrous courtesy; and a committee appointed to inquire ended in the well-accustomed blank as before. No other course remained, therefore, than the publication of the *Mysteries*, the *Veritas* of which we have been speaking; and published they are, dedicated by well-won honour to Mrs. Lane. They are now public property, to be had by anybody; and if the Freemasons are in any way compromised thereby, it is apparent that they are rightly served. We have not indicated, however, what the mysteries are; nor should we feel justified in anticipating the reader by a disclosure, though we had them at the tongue's end. But in truth, they are not easy to tell. They require a good deal of leading up to before they can be appreciated. It depends on the idiosyncrasy. For ourselves, we have little time for the studious investigation of what does not promise us a profitable assimilation. But to those who have time and are inclined to explore mysteries, biblical, historical, and social, revealed by means of the Median and Persian laws, the book ought to be welcome. As we have said, it is a brightly-bound volume; it has, moreover, many illustrations; and, whether or not the reader may agree with the author's conclusions, he will be conducted through a field of inquiry which seems to us to be both rare and interesting.

REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

William Henry, Gibraltar, P.O.O., 6s.; Lieutenant the Hon. W. H. Jolliffe, Cheque, 12s., per E. Mortimer, Esq.; A. C. Thompson, New Zealand, £1.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS. For the Week ending Friday, February 27, 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 21.

Lodge 715, Panmure, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
" 1425, Hyde Park, Westbourne Hotel, Craven-rd., W.
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 23.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
" 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 831, British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile End.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
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. Gotthel, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, February 24.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
" 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
" 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's.
" 1196, Urban, Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-street, Millbank.
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Cambervell, at 8.
Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrance, 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), Wheatheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, February 25.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns' Tavern, Kennington-park.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page-green, Tottenham.
" 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-street, Poplar.
Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
" 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
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, Malsmore 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 26.

General Committee, Girls' School.
Lodge 34, Mount Moria, Freemasons' Hall.
" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street,

Lodge 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham.
" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford.
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford.
Chap. 657, Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
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.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, February 27.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
" 569, Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Co., City-road.
" 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
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 Couitts 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 28, 1874.

Monday, February 23.

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

Tuesday, February 24.

Lodge 1393, Hamer, 2a, Windermere-street, Breck-road, Liverpool, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, February 25.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
" 86, Loyalty, Assembly Rooms, Prescot, at 6.
" 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 4.30.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms Inn, Ashton-le-Willows.
" 580, Harmony, Wheatheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
" 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
" 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.
St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool.
Alpass Encampment of Knights Templar, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Thursday, February 26.
 Lodge 594, Downshire, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-street, Fleetwood.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Springs.
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hotel, Kirkham.
 " 1313, Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
 " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
 Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7. 74.
 Friday, February 27. 31.
 Chap. 680, Sefton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Saturday, February 28.
 Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 3.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, February 28, 1874.
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, February 23.
 Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
 " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.
 " 541, Marie Stuart, Masons' Hall, Crosshill.
 Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James-street.
 Tuesday, February 24.
 Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.
 Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.
 " 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.
 Wednesday, February 25.
 Lodge 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carlisle.
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.
 Thursday, February 26.
 Lodge 73, Thistle and Rose (Annual Festival).
 Friday, February 27.
 Lodge 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Follokshaws.
 " 347, St. John's, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 28, 1874.

Monday, February 23.
 Lodge 145, St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writers' Court, High-street, at 8.30.
 " 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.
 Tuesday, February 24.
 Lodge 151, Edinburgh Defensive Band, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.30.
 Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.
 Red Cross Conclave 4, Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Writers' Court, High-street, at 8.
 Wednesday, February 25.
 Lodge 112, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Bridge-street, Fishers-row.
 Thursday, February 26.
 Lodge 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.
 " 349, St. Clair, Annual Ball, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 9.30.
 Friday, February 27.
 Lodge 223, Trafalgar, Masonic Hall, Salamander-street, Leith, at 8.

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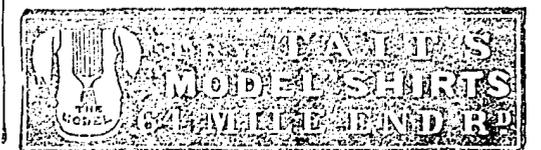
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