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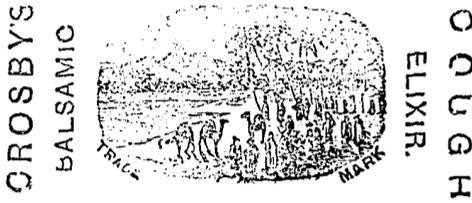
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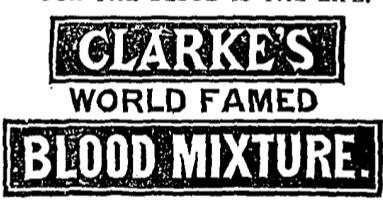
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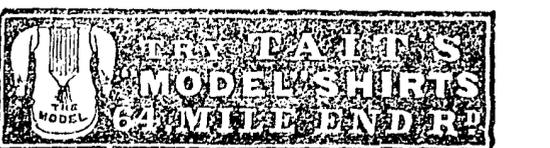


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Craft Masonry.

BUXTON.—*Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann* (No. 1235).—On Thursday the brethren of the Phoenix Lodge, and the companions of the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Ann, celebrated their anniversary by a most sumptuous banquet at St. Ann's Hotel, after the year's installations and appointments of officers had taken place in the lodge. There was a very good attendance of the brethren of the lodge, and the visitors included Bros. J. M. Cranswick, D.D., P.G.C., P.M. East Lancashire, and Chaplain "Robt. Burns," 999; Chas. Affleck, P.P.J.G.D. East Lancashire, P.M. 204, and P.Z. 204; J. Comyn, P.M., P.Z. Commercial 44; Thos. Dand, P.P.G.S.B., Devon, P.M. St. John's 39; John Thorpe, P.M. Peveril of the Peak, 654; S. W. Ready, P.M. 654; Capt. Arkwright, M.P., 884; J. Barrowby, W.M. 654; Thos. H. Holt, 654; James Whitehead, S.W. 654; John D. Simpson, 654; James Taylor, S.D. Cestrian, 425; Robert H. Swindlehurst, J.D. Loyalty, 320; Bernard Meyer, Lebanon, 1326; Jas. King, Anchor and Hope, 37; and others. The following brethren of the lodge were present:—Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, M.A. P.P.G.C., P.S.G.W., W.M.; F. Turner, I.P.M.; J. Taylor, S.W.; W. Millward, J.W.; W. Smith, S. Taylor, E. J. Sykes, C. Wilkinson, W. Goodwin, E. C. Milligan, J. H. Lawson, W. Skinner, W. Boughen, J. C. Hyde, G. F. Barnard, A. Barnett, Rev. A. J. Harrison, D.D.; J. Duke, G. Goodwin, C. Adams, Bradbury, J. Martin, W. Shawe, G. Marsden; Bros. Duke, P.M., J. C. Bates, and W.M. Vasasour (at banquet only). The W.M. elect, Bro. Josiah Taylor, was duly installed in his office, the important and impressive duties being performed in a most impressive and effective manner, after which most interesting ceremony the W.M. invested the following officers:—Bros. Wm. Smith, S.W.; E. C. Milligan, J.W.; A. J. Harrison, D.D., Chaplain; G. F. Barnard, Treasurer; W. Broughen, Sec.; E. J. Sykes, S.D.; J. H. Lawson, J.D.; J. Whalley, St. B.; C. Wilkinson, D.C.; G. Marsden, Organist; P. Le Gros, I.G.; W. Goodwin, S.; W. Shawe, S. The lodge was then closed, and all adjourned to St. Ann's Hotel, where a splendid banquet had been prepared for them in the large dining room. The tables were beautifully laid out, the rich silver and glass being decorated and relieved by sprigs of accacia, and some of the choicest flowers from Chatsworth Gardens. Bro. Le Gros and his partner, Mr. J. Harrison had availed themselves of the talent and large resources of their celebrated establishment to give full effect and eclat to the event, and fully made the guests realise the truth of the saying that "A Good Dinner is a Liberal Education." After dinner the following toasts, with the usual speeches, and interspersed with songs, were given:—"The Queen and the Craft;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family;" "M.W.G.M. the Marquess of Ripon; R.W.D.G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, with the Officers, past and present, of the Grand Lodge;" "R.W.P.G.M. of Derbyshire, the Marquis of Hartington, M.P.; the R.W.D.P.G.M., Haughton Charles Okeover, Esq.; and the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers past and present;" "The Principals of the Chapter "The Worshipful Master;" "The

Worshipful Board of Installing Masters;" "The Immediate Past Master, Bro. A. A. Bagshawe, P.S.G.W.;" "The Visitors," to which Capt. Arkwright, M.P., responded; "The Retiring Principals of the Chapter;" "The Charities;" "The Officers of the Lodge and Chapter, past and present;" The Tyler's Toast, and others. In the course of the proceedings a very handsome P.M. jewel was presented by Bro. Josiah Taylor, W.M., to Bro. A. A. Bagshawe, M.A., P.S.G.W., P.P.G.C., P.C. 1235, &c., from Bro. Thos. Bragg, P.M. 74; 1016; 1246; P.P.G.S.D. Warwick, &c., and the present was acknowledged in the most feeling terms. Bro. J. M. Cranswick strongly protested against the recent refusal by a Roman Catholic Priest to bury a Freemason, and advocated an appeal to Government on the matter. The gathering from first to last was a most successful one,

MARKET RASEN.—*Bayon's Lodge* (No. 1286).—When Bro. the Rev. John C. K. Saunders, M.A., was installed W.M. of this lodge, he announced his intention, as time and circumstances would permit, during his year of office, of delivering a course on lectures on Freemasonry. On the 2nd inst., after having held a Lodge of Instruction, he delivered his introductory lecture. "What is Freemasonry?" was its subject. He first examined the etymological derivation of the word, "Masonry," and its prefix 'Free,' and then proceeded to examine the well-known definition of Freemasonry, pointing out wherein that definition is defective, and suggesting such an alteration as would more clearly express the true principles of the Order. He then proceeded to point out what those principles are, whence derived, and what their effects. After giving a general outline of the objects of the Institution, the lecturer showed also what Masonry is not, and combatted the various erroneous opinions which are often held by the outer world respecting the fraternity; and concluded with an earnest exhortation to the brethren by their lives, by their united and individual exertions for the welfare of the Order, to prove that the principles of Freemasonry, so divine in their origin, holy in their purposes, are conducive for the best interests of man.

[We cannot but think that if other W.M.'s were to adopt a somewhat similar plan of explaining and illustrating the principles and ceremonies of the Order, great benefit would result, as it is to be feared there are many brethren who though most worthy men and Masons, are lamentably deficient in their knowledge of what Freemasonry really is.—ED. F.]

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Marquess Tavern, Canonbury, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. The officers present were Bros. W. J. Woodman, W.M.; H. Ballantyne, I.P.M.; Wilson, P.S.W., acting S.W.; Cattlin, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C. England, Chaplain; Rutterford, Treasurer; R. Shackell, P.M. 33, P.P.G.P. Hants, Hon. Sec.; Rafter, S.D.; Dupont, J.D.; Wright, I.G. Among the members, of which there were a very large number, this being the night of installation, we observed Bros. J. H. Younghusband, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.J.W., West Lancashire, C. Woodman, Stevens, Dickinson, Mott, Cohen, Blackbee, Moxon, Blay, Shearman, Buderus, and Bigley. There were also several visitors, among whom we observed Bros. J. Terry, P.M. of the United Strength, P.P.P.G.S.B. Herts, &c.; R. Wentworth Little, P.M. of the Burdett Lodge, P.G. Sec. Middlesex, &c.; Barlow, W.M. Kent, No. 15; Howe, W.M. Prince Leopold Lodge; Lee, of the Rochester Lodge (N.Y.), No. 660; Jaques, 1158; Hall, of the Belgrave, No. 749, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting being confirmed, Bro. Ballantyne took the chair, and in his usual excellent manner raised Bros. Hunter and Watford, and initiated Bros. Shearman and Hurrell. The Wardens' chairs were then vacated by Bros. Wilson and Cattlin, and occupied by Bros. Little, as S.W., and Terry, J.W., so as to assist Bro. Ballantyne with the installation. Bro. Younghusband, who may be considered the father of the lodge, he having consecrated it, then in his usual kind manner presented Bro. R. Shackell, P.M. 30, who is the founder of the lodge, and who has acted as Hon. Sec. since its foundation, and worked it up to its present high position, as

as Worshipful Master elect, he having been unanimously elected to the high office, for installation, which ceremony was performed by Bro. Ballantyne, in an excellent manner, which called forth the plaudits of the brethren. Bro. Shackell then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bro. Cattlin, S.W.; Rafter, J.W.; R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G. Chaplain of England, Chaplain; Rutterford, Treasurer; Bigley, Secretary; Wright, S.D.; Cohen, J.D.; Blackbee, Organist; Gladwell, I.G.; Buderus, D.C.; Stevens, A.D.C., and Bros. Blay and Shearman, Stewards. In doing so the W.M. informed the several officers that they owed their appointments to their regular attendance at the lodge, seniority, and ability to perform their duties, and we think it would be well if the several lodges were all to adopt the same course in the appointment of officers, by which means we should find the work better done, as a rule, than it is very frequently now done in some lodges. In accordance with the resolution passed on the last lodge night, the W.M. then presented to Bro. W. J. Woodman, P.M., a very handsome gold Past Master's jewel, as a mark of their appreciation for the interest evinced by him for the welfare of the lodge. According to the notice of motion given at the last meeting, Bro. Ballantyne proposed, and Bro. Shackell, the W.M. seconded, that the sum of ten guineas be given from the lodge funds to head Bro. Moxon's Steward's list, for the Girls' School, which was unanimously carried. Bro. Ballantyne having evinced so much interest for the welfare of the lodge, a committee, consisting of the W.M. and the officers, were appointed to consider the best means of acknowledging his valuable services. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Fuller. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were well given and received. The W.M. being honoured with the company of Bros. Terry, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Girls' School, gave the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and in doing so, spoke of what the Royal Standard was doing, and hoped to do in the future for those charities, and with the toast he coupled the names of the worthy Secretaries, Bros. Terry and Little, Bro. Cattlin, the late Steward of the Benevolent Fund, and Bro. Moxon, Steward for the Girls' School, all of whom responded in their usual happy and well-chosen manner, giving full details of the several institutions.

Mark Masonry.

CARDIFF.—*Langley Lodge* (No. 28).—The installation of the W.M. of this lodge took place on the 26th ult. The Secretary having read a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, granting permission to instal Bro. John Rogers, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year, he not having passed the chair of a regular Craft Lodge, Bro. S. Weichert, I.P.M., proceeded with the ceremony of installation, which he performed in a very able and most impressive manner. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Wm. Williams, jun., S.W.; J. Hurman, J.W.; T. W. Jacob, M.O.; S. W. Hurford, S.O.; Marks, J.O.; South, Treas.; Glass, Roy. M.; N. D. Marks, Sec.; Ellis, S.D.; J. C. Sladen, J.D.; Edwards, I.G. A cordial vote of thanks was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, to Bro. Weichert, Installing Master, for his services on the occasion. Bro. Weichert suitably acknowledged the compliment. A vote of thanks to the visitors, coupled with the name of Bro. C. Holmes, P.M. 109, was carried unanimously and responded to. Several candidates for advancement were proposed, and the lodge closed in due form and perfect harmony. The banquet afterwards took place at the Royal Hotel, and the brethren passed a very pleasant and agreeable evening.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Glasgow* (No. 441).—The festival was celebrated on Friday, the 27th ultimo. It consisted of a soiree, concert, and assembly, and was held in their own hall, Struthers-street, which was filled. The chair was occupied by the R.W.M., Bro. W. H. Jackson, who expressed the pleasure it gave him to

see such a gathering of the friends of 441. He was glad on this occasion to welcome the ladies to his lodge room, and if they knew what the benefits of Freemasonry really were they would cease to complain of its being a secret society, from which they were excluded, but they were not excluded from its benefits, but they had a larger benevolent fund in which, should any of them ever require it, they were all entitled to participate. Masonry had many advantages, just to mention two, applicable to a commercial city like this, where men were often leaving for foreign parts, here, before they left they would find kind hearts to press them, and caress them, and to bid them good-bye, and when after a long and perilous voyage, they landed on a distant shore, by the aid of the Masonic Calendar they would find out where the lodge met, and there they would meet again with the fraternal grasp of the hand, and the kind enquiry, "Brother, what can we do to assist you as a stranger in this land of ours?" Even if they did not want pecuniary aid the kind advice and hints then given to a brother might be of priceless value. (Cheers.) He then graphically sketched a shipwreck, and the relief coming from a crew whose captain was a Mason. These and many other reasons should induce the ladies to rejoice that their husbands and brothers were Masons. (Cheers.) The concert then began, and at the conclusion, Bro. Wheeler, of 73, delivered an address on the three grand principles of Masonry, viz., Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. After the second part of the concert, Bro. Gray, No. 1, Journeymen's Lodge, Edinburgh, proposed a vote of thanks to the committee, who had provided them with such an intellectual treat. He also congratulated the lodge on the number of military brethren present, paying some well deserved compliments to the gallant 21st regiment, of which they were members. Bro. Hugh Tulloch, I.P.M., highly complimented Bro. Jackson for his conduct in the chair, who suitably acknowledged the compliment. The concert was ably sustained by Messrs. MacDonald, Gray, Allen, and Christie, and Miss MacLean. The ball commenced at twelve o'clock, to the enlivening strains of the band of the 21st regiment, many of whom are members of the lodge, and by the kindness of the Colonel and Bandmaster, their services were gratuitously given on this occasion.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Union* (No. 332) held their regular meeting on Monday, March 2nd, 1874, Bro. MacNair, R.W.M., in the chair. Three candidates were initiated into the Order in the careful manner in which all Bro. MacNair's work is performed, after which two Fellow Crafts, belonging to the Kilwinning Lodge, No. 4, were, at the request of Bro. Keild, the R.W.M., raised to the sublime degree.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge St. John's* (No. 3½), held their usual meeting on Tuesday, in their own Hall, Bro. F. Fletcher, R.W.M., in the chair, when the unusual number of seven brethren were raised at one time. St. John's has always been celebrated for its excellent Past Masters, and doubtless the present occupant of the chair will not detract from the ancient honour of this, the oldest lodge in the province of Glasgow.

GLASGOW.—*Thistle and Rose Lodge* (No. 73).—This lodge met on Tuesday, March the 13th, Bro. Geo. Weston, R.W.M.; J. Bannerman, S.W.; J. McGregor, J.W.; R. Richards, Secretary; W. Watson, Treasurer; and a number of visitors. There were two candidates for installation, which ceremony was creditably worked by the new Master. Two E. A.'s were then raised to the second degree, Bro. A. M. Wright, R.W.M. of 103, officiating.

GLASGOW.—*The Clyde Lodge* (No. 408).—This lodge held their usual meeting on Friday, March 6th, D. Dunnie, R.W.M., in the chair. J. McGenny, S.W.; F. Capit, J.W.; J. Martin, Secretary; F. Harper, Treasurer; and a very large attendance of members and visitors. After the usual lodge business, Bro. R. Mitchel, a member, and also P.M. of 332, spoke at some length on the refusal of the D.P.G.M. to allow the lodge to bury with Masonic honours Bro. Mitter this week, who was the oldest Mason in Glasgow, having been a member of the Craft above 65 years, and an affiliated member in this province for 23 years. Several other brethren also regretted that the permission had not been,

given saying it was the first time it had been refused, and our deceased brother, though not rich in this world, had always shown them, through a long life, that he was possessed of true Masonic virtues.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF KILWINNING (No. 4).—This ancient lodge held their festival in their own hall, on Wednesday, March the 4th. The lodge was opened in due and ancient form by Bro. A. Thorburn, its R.W.M., assisted by Bros. Jameison, S.W.; and Johnston, J.W.; on the dais were Bros. J. Steel, P.M. and D.P.G.M. of Glasgow; J. Sage, P.M. 4 and 360; Captain Dewar, 4; J. Wheeler, 73; J. B. McNair, R.W.M. 332; J. Buchanan, P.M. 408; and G. Wilson, C. 27, while the Wardens were supported by Bros. W. B. Pattison, 5; R. Fraser, 27; W. Bassett, 27; and W. Porter, 441. A most excellent, as well as substantial menu, had been provided by Brother J. Mullings, a worthy member of the lodge. The cloth having been cleared, the R.W.M. gave the usual loyal toasts, then "The Three Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland." To that of "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers" Capt. Dewar replied; in the course of his remarks, he reminded the lodge that a member of their own, a worthy son of a worthy sire, also one of their own members, Captain Allison, had highly distinguished himself recently in Ashantee, and as an officer of the Volunteers he could promise that if ever the necessity should arise that they would not disgrace their brothers in the regular army. The J.W. gave "The Visiting Brethren," coupling it with Bro. G. W. Wheeler, of 73 and Bro. Buchan, P.M. of 408, both of whom suitably acknowledged the compliment. The S.W. proposed "The P.G.L." They might well be proud to know that their I.P.M., Bro. Steel, had the honour of being Substitute P.G.M. of the province. Bro. Steel, S.P.G.M., was glad to acknowledge the flattering reception they had given to that sentiment. The P.G.L. he was happy to say, were not only working harmoniously amongst themselves, but also with all the daughter lodges, and no lodge in the kingdom was more loyal than Kilwinning, of which he was proud to be a member, as few lodges could show such an illustrious roll of names as those inscribed in their records. Bro. MacNair, R.W.M. of 332, having asked for the gavel, said it afforded him great satisfaction to be allowed to propose as the next toast "Prosperity to Kilwinning No. 4, and Long Life to her Master." (Great cheering). Bro. A. Thorburn, R.W.M., said, as this was a toast not in the programme, they must pardon him if he was not prepared with an elaborate reply. Bro. Wheeler in his speech had alluded to their antiquity, and to their having lately recovered their old minute books, he had the oldest now laying before him, and would give them a few extracts to show how this lodge worked in 1735; by reading them some minutes taken in that year, and he thought the lodge might profit by some of the lessons there taught. He found that any member absenting himself and not contributing to the charity box after having been thrice warned was expelled from the lodge. Bro. Thorburn read several very interesting extracts, promising the lodge that whenever they had no pressure of business, he would read over to them some of the charges and lectures therein contained, some of them the contributions of master minds of bygone days. Bro. G. Wilson, of 27, proposed "The P.M.'s, and other officers of the lodge." It had been his good fortune to have known, and to have been intimately acquainted with all their Masters for twenty years back, and they could boast illustrious names like Sir A. Allison, (distinguished also as a judge and historian), Professor Nicol, and other eminent men, and he was proud to see that the present officers were active and attentive to their duties. The S.W. gracefully acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Sage, P.M., gave "Freemasonry all over the World." Since he had sat in that chair, he had spent many years abroad, and in America, in China, and Australia, he could testify to the high estimation in which Scotch Masonry was held. It had been his high privilege to hold High Commissions abroad, both in the Craft and Arch, having being the first to open a R.A. chapter in

the latter country, and he had been well received by Masons working under the English, the Irish, and the American Constitutions. Bro. Carmichael proposed "The Masonic Press." Bro. Wheeler replied on behalf of *The Freemason*, showing that if Masonry was to hold its proper position in the world the brethren must become readers of Masonic literature as well as attend at lodge. "Happy to Meet, and Sorry to Part" was the next toast, and after the lodge had been closed, all joined in singing, "Auld Lang Sayne." Excellent songs were sung during the evening by Bros. Robert Fraser, J. Macdonald, T. Mullins, J. Johnstone, Grant, McCoulaugh, and others, all being delighted with their evening with Kilwinning No. 4.

GLASGOW.—*St. Andrew's Chapter* (No. 69).—On Friday an emergency meeting was held to confer this degree on three brethren from Cambleton. We understand these gentlemen, with others, have come to Glasgow with a view, as soon as there were a sufficient number exalted, to open a Royal Arch Chapter in Cambleton. St. Andrew's was opened by T. D. Humphries, Z., as Mark Master; G. W. Wheeler, S.W.; and G. Heron, J.W.; when Bros. Duncan, Drain, and John McNaughton were advanced to this degree. A lodge of Excellent Masters was then opened, with the same officers present, when Comp. T. Halket conferred on them that degree. A Royal Arch Chapter was then held, T. Halket, Z. 113, P.G.T., as Z.; T.D. Humphries, Z. as J.; and D. Campbell, H.; Comp. Balfour, P.Z., 78, and G. W. Wheeler, H. 73, as Sojourner, when the same two gentlemen were regularly exalted as Arch Masons. Thanks were given to the visitors for attending at a short notice to exalt these brethren from a distance, who could not attend at the regular chapter meeting.

EDINBURGH CONSISTORY OF THE 30TH DEGREE.—At a meeting of this Consistory, held in Freemasons' Hall, George-street, on Friday, the 6th inst, Bro. H. J. D. Copland, R.W.M., St. Luke's Lodge, No. 44, was admitted to the 18th and Comp. Bailie J. J. Muirhead, R.W.M. Mary's Chapel, No. 1, was admitted to the 30th degree.

CONSECRATION OF THE HENLEY LODGE, (No. 1472).

The Henley Lodge of Freemasons was consecrated and established at North Woolwich, with grand ceremony and great eclat, on Friday, February 20, the importance of the occasion, and the sublimity of the ancient ceremonial being augmented by the presence of the Grand Officers—V.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who was appointed by the M.W. Grand Master to officiate; the Rev. Bro. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain; Bro. J. Terry, P.P.G.S.B., Secretary to the Aged Freemasons' B. I.; and others holding high office in the Craft. The warrant of the new lodge (No. 1,472) establishes it at the house of Bro. E. West, P.P.G.S.D., Herts, the Three Crowns, and requires that it shall not be removed without especial sanction from the district known as North Woolwich; it is an off-shoot of the Nelson Lodge at Woolwich, on the other side of the river, a lodge which is the parent of a flourishing progeny, including the Capper, at Tidal Basin, and the Sydney, at Sidcup. The Henley Lodge has been founded to meet a pressing demand which has grown up of late years with the growth of Mr. Henley's telegraph factory, and other large works in the neighbourhood.

At three o'clock, the petitioners for the new lodge, and a number of brethren from other lodges, assembled and proceeded to the lodge room, where the presiding officer appointed as his Wardens, *pro tem*:—Bro. P.M. Graydon, P.P.G.S.D., Kent (S.W.), and Bro. W.M. Hobson, W.M., 700 (J.W.). The lodge was then opened, and the beautiful ceremony of the consecration was gone through in a most superb and impressive manner. The address of the Rev. P. G. Chaplain was eloquent and practical. He enjoined on the brethren of the new lodge to make the principles of Freemasonry their rule in life—to practice charity, temperance, and morality; to conduct the duties of their lodge decently and in order, to cultivate in the highest

degree fraternal affection and mutual esteem, and so to conduct themselves that other lodges should make the Henley lodge their model of perfection, and its members should be respected of all men. The musical portion of the proceedings was rendered by an efficient choir, under the direction of Bro. M. Sherwin, who presided at the organ. After the dedication, &c., the lodge was declared constituted, and the first Master of the Lodge, Bro. H. G. Sisley, was installed with the customary formula, and duly saluted in the several degrees. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers, who are:—P.M. Bros. J. Rowland, I.P.M.; W. Griffith, S.W.; J. H. Chapman, J.W.; J. Barwick, Treas.; Brayshaw, P.M. Sec.; J. Ives, S.D.; W. Mayes, J.D.; Captain and Adj. Creagh, I.G.; Steedman, Tyler. A number of propositions for new members, and notice of some work for the next meeting, were then received, and resolutions, thanking the Grand Secretary, the Past Grand Chaplain, and Bro. Terry, for their services, and appointing them hon. members of the lodge, were carried; after which the lodge was closed in due form. The golden vessels belonging to the Grand Lodge were used in the ceremony of consecration, and were in charge of Bro. Payne, the Grand Lodge Tyler, their use having been granted by Bro. Sir Albert Woods, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

At half-past six a magnificent banquet was served in the lodge room, and about forty brethren duly clothed, sat down. The excellence of the *carte*, the quality of the fare, and the perfection of the wines, were themes of general admiration. "The Queen and the Craft" was given with the usual honours, followed by "The M.W. Grand Master," and "P.G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." The next toast was "The Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers."

The V.W. and Rev. Bro. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain, responded, remarking, in the course of his observations, that while the change of ministry had required the Grand Master to lay down his robe, it had enabled the Deputy Grand Master to take it up, so that, whichever party was in power, Freemasonry was always represented in the councils of the nation. (Cheers.) He thanked the Henley Lodge for its princely entertainment, and expressed a hope, now that he was a member, that it would not be his last visit to the lodge. (Cheers.) The W.M. afterwards proposed "The Consecrating Officers."

The V.W. Bro. Hervey, Secretary of Grand Lodge, responded in suitable terms, and proposed "The W. Master, Bro. Sisley, and Success to the Henley Lodge." He said that Bro. Simpson, Bro. Terry, and himself, had gladly availed themselves of the opportunity, so seldom presented near London, of coming down to consecrate the new lodge, and add another link to the long chain of lodges on the English register. He commended the W.M. to the support of his brethren, as the Master of a new lodge had many difficulties to contend against, which were unknown in old established lodges; and he trusted that the lodge would be so shaped and moulded in its youth, that it might become a model, not only for the neighbourhood, but for the Craft in general. From the great success which had attended this, its first meeting, he augured a brilliant future for the Henley Lodge.

The W.M. Bro. Sisley, in response expressed his deep sense of the honour conferred upon him by the post in which he had been installed, and the especial favour bestowed upon the lodge, in having such illustrious personages at their inauguration. He had every confidence in the officers of the lodge and the members generally, believing that they would give him their hearty assistance in the work before him, and zealously co-operate with him in the endeavour to make the lodge a pattern of harmony and good working, and an ornament to the Craft, worthy the name of the great engineer after whom it had been called. There was no charitable effort in which Mr. Henley's name was not conspicuous, and, in like manner, he hoped that the Henley Lodge might be a prominent supporter of their great and glorious Masonic Charities, for charity was the first impulse of the true Freemason. The Secretary of the Asylum for Aged Freemasons was Bro. Terry, now present, and he was

sure that he would be well pleased at the next meeting to see a steward appointed from the Henley Lodge with £200 in his pocket. In conclusion, he expressed a hope, that, with the assistance and indulgence of the officers and members of the lodge, he should be enabled to steer the lodge safely through the shallows near the shore, and hand it over, a year hence, to his successor, safely launched on the ocean of permanent prosperity.

The healths of "The Visitors" and "The Officers" followed, and the Tyler's solemn remembrance of "all poor brethren by land and sea," brought the proceedings to a termination.

The Rev. Bro. Simpson has consented to become the Lodge Chaplain.

THE RECENT MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

At the final meeting of the Masonic Ball Committee, held at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Friday evening, the 27th ult., it was definitely ascertained that the actual monetary result of the ball recently held at the Town Hall, after paying all expenses, amounted to the handsome sum of £224 11s 1d., which will be given to the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. This is the largest amount which has ever been realised in connection with the annual ball, with the exception of what is known as the "royal" year. Cordial votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, Chairman; C. H. Hill, Vice-Chairman; D. W. Winstanley, Secretary; and R. Brown, Treasurer, for their valuable services.

Masonic Tidings.

A Day Club of Instruction has been formed, which is held at the Windsor Castle, Victoria Station. The inauguration meeting took place on Wednesday, March 4th. The want of a day lodge for the instruction of Masons, whose occupation will not permit of their constant attendance at the evening lodges, is a requirement which has been long felt in the neighbourhood. The club is under the Preceptorship of Bro. Ash, a very able P.M., and there is every prospect that when it becomes generally known it will be numerously attended. The club will be held every Wednesday from 2 till 4 p.m. It is named the Union Club of Instruction, being in conjunction with the club which is held on Friday evenings.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction will be opened on Monday the 19th inst., at the offices of the London Warehousemen's Association, 33, Gutter Lane, E.C. The Fifteen Sections will be worked by Bro. T. Poore, W.M. 720, the Preceptor.

The William Preston Chapter will be consecrated on Saturday, 21st inst. at 3 o'clock, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, Bro. Bro. Worrell is the M. E. Z. Designate.

As many questions have been asked us about Bro. Henry Watson's excellent pamphlet on the Charities, we beg to remind our readers that the pamphlet was reprinted, "in extenso," by Bro. Henry Watson's kind permission, in the March number of the "Masonic Magazine," and can be obtained from 198, Fleet-street.

We are always ready to hail with satisfaction any improvements in the manner of conducting financial business, and the extension of the cheque system bids fair to confer a great boon on a large class of the community hitherto debarred from keeping banking accounts. Messrs. G. Barker and Co., 39 and 40, Mark Lane, London, E.C., especially deserve our notice, as by imposing no limit on the amount of balance to be kept, and at the same time allowing good interest on the balance in hand (4 per cent.), unusual inducements are held out to open accounts with this firm, who also allow a uniform rate of 5 per cent. on deposits at seven days' notice. We are not surprised to learn that a large measure of success has hitherto attended Messrs. Barker in this branch of their business, and have no doubt that many will appreciate the facilities offered for enabling parties residing at a distance to keep accounts with them.—*The Hour.*

THE LANDING AT GRAVESEND.

March 7, 1874.

They've reached our shores at last,
From a great land afar;
The journey happily past,
And safe to day they are,
In this Old England true of ours,
Of high historic fame,
Of great deeds, and stalwart powers,
Of an all-unsullied name.

And so we welcome them to-day,
In pleasure, and in pride;
Amid a festival array,
Our Sailor and his Bride;
We greet them from o'er the crested foam,
With heart and voice so free,
With all the pomp of our ocean home,
Of peace and liberty.

Not one heart amid that surging crowd,
But hails them with joy sincere;
Not one voice amongst those plaudits loud,
But rings truly on the ear;
For 'tis with loyal heart and face,
That Britons gladly own,
Their love for all of Brunswick's race,
Their fealty to the Throne.

And she who comes with winning ways,
To claim our English hearts;
With whom mid' words of grateful praise,
A grave land sadly parts;
Will find in this—tho' severed wide,—
United we shall be,
As we, too, greet that gentle bride,
Russia's beloved Marie.

And so amid that festive scene,
Those damsels blithe and fair,
Amid the serried ranks between,
Rejoicing everywhere,
Amid the cannon's sterner roar,
Amid soft music's sound,
Amid yon gay and flowery store,
They stand on Albion's ground.

May all of joy and peace be theirs,
May the sun brightly smile;
Dispersing life's more sordid cares,
As to day,—when in our Isle,—
Right royally a people's greeting,
In all of English truth,
Welcomes that gracious happy meeting,
Of Love, and Trust, and Youth.

And mid' the pageant at Gravesend,
Mid' loyal hearts to-day,
As the procession now must wend
Its stately onward way;
And while from each noisy steeple,
The bells toll out the pride,
With which our English people
Welcome our Sailor's Bride,

May we all calmly bear in mind,
When the day's work is done,
When we've left the gathering behind,
That People and Throne are One,
And that in One happy bond of peace,
With God's benison from above,
Our Sovereign finds her joys increase,
In her great People's Love.

A. F. A. W.

Obituary.

We have to record the death of Bro. George Cox, of 4, Cloak-lane, which took place at his residence, Putney-park Lodge, Richmond-road, on the 26th ult., after three weeks' illness. He was eighty years of age. Bro. Cox was one of the oldest solicitors in the City. He had been for many years a member of the Old Dundee Lodge

RESCUED FROM PRECARIOUS POSITIONS.—Systematic habits of forethought should be sedulously cultivated by all persons having households under their care; when disorder first displays itself the remedy should be ready, and its application immediate. When the throat, air tubes, lungs, or heart, have received mischief from atmospheric influences, or other sources, Holloway's Ointment well rubbed upon the skin, as nearly as possible to the affected organ, will give great comfort, vast freedom to respiration, universal exemption from irritation, and rescue the troubled sufferer. When skin diseases harry childhood, worry maturity, and torment old age beyond toleration, Holloway's means of relief should be handy. The Ointment acts as a prompt corrective under its soothing and salutary powers, the irritable patient calms, the drooping revives.

CONSECRATION OF THE MARQUESS OF RIPON CHAPTER, 837.

A new Chapter, styled the Marquess of Ripon, in connection with the De Grey and Ripon Lodge 837, was opened on Saturday the 28th February. The convocation was held at the Town Hall, Ripon. The Companions assembled at 2 p.m., and welcomed the Marquess of Ripon, First Grand Prin. of the G. Chapter, on arrival. The Visiting Companions were the Rev. Dr. T. C. Smyth, D.D.P.Z., Member of Fidelity 289; P.D.G.M. of the Eastern Archipelago; Henry Smith, Prov., G.S.E.; W. A. Musgrave, Philanthropic 304, P.Z.; Mr. J. Beck 289, P.Z.; B. Wordworth, Z. 154; C. L. Mason, Z. 304; Thos. Scholefield, Z. 306; J. Loates, J. 304; Comp. Nussey, S.N. 304, and others.

The Chapter was opened by Ex-Companions, Dr. Smyth as Z., Mason as H., Beck as J. After the rest of the Companions had been admitted, the Charter or Warrant from the Supreme Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, constituting the Chapter under the style and title of the Marquess of Ripon Chapter having been read, information was sent to the Prov. Grand Superintendent, and the Marquess of Ripon, attended by the Prov. G. Scribe Z., Ex-Comps. Scholefield and Musgrave, entered the Chapter, the Organist playing at the time. Dr. Smyth having resigned the throne of Z., the same was ascended by the Prov. G., Supt., the Chapter having saluted him, he was requested to allow the Rite of Consecration to proceed, and under his commands, Dr. Smyth, with a few preliminary remarks, commenced by reading a portion of the Sacred Scriptures, and then, calling on the Companions to join him in Prayer to the Most High.

A procession was then formed, and the Companions marching round the Chapter, saluted the Provincial Grand Superintendent in passing who, descending from the Throne, scattered corn upon the altar: the procession passed again, and wine was now poured out, and proceeding round a third time the final libation of oil having been poured on the altar, the Companions resumed their seats, and Dr. Smyth, by command, proclaimed the Chapter duly consecrated; the ceremony being concluded by a final prayer, in which a blessing was invoked for the success of the Chapter.

The ceremony of installation was now proceeded with, and Companions Robert E. Collinson, of Zetland Chapter, 236, P.M., of 837, was installed as Z.; Colonel Frederick William Ripley, of Chapter Hope (Calcutta), 109, P.M. of Lodge Archan, 646; Joseph W. Bishop, of Britannia Chapter, Sheffield, 139, P.M. of 837, as J. Companions Lieutenant Edward Fletcher, R.N., of Chapter Union of Malta 407, was invested with the Collar of S.E.; Edwin J. Crow, Z.-elect of 279, Prov. G. Organist of Leicestershire Chapter as P.S.; Dr. Paley as 1st A.S.; John Irving as 2nd A.S.; Captain J. W. Patterson as Treasurer. Companion Robert J. Williamson, of Apollo Chapter 357, who had been chosen as S.N. was unavoidably absent, and Ex-Comp. Wordworth was invested as his Deputy.

It was proposed and seconded that M. Ex-Companion, the Marquess of Ripon, Prov. Grand Supt. of West Yorkshire, and Ex-Comp. the Rev. Dr. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, of Fidelity Chapter (No. 289), be elected Honorary Members. Much regret was felt, owing to the unavoidable absence of Ex-Companion Bentley Shaw, Grand Z.; and W. Widdop, Grand J. of the Prov. Grand Chapter.

Several Brethren of Lodge 837 were proposed and seconded as joining Members, and it was resolved that an application be made for a dispensation for the exaltation, as a serving Companion for Brother W. Storle, the old Tyler of 837, with a view to his being appointed Janitor.

The Chapter having been closed, the Companions adjourned to the Unicorn Hotel, where an excellent banquet had been provided by Companion Collinson: the Marquess of Ripon being in the chair. After the usual loyal toasts, M.E.Z. Collinson briefly proposed "The Health of the most Honourable the Marquess of Ripon,"

First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter, and that of the other Grand Officers. Comp. Collinson expressed the thanks of the Chapter to his Lordship for allowing the Chapter the dignity of bearing his title, and also for his kindness in presiding at the first Convocation of the new Chapter. (The toast was enthusiastically drunk with all the honours.)

Lord Ripon, in an able speech, responded. He spoke of the high privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, and stated that while he eulogized and prized the more exalted degree, he must not be supposed to detract in any way from the honour and merits of Craft Masonry. He looked on the R.A. degree as being conferred only on Brethren selected from the general body, and one that was well calculated to advance the principles of Freemasonry, and confer benefit, not only on our Order, but on the general community. He thanked the Companions for the honour they had done him. He expressed the delight he felt on his first learning, through the application for the new Chapter to bear his name, that the Companions were stirring in the matter; that he had much pleasure in being enabled that day to be present at the Consecration of a Royal Arch Chapter, in the ancient City of Ripon, with which he and his family had always been so closely connected.

Dr. Smyth proposed the Provincial Grand Chapter with "The Health of Ex-Companion Bently Shaw, and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present."

Prov. G.S.E., Comp. H. Smith, responded. Ex-Companion Colonel Ripley, H., proposed "The Health of the Rev. Dr. Smyth," who had, with much inconvenience to himself, attended that day, and assisted in the Consecration of the infant Chapter; that the thanks of the Companions were due and were accorded cordially to him; that there was but one opinion of the admirable and impressive manner in which the ceremony had been performed. He (Colonel Ripley) had known Dr. Smyth for many years as a fellow mason in India; that his reputation as a worthy Brother, and high authority in all that pertained to our Craft was, if he might be allowed to say so, a household word from one end to the other of the large province of Bengal, which had not then been sub-divided, and also in Singapore and the Straits Settlements.

The toast having been drunk with honours, Dr. Smyth, in returning thanks, expressed the great pleasure he had had in attending and assisting under the commands of the Prov. Grand Superintendent in the ceremony that day. He said, he thought the Companions had made a mistake in proposing his election as an Honorary Member; he thought that they ought, on that occasion, to have confined the election of Honorary Members to that of their esteemed and excellent Companion—the head of Royal Arch Masonry—whose name the Chapter bore. He pointed out that this Chapter, under the very peculiar circumstances of its name and title, and the place where it was held, and the fact of it having been inaugurated by the noble Marquess in person, would have the eyes of all R.A. Masons upon it; that he hoped and felt confident from his knowledge of those who had, by the suffrages of the Companions, been that day installed as Principals; that it would be conducted in a regular manner and agreeably with the regulations. He then briefly alluded to his career as a Mason in India, and thanked the Companions for the honour they had conferred on him.

The Chairman proposed "The Masonic Charities."

Companion H. Smith, P.G.S.E., responded, observing that although the Province of West Yorkshire stood, he might say, second to none in their assistance to these noble institutions, still he hoped that he might see further efforts made in that direction, such as would enable the managers to extend their usefulness.

Ex-Companion Bishop, J., proposed the toast of "Our Visitors." Ex-Companion Mason returned thanks.

Dr. Paley proposed "The Marchioness of Ripon and the Ladies."

The Marquess of Ripon returned thanks.

Dr. Smyth proposed "The health of M.E.Z. Companion Collinson."

Comp. Collinson thanked the Companions for drinking his health. He said that he esteemed the honour they had conferred on him. He was proud of his having been elected to his present office, that no exertion would be spared on the part of his colleagues and himself to ensure the success and prosperity of the infant Chapter.

Dr. Smyth proposed "The healths of Colonel Ripley, H., and Companion Bishop, J." wishing them success.

Colonel Ripley in returning thanks, said that although an old Royal Arch Mason, his duty in India had confined him to stations where no Chapter existed, that nearly 20 years elapsed from the date of his exaltation, to his having the pleasure of visiting his mother Chapter, or any other Chapter, he had never held any office as a R.A. Companion. He felt it a high honour his having been thus selected, to fill at once so responsible an office as Second Principal of the new Chapter, and he trusted that the endeavours of his Brother Principals and his own would, with the assistance of the other Companions, succeed in promoting the welfare of the Marquess of Ripon Chapter.

Ex-Companion Bishop, J., expressed his thanks for the cordial manner in which his health had been received.

The toast of "Our Host and Hostess" was proposed by Prov. G.S.E. Companion H. Smith, who felt sure that all present would agree with him in thanking Mr. & Mrs. Collinson, for the excellent arrangements that they had made for their entertainment that day, such as fully sustained the long established reputation of the Unicorn Hotel.

The toast was drunk with musical honours: Companion Collinson briefly returned thanks, and the party broke up after a very pleasant evening.

The fittings, paraphernalia, and clothing of the new Chapter were principally supplied by Brother George Kenning, and much admired and approved of.

FREEMASONRY IN NORTH WALES.

CONSECRATION OF A LODGE AT MOLD.

(Continued from last week.)

The W.M. said he had received a note from Bro. Henry Cecil Raikes, M.P., No. 311, presenting a copy of the volume of the sacred law to the new lodge.

Bro. Lord Richard Grosvenor was proposed as member of the lodge, and it was also announced that the Rt. W.P.G.M. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn had announced his intention of becoming a subscribing member of the lodge which bore his name. The announcement was received with loud and prolonged cheering, after which the business was brought to a close.

In the evening about 80 brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet in the large hall of the Lion Hotel, provided by Bro. Dean, the W.M. presiding, supported by Bro. Sir Watkin W. Wynn, and several P.G. officers on the right and left. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were given and responded to with the greatest enthusiasm.

Bro. Salmon, W.M., in giving the toast of Sir W. W. Wynn, P.G.M., alluded to the proverbial loyalty of masons, and humourously connected that feeling with their loyalty to the acknowledged masonic sovereign of the province of North Wales and Shropshire, whom they were glad to welcome on that auspicious occasion (Applause.) He referred to the prospects which had been entertained at one time that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales would be present at the Mold Eisteddfod, which he humourously contrasted with the presence of the Prince in Wales. In conclusion, he expressed a hope that the name of Sir Watkin would never be disgraced by that lodge.

The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

In responding, the R.W.P.G.M. thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which the toast had been responded to, and congratulated

the members of the new lodge upon the highly favourable manner in which the day's proceedings had been concluded. He was much pleased to see that so many brethren were present from Chester, where he was first initiated into the mysteries of the order. The little that he did know of the principles and practices of Freemasonry he had learned in that city, and, therefore, he was glad that so many brethren were present from Chester to teach the same truths to the Mold lodge. Brother Sir Watkin referred to the recent general election, and to the bitterness of party feeling which had been engendered in some parts of the country, though not within his own experience, and said that in such circumstances Freemasons should not forget the feelings of brotherly kindness which bound them together. There were members of the order belonging to all politics and all religions. Though they might worship in different ways, he hoped that in that new lodge the brethren would always act in the spirit of brotherly kindness, and concluded by proposing the health of Brother Salmon, W.M., expressing a hope that though the lodge was the youngest it might prove an example to others of longer standing.

The W.M. replied in suitable terms, and Bros. Spaul and Dutton responded to the toast of the other P.G. lodge officers.

After several other toasts had been given and acknowledged, the proceedings were closed in peace and harmony.

It should be stated that the furnishings for the lodge had been supplied from Bro. G. Kenning's celebrated Masonic establishment in London, and, as usual, both workmanship and design were the subjects of general commendation.

CONSECRATION OF A HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

SHETTLESTON.—On Wednesday, Feb. 18th, The Provincial Grand Chapter of Lanarkshire proceeded to Shettleston to consecrate a Chapter. For many years, there has been a body in this village working under one of the old charters granted by the Duke of Kent. As that supreme body has long ceased to exist, the chapters formed under its sanction, of which there are several in Scotland who have not yet obtained the sanction of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, are, therefore, in an anomalous position; for, though working under charters that were once valid, they are, now, unrecognised by any Grand Governing body, and their members are not received as visitors by any other chapters. Comp. John Campbell, and a few others, feeling the disadvantages under which they were labouring, therefore, applied for admission into the Grand Chapter, and was most graciously met, both by the P.G. Superintendent, and the G. Scribe E., and on the 18th they were regularly received, and a new charter given them under the title of St. John's, No. 150. The ceremony took place in the old lodge-room of the Kirk House, which was decorated with flags and evergreens for the occasion. The Provincial Grand Chapter was opened in due form by companions F. A. Barrow, Provincial Grand Superintendent, as P.G.Z.; J. D. Porteous, P.G.H.; Thos. Halket, P.G.J.; A. McTaggart, M.A. P.G. Scribe E.; G. W. Wheeler, P.G.P.S.; J. Duthie, P.G. 2nd S.; G. B. Adams, P.G. 3rd S.; and J. Leutell, acting P.G. Janitor. There were also present, Comps. G. McLeod of 79, and J. O. Park, Z. of 122. The members of the old chapter were then brought in and solemnly obligated by the P.G.Z.; after which the charter was read, and the following persons named therein were duly elected by the Comps. present, viz:—Companions John Campbell, Z; Wm. Campbell, H.; James Allan, Junr., J.; James Allan, Senr., Scribe E.; John Anoh, N.; James Peaking, T.; 1st S., Walter Allan; 2nd S., Andrew Allan; 3rd S., Ronald Reid; the office of Janitor being left vacant. The beautiful Installation Ceremonies were very effectively rendered by Comp. Barrow and his attendant office bearers; the newly installed 1st principal thanking the whole of them for their kindness

in coming from Glasgow for this purpose, and expressing a wish that they would increase the favor by some of them coming again to put them in the correct way of working. After the ceremony, the Comps. partook of refreshment, the new 1st P. Comp., John Campbell, presiding. After the usual toasts, he proposed the Provincial Grand Superintendent, and said in consequence of the peculiar position in which the old chapter stood, he had been obliged to trouble that gentleman a great deal, but he could assure the Comps. that it would have been impossible for any one to have treated him in a more gentlemanly and brotherly way than Comp. Barrow had done; in fact, his kindness had been so great, that he could never forget it. The P.G. Superintendent in reply stated, if he had been of service to them and the Order it was all that would be required, and he trusted that the other chapters which still held aloof from the supreme body, would copy the example set them by the Shettleston St. John, and come in to be recognised by the Supreme Chapter. Nothing could afford him greater pleasure than working in this object. Since he had been appointed Superintendent of Lanarkshire—twelve months since—this was the 3rd new chapter he had consecrated; while before officially acting in that capacity, he had consecrated four others in the province, so that he could say he had tried to do his duty to the order. Their chairman had, also, kindly alluded to his services to the Craft in the P.G.L. He would now propose "Prosperity" to chapter St. John, No. 50, and "Long life and happiness" to their 1st Principal.

Comp. J. Campbell replied, and gave the P.G. Chapter of Lanarkshire and its Scribe E., Comp. A. McTaggart, in the course of his reply, regretted that his other avocations had prevented him from devoting as much time to the province as he could wish, but as he had, during the last year, been only feeling his way, he trusted, during the ensuing one, to do much better, and that each chapter might be found, on their visitation, to be improving. They had been for many years without any Superintendent, but now that Comp. Barrow had been placed at their head, they might be sure that the order would progress—not only in numbers and influences, but that they would take a higher stand than heretofore, and all the old chapters still working, outside of the pale of the constitution, would be glad to come under the sway of the P.G.C., and under Comp. Barrow's rule.

The P.G. Chaplain now had to leave to catch the last train for Glasgow, but the Shettleston Comps. remained to high twelve, song and sentiment following each other.

MASONIC FESTIVAL IN GLASGOW.

LODGE THISTLE AND ROSE, No. 73.

The 120th anniversary of the Thistle and Rose, Lodge 73, was celebrated on Thursday the 26th ultimo, by a supper and ball, held at the Trades Hall, Glasgow.

On the cloth being removed Bro. Thos. Stewart P.M., and now Deputy Master, read a letter from the R.W.M. regretting that unforeseen circumstances would prevent him being present till a late period of the evening. But Brother Stewart very efficiently supplied his place, giving as the first toast "the Queen and the Craft." Second "the Prince of Wales, the patron of Scotch Masonry, and the rest of the Royal Family," both of them having been duly honoured Bro. Bannerman, S.W., who was Croupier, in a neat speech proposed "the three Grand Lodges."

Bro. Benj. Wright W.S., of the Era, 1423 (E.C.), said he was very unexpectedly called on to reply, but having been named he could not refuse the honour. Of the Grand Lodge of Scotland he need not speak as they were all as well and perhaps better acquainted with its merits than himself, neither would he detain them by dwelling on those of the Grand Lodge of Ireland; but on behalf of that of England, he could assure them that that august body as well as the private members of the Craft were glad to see the progress that Masonry was making in Scotland; for his own part he was highly pleased

with what he had seen, also the warm welcome given to him and the honour now conferred on him, and he could assure one and all of the brethren present if they ever crossed the border they would meet with a kind reception from their English friends, and nothing would give him greater pleasure than to meet any of them in 1423, when he would endeavour to repay them for their kindness to-night. On behalf of the Grand Lodge and the great body of the English Masons, he thanked them heartily for the very enthusiastic way in which they had received the toast (Cheers.)

Bro. G. McDonald, I.P.M., gave "The Provincial Grand Lodge."

Bro. G. Sinclair, P.M. 27, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund replied, he stated that their Benevolent Fund was accumulating, for they had now funded £400 and yet they had fully relieved every case that came before them.

Bro. W. B. Paterson in a very elaborate speech gave "the Army, Navy and Volunteers." Bro. T. Stewart gave a humorous reply.

Bro. Basset of Lodge 27, proposed "the Glasgow Thistle and Rose Lodge, No. 73," and called upon the Treasurer to reply; he thought it would be prudent to let that brother speak of the position and financial prospects of the lodge.

Bro. W. Walton, Treas., said it gave him great pleasure, as Treasurer, to comply with that request for they were flourishing financially, thanks to the unremitting care of the late Master Bro. McDonald, and he might add, his own as Treasurer, for when he took office little more than two years ago he had only £9 8s. od. in hand, now though he had got them their splendid suit of Lodge clothing (from Bro. Kenning whose representatives he was glad to see there). Yet he had now nearly £100 in hand and in Bank (cheers) he thought he had better conclude as that fact was a speech in itself.

Bro. James Balentine then came forward to make a presentation to the late R.W.M. he said he supposed he was to do it as one of the oldest members of the lodge, but what he wanted in words he would make up in deeds and good wishes. A few friends has got this up for one who had worked hard and long in their behalf. Bro. McDonald had filled the chair for three years, and during that period had never been absent from a single meeting, and as his wife had had to suffer from his absence, they had not forgotten her, so in the name of the subscribers he would now present their gifts to Bro. McDonald and his wife (cheers).

The presentation consisted of an elaborately finished Time-piece, with suitable inscription, and a massive gold brooch and earrings for Mrs. McDonald, the workmanship of which was much admired.

Bro. G. W. Wheeler spoke of the merits of the recipients of the gift and recited some lines he had composed for the festival.

Bro. G. McDonald acknowledged the gift in appropriate terms the gift was valuable in itself but it was the inscription that possessed the greatest value in his eyes.

Bro. G. W. Wheeler gave the "Sister Lodges of the province," in the course of his remarks he said the best way to become bright Masons was by visiting Sister lodges and reading the Masonic literature of the day.

Bro. G. Sinclair P.M. of 27, replied on behalf of visitors present.

Bro. J. Handbridge in a truly eloquent speech proposed "the Ladies." Bro. Richard the Secretary responded on their behalf.

Bro. Stewart proposed the "Strangers," which was replied to by Mr. Elton who said though a stranger to-night he intended to become a member of their lodge at the next meeting, if the lodge would receive him. Bro. Weston, the R.W.M., who had now assumed the chair gave "the Committee who had made the arrangements." Bro. J. S. Ampleford proposed a vote of thanks to the singers, and especially to Bro. Owens of the Alexandra Music Hall for his kindness in sending two of his principal artistes, Mr. and Mrs. Elton, to amuse them.

A few remarks from the chair concluded this part of the entertainment. Dancing then commenced and was kept up with great spirit.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1874.

THE LAST GRAND LODGE.

The proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 4th inst., offered unmixed gratification to all the loyal and intelligent members of our Order.

The re-election of the Marquess of Ripon as our Grand Master will be hailed with unanimous approval and applause by our united Craft.

No one, we make bold to say, is there who has deserved so well of our fraternity, and there is no one amid our long rôle of able and willing men who is more truly a Freemason at heart than our exalted brother.

Those who have watched his long Masonic career, those who have been privileged to live under his provincial rule, as well as those who have marked his skilful handling of all matters, and his impartial attitude in his curule Chair, will feel as we do sincerely, that, to no worthier hands can the destinies of our Order be committed than to his, who unites in himself the rare qualifications of unwavering geniality, and yet of authoritative determination. While no one will extend more forbearance, or evince more consideration towards his brethren, in the discharge of his important duties, no one will uphold with a more unflinching firmness alike the just prerogatives of his high office, the ancient liberties of the Order, and the honour and dignity and privileges of the Grand Lodge. The unanimous voice of the Craft hailed him as the fitting successor of our late lamented Grand Master, and each succeeding year only serves to show how wise was our choice, and how truly he has justified our happy selection.

From what we saw of his Provincial rule, to which we have before alluded, we feel persuaded that the more we know of him as our Grand Master, the more we shall like him, and many are the loyal hearts in our order to day, who without flattery, and in all honest affection will say,

"Master lead on,
We will follow to the last gasp,
With truth and loyalty."

We also congratulate the order on the unanimous re-election of our very worthy Bro. Samuel Tomkins, to the important post of Grand Treasurer.

There are few brethren in the Craft who so claim and so command, from his long and faithful services, the entire confidence and respect of the brotherhood.

Many of our readers will be very sorry to hear of the serious illness of the very respected Chairman of the Board of General Purposes, Bro. Horace Lloyd, Q.C., and we are but expressing a universal hope, in saying, that we trust soon to hear of his restoration to health and activity, and of his again discharging, as always efficiently, the duties of that important office in our executive which he fills so well.

The serious question raised by the report of the Board of General Purposes, and the return of the Grand Registrar, with respect to Lodge 831, being now practically "sub judice," we forbear to make any comments upon it, further than saying that we think the Board of General Purposes have most properly brought the matter before Grand Lodge, and that the motion of the Grand Registrar, is the only fitting corollary to that report.

Beyond this, we do not feel justified in alluding to the subject.

We can now only congratulate the Order on

the peaceable progress and happy condition of our fraternity "per se."

May such mutual prosperity, and tranquil working long continue to characterize our English Freemasonry, and may we also evince, (as we seem to be doing), that, amid all our outward well-being, and unanimity and increase, we are not forgetful of the greatest of our professed principles—Charity, but that we are "ready, aye ready," not for the combat or the strife, but for that noblest warfare of all—the relief of the old and the indigent, and the succour of the orphan and the friendless.

OUR MASONIC CHARITIES.

We shall be very glad if the discussion which has originated in *The Freemason* about our great Charitable Institutions, may lead to some really practical results.

Bro. H. Watson's pamphlet will have proved to all who read it how well our Charities are now managed, and how worthy they are of support; while the letters from Bro. Binckes and others will confirm the view we ventured originally to introduce to the notice of our brethren, that our lodges *quâ* lodges ought to do, far more than they do.

It is quite clear that here is the weak point of our charitable efforts.

Some liberal and wealthy lodges, indeed, exist amongst us, many large-hearted brethren give often and freely, but the great majority of our lodges do not subscribe at all to the Charities.

Were our lodges which give nothing, even only to select one charity this year, and qualify the W.M. for a Life Governorship for the lodge, a very large sum would be raised, which would serve to strengthen either the position of the charity funds and of the Girls' School, or to replace the capital of the Boys' School, expended in the erection of a very noble building.

The Boys' School has now no funded property whatever, and depends entirely on the annual festival and the liberality of the Craft, So it seems a very good opportunity, this year of grace 1874, by a steady and combined effort of our lodges, to enable the House Committee of the Boys' School to form the nucleus of funded property once again.

In saying all this, we do not shut our eyes to the fact, that, instead of the claims of, and on our charities decreasing, they are pretty certainly to increase, but such is always the happy penalty of material prosperity and progress, inasmuch as the very comfort and well-being we enjoy, entail on us the corresponding duties of large-heartedness and charity. So we trust then to witness through the length and breadth of our Order, that in expanding numbers and increasing means, we have not forgotten the abounding claims upon us all, of the great charities of our universal brotherhood.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty is at Windsor Castle, where she has received all the members of the Royal Family, and a distinguished circle of guests, to meet the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh. Her Majesty came to London on Thursday with the newly-married couple.

The landing at Gravesend was a great success,

and the arrangements there, to testify, the loyal attachment of the English nation to the Royal Family, and their satisfaction at this auspicious union, reflects the greatest credit on the municipal authorities, and all concerned in the preparations and decorations. We do not doubt, but, that, the same loyal feeling will be exhibited on the 12th in the Metropolis, but as we go to press on Thursday, we reserve a report of that day's proceedings until next week.

Everything must have given the charming and august stranger amongst us, a most favourable impression of the English people. Happily she had Queen's weather, and from the pleasant faces of the flower-strewing maidens, down to the loyal cheers of the Eton Boys, with the naval and military and civil spectacle, as an interlude, and above all, the vast crowds of good natured exulting people of all classes and conditions, from first to last, in all and through all, there was everything befitting a thoroughly national reception of the daughter of the Czar, and the wife of the Duke of Edinburgh.

So as one of the Gravesend mottoes said, say we and all loyal Freemasons to the newly-married couple to-day, "may all of happiness attend you."

Perhaps not the least of the gratifying and touching sights of the day, was the motherly reception by the Queen of this new member of her family circle, and the representation thus happily and openly made, by the highest authority in the land, of the sanctity of those domestic ties of home life and home affections, and home union, without which public life is but a barren show, and the pageantry of the Court itself an unhealthy dream.

Sir Garnet Wolseley has taken Coomassie, burnt the palace and town, and has marched the white men back to the coast to escape the ravages of the wet season. By a later telegram the infatuated King had sent again to treat for peace. Capt. the Hon. H. Wood, 10th Hussars, A.D.C., has arrived with the official despatches, and nothing seems to have exceeded either the gallantry of the forces or the skill of their commander. Captain Glover seems to have done excellently well.

Parliament was formally opened by Commission on the 3rd. The Right Honourable H. Brand was unanimously re-elected Speaker. The swearing in of the members began on the 7th, and will continue this week. Next week we shall be able to report the actual opening and the Queen's speech. The following high officers of the Cabinet have been sworn in:—Marquis of Hertford, Lord Chamberlain; Lord Barrington, Vice-Chamberlain; Earl Beauchamp, Lord Steward; Earl Percy, Treasurer of the Household; Lord Henry Somerset, Comptroller of the Household; Marquis of Exeter, Captain of the H. Corps, of Gentlemen-at-Arms, Earl Bradford, Master of the Horse; Earl Hardwicke, Master of the Buckhounds. The following are the new Lords in waiting:—The Earl of Dunmore; the Earl of Roden; Viscount Hawarden; Lord Bagot; Lord De Ros; Lord Elphinstone; Lord Walsingham. The new Peerages are officially announced:—Viscount Sydney, to be Earl Sydney; Viscount Enfield, to be Lord Trafford; Mr. Chichester Fortescue, to be Lord Carlingford; Mr. Cardwell, to be Earl Cardwell; Sir Thomas Freemantle, to be Baron Cottesloe; Mr. Hammond, to be Lord Hammond; Sir John Pakington, to be Lord Hampton. The following gentlemen have also been recommended to the Queen by Mr. Gladstone for baronetcies—Harry Stephen Thompson, Esq., of Kirby Hall, Thomas Nayler Grove, Esq., of Ferne House; George Burrows, Esq., M.D., President of the Royal College of Physicians; Thomas McClure, Esq., of Belfast; John Heathcoat Heathcoat Amory, Esq., of Knights Hayes; Richard Green Price, Esq.; William Miller, Esq., of Berwickshire.

The following account of Orton in prison from the *Times*, may interest some of our readers though we think the sooner he is forgotten the better for every one. It will interest the public to be informed how the prisoner fares in Newgate. In the first place, he stoutly refuses to answer to the name of Castro or Orton, but willingly responds to that of Tichborne. He was yesterday supplied with his prison dress, which

consists of a light brown woollen cloth blouse, knee breeches, ribbed worsted stockings, common leather boots, and a cap with a little knob at the top, without a peak. He has been closely shaved and had his hair cropped. His shirt sleeves measure 37 inches round, the muscle of the arm being 27 inches, while round the chest he is 56 inches. He does not pick anything like the portion of oakum allotted to him; his fingers are somewhat delicate, and the tar-rope is very trying. He rises at 6 o'clock and goes to bed at 9, and attends chapel for the present every morning. He has hitherto maintained complete silence and, considering all things, takes kindly to the skilly. When his new dress was brought to him he appeared to falter a little, but soon regained his self-possession. He sleeps well."

Mr. Jean Luie has been finally committed for trial by Sir Thomas Henry, and Captain Brown, of remarkable memory, is "up," before that same excellent magistrate, and seems likely to follow in the steps of his friend and old acquaintance, Luie.

We would just observe that on the account of the spectacle of Saturday, few things we think will have gratified the general public more, or have probably saved their pockets, than the happy idea of shutting up safe from harms way, and from a tumultuous crowd, by the gentlemen from Scotland-yard, 35 of the most adroit of London pick-pockets. It is an act of energy and good sense, which cannot be too highly commended.

The following may amuse our readers as it amused us. At the Surrey Sessions (Second Court), before Mr. H. F. Harrison, James Godwin pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny as a bailee. The prisoner was intrusted by a number of persons, chiefly of the poorer class, with their watches to repair. He seems to have been in the habit of pawning the watches as soon as they came into his possession, putting the owners off with various excuses for the non-delivery of their property. In some cases he said that a new wheel had to be made, requiring a special kind of machinery. The prisoner was found guilty on another indictment of a similar character, and there being a previous conviction against him, the chairman sentenced him to seven years' penal servitude and seven years' police supervision. At the conclusion of the case, and before sentence, Detective Bell, of the M Division, stated that the prisoner was one of the cleverest rogues in London. He had known him for a great many years. His practice was to attend meetings and assume different characters (among others a Bible class teacher and a mesmerist), and having disarmed suspicion, he would set up a shop, receive watches to mend and repair, and after disposing of the watches make off himself. The detective had succeeded in the present case in recovering seven out of the eleven watches recently lost. It was rumoured in Court that the prisoner had attempted to "mesmerize" two warders who had him in custody, and had offered to mend their watches, but had on both occasions failed to accomplish his object.

The obituary of the *Times* of March 4th contains some extraordinary illustrations of prolonged existence in ten persons,—viz., seven ladies and three gentlemen—whose united ages amounted to 867 years, giving an average of 86 years and more than eight months to each; the oldest was a gentleman, who had reached the great age of 98 years, the youngest of the same sex being 85 years of age; of the ladies the oldest was 95 and the youngest 80 years of age. The following were the respective ages:—Two at 80, 82, 83, 85, 86, 88, 90, 95, 95, 98. There were also six septuagenarians, who averaged 73 years and ten months each.

Beyond this we have no news to record.

Abroad there is little to notice, except that the Hungarian Ministry has resigned, and that General Moriones is both in bad health, and in a bad way. Marshal Serrano has gone to his relief with 16,000 foot soldiers, but we confess, we do not expect that, he can retrieve the "fortune of the day." Nous verrons.

We have to record with regret, the death of that very eminent medical man, Dr. Forbes B. Winslow, M.D., and D.C.L.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The 76th Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday evening at Freemason's Tavern. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Marquess of Ripon, presided, and was supported by Lord Balfour, of Burleigh, G.S.W.; Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M., Middlesex; Bro. John Hervey, G.S.; Bro. R. J. Spiers, P.G.S.B.; Bro. T. Fenn, P.G.D.C.; Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Bro. Capt. Platt, G.P.W.; Bro. J. Boyd, P.G.P.; Bro. Goodall, Bro. Dr. J. H. Graham, G.M., G.L. of Quebec, and many other distinguished brethren. There were also about 400 brethren present, besides a large number of ladies, who were entertained at a separate banquet.

At the conclusion of the banquet grace was sung, and the toasts were proceeded with.

In giving the toast of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," the Chairman said: I need not tell you what is the first toast which I intend to ask you to drink this evening. You are all well aware that that toast can only be the "Health of Her Majesty the Queen." Good Freemasons are invariably loyal subjects, and the "Health of Our Gracious and Beloved Sovereign" is always drunk with the utmost enthusiasm on every occasion when Freemasons meet together. But this evening, when we drink her Majesty's health, we do not merely drink it as Sovereign of these realms, but we drink it also as the illustrious patroness of the Institution on whose behalf we are assembled to-night. (Cheers.) By graciously granting her patronage to the Boys' School, the Queen has shown both her approval of our ancient Craft, and her interest in this valuable Institution; and I call upon you therefore with more than ordinary enthusiasm, if that be possible, to drink "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen."

The toast having been duly honoured,

The Chairman said: Again I rise to propose to you a toast which needs no words of mine to recommend it. It is "The Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." (Cheers.) And I am proud to think that this toast in these fortunate times may be regarded not merely as a toast of national interest, but as also an especially Masonic toast. (Hear, hear.) The "Health of our Most Worshipful Brother the Prince of Wales," is a toast which goes straight to the heart of every member of this great fraternity. (Cheers.) But on the present occasion it is not impossible that our thoughts may turn even from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to think of those two illustrious members of the British Royal Family who are about to make their entry into this capital to-morrow. (Cheers.) Brethren, we of the Masonic Craft are apt, though the outside world may not think so, to be beforehand with the rest of the country in all that is good. Let us show that that is true to-night, and let us be the first to welcome with a hearty welcome their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh. (Cheers.)

Lord Balfour of Burleigh, S.G.W., said: Brethren, a very pleasant task is imposed upon me this evening, at least, it would be very pleasant to me if it was a little easier for me to do it justice. But it is not easy to chronicle the virtues of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. (Hear, hear.) I know that you will receive his name with the utmost enthusiasm, and that feeling makes me the more confident that any shortcomings on my part will not detract from the welcome you will give him this evening. It is but a very few nights ago that I was a witness to his re-election to preside over you for the ensuing year. His re-election on that occasion was conducted with a unanimity which cannot be too highly praised, and with a cordiality which I think can be rarely exceeded. Our M.W.G.M. has been born to a very high station, and we can say how well he adorns that station. (Hear, hear.) He has chosen one of the most arduous careers which it is possible for a man to choose, that of assisting in governing his fellow countrymen, and in that he has been most successful; and while we cannot but feel that it is a

high honour to anyone to be called on to preside over a body like the Freemasons of England, we cannot but be most sensible of the fact that we are an exceptionally fortunate body of men to secure such a man to preside over us. (Hear, hear.) But, brethren, he claims upon us this evening which are, perhaps I may be allowed to say, more urgent upon us than his being M.W.G.M.; he is President of the Institution the 76th anniversary festival of which we met here to-night to celebrate. I believe it is some time since we have been presided over, I may say, by the M.W.G.M., and I am sure it is a subject of deep congratulation to all that have the well-being of their Institution at heart, and I call upon you cordially to drink his health. (Cheers.)

After a Song,

The Chairman said: I know well that I cannot rival the dulcet tones which have just excited so much enthusiasm on your part; but at least I can say with the utmost sincerity that I thank you heartily for this cordial reception. It is, brethren, only one short week since, by the suffrages of Grand Lodge, I was called once more to preside over this ancient fraternity. I had then an opportunity of expressing to the Craft my deep sense of gratitude for the honour that was conferred upon me, and of laying before them upon an occasion more suitable than the present the principles by which I should endeavour to be guided during the time that I might hold the office which I was then called upon to fill. I have, therefore, only to-night to repeat to you my hearty thanks for the reception which you have given me now, and for the confidence which you have so lately reposed in me. The government of Freemasonry is a government which can only be conducted when the person who is called to the highest office in the Craft meets on all occasions with hearty support from his brethren. So long as that support is accorded to me I may hope to be enabled, however feebly, to discharge my duties. If that support was wanting I should not be foolish enough to undertake the duty. But, then, I appear here in another capacity as President of this Institution. Of the claims of that Institution to your confidence and support I will say nothing at this moment, because I shall be obliged to detain you for some time presently in reference to that subject. Suffice it for me to say now that I feel it a great satisfaction to hold the office of President of the Boys' School, and that I rejoice that I have been enabled once more to occupy this chair at one of the annual festivals of that Institution. (Cheers.)

His Lordship concluded by proposing "The Health of the D.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, the Prov. G.M.'s, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Col. Burdett responded, and Bro. F. Binckes presented the winners of the Good Conduct and Canonbury prizes, to be received at his Lordship's hands. This having been done,

The Chairman said: Brethren, I now rise to ask you to drink "Prosperity to that excellent Institution" on whose behalf we are gathered together this evening, and I am sure it is not necessary for me to detain you at any great length in order to convince you that the Freemason's Boys' School is deserving not merely of being toasted on a festive occasion like this, but of higher and more substantial proofs of your confidence and regard. Brethren, this Institution has existed now for upwards of a quarter of a century. This, I find, is the 76th Anniversary Festival of an Institute that was founded in the year 1798. At that time there were only six recipients of the benefits of this school. At the present time there are 162, and within a very short period, if I mistake not, after the next election, the number of boys to be accommodated in it will be 176. Now, when you reflect upon the great advance which the Craft has made since the end of the last century, you will not regard with surprise the facts which I have mentioned; you will only see in them a proof that the managers of the Freemasons' Boys' School have endeavoured to keep pace in the extension of the benefits of that Institution with the general pro-

gress of the Craft. As you are aware, the inmates of this school do not merely receive education, but they are lodged, fed, and clothed; and you must take all that into consideration when you come to compare the cost per head of this school with the cost of other educational Institutions. I was only referring this very day to certain reports in my library in regard to the Endowed Schools of this country, with a view to seeing whether what I understand to be the average cost per boy of this Institution, viz., £45, including everything, expenses of office, and everything else, was an undue and exorbitant charge. Well, most of the Institutions that I had to look at did not include, of course, as you are well aware, any item in the nature of clothing. Now, that is an important difference to be borne in mind, and the result of my examination, I am bound to say, was this, that I do not think it appears from figures that have been placed before me, that any just charge can be made against the managers of this Institution for undue extravagance in respect of it. I doubt not that they will bear in mind that as an Institution increases in numbers it may be possible to make reductions in the cost per head. There is no doubt that very large schools of this kind can be conducted more cheaply than those which are much smaller; and that is a point which should be borne in mind as the Boys' School increases; but as I have said the impression left on my mind has been that we have no right to make any charge against those who are engaged in the management of this School, such as those which we have heard on some occasions made by persons who may not possibly have considered all the circumstances of the case. And you must recollect this, that boys are very expensive things. (Laughter.) Boys, somehow or other, take a great deal more to teach and to clothe, and, I was going to say, and I believe I might say, to feed, than girls; but somehow or other there is no doubt that schools exclusively devoted to the education and maintenance of boys must cost more than Institutions which are in any degree of a mixed character. (Hear, hear.) Now, brethren, I feel peculiar satisfaction on this occasion in taking the chair at the festival of the Boys' School, because my mind goes back to five years ago which was the last occasion when I had the honour of presiding at this festival. At that time this school was very heavily in debt of at least £10,000 upon the Institution at that time. On that occasion, in the year 1869, a very great effort was made to sweep off that debt. Since then it has been extinguished, and I have now the pleasure to stand before you to advocate the cause of the Boys' School when by the efforts of the Freemasons of England that debt has been cleared away, and the school stands free from all such incumbrance. (Cheers.) So far so good; but then this must be borne in mind, that although the debt has been cleared away, and the Institution can now proceed upon what I trust will be its long career of prosperity and usefulness without that terrible drag and encumbrance of indebtedness, nevertheless, if I am not mistaken, this Institution, in that respect less fortunate than its fellows among Masonic Institutions, has nothing in the nature of an endowment, nothing in the nature of funded property, to fall back upon. Therefore, though you have cleared off the debt, though you are, as I trust, ready upon this and upon every annual occasion to meet the annual expenses of this valuable Institution—and I understand that the estimate is, that to provide for 176 boys no less a sum than £7,000 a year will be required, though I have no doubt whatever that that sum will always be forthcoming. I cannot think that we shall have done our duty to this most important Institution, unless over and above providing for the annual expenses which year by year so come forward in its support to an extent which will enable it to lay by something out of its annual income to provide for the necessities of difficult times, and to establish it upon a basis of secure permanence. (Cheers.) And, surely, brethren, there can be no doubt in these days that the Boys' School—the Freemason's Boys' School—which is intended to provide means of education

for those among our brethren who have been overtaken by misfortune, should be placed upon a foundation which can fear no contingency, and should be raised to a standard worthy of the education of the country. (Hear, hear.) Now, brethren, we live in times when the estimate of education in the mind of every reasonable man in the country is very different from that which it was when this Institution was founded. I venture to say that it was a much greater proof of the wisdom of Freemasons, and of their desire to promote the interests of their brethren when they founded the little school in 1798, than when now they maintain the great school of 1874, because you must measure the value and fruits then as compared with the fruits now by the estimate of education in the public mind at the two periods. Now, we know very well that in these days to be deprived of the means of acquiring a sound education is to be kept back in every career, is to be placed in a position in which it is hopeless to rise, and in which there can only remain a dreary struggle for those who find themselves by the neglect of others, unhappily placed in that position. (Hear, hear.) Look at the public service. You know that now it is not personal favour or political importance which gets men into situations in the public service. (Hear, hear.) There were times when the great event of the last month would have spread dismay through the hearts of thousands of candidates, and have raised the most extravagant hopes in the minds of thousands of others on the other side. (Laughter.) Those things do not exist. That is not the case now. (Hear, hear.) Now-a-days, those who desire to enter the public service of this country have to rely upon their intellectual attainments, and upon the instruction which they have received. But it is not only in those walks of life that education is now, I may say, a necessary of life; it is so, as you all know well, and it is so increasing in every career, public or private; and, therefore, it becomes a duty imperative, I say, upon every Freemason who has the means, to contribute towards Institutions of this kind which are founded for the purpose, and which we have every reason to believe are fulfilling the purpose for which they were founded; the great, the noble, the truly Masonic purpose of bringing within the reach of the children of our distressed brethren the means of obtaining a sound education which is calculated to provide for them, whatever faculties they may possess. Now, I know well that it is supposed to be the duty of the chairman of a public dinner always to congratulate everybody upon the satisfactory state in which all the matters that are then under discussion are, and to endeavour to make everything as pleasant as we desire that things should always be after dinner; and in many respects, doubtless, I can truly follow that time-honoured course. No doubt this Institution is receiving a very large amount of support from the Masonic body. It is increasing its numbers, it has recently erected most commodious buildings; and it is, as we trust, advancing in its educational career, and taking the position which we should desire it to occupy among the educational institutions of the country. But you must remember that we Freemasons have a habit, especially when we assemble together upon public occasions, of boasting exceedingly of our charitable Institutions, and of telling those who are not Masons, that in those Institutions may be found the proof of what are the principles of the result of the Craft. Well, in one sense that is true; but there is another sense in which it is far less true than I should desire (I am always fond of plain speaking on these matters, and I think it my duty, holding the high position which I do, to say to you that which I really think), and I have this to say, with regard to all these Institutions, that it appears to me—and I have become increasingly impressed with the conviction, that the burden of their support falls much too much year after year upon the same shoulders. (Hear, hear.)

(To be continued in our next.)

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all to permit within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

EARLY GRAND ENCAMPMENT, SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Through the medium of your valuable paper I beg to draw the attention of the Craft at large to a species of tyranny lately exercised on this side the Tweed by the "Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow."

Some few months ago the Lodge Star, No. 219 on the Grand Lodge Roll, removed to a new Lodge of their own, situated at 12, Iron-gate, Glasgow, the opening of which duly appeared in your columns. As is the custom in large towns where several Masonic bodies are situated, a number of them are generally found located under the same canopy exercising their various august rites and ceremonies. Such being the case, a body of Knight Templars, designated the "Glasgow Early Grand Knight Templar Encampment, and Preceptory of Red Cross Knights," applied to the said Lodge Star for permission to meet in their Lodge room. In due time notice was received by the E.G. Encampment that their application was sustained, and by paying a certain sum per year, which was also fixed, they were accordingly allowed to enter upon part possession of the premises, and continued to do so for some two months. In the meantime, the Lodge Star had applied to the Provincial Grand Lodge to have their new Lodge consecrated, and this little matter took the P.G. Lodge some time to determine when it would conveniently be able to do so. But in the interim, it had come to their ears that the Star Lodge harboured a spurious body of Masons—the E.G. Encampment being so termed.

The Deputy Provincial Master, Bro. M.W. F. A. Barrow being the principal actor in this little drama, and his Office-bearers, are also members of the R.A. Chapter and Knight Templar Encampment, acting under the Chapter General of Scotland. And, by the way, "Tempora Mutantur, et nos mutamur in illis," they have but recently become connected with the Chapter General themselves. Previously the Encampment with which they are connected in Glasgow was an independent one, acting under their own authority, their head being long since dead. As already noticed, Bro. F. A. Barrow is Dep. P.G. Master of the 3rd Deg. by St. John's Masonry; he is also Supt. of the R.A. Chapter in the Province, and also holds a position in the Encampment. This dignitary with his exalted brethren, intimated to the Star Lodge that they would not consecrate their Lodge till once they had expelled from their bosom the spurious Encampment; and in the event of the Star Lodge refusing to do so, it was gently intimated that their charter would be withdrawn. This verdict of the P.G. Lodge we will leave to the Brethren of the Craft, who we are certain will denounce it as infamous.

Be it, however, understood that the E.G. Encampment and the Encampments acting under the Chapter General, have no connection but in name. The Encampments of the Chapter General have existed under their present head only for a few years, whereas the E.G. Encampment has existed without interruption in Scotland under the same Government for nearly 100 years; thus a scion of that body, the D.P.G.M. of Glasgow considers a set of dishonourable Masons, or at least he terms them spurious, which is equally the same.

It was deemed advisable that the E.G. Encampment should communicate themselves with the P.G. Lodge; this accordingly was done, and in reply that *modus operandi* was performed which is so befitting for great men to address their humbler brethren, they denounced the E.G. Encampment as spurious, governed by no head

(not by any means the head they are connected with), and wishes to have nothing to say to them, and if any further communication should emanate from that quarter they distinctly state that no notice whatever will be taken of it. And to ensure their success in the Star Lodge, they make them pass a resolution that they let their Lodge room to no Masonic body unless they hold under the Chapter General of Scotland; and, strange to say, at the present moment the said Lodge is advertised to be let for Good Templars' meetings and other societies. "Sua cuique voluptas."

The question here arises, What right has the P.G. Lodge to interfere with a Lodge for letting their rooms to another body distinctly apart from them, who are veritable Freemasons made under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and whose only crime (a crime called by them) is that of being connected with an old-established body of Knight Templars who do not act under their authority, and consequently the fees and other benefits accruing from new initiates and otherwise they do not participate in? The sooner matters are put on a more equitable footing, and every district Body governed by those connected with it without influencing and intimidating those who may be lower down on the Masonic ladder the better.

The time has long since arrived that the different degrees which to the neutral world are called "Freemasons," should live in that spirit which they profess, and put an end to those squabbles which sometimes exist, but which do much to lessen outer respect for the Order, and thereby infringe on its great and glorious precepts—Brotherly love to all mankind. We trust that the P.G. Lodge of Glasgow will revoke their decision, so that no ill-feeling may linger in the breasts of some of their brethren.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

Glasgow, Feb. 17, 1874. FRIAT JUSTITIA.

"HORRORS ACCUMULATE ON HORRORS HEAD."

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is not an easy matter to do justice, in a letter, to the many subjects which I have to handle this week. But I cannot allow such gross misrepresentations to go unchallenged. I am compelled to defend myself and the cause I have espoused against all unwarrantable, unjust, and malignant charges. Having acted from the purest Masonic motives, and in strict accordance with my convictions, my conscience is quite clear on the point, and I fear not the result. The question at issue is an important one to the "Craft," and equally as important to myself, and I regret only that the lot did not fall to one more competent to deal with it. My heart is in the work; however, the cause is good, and, being confident of the approval of all intelligent and well-informed Masons, I go fearlessly to work, trusting to the protection of the Grand Master of the Universe against all threats and attempts that have been, and may be made, against my life.

Fair play is all I ask. I will proceed at once, and deal first with—

"MASONIC RELICS."

In reply to G. H. W., and G. W. W., which appear to be the same—to save time and space I will refer your readers to his letters published in *The Freemason* on the 7th and 21st February respectively. I think the circulars referred to by G. H. W. were not issued from the P.G.L. of Glasgow, but from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, a copy of one of which I give further on in my trial (?) It will speak for itself, and needs no comment now.

The Melrose St. John's (No. 1) referred to is the Lodge over which I have the honour to preside. It was started some fifteen or sixteen months since, and now numbers some 300 members. Other Lodges are also working in Glasgow under the "Melrose" body, and some four new Lodges are about to be opened in a month or so. All good Masons who can work their way into the Lodge are welcome. So few

of the Glasgow Masons, however, can do that, that we are not troubled very much. I deny that we have "much to gain" by visiting brethren. We are continually strengthening our forces by affiliating brethren from Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who *should know* which body practices the best Masonry. Brother John Kinnaird, 33°, member of Lodges Nos. 9, 13, 62, 111, 374 (under Grand Lodge of Scotland), 193, Pa., 194, N.Y. (United States), 76 (Canada), and 204 (New Brunswick), was duly affiliated into the Melrose St. John's, No. 1, on the 17th inst. I have his permission to make the fact public, and challenge any Mason to meet him and publicly discuss the question as to the genuineness of the Melrose St. John's Masons, for £100 aside, the winning money to be devoted to benevolent purposes.

I have never seen any advertisements "requesting the attendance of Visiting Brethren," or known of any emanating from the Melrose Body. If such ever did appear, was it any crime, pray?

A Melrose Mason of many years standing, who was brought up in Melrose, informs me that he never knew or heard of any other than the old Melrose St. John's being in Melrose. If this be true where did G. H. W. get his No. 15, Kilwinning, St. Peters, No. 210, and incorporated Kilwinning, No. 102 from?

G. H. W. is quite correct, however, in stating that "The Melrose Lodge has always maintained its independence." This is true in more than one sense, they are entirely free from debt and have plenty cash in hand. Had the Grand Lodge of Scotland maintained its independence as well, it would not be burdened with its present enormous debt, or be ashamed to publish an annual financial report.

I most emphatically deny having known who G. H. W. was before I sent off my letter, which appeared on 14th Feb. I had my suspicions after sending it, but I never knew it as a fact until the 21st, when I learned it in your office here. I did not even know G. H. W., or G. W. W. by sight until my so-called trial and expulsion, which is most unfairly reported in your issue of 21st inst. Trial indeed! A greater farce never was played in a penny show. A so-called summons (the real article I enclose to you for inspection, after which please return it to your office in this city for me, and I will call for it) of which the following is a copy:—

"Abercromby-street, Glasgow,
22nd January, 1864.

"Sir and Brother,

"I am instructed to summon you to attend the next meeting of the Lodge "Glasgow" No. 441, on Tuesday, the 10th February prox., at half-past eight o'clock p.m., to answer to the charge of your joining the "Melrose" body of Masons,

"I am, yours fraternally,

"JOHN RENNIE, Secy.

"Mr. Thos. Stratford."

Having been personally served, I attended Lodge "Glasgow," 441, at time fixed. After the charge was read I requested the R.W.M. to cause all E. A.'s and F. C.'s to retire and the lodge to be raised to the sublime degree of M.M. That done, I insisted upon all visiting brethren withdrawing. This was objected to and overruled by the lodge. One brother (of 413), however, acknowledged the justice of my demand. I protested against the so-called trial, as being informal, irregular, unmasonic, and illegal, inasmuch as the so-called summons not being stamped with the seal of the lodge, was Masonically illegal, according to authorised works on the laws of "Masonic Trials," that by the same law no Mason can be tried in the presence of visiting brethren without his consent.

This notwithstanding, I was put on my M.M.O.B. to answer if I had joined the "Melrose" body, and held the office of R.W.M. I admitted that I had done so, but maintained that it did not constitute a Masonic crime. If it be a crime, then I would plead guilty to the charge. A circular was then read, of which the following is a correct copy:—

"Freemasons' Hall, George-street,
Edinburgh, 26th Dec., 1874.

"R. W. Sir, and Brother,

"I am directed by the Grand Commission to call your attention to advertisements which have appeared in the Glasgow newspapers, intimating that a lodge styled "The Melrose St. John" had been inaugurated in Glasgow by the Melrose Masons, and to caution your lodge against giving countenance or recognition to any parties hailing therefrom. The following names appear to be connected with the movement, viz., Robert Renton, Andrew Hart, John Scott, Wm. Hart, Wilson, and M. C. Barclay.

"You are aware the Melrose has persistently withheld from union with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and has no warrant or authority for establishing new lodges.

"Be so good as to read this letter to your lodge, and cause your members generally to be informed of its import.

"I remain yours fraternally,

"ALEX. J. STEWART, G.S."

The *fearful crime* was proved (?) by the above circular. I was charged (though this does not appear in the so-called summons), "with having violated my obligation by joining a body of Masons, contrary to the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland." I asked why the circular above should say "the Melrose Lodge has *persistently* withheld, &c.?" That of itself proved that the Melrose Masons had frequently been invited to join the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and showed beyond doubt that they were *genuine* Masons:

I told the lodge that they knew nothing of the law of Masonic trials, and, as they were unprepared for the trial, and I wanted to have the case tried on its merits, I was *willing*, for their sakes, and the credit of the lodge, to have the trial adjourned for a month, at which time I would pledge my word to attend. And in the meantime they would have an opportunity to read up Masonic history and Masonic Law. I did not—as your report states—ask for an adjournment. Moreover, I told them distinctly that I was prepared then. I also stated that if they adjourned the case for a month, I would withdraw my objection to visiting brethren being present, and they might then have the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, and the whole of the Grand Lodge of Scotland too, if they liked. It was decided, however, that the trial proceed. I then said they had no jurisdiction in the case. That even if all was proved as charged—as an American-made Mason, I was affiliated, only to consider 441, as next after my Mother Lodge, and as I had neither violated my American obligation, nor infringed any of her bye-laws or rules, I was perfectly clear, and I defied them to find me guilty. It was held, however, that the circular, the Constitution of Grand Lodge, and the bye-laws of the lodge, empowered them to deal with the case. Bye-law No. 37, of the lodge was then read, which is as follows, "Should any member infringe these bye-laws, he shall, after being duly summoned to attend a meeting, be liable to such penalty as the majority of the brethren present at said meeting shall deem fit and expedient."

In this case it was "deemed fit and expedient" to expel me from the lodge. I denounced the whole proceedings as unmasonic and disgraceful, and I cautioned the lodge not to take steps that they would afterwards regret. I requested that my name should not be erased from the roll until the decision of the lodge had been confirmed by the P.G.L. and G.L. of Scotland, to which tribunals I said I should appeal. Your report omits to state that the request was granted. Some one proposed that the D's should put me out of the lodge, and the S.D. at once stepped forward, between me and the altar, with that brotherly intention, he was, however, ordered to his seat by the R.W.M., who by his promptness alone, prevented a scene which none would have regretted more than myself.

I shall always feel grateful for the kindness and courtesy I received from the R.W.M. throughout these painful proceedings. I would I could say the same for the members of the lodge. I am confident though, that most of them had no desire to injure me or disgrace the Craft, and, if they erred, it was only through

ignorance of matters Masonic, or from bad judgment. I was not—as your report states—ordered but I was requested to retire. Nor was the word "spurious" or the term "spurious body" mentioned at all throughout the proceedings, your report to the contrary notwithstanding. Perhaps our friend G. W. W., who was present, will furnish your readers with an interesting account of the after piece, or the "dark seance," entitled "Moses when the candle went out," or "Noses when the gas went out." I am sure he can write feelingly on the subject.

I remain, fraternally yours,

THOMAS STRATFORD.

R.W.M., Melrose St. John's, No. 1,
and still member of Lodges 106,
N.Y., and 441, Glasgow.

Glasgow, 23rd February, 1874.

P.S.—Since writing the above I have had the pleasure of two hours' conversation with Bro. W. H. Jackson, R.W.M., of "Glasgow," 441. I have also shown him this letter of mine, and he states that it is quite correct, and that anything to the contrary is false. Bro. Jackson also states that he never saw or heard of any other circular on the subject, but the one above, issued from Grand Lodge. What can G. W. W. say for himself now?—T.S.

OUR MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The importance of the subject, and your known readiness at all times to freely open the columns of *The Freemason* for the discussion of subjects interesting to the members of the Craft, induces me to trespass on your space, and supplement my former letter with a statement of the means which, in my humble opinion, might promote the object in view, viz.—An increased annual support to all our charities. These suggestions are necessarily very crude, but I venture to put them forward in the hope, that, other brethren will bring their matured experience to bear on the subject, and that by amending them or proposing some better means instead, a practicable scheme may ultimately be worked out. I am not at all wedded to any of these propositions, my chief motive in giving them shape being to stimulate discussion, a discussion that, let us hope, will bear fruit in season.

Permit me, however, first briefly to notice the letters of Bros. Binckes and Gotthiel, which appear in your issue of the 7th.

I cannot altogether agree with Bro. Binckes's statement respecting the publication of the advertisements. The claims of the charities, the elections and the results should at any rate be regularly and systematically announced in the advertising columns of *The Freemason*.

Seeing that this journal is the only medium through which extended reports of everything pertaining to the Craft can be made known, seeing that the news columns must so frequently and so largely be used in notices and reports, the proprietor has certainly a right to expect, both in accordance with the usages of other bodies and newspapers, and as a matter of justice and business, that the advertisements should also regularly appear; and not only would this systematic use of the advertising columns of *The Freemason* be advantageous to the charities themselves, but the members of the Craft who are interested in them (and who amongst us should not be?) would know where to look for information respecting them.

With Bro. Gotthiel I perfectly agree, that, propositions emanating from the rank and file rarely succeed, unless some prominent leader takes the matter up, and one of my reasons in again troubling you, is the hope that, by continuing the discussion, some distinguished brother will step forward and by his countenance and assistance aid in causing something practicable and permanent being devised. A recognition of work instead of social position only (when the honours of the Craft are distributed), more frequently than is now done, would be a further incentive to many active members to continue their exertions and could not fail to produce good effects. Too often work is but very moderately recognized, unless the brother is high up in the social scale. I can assure Bro. Gotthiel that I do not think display and a good appetite are incompatible with a sympathetic heart, on

the contrary, I think that Masonic as well as other bodies, and charities, are no doubt much benefited by the social ideas that generally reign supreme after a well ordered banquet; but alas how seldom with us is that opportunity taken advantage of to press forward the claims of charity, and that societies stand as much in need of them in moderation as the human frame does with a regular allowance of feeding. My objection is that in too many instances the dinner table is too much considered, and the charity vote postponed or altogether put on one side.

The suggestion Bro. Gottheil makes, that the Grand Lodge should make it compulsory upon every member to subscribe will hardly do, seeing that it would in the first place do away with the voluntary character of our contributions, would also have a tendency to confine all subscriptions to the minimum amount laid down by such enactment, and would also in time make us an insurance society, for seeing that every one was compelled to subscribe, so in time it would come to pass that every one would expect a share in the benefits. What we really want to do, is to make certain that the claims of our charities are brought under the immediate notice of every brother, and to educate our members until they all annually or at other intervals contribute in proportion to their means.

The personal subscriptions of members ought not to diminish the subscriptions of lodges and chapters in their corporate capacity, and I do not think they would, as the members being more alive to the charities would more readily initiate or support votes towards them. *Every lodge and chapter* (as Bro. Binckes justly remarks) *ought to make an annual contribution to each of the charities.* Educate the members into giving out of their own purses, and they will soon take care that regular votes are made from the common purse.

Seeing that the machinery at present in existence does not succeed in bringing our charities sufficiently under notice, what can be devised to supplement it? It is excellent as far as it goes, but it falls very far short. The circulars and appeals are even in too many cases never either read or announced from the dais of the lodge. One of the W.M.'s is careless about it, and each succeeding W.M. too frequently copies his careless example.

Let us take our present organization of provinces, lodges, and chapters, and consider each separately.

Could there not be established in each province a special charity board, consisting of, as ex-officio members, the Provincial Grand Officers for the year, and one or more representatives from each lodge. The P.G.M., and the M.P.G.M. would take honorary rank as president and vice-president respectively, the board selecting themselves a working chairman, and as in too many provinces it would be too great a tax upon the time of the P.G.S. were the extra labour of the Secretaryship of this board placed upon him, a separate Secretary, would in many cases be deemed advisable. This board should meet quarterly, or at any rate not less than once every half-year. The business might be defined to consist of receiving reports from the Charity Committees of each lodge, advising and pressing these committees to do their work; they might also initiate movements by which permanent scholarships might be obtained, and to them also might be delegated the local claims for relief, and they might also report to the London committee upon the claims of any one in their locality wishing to be placed upon the lists of candidates. Where the province is large this board might double itself into district committees, reporting to and acting under the whole board for the province. Take this province for instance—Seaham, Sunderland, Shields and Jarrow might form one district; Durham, Bishop Auckland, Chester-le-street, and Gateshead might form a second, while Hartlepool, Stockton, Darlington and Barnard Castle might form a third.

From these provincial boards an ample number of stewards would always be found ready to respond to the call on the anniversary of each institution.

As subsidiary to this Provincial Board a special charity committee might be appointed in each

lodge consisting say of the W.M., the two Wardens and two Charity Stewards, the latter of whom might be specially charged with the duty of collecting subscriptions and appealing to each individual member at least once a year. This committee might depute any one of their number to be present at the meetings of the Provincial Charity Board.

Chapters might be dealt with in the same way as lodges.

I have already occupied so much of your space, that, I will but add one or two more sentences and close, leaving details and other matters to some one else, or to a future time.

The committee of each charity, would, I anticipate, be perfectly ready to supply to each member sufficient number of copies of an appeal, so that the Lodge Charity Stewards could forward one to each member.

I cannot help further remarking that in the opinion of many the movement made last year by which the sum necessary to qualify a lodge or chapter as vice-president, governor, or subscriber, was doubled, and was a move in the wrong direction. The old arrangements by which these bodies got a *perpetual* rank and vote, for the same amount that an individual donor only received a *life* interest, manifestly needed alteration, but it would probably have been better, instead of altering the amount, to have limited the duration of the rank and voting power to 20 or 25 years, instead of giving the votes or vote in perpetuity.

With Bro. Binckes and others, I trust, the subject will not be allowed to drop, but that the brethren will come nobly forward and assist. If once in form, no difficulty will be found in keeping the machine in motion, and the time would soon come when our present institutions would be fully employed, when there would be few remnants to carry forward at each election. And then many claims which are exceedingly stronger (but are not now brought, because on account of the numbers already on the lists the chances are hopeless) would receive due consideration. The claims would be necessarily more numerous, but we should have increased funds to satisfy them; and when the present institutions were taxed to the uttermost, money would be forthcoming to found branch institutions in different parts of the country.

Faithfully and fraternally yours:

JAS. H. COATES, W.M. 949.

24, Holmeside, Sunderland.

March 9th, 1874.

MASONIC RELICS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think "An English, French, and Scottish Mason" cannot have carefully read my former letter on this subject, as he would not say "they are calculated to mislead the unwary," as on page 78, I use these words, "An unrecognized assembly working without a charter or other authority from the Grand Lodge of Scotland," subsequently I say, when speaking of the old lodge at Melrose, "This lodge has always maintained its independence, not acknowledging the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but it is only recently that she has sanctioned the erecting of daughter lodges."

This, in my opinion is the pith of the case. I do not question the legality of the old lodge, I know and respect as brother Masons, gentlemen who first saw Masonic light within her bosom, but these legitimate sons join with me in questioning her right to charter fresh lodges. I am at one with an "English, French, and Scottish Mason," in thinking it would be better for the Grand Lodge to try to bring about a brotherly union, and concluded my letter on page 79, by expressing a wish that such an arrangement should be made.

I still hope that this slight controversy may stir up both parties to find out an amicable mode of settling the dispute and by granting extra privileges to the Old Melrose Lodge, as was done in the case of the Mother Kilwinning, induce that old and respected lodge to enjoy the advantages of union and universal instead of partial recognition.

I remain, yours fraternally,

G. W. W.

SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the Supreme Chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, George-street, on Wednesday, the 4th inst. Present:—M.E. Comp. Wm. Hay, P.Z. No. 4, Grand Superintendent of Works, acting Grand Z.; Dr. J. T. Loth, P.Z. No. 38, acting Grand H.; Dr. J. Middleton, Z. No. 56, acting Grand J.; L. Mackersy, W.S., Grand Scribe E.; W. Mann, S.S.C. Grand Scribe N.; John Laurie, Grand Secretary, G.L.; S.P.Z. No. 72, acting Grand Sojourner; Alex. Mitchell, H. No. 1, 2nd Grand Sojourner; S. Georgiades, P.Z. No. 107, acting 3rd Grand Sojourner; and a good attendance of the companions.

The Supreme Chapter having been opened in due form, the minutes of Supreme Chapter and Committee were read and confirmed.

The following Proxy Commission was read and sustained, viz., from Chapter Homer, Symrna, No. 132, in favour of Comp. J. W. Winchester, LL.D.

Presents from (1) the Grand Chapter of Texas, U.S., and (2) the Grand Chapter of Columbia, U.S., consisting of the published proceedings of these grand bodies, were laid on the table, and the thanks of the Supreme Chapter voted thereto.

The nomination of Grand Office-bearers for the ensuing year was then made as follows, viz. :—

Sir Michael R. S. Stewart, Bart., First Grand Principal; the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, Past First Grand Principal; Samuel Somerville, of Ampherlaw, M.D., Deputy Grand Principal; the Right Hon. the Earl of Kellie, Second Grand Principal; the Hon. and Rev. A. C. Baillie Hamilton, Third Grand Principal; Lindsay Mackersy, W.S., Grand Scribe E.; William Mann, S.S.C., Grand Scribe N.; Alex. Mitchell, Grand Treasurer; Alex. Hay, Grand Recorder; Henry Inglis, of Torsonce, Grand Chancellor; George F. Russell Colt, of Gartsherrie, First Grand Sojourner; Lauderdale Maitland, of Eccles, Second Grand Sojourner; Major W. H. Ramsay of Garton, Third Grand Sojourner; The Right Hon. Lord Rosehill, Grand Sword Bearer; William Hay, Grand Superintendent of Works; Alexander Wilson, First Grand Standard Bearer; Captain Charles Hunter, Second Grand Standard Bearer; James Baillie, Grand Janitor.

The arrangements for the annual festival were remitted to the Supreme Committee.

Petitions for charters to—(1) Adamant Chapter, Bakley, Cape of Good Hope No. 151; and (2) Port of Leith Chapter, Leith, No. 152, were remitted to the Supreme Committee, with powers to grant the same when certain formalities were complied with.

Report on Mark degree.—The Supreme Committee reported that the Grand Chapter of Ireland by letter declined to recognise the Grand Mark Lodge of England in respect that the same is not recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, and for this and other reasons set forth in an elaborate report by the Committee, the Supreme Chapter also refuses recognition.

Supreme Chapter was then after closed in due form.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March, 20, 1874.

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

Saturday, March 14.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel.
- " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel,
- " 1423, Era, King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court, (Emergency.)
- " 1426, The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- " 1457, Bagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill.
- Chap. 766, William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st., at 3 (Consecration).
- Mark Lodge 144, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
- 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. Dille, Preceptor.

Monday, March 16.
 Lodge 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 48, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 " 185, Tranquility, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 " 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 1159, Marquess of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
 St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.
 Tuesday, March 17.
 Board of General Purposes, at 3.
 Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.
 " 857, St. Mark's, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Brixton.
 " 1441, Ivy, Windsor Castle Hotel, Southwark.
 Chap. 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon Steepy, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1227, Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.
 Wednesday, March 18.
 Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
 Grand Stewards' Lodge.
 Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
 " 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 " 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hotel, New Wandsworth.
 " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched-friars.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
 Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tavern, London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8; Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.
 Union Club of Instruction (day meetings), Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, Pimlico, from 2 till 4 p.m.
 Thursday, March 19.
 House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 55, Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
 " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
 " 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park.
 " 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1305, Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton.
 Knights Templar Preceptory, E. Observance, 14, Bedford-row.
 Great City Lodge of Instruction, 33, Gutter-lane, at 6.30. Bro. T. Poore, W.M. 720, Preceptor (See Advertisement.)
 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, March 20.
 House Committee, Boys' School at 4.
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's.
 " 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 Knight Templar Preceptory 43, St. George's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 48, Kemys Tynte, Masonic Hall, William-st. Woolwich.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,
 For the Week ending Saturday, March 14, 1874.

Monday, March 9.
 Lodge 721, Independence, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.
 Chap. 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Atheneum, Lancaster.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, March 10.
 Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
 Wednesday, March 11.
 Lodge 537, Zetland, Masonic Chambers, 9, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 5.
 " 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree, at 5.
 " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Atheneum, Lancaster.
 Chap. 580, Unity, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, near Liverpool, at 4.
 Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.
 Mark Lodge No. 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Hyde, Cheshire.
 Thursday, March 12.
 Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 343, Concord, Queen's Arms Hotel, Church-street, Preston.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 " 1299, Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, at 5.
 Encampment Wm. de la More, Assembly Rooms, Prescot.
 Friday, March 13.
 Lodge 1350, Fernor-Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Encampment of Jacques de Molay, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 4.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, March 21, 1874.
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, March 16.
 Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
 St. Mungo Encampment of Knight Templars; 213, Buchanan-st.
 Tuesday, March 17.
 Lodge 32, St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-st.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170 Buchanan-st.
 " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.
 Wednesday, March 18.
 Lodge 117, St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
 " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.
 Thursday, March 19.
 Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 465, St. Andrew's, Masons' Hall, Garngad-road.
 Friday, March 20.
 Lodge 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
 " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 31, St. Mary Coltness, Scott Hall, Wishaw.
 " 471, St. John, Stane Inn, Shotts.
 " 12, Kilwinning, Town-Hall, Greenock.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 14, 1874.

Monday, March 9.
 Lodge 44, St. Luke's, Freemason's Hall, George-st., at 8.
 Tuesday, March 10.
 Lodge 36, St. David's, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street, at 8.
 " 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.
 Wednesday, March 11.
 Lodge 160 Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-street, at 8.
 Thursday, March 12.
 Lodge 48, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, George-st. at 8.
 " 226, Portobello, Royal Hotel, Bath-street, Portobello, at 8.
 Chapter 83, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.
 Red Cross Conclave 103, St. Giles, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st., at 8.

Advertisements.

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Bro. Daly was initiated in the "Joppa" Lodge, No. 188, in 1863; also joined the Chapter, and was W.M. of the "New Wandsworth" Lodge, No. 1044, at the time of his death.

The Case is strongly recommended by
*Bro. T. S. Howell, M.R.C.S., Vice-President, Hon. Surgeon, Wandsworth, S.W.

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* J. Smith, P.M. 157, 39, Bow-street, W.C.

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* G. Howick, W.M. 1044, High-street, Wandsworth, S.W.

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* H. F. Isaac, 188, Prospect House, 15, Brownwood Park, S. Hornsey, N.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those of the above marked * or by the Widow, Mrs. G. E. Daly, 7, Overstone Road, Hammersmith.

MAY ELECTION, 1874.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

The favour of the Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers to the above Institution is earnestly solicited on behalf of

JEMIMA SPICER,

Widow of the late Bro. Walter Spicer, of the Lodge of Science, 437, Bourton, Dorset, to which he subscribed 30 years. He was elected to the above Institution in 1857, where he died last year. Mrs. Spicer's only means of support, is one half the Annuity formerly allowed her late husband, which will be ultimately discontinued in accordance with the laws of the Institution.

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