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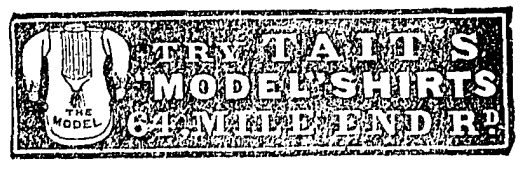

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Craft Masonry.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE (No. 141).—The above lodge held its last meeting for the season on Wednesday, the 18th inst., under the Mastership of Bro. Shalless, at the Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich, the business of the evening being one initiation, and one passing. Arrangements were also made for a summer festival, to be held at Maidenhead. After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to a well-spread board, ably presided over by the W.M. and Wardens, the usual toasts being proposed, especial attention being paid to that of "The Visitors," of whom a considerable number were present, the Lion and Lamb Lodge 192 being represented by the W.M., and two P.M.'s, Bros. George Abbott, Francis Trott, and George Kenning, some songs and recitations bringing to a close a very enjoyable evening.

ST. JAMES'S UNION LODGE (No. 182.)—The last monthly meeting of the above lodge, previous to the summer recess, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, 11th inst., when a large number of members and visitors assembled. The lodge was opened shortly after 4 o'clock, by Bro. Gallico, W.M., assisted by his officers, all of whom were at their posts punctually. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, and the lodge opened in the several degrees, Bros. Fletcher, Goff, and Chaney were duly raised to the third degree. The ceremony was performed in a most able and impressive manner by Bro. Gallico. Mr. Symonds was then initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, which ceremony was also worked in an admirable manner. Before the lodge closed, the W.M. rose and reminded the brethren of the fact that the Boys' Festival would take place on the following evening, and strongly urged those present to support him in as liberal a manner as possible, so that he might have the honour of handing in a list worthy of so large and influential lodge as he had the honour of representing. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a most excellent banquet, which did great credit to Bro. Francatelli (a member of this lodge), both for the quality of its wines and viands, but also for the excellent way in which it was served. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, the W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," regretted the unavoidable absence of Bros. Hervey, G.S.; Binckes, P.M., Secretary to the Boys' School; Kenning, P.M., etc., yet had the pleasure of welcoming distinguished brethren, who had honoured them with their presence that evening. Bro. Smith, W.M. 700, returned thanks. Several of the brethren were enabled by their vocal abilities to enhance the pleasures of a most enjoyable evening.

ETONIAN LODGE (No. 209.)—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Adelaide Hotel, Windsor, on the 3rd inst. There was a large attendance of the members. The W.M., Bro. G. W. Dixon, was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Reid, I.P.M.; Bladon, S.W; J. O. Carter, J.W.; Pullen, P.M., Treasurer; Strange, P.M., Secretary; Stacey, P.M., Organist; Denne, S.D.; Crowhurst, J.D.; Cauvin. I.G.; Hume, D.C.; Roberts and Schiemann, Stewards; J. Wilson, P.M.; MacIllwham, P.M.; Bryett, Webster, and others. The minutes of the previous lodge having been read and confirmed, the report of a committee appointed at the previous meeting, recommending the removal of the lodge from the above hotel to the Masonic Hall, in St. Alban's-street (the property of the Windsor Castle Lodge), was submitted and adopted. The W.M. then initiated Mr. Thomas Hawker into the light of Freemasonry in a manner worthy of imitation. A P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted by the brethren to the I.P.M., Bro. Reid. The sum of £5 5s. was ordered to be added to the W.M.'s list, he having announced his intention of acting as Steward at the approaching Festival in aid of the Masonic Institution for Boys. The W.M. proposed, and Bro. Bryett seconded the nomination of Mr. H. Clary as a candidate for initiation. The lodge was then closed, after which the brethren partook of light refreshment.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).—The last spring meeting of this lodge took place at Anderton's Hotel, on Monday, the 16th inst., at five o'clock precisely. The business comprised the initiation of Mr. Louis Weber, who was duly ballotted for and subsequently introduced to the lodge, the ceremony of E. A. P. being very impressively and accurately performed by Bro. Brett, P.G.P. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. E. Southwell, of the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, was examined, entrusted and re-admitted, upon which he was passed to the degree of a F.C. His proficiency was a matter of great admiration on the part of the brethren assembled. The lodge was then closed down, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, served in Messrs. Clemow's usual admirable style. Thirty-four brethren of the lodge were present, and the visitors comprised the following brethren—Bros. John Hogg, 190; R. Reiley, 1293; Edward Southwell, 1293; H. J. Dagleith, No. 392, Scottish Constitution; J. Prosser, of Jersey, No. 244; Sir Gilbert E. Campbell, Bart., 1410; M. Hayden, 177; Capt. F. G. Irwin, 1222; and J. Tiotman, 834. Several excellent speeches were made in reply to the various toasts, and Bro. Sir Gilbert E. Campbell stated his intention of becoming a joining member. Bro. Little proposed and Bro. Brett seconded, that Bro. Sir Gilbert Campbell be elected a joining member. It was announced by Bro. Wear that the last spring meeting of the Whittington Chapter would take place at Anderton's Hotel, on the fourth Friday in May next. The brethren separated at an early hour after a most enjoyable evening.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—*Royal St. Edmund's Lodge* (No. 1008).—The annual meeting of this lodge and installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, took place in the lodge room of the Angel Hotel, on Friday, 20th inst. There were between 30 or 40 brethren present, including several visitors from Stowmarket and Sudbury. Lodge having been opened in ancient form, a ballot was taken for a candidate for initiation, which resulted in a unanimous election. The choice of the brethren having on a previous evening fallen on Bro. Capt. and Adjutant C. J. T. Oakes, to fill the Master's chair during the next year, he was duly presented by Bro. J. M. York, I.P.M., and the W.M., Bro. W. E. Bailey, then proceeded with the impressive ceremony of installation. The new W.M., after having been regularly inducted into the chair of K.S., was saluted by the brethren in the several degrees, Bro. W. J. Nunn, Org., presiding at the harmonium. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers. and the charges were given by the Installing Master. The officers appointed were as follows:—Bros. W. E. Bailey, I.P.M.; J. Hedley Bevan, S.W.; Major Huddleston, P.M., J.W.; F. Fearnside, S.D.; W. G. Patrick, J.D.; Rev. R. Evans, Chaplain; W. J. Nunn, Organist; W. Armstrong, D.C.; W. H. Lucia, P.M., Secretary; W. Clarke, Steward; H. Miller, I.G. The brethren re-elected Bro. Major Huddleston, P.M., to the office of Treasurer, and Bro. Gooch, Tyler. A candidate having been proposed for election at the next meeting, lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards sat down to an elegant banquet, prepared in Bro. W. G. Guy's best manner, and under the presidency of the W.M., Captain Oakes, a most pleasant evening was spent. A liberal collection was made for the Masonic charities during the evening.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, 14th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. The lodge was opened at 4 o'clock by the W.M., Bro. James Stevens. Bro. A. Carter was raised to the sublime degree, and Bro. W. Ramm passed in the second degree. The business of the evening was then proceeded with, and after a ballot, Bro. Senior Warden, N.B. Headon was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The result of the ballot was received with applause, and the W.M. took occasion to express his great gratification at having to announce to Brother Headon that he had been elected to fill the chair by the unanimous vote of the lodge. All the brethren knew that Bro. Headon was in fact the prime mover in the formation of the Great City Lodge, and indeed without his help it never would have been formed. He was beset with difficulties at every step, but his efforts had been crowned with success, and now that the lodge was fairly on its feet, the W.M. elect would step into the chair, conscious that he had got the hearty good-will of every brother at his back, and he (Bro. Stevens) felt sure the Great City Lodge might look forward to a successful year under the working of Bro. Headon. Several members tendered their congratulations, and Bro. Headon thanked the brethren for the high compliment they had paid him. He would do his best to maintain, and, if possible, improve, the position of the Great City Lodge, but he could not help feeling somewhat diffident, as he had to follow in the wake of such an able Master as Bro. Stevens. He trusted, however, that the officers would continue to be as attentive to their duties as they had hitherto been, then if they all worked together with a continuance of that harmony which had pervaded their past year's work, the position of the lodge would be something to be proud of. The question of holding the installation on the anniversary of the consecration (2nd May), was then discussed, but as it was found that the bye-laws would have to be altered to enable this to be done, it was ultimately decided that the installation should take place on the second Saturday in October, at the regular monthly meeting. Bro. Colmer then brought up the report of the "Lodge of Instruction" Committee, which, after a few technical amendments, was adopted, and the sanction of the lodge, as required by the rules in the Book of Constitutions, was granted. It was announced that the first meeting would take place at 33, Gutter-lane, Cheapside, on Thursday, March 19, when Bro. Thomas Poore, W.M. 721, would be proposed as Preceptor, and the fifteen sections would be worked by him. The W.M. congratulated the lodge on having been able to obtain the use of a room away from a public-house. He was sure it would follow, as a natural consequence, that the Lodge of Instruction would be well supported. Bro. Preston moved, and Bro. Colmer seconded, the following motion:—"That a Past-Master's jewel, of the value of ten guineas, be presented to Bro. James Stevens, on the completion of his Mastership, and that he be asked to accept an honorary membership in the lodge. Beside the W.M. and S.W., the following brethren were present:—J. H. Townshend, J.W.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chaplain; Moody, Secretary; James Freeman, Treasurer; Seex, S.D.; Stamway, J.D.; Blackie, I.G.; S. Preston, Colmer, Taylor, Boulton, Hooper, Hosker, Browne, Jackson, Partway, Hamer, Roberts, Jenkins, Kibble, Cox, and L. Barker, jun.

INSTRUCTION.

The fifteen sections will be worked in the St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction, Winsley street, Oxford-street, on Monday, the 30th of March, at 7 o'clock, Bro. W. H. Coulton, P.M. 733, in the chair; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

Royal Arch.

William Preston Chapter (No. 766), was consecrated at the City Terminus Hotel, on Saturday, the 21st inst., by Comp J. Hervey, G.S.E., assisted by J. Brett and Comp. Garrod, Comp. Francis, acting as D.C. The various ceremonies of consecration and installation were rendered in a very perfect manner. Comp. Worrell was duly installed as M.E.Z., Comps. Dr. Whiteman as H.; Kain, as J.; Garrod, Scribe E.; Newman, Scribe N. It was proposed by the M.E.Z., and seconded by the H., that Comps. Hervey and Brett be re-elected honorary members, and a vote of thanks be entered on the minutes to Comp. Francis for their able services. The chapter was then closed, after which the companions dined together, the usual toasts being proposed, and duly honoured. Comp. George Kenning supplied the furniture, jewels, &c.

Ripon.—*Marquess of Ripon Chapter* (No. 837.)—An emergency convocation of this chapter was held (in lieu of the regular monthly meeting) at the Town Hall, Ripon, on Thursday, the 19th inst. Present Comps. R. E. Collinson, M.E.Z.; Colonel F. W. Ripley, H.; J. W. Bishop, J.; Lieut. E. Fletcher, *R.N.*, Scribe E.; E. J. Crowe, P.S.; Dr. Paley, 1st A.S.; Captain Paterson, Treasurer. Visitors, the Rev. T. C. Smythe, *D.D. LL.D.*, P.Z.; W. J. Bech, P.Z.; and Walter Rowley, members of Fidelity (Leeds), 289. The chapter was opened at 4 p.m., and after the minutes of the last convocation had been read and confirmed, dispensations from the Supreme Grand Chapter and the Prov. Grand Chapter of Yorkshire, granting permission to exalt Bro. W. Stork, Tyler of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, 837, as a serving companion were read. The ballot was taken and the Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., &c., Prov. G. Supt. of West Yorkshire, and the Rev. Dr. Smyth, of Fidelity Chapter, were unanimously elected honorary members. Comp. E. J. Crowe, P.H. 279, Past Grand Organist of Leicester and Rutland, who was proposed and seconded at the last convocation, was elected a joining companion. Bros. S. Evans, Captain George Hearsley, T. H. Bradwell, W. Wells, W. E. M. Winn, W. Harrison, of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, 837, who were duly proposed and seconded at the last convocation, were unanimously elected by ballot, and the first five being in attendance were exalted. The ballot having been taken, Bro. W. Stork was elected Janitor and duly exalted as a serving companion.

Mark Masonry.

Stonehouse.—*Sincerity Lodge* (No. 35.)—The regular meeting of this lodge of M. M. Masons was held at St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse, on Monday, the 5th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. D. Coates, P.P.M., Supt. of Works, who was supported by Bros. Coffin, P.P.M. J.G.W. Devon; J. E. Curtain, P.M. J.G.W. Devon, S. W.; Monkhouse, as J.W.; the Rev. J. Demon, Chaplain; Rae, P.M., P.P.M.G. Treasurer; J. S. Bayly, P.M., P.P.M.J.G.W. Devon, Secretary; Moor, M.O.; and the Rev. P. H. Newnham, P.M.G.C., Eng., Prov. M.G.C., Devon. The Right Worshipful Bro. Colonel Elliot, D.P.G.M.M. Devon, was then received and saluted according to ancient custom. The minutes of the meeting, held in December last, was read and unanimously confirmed. A letter having been read from the only candidate for advancement, expressing his regret at not being able to attend, the W.M. rose to state that it was with feelings of profound sorrow that he had to announce the fact that the present was the last occasion he was likely to preside over the lodge for a considerable period, as he had been ordered to join H.M.S. "Active" for service on the Gold Coast. Bro. Curters, S.W., proposed and Bro. Rae, P.M., seconded, a motion expressive of the regret which they were both sure could not help being felt at the loss, which it was trusted would only be temporary, and paid a high tribute of respect to Bro. Coates for his zeal and assiduity in all Masonic work. The W.M. having responded, a candidate for advancement proposed, and the lodge was closed, and a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners opened by Bro. the Rev. P. H. Newnham, P.C.R.; T. W. Coplin, J.; and J. E. Curters, S.; and they having duly consecrated the lodge, Bros. Col. Elliott, R. H. Rae, J. S. Bayly, T. Lemon, Monkhouse, Lester, Moon, Coates, and Rogers elevated to the degree of Royal Ark Mariners. Bro. Coffin was then installed as W.C.N., and he therefore appointed his officers as follows: Bros. the Rev. P. H. Newnham, I.P.C.N.; J. E. Curteis, J.; Col. Elliott, S.; Bayly, Treas.; Rae, Sec.; Monkhouse, S.D.; Lester, J.D.; and Rogers, Warder. A vote of thanks having been passed to Bro. Newnham for the manner in which he had performed the duties of presiding officer, and to Bro. Coffin and Curteis for their exertions in forming the lodge, and a code of bye-laws having been passed, this, the first Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners in the province of Devon, was closed.

Red Cross of Constantine.

East Stonehouse, Devon.—*Sincerity Conclave* (No. 112.—The first meeting of the Conclave was held on the 5th January, Sir Knight J. W. Coffin, M.P.S.; Sir Knight J. Edward Curteis, Viceroy, E. There was also present Sir Knight the Rev. P. H. Newnham; F. S. Bayly, A. Leigh, and Royer. The ceremony of consecration and dedication was then admirably performed by Sir Knight Coffin, who had travelled from London for that purpose, and he subsequently consecrated Sir Knight Newnham, whom he placed in the chair of Viceroy, and Sir Knight Curteis having been duly enthroned as the M.P.S. of the Conclave, Bros. Dr. J. B. Kerswill and J. Secombe, were installed and proclaimed Knight of the Order. The following Sir Knights were then appointed to the offices attached to their names—Sir Knights J. S. Bayly, S.G. and Treas.; Leigh, J.G. and Recorder; Colonel Elliot, H. P.; W. B. Kerswill, Prefect; Seacombe, S.B.; and J. Royer, Sentinel. Sir Knight Newnham then proposed a vote of thanks to Sir Knights Coffin and Curteis for the trouble they had taken in forming the Conclave, and for their kindness in presenting to it the Warrant of Constitution handsomely framed. Sir Knight Coffin in returning thanks said that Sir Knight Curteis was mainly instrumental in founding the Conclave, which he trusted, and had every reason to believe, would prosper under his guidance. Sir Kight Curteis having also replied, the Conclave was then closed, letters of regret at non-ability to attend having been read from Sir Knights Irwin, Hughan, and others.

Scotland.

The Scotia Lodge (No. 178) was visited from the Provincial Lodge on Wednesday, the 11th inst., when the acting P.G.M. congratulated them on the excellent working of the lodge. The R.W.M., Bro. Miller, briefly acknowledged the compliment, and tendered the thanks of the lodge to the deputation. Thereafter five candidates were initiated into the Order, and as the evening was advanced, and a great deal of work on hand, the lodge adjourned to hold an emergency meeting on the following night, when Bro. Cunningham, R.W.M. of 347, conferred the first degree on five candidates, and Bro. Robert Mitchell, P.M. 332, raised seven brethren, six for this lodge, and one for his own. All the ceremonies were well wrought.

Glasgow.—*St. Mark's Lodge* (No. 102).—This lodge held its usual meeting on the 9th inst., in their own hall, 213 Buchanan-street., Bro. J. F. Mitchell, R.W.M., in the chair. Bro. B. Herman, S.W.; A Neville, J.W. There was a large attendance of members, as it was the night appointed for the Provincial Visitation. The Deputation was received with the usual honours. It consisted of the following brethren.—Bros. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M.; A. Mc. Taggart, *M.A.*, P.G.S.; J. Walker, P.G.T.; T. Halket, P.G.; J. Balfour, P.G.D. of C.; J. Bain, P.G.B.B.; R. Robb, P.G.M; J. Gilles, P.G.S.B.; W. Phillips, P.G.I.G.; J. Collison, P.G.D.C. The P.G. Sec. reported that he had examined the books, and found them well kept and perfectly correct. The Acting P.G.M. said it afforded the Provincial Grand Lodge great satisfaction to commence the series of visitations for the year, under such favourable auspices, but the St. Mark's had always maintained a good name in the Province, and he felt sure that under their present Master they would not retrograde, but rather they would continue to carry out all those virtues that constitute good and worthy Masons.

Glasgow.—*St. Andrew's Chapter* (No. 69) met on Tuesday, the 10th inst., Comp. T. D. Humphries, Z.; D. Campbell, H.; G. Heron, J. At the request of the Z., Comp. Wheeler, H. 73, conferred the Mark degree on two brethren, and also that of Most Excellent Master. Comp. J. Campbell, Z., of 152, Shettleston, then exalted the same two brethren, G. W. Wheeler acting as First Sojourner.

Glasgow.—*Glasgow Chapter* (No. 51) met on Thursday, 19th inst., in St. John's Hall, in consequence of the death of their old and much respected Janitor, James Pollock, who had resided in their own hall. The chair was taken by Comp. J. Miller, Z.; assisted by T. Brownlie, H.; Wm, Bell, J.; James Loutitt, Scribe E.; G. W. Wheeler, acting First S.; H. Hendry, Second S.; C. Gardner, Third S. It having been announced that a deputation from the Provincial Grand Chapter, would visit the chapter on this occasion, they were received in due form. It consisted of Comps. F. A. Barrow, Provincial Grand Superintendent; W. Smith, P.G.H.; A. Mc. Taggart, P.G. Scribe E.; T, Halket, P.G.T; James Balfour, P.G. First S. G. B. Adams, P.G. Third S.; and G. McDonald; P.G.S.B. The P.G. Superintendent said it gave, them great pleasure to commence their visitations for the season with the oldest Chapter, and as they had only just received their books, he hoped to meet them again to inspect them in the meantime. From what he knew of Comp. Miller, in the Craft a zealous worker, he had no doubt that in his new position, as Z. of 50, he would equally distinguish himself. Comp. Miller said, though new to the work, he hoped to be soon able to master it, especially as he had the support of so many kind friends. Five brethren were then introduced and advanced to the degree of Mark Master. The Z. proposed that the thanks of the Chapter be recorded in the minutes to the Principals of the other Chapter, who assisted the work not only on this, but also on other occasions, namely—to J. Duthie, P.Z. 67; G. W. Wheeler, H. 73; T. Halket, Z. 113, and J. O. Park, Z. 122. These Comps. expressed their pleasure in being able to be serviceable to No. 50, or any other Chapter in the Province.

Glasgow.—*St. Rollox Chapter* (No. 144) met on the 13th inst. to receive the P.G. Chapter, Comps. Robert Bell, Z.; J. McLeish, H.; J. Duthies, acting J.; J O. Park, Z. 122, First S.; G. W. Wheeler, H. 73, Second S.; J. Armand, Third S. The deputation consisted of F. A. Barrow, Grand Superintendent; A. McTaggart, *M.A.*, P.G.S.E.; J. Halket, P.G.T.; J. Balfour, P.G., First S.; and G. B. Adams, P.G. Third S. The P.G.S.E. reported that he had found the books admirably kept, and having had the pleasure of knowing Comp. Bell for nearly fourteen years, he could testify to his good qualities both as a man and a Mason, and he felt sure that as long as he was at the head, the chapter would flourish. The Most excellent Z., Comp. R. Bell, then rose and said: Most excellent Grand Superintendent, and excellent Grand Officers, We, the Companions of St. Rollox, No 144, desire to welcome you with true Masonic greeting; we are proud to see that the infant chapter has been one of the first to engage your attention, we cannot boast like Chapter 50, that you visited last night, of a lengthened existence, we are only some eight months old, but we are not, nor will be, behind, the oldest chapter in the province in our devotion to you. I believe your personal visitations are indisputably necessary for our Masonic growth. I am certain that Masonry in Glasgow has increased an hundred fold, since the lodges and chapters have been visited periodically. It was the want of proper communication between the root and the branches that has been the bane of Masonry in Scotland in days gone by. No wonder there are

dormant as well as irregular chapters. But happily this state of things is passing away, great improvements have, and are being made by your indefatigable exertions, and on this ground also, we are glad to meet with you at St. Rollox, and to promise you our best support. The want of success in lodges and chapters has not laid so much in themselves as to the want of proper supervision by the governing bodies. It is our wish that you may long be spared to come amongst us, and that you may yet enjoy the fruits of your toils and responsibility. It is gratifying also to see here so many learned, energetic, and disinterested Masons who are so able and so willing to aid both you and us in our noble work, which has for its object the good of all. I have, therefore, much pleasure in welcoming you into our chapter, and handing over to you the emblem of authority to rule this young chapter, 144. The P.G. Superintendent expressed the pleasure he felt at the cordial reception he had now received, but would decline to deprive Comp. Bell of the honour he had so well won, and which he so worthily deserved. When he remembered that it was not nine months since he had attended in that hall to open and consecrate their chapter, he could not refrain from praising, not only their excellent Z., but also the officers and members, on the progress they had made, but he knew they were composed of the right sort of men to succeed. He could not boast, like the G.S.E., of many years acquaintance with Comp. B. Bell, but from what he had seen of him in this and other orders of Masonry, his only regret was that he had not sooner became acquainted with him. It was gratifying to himself and officers. when they visited a chapter, to meet with so hearty a welcome and so cordial an appreciation of the object of their visits, this cheered them in the work, and it was no easy task, for, between lodges and chapters he had ten visitations to make next week. He then went into the reasons why, for some years previous to his recent appointment, the province had been without a Superintendent. The Chapter having been closed, the companions entertained the deputation with a slight collation, when the usual Royal Arch toasts were responded to.

Glasgow.—The Supreme Chapter General of Knights Templar met at Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Wednesday, March 11th, the Grand Master, J. W. Melville, Esq., of Benodry, presiding. The Grand Registrar Major W. H. Ramsay, read the minutes of the last annual meeting, and also of two council meetings held to receive two deputations from the St. Mungo Encampment, also an application from the encampment at Muirkirk, asking to be received into the Chapter General. He was then instructed to inform them that they could be received on the same terms as those on which the St. Mungo had been received. Favourable reports had been received from the three foreign priories. The next business was the election of the Grand office bearers for the ensuing year. The Grand Master proposed the re-election of the last year's officers. Sir Kt. Douglas proposed an amended list. After some discussion the election took place. The following is the list of the officers of the Chapter General for 1874:—J. Whyte Melville, Esq., of Benocly, Grand Master; Viscount Strathallan, Seneshall; Earl of Rosslyn, Preceptor; Colonel Kinlock, Constable; Lord James C. P. Murray, Admiral; G. H. Harriott, Hospitaller and Almoner; Major Wm. Hamilton Ramsay, Treasurer and Registrar; Rev. V. G. Faithfull, *M.A.*, Primate; H. Inglis, of Tarsonce, Provost; J. Lawrie; Beaucennifer, or Bearer of Great Standard; H. D. Copland, Bearer of the Vexillum Belli; T. H. Douglas, Chamberlain; Robet Bell, Steward. Sir Knight J. G. Shanks, I.E.C., and P.G.S.B., (E.C.), applied for leave to open an encampment in Greenock. Application deferred till he could obtain the requisite number of fraters to properly constitute the same. Frater Bell, E.C., of St. Mungo's, tabled a motion that in future each encampment or priory be allowed to send three representatives to the Supreme Chapter General. Frater Shanks supported the motion, as did Frater G.W. Wheeler, who also urged on the Chapter General the desirability of their taking steps to secure the adhesion not only of the Muirkirk body, but also that of the other nine independent bodies at present existing in Scotland. This being all the business, the Grand Master declared the Chapter-General closed.

CONSECRATION OF A "MELROSE" LODGE AT GREENOCK.

On Thursday, 12th inst., a deputation from Melrose Grand Lodge visited Greenock, and, after an excellent dinner at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, with some of the Greenock brethren, proceeded to consecrate the Melrose St. Andrew No. 3. Bros. Robert Renton, M.W.G.M.; Andrew Hart, P.G.M.; Frank Hart, R.W.G.S. Warden; and John Pringle, R.W.G.J. Warden, opened the lodge, in the large room of the hotel, at three o'clock. The M.W.G.M. delivered a very impressive address to the brethren, dwelling particularly on the virtue of "charity in secrecy." Bro. Thomas Stratford (R.W.M. Melrose St. John's No. 1, and member of Mother Melrose No. 0., Maniton, 106, New York, Glasgow 441, &c.), read the charter. Bro. Andrew Hart, P.G.M., delivered the charges, and in a short address gave some excellent advice. Bro. Renton then installed Bro. James Sutherland, R.W.M., and Bro. Stratford installed and invested the other office-bearers. Bro. Donald Henderson, S.W.; Murdock Mathieson, D.M.; John Mackenzie, S.W.; David Stewart, J.W.; Robert Jamieson, Sec.; Alex. Bunting, Treas., &c. Bro. Jamieson presided at the harmonium. The R.W.M. and M.W.G.M. addressed the brethren, and the lodge was then closed. Visiting brethren were present from Lodges No. 0, 1, and 2 (Melrose Constitution), and from Nos. 68, 173, 182, 441, and 443 (Grand Lodge of Scotland). Refreshments were liberally supplied. "The Queen" was given with highest honours. Bro. Sutherland then gave "The Ancient Melrose Lodge," which was replied to by Bro. Andrew Hart, P.G.M., who said that the antiquity of the Melrose Lodge was unquestionable. They had always endeavoured to forward the interests of the Craft; they studied economy and practical charity; they had members in every part of the globe; they had plenty of cash in hand, and had never been in debt. They had always tried to be just and honourable, as they were ancient. They dated from A.D. 1136, and had documents several hundred years old. The Grand Lodge of Scotland had made overtures for them to amalgamate, and they had often discussed the matter themselves, but the terms and conditions were such as could not well be entertained. He thought it was not just for the Grand Lodge of Scotland to tax so heavily the lodges of working men. The Grand Lodge of Scotland charge £10 10s. for a charter, 5s. 6d. each for registering names of intrants, and 5s. for diplomas. But the Melrose charge only £5 for a charter, the deputation each pay their own travelling expenses, and 2s. 6d. pays for both registration of intrants and diploma. And yet they were comparatively rich, whilst the Grand Lodge of Scotland was worse than poor—they were heavily in debt. He had no ill feeling against the Grand Lodge of Scotland or their members, but these were facts which could not be denied. The Melrose Lodge welcomes all good Masons from wheresoever they may come. They had visitors from all parts of the world. Bro. Renton felt great pleasure at all times in promoting the welfare of the Craft. He thanked the St. Andrew's brethren for the hearty welcome they had extended to, and the splendid entertainment they provided for them on the present occasion. He wished them every prosperity. A vote of thanks was given by the lodge to the Melrose brethren, who then left by an early train. The pleasures of the day were continued into the evening, and in reply to "The Melrose Lodges, Nos. 1 and 2," Bro. Stratford said:—The "third" time was said to be "never like the rest." He thought the old saying was applicable to the present occasion. A Mason could not properly be called a Mason until he had received the "third" degree; nor could a P.G.L. well be formed without a "third" lodge. The Melrose St. John's, No. 1, was the first important step, the St. Mungo's, No. 2, the second, and the St. Andrew's, No. 3, capped the climax. With 300 members of No. 1, 71 of No. 2, and 200 of No. 3, he thought a Provincial Grand Lodge quite necessary—more particularly so when the three contemplated new lodges were started in Anderston, the West-end of Glasgow, and Kirkintilloch respectively, which would certainly be done within a month or two. He believed the cases of Nos. 1 and 2, were unparalleled in the annals of Freemasonry. No. 1 had been in existence less than 18 months, and numbered some 300 members, whilst No. 2 had only existed five months, and numbers 71. If they continued to make such gigantic strides, they must soon be heard of and their influence be felt. He was proud of their new ally, (No. 3); hoped they would go on and prosper, that the three lodges may always work up to the strictest Masonic rules and principles, and in unison with each other. He complimented No. 3 on their past achievements, their present flourishing condition, and their brilliant prospects for the future. They would never regret going under the Melrose body. He had himself traced the minutes of the Ancient Melrose Lodge as far back as 1674. There were many documents there of a much earlier date, and he had been told that some would be found as far back as about 1300. If so, Mary's Chapel would be put in the shade. How was it that Scotch Masonic authors so studiously avoid mentioning Melrose. Was it because they are afraid of revealing the truth? Or was it because they are too narrow-minded and prejudiced to do her justice?

"St. Andrew's, No. 3," was then given and in his reply Bro. Sutherland said that the Grand Lodge of Scotland, would not have granted them a charter for less than £10 10s., and 8s., or 10s. per head for their 200 members. He thought the £80 or £100 was quite as well in the St. Andrew's funds. They had received a charter from Melrose for £5, and he was sure Melrose was the best of the two. Bro. Stratford said he had gone over to the Melrose Masons, and espoused their cause, purely as a matter of principle. He found them injured, and cheated out of their rightful position. Although he had suffered much at their hands for the step he had taken, he felt no unfriendliness towards the Brethren under the "Grand Lodge of Scotland." He still had a tender feeling towards them, and was glad to see that body so well represented there to-night. He felt quite sure they were most of them right enough at heart, and that the existing bitterness towards the "Melrose Masons" was more the result of ignorance of the subject than anything else. If they would only enquire into it, and view the matter in the proper light, they would soon gladly extend the right hand of fellowship. Several had already seen their error, and had come over to our ranks. He was sure a better feeling would soon exist between the two conflicting jurisdictions. The present stir must lead to enquiries. Let the case be tried on its merits. The storm would soon pass, and we should be all the better of it. He would always welcome visitors from G. L. of Scotland. If we are to forgive a natural brother "71 times 7" surely we should forgive a Masonic brother 71 times 77. We can do more by a good example than anything. We must judge them charitably. We were none of us perfect. He could forget the treatment he had received at their hands, and look forward to a bright and happy future, when we shall be united, at least in the bonds of "Brotherly love." He had very much pleasure in giving "The Grand Lodge of Scotland," with the highest Masonic honours.

The toast was most warmly responded to, and a visiting brother replied. He said he hoped the day was not far distant when we shall open all our lodges to and welcome each other. He was quite sure if all Masons in Scotland would cultivate and practice what Bro. Stratford had so earnestly advised, and act in a truly Masonic spirit, all discord would soon cease, and the prosperity of the fraternity result therefrom.

Several other toasts were given, and replied to in regular Masonic style, and finally the meeting broke up, after one of the most enjoyable days ever experienced in the "St. Andrew's" No. 3.

[The report of the consecration of another Melrose Lodge in Glasgow will be given in our next.]

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Saturday, March 28, 1874.

THE INITIATION OF H.R.H. PRINCE ARTHUR.

The entire Craft will rejoice to hear, that, another member of the Royal Family has been admitted a member of our ancient and honourable Fraternity. H.R.H. Prince Arthur was, on Monday initiated by his exalted Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Master of the Prince of Wales's Lodge.

As a fact it is most gratifying, and interesting, that the Heir-Apparent to the throne should be included amidst the active and working W.M.'s of our great brotherhood, and above all, that he should preside, and so effectively, on such a very happy occasion!

We congratulate the Prince of Wales's Lodge, not only on its Royal Master, but in having been the happy medium, through which so illustrious a representative of the Royal Family, saw the light of Masonry.

H.R.H Prince Arthur is, indeed, a new member of whom our Order may be proud, not merely for his high rank and princely name, but for that distinguished position he has himself achieved in the hearts and attachment of all who know him, or have served with him.

The godson of the never-to-be-forgotten Duke of Wellington, he has ever made his motto, in his military career, as he said at Belfast, "duty first and pleasure afterwards," and wherever he has been, or whatever corps he has served in, whether with his regiment or on the staff, he has gained alike the attachment of officers and men, and has endeared himself to all, by his high sense of duty, and his many genial and excelling qualities of mind and heart.

It must have been a moment of great happiness to his Royal Brother the Prince of Wales to have received a relative so near and dear to him into that Brotherhood, to which he has directly shown himself so much attached, and we congratulate the Order once more on this most interesting event, pregnant as we believe it is and will be, of good to the Craft in every way.

OUR CHARITABLE ANNIVERSARIES.

The last anniversary meeting of the Boys' School was a remarkable one for many reasons.

In the first place the announcement of the subscriptions and donations, a little over £7,000, was in itself a gratifying fact to realize, as evidencing the continued zeal and sympathy of our Order, and in the next place, the large and excellent gathering heard from the lips of our distinguished Grand Master some very wise words of warning and of counsel.

For though the efforts of our beneficent brotherhood are very striking, and very creditable in themselves, yet the annual gathering only serves to show to all thoughtful Masons, how very reasonable and how very pertinent are the pointed remarks of our Grand Master. In this present case, the £7,004 or £7,031 are made up in the following way. The Metropolitan lodges and brethren have contributed the large sum of nearly £3,000; the Provincial lodges over £4,000. Of the £4,000, Lincolnshire alone has contributed £1,058, our very worthy Bro. John Sutcliffe, W.M. in that province, but formerly of West Yorkshire, and still we believe among its active Past Grand Officers, having given 250 guineas himself, and collected in his province about £800.

Now this list suggests several considerations, for while we must and ought to give due praise to those who have worked so well for the Boys' School, all Masons, we think, must equally feel how narrow at present is the basis on which our great efforts rest.

Year after year we have noble evidences of the zeal and good-will of our sodality in the best of all causes, but we confess we should like, as the Grand Master suggested, to see the support of charities more generally diffused over our entire Craft.

Some lodges never have subscribed anything, some lodges never do subscribe anything to our charities, and though the zeal of individual brethren, and the amounts voted by individual lodges, do a good deal, yet there is really no limit to what could be done, by a little more combined action and general effort.

We have said before, ourselves, and we agree with Bro. Binckes in his opinion, that, every lodge in the Order should have a life governor's vote at least for all the Charities.

It has been said that the somewhat heavy increase of the lodge qualification, has hindered the lodge support. That we do not believe, as exactly the same state of things existed, even when the qualification was lower and before any question arose of raising it.

But no doubt a good deal may be said "pro and con," the policy of such a material increase in the qualification of lodges.

We believe, however, that the practical solution of the whole question is to be found, in the course pursued by West Yorkshire, which some 12 or 13 years ago formed a Charity Committee, composed of members annually elected by each lodge, to attend solely to the important question of the Masonic Charities.

Under its auspices a very large sum, on the whole, together with two perpetual presentations in the Boys' School, has been sent to the Metropolitan Charities, and we feel certain, that if every Province formed its own Charity Committee, a large amount of interest and new support would be elicited for our great Metropolian Institutions.

One thing is clear, we have the Institutions now in full working order, under most efficient management, in themselves a source of pride and gratification to all Freemasons. Let us then seek through the length and breadth of our great brotherhood to obtain for them universal sympathy and support, that so they may be maintained and improved, developed and enlarged as the needs arise, even to become as time moves on, still more worthy of Freemasonry more serviceable to philanthropy, and fully equal to the claims and exigencies of the thronging and progressing age in which our lot is cast.

THE OLD MELROSE LODGE AND THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

It is a very wise maxim for all of us, never to meddle with other people's affairs, and some perhaps in Scotland may opine, that we had better "cool our ain porridge."

But as the great institution of "Amicus Curiæ" still happily exists, we venture to put in an appearance, and make a "deliverance" in that amiable and interesting character to-day.

It seems to be a great pity that some "mezzo termiu" of agreement and unity cannot be found or invented between these two antagonistic corporations. The position of the Melrose Lodge, which so far repudiates apparently the authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland resembles, in some points, the position of our famous Antiquity Lodge, in respect of our English Grand Lodge towards the close of the last century.

But by a little mutual forbearance and allowance on both sides, in those days, conflicting claims were harmonized and opposing jurisdictions were adjusted, and what took place then, may we think, can and should, take place now, without any surrender of principles or privileges, without any lowering of old prestige or long prescription.

The Antiquity Lodge was recognised by the Grand Lodge as having existed from "time immemorial," and became No. 2 permanently on the calendar of the Grand Lodge.

Why should not some similar process take place in Scotland "anent" the Old Melrose Lodge.

Surely that would be a far more Masonic way of settling all outstanding difficulties than unseemly bickerings and un-Masonic personalities? We cannot help thinking that if a delegation from each body could but fraternally meet together, terms agreeable and honourable to both might be speedily settled, and thus an end would come to those untoward and unseemly differences which appear apparently to exist.

We doubt very much, the right Masonically of the Old Melrose Lodge, to affiliate other lodges to itself, now that there is a Grand Lodge for all Scotland, whatever may have been the practice in "auld lang syne."

May our words be well taken by all the disputants, and may the war-cry of party be speedily exchanged for the olive branch of Masonic peace and unity.

We are also interested in this question, from an archæological point of view, as we shall like to know what old documents (if any), the lodge at Melrose possesses, though we have reason to believe, that, our indefatigable Bro. W. J. Hughan is already endeavouring to make some researches there, and we shall trust to hear before long a good account of the "diggings."

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty has been in London, but has returned to Windsor Castle.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are at Marlborough House, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh at Windsor Castle on a visit to the Queen. The Court goes to Osborne next week for Easter.

On Tuesday another member of the Royal Family, Prince Arthur, was added to the ranks of the Freemasons, received his initiatory degree at the hands of the Prince of Wales. Shortly after six o'clock the Princes proceeded from Marlborough House to Willis's Rooms, where the ceremony was to be held. They were received by the officers of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, together with the Marquis of Ripon, Grand Master; the Earl of Carnarvon, Deputy Grand Master; John Hervey, Grand Secretary; Bros. Fenn, P.A.D.C.; J. C. Parkinson, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, and several others. The lodge having been opened in due form, Prince Arthur was admitted to the ancient rites of Freemasonry, the Prince of Wales performing the usual ceremony. Bro. Radford was the Tyler of the Lodge, and Bro. Speight, from the Grand Lodge, assisted in the duties. The lodge having been closed, the Prince of Wales, Prince Arthur, the Grand Master, and others, sat down to dinner in the banqueting-room.

H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, the Field Marshal Commander-in-Chief has reviewed the 23rd Welsh Fusiliers at Shorncliffe, and the 42nd at Portsmouth, and welcomed them back to England, with a few impressive words of approval and admiration.

There has been a great gathering at Chislehurst, to greet the only son of the late Emperor Napoleon III. on his 18th birthday. The young Prince, who has already attained high distinction at Woolwich, seems to have inherited the ability of his father, and the gentleness of his mother. Those who still believe in the Napoleonic star, and there are very many, will rejoice in the speech he made with so much clearness and tact, and will have departed deeply gratified with the high promise of "the Chef de la Famille!"

Parliament has opened, and the labours of the session have begun. So far the only important business transacted, besides the Queen's speech, has been the introduction of a loan of £10,000,000 for India, and several votes of supply. Nothing very interesting will probably occur until after Easter, the Budget being introduced on the 16th April. Mr. Hall, a supporter of the Government, has been returned, by a considerably majority, over his opponent, Mr. Lewis, for the city of Oxford.

Sir Garnet Wolseley, with a large staff, has reached Portsmouth in the Manitoban, and has had an interview with the Secretary of War, and her Majesty the Queen. King Coffee Calcali's state umbrella is now at Windsor Castle.

The 23rd Fusiliers have been enthusiastically welcomed at Portsmouth, where they have also welcomed the 42nd, and are expecting the Rifle Brigade.

The Vice-Chancellor Malins has dismissed Dr. Hayman's bill of complaint, on demurrer, so that, though admittedly being illused, he appears to have no legal remedy. Probably no case for some time before our law courts, has excited a deeper interest in all classes, as it has an incalculable importance in its bearing on the future management of our great public schools. Dr. Hayman's treatment seems to have been from the very first unparalleled, alike in harshness and unfairness, and nothing can justify the unwholesome interference of the Bishop of Exeter, or the intemperate partizanship of Dr. Bradley. The mutinous proceedings of the under masters deserve the severest condemnation, and many will regret now, that hasty legislation, which so unwisely interferes with the legitimate authority of the masters of our greatest educational establishments.

The Relief Fund at the Mansion House is now close upon £60,000, though we fear a good deal more will be needed.

Beyond this we have little home news to record, except that Col. Wilson Patten, M.P., has been created Baron Wymarleigh, and Lord Ravensworth Earl Ravensworth, his son the Hon. H. Liddell becoming Lord Eslington.

Abroad the news is very limited. The Emperor of Germany's birthday has been warmly and loyally kept, and the King of Italy has received congratulations on the 25th anniversary of his reign. Prince Bismarck continues suffering from acute neuralgia, and is still unable to transact public business. In Spain Marshal Serrano has done nothing, and General Nouvilas is to be tried by Court-martial. The bombardment of Bilboa continues.

We have to announce the deaths of the Dowager Lady Radnor, of Baroness Brunnow, of the Hon. and Right Rev. Amyand Harris, sometime Bishop of Gibraltar, of Sir Keith Ball, of Mr. Henry Roberts, one of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, of the Hon. J. P. Mostyn, of Mr. John Williams, M.R.C.S., and of Lieutenant-Colonel George J. Carruthers, K.M., late of H.M.'s 11th Regiment M.N.I., and of George Lewis Coates, Commander R.N.

ITEMS OF LONDON NEWS.

A marriage is arranged to take place between the Hon. Francis Leveson Bertie, second son of the Earl of Abingdon, and Lady Feodore Wellesley, eldest daughter of the Earl and Countess Cowley.

The Duchess-Dowager of Richmond died on the 13th, at her house in Portland-place. Her Grace was the eldest daughter of the first Marquis of Anglesey, by his first wife, Lady Caroline Elizabeth Villiers, third daughter of the fourth Earl of Jersey. She was married to the fifth Duke of Richmond in 1817. She leaves surviving issue the present Duke of Richmond, Lord Henry, Lord Alexander, and Lord George Gordon Lennox; Caroline, Countess of Bessborough; Augusta, Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar; and Cecilia, wife of Lord Bingham.

Lord Coleridge has consented to preside at the annual dinner of the Literary Fund, on the 6th of May. At the annual meeting on Wednesday, it was announced that a sum of £2,195 had been distributed among fifty-three authors, who were applicants for grants, and that the total amount of grants actually applied by the corporation from its institution in 1790 to the present time was 76,367. Earl Stanhope was re-elected president.

The Marquis of Salisbury, in replying to a deputation from the Manchester Chamber of Commerce on Saturday to urge upon the Government the importance of a certain proportion of the Indian Council being composed of the mercantile element, said he heartily agreed with the principle of the proposal, but there would be some difficulty in carrying it into effect; for a mercantile member of the council must not be connected with the Indian trade. We had to deal with an empire of some 250 millions of people, who were in the habit of looking for indirect motives on the part of their governors, and would be glad if any pretext were given to them for imputing motives of such indirect character to those over them.

The *Birmingham Post* has information that Sir Robert Peel has been offered by Lord Derby an ambassadorship to one of the great European Powers, and it is said the right hon. baronet has intimated his willingness to accept the offer.

The Queen had fixed Friday, the 27th of March, for a review of the troops who have returned from the Gold Coast, as Her Majesty would have preferred not holding the review during Passion Week; but as the Himalaya, which brings the Rifle Brigade, is not expected to arrive before Thursday, and may be later, the Queen has been obliged to name Monday, the 30th of March, for the review, in the Home Park at Windsor.

A very successful meeting of the Society of Engineers has taken place, under the presidency of T. U. Harrison. Very good speeches were made by H.R.H. Prince Christian, Mr. Hunt, Lord Carnarvon, and Lord Granville.

The *Times* of Friday, March 18th, publishes some pretty Latin lines on the entry of the Duchess of Edinburgh. The Rev. M. G. Watkyns has made a translation:—

"Nympha, nives linquens patrias et inhospita brumæ
Littora, ad Angliacam nympha rogata domum
Cur tibi nos flores ferimus, cur fusa per urbem
Signa, tonat densis cur tuba læta viis?
Vincit adulatrix melior, telluris imago
Nota tuæ, et repetens arva relicta gelu.
Ipse tibi obsequitur sollertior annus, et ipse
Surgit hyperboreus, te veniente, dies."

"Forget thy country's snow-heaped waste and come,
Long-looked for, Princess, seek thine English home!
Why smiles with flags and flowers the crowded street?
Why blares the sounding brass thy steps to greet?

A better courtier waves his magic wand,
Frost changes Britain to thy well-loved land;
With craftier welcome, snows and skies of grey,
The year provides a more than Arctic day."

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5	John Bagot Scriven ...	59	17	0
6	D. P. Browning	21	0	0
6	Capt. W. Platt	10	10	0
7	Robert Mansfield	38	17	0
10	Rev. Thos. Cochrane ...	43	1	0
11	E. J. Bradstreet	42	0	0
12	Leopold Ruf	75	2	6
14	J. G. Mackinlay	21	0	0
18	J. C. Chaplin	51	9	0
21	Robert Berridge	55	13	0
22	Edward J. Storr	64	1	0
28	David Crombie	52	10	0
29	Francis Jarman	22	1	0
33	Cromwell J. Varley ...	42	0	0
34	Henry Saml. Dubosc ...	42	12	0
55	H. W. Nevill	117	0	6
60	Edward H. Cox	77	17	0
65	George J. Cook	32	11	0
72	W. G. Brighten	33	1	6
73	George Morris	52	10	6
91	Victor M. Lafittan ...	37	16	0
95	Harry Bateman	29	8	0
140	Edwin Shallen	51	9	0
141	E. Gottheil	44	2	0
143	James Boulton	80	17	0
145	E. H. Thiellay	37	16	0
157	Thomas Cubitt	64	1	0
173	D. Nicolls	77	3	6
174	Charles Lacey	103	19	0
177	Frederick Kent	36	5	0
179	E. A. P. d'Alberquerque ...	74	0	6
180	Ale Gallico	50	18	6
181	J. Yalden	34	13	0
183	G. Pole Britten	31	10	0
185	John H. Ross	44	2	0
188	J. T. Miller	30	4	6
192	George Newman	48	6	0
197	George Findlay	29	8	0
198	Geo. E. Holland	35	14	0
201	George Whittey	27	6	0
205	M. Emanuel	26	5	0
217	Thos. James	10	10	0
227	Henry Law	40	19	0
225	Raymond H. Thrupp ...	24	1	0
259	John H. Scott	52	10	0
657	J. Llewellyn Jones ...	113	18	3
715	Henry Birdseye	30	9	0
754	D. Roberts (List not in)			
766	William Worrell	37	16	0
834	Lewis Bryett	28	7	0
871	J. Baxter Langley	31	10	0
1155	Henry Moore	42	0	0
1260	Charles Darby	36	15	0
1288	John Thomas Smith ...	21	0	0
1297	George Clements	17	17	0
1348	John Palmer	214	4	0
1365	Chas. Robert Miles ...	25	4	0
1383	J. Nixon Clabon	31	10	0
1397	G. Charles Ring	26	5	0
	Total London	£2881	14	0

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	£	s.	d.
Berks and Bucks:—			
G. W. Dixon	33	11	6
Bristol:—			
W. A. Scott	60	10	0
Cheshire:—			
H. S. A. Bennett	10	10	0
Cumberland and Westmoreland:—			
George J. McKay	34	13	0
Derbyshire:—			
G. W. Sheffield	28	16	6
R. R. Duke	1	1	0
H. G. Diamond	10	10	0
Durham:—			
Augustus H. Hunt ...	169	17	0
B. Boulton	101	17	0
A. Farmer	10	10	0
Hants and Isle of Wight:—			
J. Balfour Cockburn ...	34	13	0
R. L. Loveland	28	7	0
Frederick F. Hare	141	15	0
Kent:—			
R. J. Emmerson	10	10	0
Henry M. Baker	45	3	0
R. H. Williams	42	0	0
8 J. B. Maclure	10	10	0
East Lancashire:—			
2 Thomas Entwistle ...	10	10	0
9 Major Thomas Parker ...	10	10	0
6 E. Grundry Heape... ...	10	10	0
1 G. P. Brockbank	26	5	0
11 William Slater	42	0	0
12 Jonah W. Taylor	10	10	0
4 William Green	10	10	0
5 Robert Grinne	10	10	0
10 W. H. Prince	115	10	0
3 George Galloway	52	10	0
7 C. M. Jones	73	10	0
West Lancashire:—			
J. D. Moore	25	4	0
Lincolnshire:—			
John Sutcliff	1028	7	0
Jack Sutcliff	10	10	0
M. Broadhead	10	10	0
John Hadfield	10	10	0
Middlesex:—			
William Cutbush ...	27	6	0
H. A. Dubois	10	10	0
H. Gloster...	10	10	0
S. Rosenthall	169	14	0
Monmouthshire:—			
L. A. F. Homfray... ...	173	5	0
Northampton and Hunts:—			
John Marson	15	15	0
Northumberland:—			
T. Y. Strachan	198	9	0
Oxfordshire:—			
J. P. Morrell	31	10	0
Christopher Park	15	15	0
John Potts...	13	13	0
James Long	25	5	6
W. Thompson	10	10	0
Somerset:—			
E. P. Inkskip	5	5	0
J. L. Stothert	217	12	0
Sussex:—			
Thomas Trollope	90	15	6
Wilts:—			
Robert Stokes	65	2	0
Yorkshire, North and East:—			
John Hudson	21	0	0
J. W. Woodall	31	10	0
West Yorkshire:—			
Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., M.W.G.M., Chairman ...	52	10	0
Bentley, Shaw, V.P., D.P.G.M.	5	5	0
Robert Belfit, 139... ...	10	10	0
Alexander Hay, 139 ...	10	10	0
W. Jarvis, 139	10	10	0
Fras. Trickett, 139 ...	10	10	0
J. R. Wright, 139 ...	10	10	0
Jas. Cardwell, 208 ...	10	10	0
Robet Critchley, 208 ...	10	10	0
Robert Aruison, 296 ...	10	10	0
C. H. Bingham, 296 ...	10	10	0
John C. Ridal, 296 ...	10	10	0
William Skinner, 296 ...	10	10	0
Royal Brunswick Lodge, 296	70	0	0
Benj. Broughton, 302 ...	10	10	0
John Gaunt, V.P., 302 ...	31	10	0
Farrar Hanson, 302 ...	10	10	0
Robert Craig, 304 ...	10	10	0
Francis Horsley, 304 ...	10	10	0
C. Lowery, 304 ...	10	10	0
W. A. Musgrave, 304 ...	10	10	0
J. C. Malcolm, 306 ...	10	10	0
Fredk. Whitaker, V.P., 448	10	10	0
George Waton, 810 ...	10	10	0
R. E. Collinson, 837 ...	10	10	0
John Simpson, 910 ...	10	10	0
Edward Sewell, 974 ...	10	10	0
West Yorkshire—*continued.*			
Thomas Tyers, 1042 ...	21	10	0
J. Wordsworth, V. Pat. ...	10	10	0
W. H. Colbeck, 1214 ...	10	10	0
S. B. Ellis, 1239	10	10	0
Geo. S. Heaton, 1239 ...	10	10	0
Henry Matthews, 1239 ...	10	10	0
Wentworth Lodge, 1239 ...	10	10	0
Harmony Lodge, 275 ...	10	10	0
Edward Hemmingway ...	10	10	0
North Wales and Shropshire:—			
E. Elias	10	10	0
South Wales, Eastern Division:—			
S. A. Power	211	1	0
South Wales, Western Division:—			
Rev. L. Jones	3	0	0
Grand Lodge of Greece:—			
C. F. Matier	28	7	0
Total, Provincial ...	£4,122	13	0
„ London ...	2,881	14	0
Grand Total ...	£7,004	7	0

Reviews.

An Encyclopædia of Masonry and its Kindred Sciences. By Albert Mackey, M.D.

Bro. Mackey's work has at last reached this country, and can be procured at any of the offices of our worthy publisher, Bro. George Kenning.

It does not belie the great fame or high abilities of our excellent American Brother, and it will be welcomed by all Masonic students as the most valuable contribution to Masonic archæology, history, and science, which has yet appeared either in the United States, or in Great Britain.

It is, we confess, a book of somewhat formidable dimensions, namely 950 pages of large quarto, and it is just possible that its size and its price, 38s., may at first deter some readers.

But those who will but break the ice, and peruse it with the interest of the student and of an archæologist will find themselves fully rewarded for their expenditure of time and money.

It is sometimes said that the Craft is not a reading body, and this, though true no doubt as a fact, is susceptible of some explanation.

A very large portion of our order are absolutely "bread-winners," engaged in honest industry, and toiling laboriously for the support of their families and themselves. Amid the stern and pressing claims of daily, hourly business, many of them have little time for literature and study, and therefore they are not patrons of Masonic literature, because practically they cannot attend to it. With them, Masonry assumes, to a great extent, the form of the friendly and cheerful social gathering and innocent relaxation, after the labours of the busy day are over.

We think it therefore probable that the number of Masonic students, and even of readers, must always necessarily be a limited one, and this fact accounts for the unprofitable speculations in the supply of Masonic literature, of which this age has witnessed so many.

Still it is our duty to persevere in the dissemination of a sound and useful literature, and we may hope that the number of Masonic readers and students will gradually increase amongst us.

When that "good time" arrives, few will have done more to expedite it, than our able Brother Albert Mackey.

Some of us may be acquainted with his little but excellent "Lexicon of Freemasonry," and others may read the "Monthly Freemason," and all of us who do so, must be well aware, that no one is more competent for so important a work than he is. And therefore his 'Magnum Opus,' comes to us to day, recommended on every ground to our welcome, and our perusal.

He tells us in his interesting preface, that his materials have been collecting for 10 years, and that the preparation of these many pages has been done by the willing hands of his daughters, he himself suffering from a temporary affection of the sight. And we will simply say this to day, that the book, at last completed, does every credit to his careful research, his archæological knowledge

and his skilful handling. It is a work which ought to be in the library of every lodge, and of every Masonic student, and we sincerely trust that its excellencies may be yet appreciated and its conclusions studied, by an enlarging list of appreciative Masonic readers in this country.

Do not let our brethren imitate the example of too many, who say "we can see the book at Bro.—" or of these energetic and zealous brethren whose support of Masonic literature is evinced by their giving up *The Freemason* (price 2d.) because they can see it in the Masonic Club, or the lodge reading room.

But rather, we respectfully beg to press upon our readers, to read and study, as we have, Bro. Mackey's work for themselves, a work most creditable to our brother, an honour to America, and destined we believe, to advance the great and happy cause of Masonic literature and of intellectual cultivation in our world-wide organization.

We believe that Bro. Kenning has only a limited number of copies on hand, and we recommend an early applicatton.—W.

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.]

LODGE GLASGOW 441, THE MELROSE MASONS, AND J. STRATFORD.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

While, as stated in my former letter, I decline to enter into any controversy with Mr. T. Stratford, in justice to my own character, I cannot submit to aspersion on my truthfulness, and the accompanying letter from the Master and Wardens of Lodge Glasgow, 441, is all the reply that I need give to that gentleman.

Yours fraternally, G. W. WHEELER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

We, the undersigned officers of the Lodge Glasgow, 441, having read the letter of T. Stratford in your last week's number, in which he says "my so-called trial and expulsion is most unfairly reported in your issue of the 21st. inst.," and having also read that report, in justice to Bro. G. W. Wheeler, who wrote it, we declare it to be a truthful report, Bro. Wheeler did not get into the lodge till it was raised to the M.M. degree. The trial, at T. Stratford's request was then commenced *de novo*, and the report in question is a fair and impartial abstract of the proceedings from that period. T. Stratford certainly did ask for an adjournment, for no one else even mentioned such a thing, neither at that stage of the proceeding did he allude to his being an American-made Mason.*

While we deeply regret what took place at what Mr. T. Stratford calls the *dark seance*, we declare that G. W. W. was *not at it*, as he never left the lodge room from the time he entered it till the lodge was closed, at 11 o'clock.

Witness as to Bro. Wheeler entering and leaving Lodge Glasgow on the night in question.

W. JACKSON, R.W.M.
R. MAIN, S.W.
JOHN MASON, J.W.
JOHN GUTHRIE, O.G.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have just read in your issue of the 14th inst., Bro. Stratford's account of the meeting held in Lodge Glasgow on the 11th ult., to consider the question of his having joined the "Melrose St. John No. 1." As to the correctness of said report, I cannot say, not having been present, but one error of a very glaring character appears to me, viz., where Bro. Stratford declares, "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." Being a member of 441 at the time of this said affiliation, Bro. Stratford *was not a Master Mason*, having only received in America the E.A. degree, or perhaps also his F.C. degree, therefore the application he made to 441 was that he should be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Thus having requested himself to be tried on his M.M. degree, he requested to be tried under the constitution, he had not merely affiliated into, but to which he had solemnly become obligated.

I remain, fraternally yours,
HUGH TULLOCH, P.M., 441.

* The facts are, T. Stratford received only the E.A. degree in America. He was passed and raised in the Lodge Glasgow, 441.

THE SURREY MASONIC HALL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Mr. Disraeli tells us that "to understand the tendency of public opinion is the secret of success," and we are emphatically told that the grand city of Solomon finally fell "because she knew not in her day the things that belonged to her place." For Freemasons to know what enlightened public opinion demands for and from them, now that all institutions are on their trial, is therefore surely most important.

Few will deny, in considering the Freemasonry of the present day, that there is one great requirement essential to its continued prosperity, and even for its existence, if it is to fulfil what is expected from it, and that is that those within her bosom should find a social home compatible with its requirements, each in their own locality, for as a former Grand Master remarked "the Mason's Lodge is his Church."

This want is to a certain extent fulfilled in the provinces, but in London, except at its centre, there is no special place available for its social or other gatherings. Its ark, like the ark in the days of Moses, dwells still beneath the curtains, and how shall its sons find rest in those tabernacles of Philistia, which chance provides and which the exigencies of trade or freaks of temper may grant or withhold.

This is not a satisfactory state of things. Far be it from me to speak unkindly of our friends the Licensed Victuallers, to whom we are so much indebted, and in whose ranks we have brethren good and true, but this condition of dependence is not consistent with the dignity of our body, or the position it claims to hold in society.

It should be the aim of each group of lodges to fix upon, as a settled home, a common hall. Each lodge is already by its constitution a corporate body, and might readily clothe itself with the usual adjuncts of such if desired. It might invite legacies and treasure its funds, whilst the sacred cause of charity, too often kept in abeyance by disproportioned outlay could, be elevated to its proper position.

The new programme now put forth by our esteemed Bro. Clark, P.M., P.G. Superintendent of Works, architect of the proposed Surrey Masonic Hall, fully meets the first grand object to be obtained. There the Craft and Ark Mason will equally find a house, and there the brethren of the Christian degrees may shadow forth their adornments.

Masonry may be said at present to be under the fire of persecution; to be a Mason is according to certain sects a crime, and is visited as a sin. It is under such circumstances, if they are duly considered, that true institutions take a deeper hold of men's minds, and rise to higher life, and for my own part I feel and believe that each one in our body, each true mason, is now called upon by his vow of fidelity to co-operate and contribute to this great end.

The design, as furnished by Brother Clark, is classical and artistic, and presents arrangements evidently the result of serious study. Few, indeed, know the thought that has been devoted to this object, for which the late esteemed Bro. Thomas, and others gone before, so cordially longed, but were not permitted to see accomplished.

Brother Clark has nobly done his duty, to him it is evidently a labour of love. Let each brother then, according to his ability, take so many of the £5 shares as his circumstances in life may fairly warrant.

Of each brother, thus bearing a hand in this great, this noble object, it may be truly said, each in his degree "He loveth our nation and hath built us a synagogue,

W. VINER BEDOLFE, M.D.,
W.M. Sphynx Lodge, 1392.

OUR MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The letters which during the past few weeks have appeared in your columns on this subject will have been noted with interest and attention by those Masons who believe that the great Charities of the Order are not only a distinctive mark of the Craft in the eyes of the world, but a fair test of its vitality, and of the extent to which its genuine principles pervade the breasts of its members. The adoption of Bro. Gottheil's suggestion of a compulsory contribution would destroy the foundation of the Institutions, and place them on the level of the Fund of Benevolence, which however grand its amount, and beneficial its work, cannot exercise the individual charity of each member of the Craft. I take it this is the glory of our three great institutions, and of those smaller and local associations, which are now happily increasing through the country. Bro. Coates has done good service by inviting discussion, and directing attention to some practical method of enlisting the general sympathy of the brethren. The proposal he makes for a Provincial Charity Board appears to me to be rather too elaborate in its plans for general adoption, except in the larger centres of population. In a scattered province, some difficulty would be experienced in the bringing up the members of the Board to a quarterly or half-yearly meeting. Nevertheless, the organisation proposed would probably work well in some districts, and is certainly worth a trial.

Will you allow me, for the information of brethren who desire to further the object of Bro. Coates's letter, to state shortly what we have, during the last three years, been doing in the Province of Staffordshire? In the year 1871, perceiving that the Charitable Associations in London were rendering very considerable assistance to the Institutions, I ventured to suggest to the brethren of my lodge, and subsequently to those of the Province that such an Association, established upon similar principles, but modified to suit local convenience, would materially increase the number of subscribers to the Charities. We accordingly formed an Association, making it permanent in character, and fixing the subscription at a guinea per annum. The working expenses are covered by an entrance fee of 2s. 6d. from each member, which up to the present time has been found amply sufficient. Meetings are held half-yearly in June, in some attractive place in the country, and in the winter in some convenient town. At these meetings a ballot is taken for as many life subscriberships as the funds in hand will allow. The result is that in the three years fifty-six members have been enrolled as life subscribers to the charities, and we have now a subscription list of 141 guineas, steadily increasing at each half-yearly meeting. I do not consider that the Province is by any means thoroughly canvassed at present, indeed the greater number of these members represent six or seven lodges. Recently a local fund. (with a separate subscription of half a guinea), has been added to the association for the purpose of aiding by small or temporary grants to orphans, who may need such assistance, and especially those who are waiting for election to the Boys' or Girls' Institutions, but this fund has not yet been sufficiently developed to enable me to give any information respecting it. I believe that few, if any, of the sums subscribed by means of the association would have reached the charities but for this organization; besides this, the voting power of the province is materially and permanently increased. Brethren have met for a common charitable purpose, and cordial intercourse between members of various lodges has been promoted. I do not bring this association under notice as a model, for it is capable of much improvement, and especially of local adaptation, but I believe it possesses the advantage of being easy of adoption and elastic in character, since half a dozen brethren can form a similar

one, and a province is not too large for its operations.

Apologising for the length of this letter, I remain, sir and brother, your's fraternally,

John Bodenham,
P.M. 726, P.G. Treas. Staffordshire.

Edgemont, Newport, Salop.
17th March, 1874.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Now that this matter is fairly started I should like to re-iterate what I so strongly advocated some years ago in the "Masonic Mirror," viz., that the joint Secretaries of our Three Charities should unite and devise a handsome, effective, but inexpensive jewel, at a cost to them of about 30s., and induce all lodges who vote from their funds a sum of money for a jewel for their retiring Master, to let the amount go to the Charity or Charities the brother may select, either as a Life Subscriber or Governor, and let the Secretary or Secretaries record the fact upon the said jewel which they should hand to the lodge for presentation to the recipient.

It must be good business to give 30s. to bring in £5 5s.

It is cruel waste of money to spend £5, £10, or £15, and upwards in a jewel to the brother, ever so deserving, because at his death no one else can wear it, and the breaking-up price is hardly as many shillings, and no one is benefitted but a jeweller. Adopt the above plan, and our Charities reap the benefit. I cannot but remark that I think it is decidedly wrong to vote lodge funds away for decorating and rewarding any brother. If he has distinguished himself and is worthy of a testimonial, let the brethren personally subscribe for it, which renders the gift doubly valuable, and reserve the lodge balance for its true source, charity. Ten W.M.'s of a lodge each taking a £5 5s. jewel in ten years is equal to a Vice Presidency.

Again I would suggest to our Secretaries to seriously consider the propriety of easing the burden imposed upon a Steward—£10 10s. for himself and £3 or £4 for incidental expenses, about £14, is a large amount to hand out at once, and I am free to confess keep some out, and others also. Many cannot afford so large a sum, having others to think of at home. I would suggest that if the amount must remain at the same figure, could it not be divided into instalments, and so ease the payment.

I fancy a smaller qualification would increase the number of Stewards. Charity begins at home, and a brother has no right to serve as Steward, which I fear is sometimes done for the sake of keeping up appearances.

I can fully endorse Bro. J. H. Coate's remarks upon the fatal step of doubling the amount to qualify a lodge or chapter as life subscriber. Being connected with a young lodge, and also a chapter, which could have voted their £5 5s., but cannot vote £10 10s., and so the Treasurers hold the cash instead of the Charities.

Yours fraternally

P.M.

CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL MASONIC INSTITUTION.

On 16th March, the annual meeting of the General Committee of the above institution was held at No. 9, Hamilton-street, Birkenhead, by kind permission of the Zetland Lodge, 537; Bro. G. H. Wilson, W.M., 537, vice-president, in the chair. There were also present the following Life Governors.—E. G. Willoughby, P.P.J.G.W.; R. Gracie, W.M. 447; W. L. Hunt, P.M. 425; J. Dennis, W.M. 721; J. Beech, P.M. 361; F. K. Stevenson, P.G. Assist. S.; Edward Harbord, P.G., Std. B.; J. B. Platt, P.P.G.J.W.; James Hepworth, W.M. 1106; T. Stafford, S.W. 1,166, &c.

After the transaction of some formal business the annual report was presented as follows:—

"Charity never faileth, and though individual energy may flag, yet the combined efforts of the Masonic body exemplifying in a forcible manner how much that virtue is appreciated and practised by the brethren. Much has been said against the precept and practice of Masonry, and the subject of education is one, that at the present time, causes much angry dispute, but your committee are willing to pursue their quiet way without desiring either eulogium or disparagement, and they confidently appeal to the following facts as evidence of the good work they are doing in the province of Cheshire. During the last year nineteen children have received the benefit of scholastic instruction, three of whom cease to be recipients at the end of this year, four have, in accordance with the rules, had means furnished towards their advancement into business or professional avocation, and there are now five additional candidates for education and two for advancement.

"The year began with a balance in hand of £1.731 2s. 9d., £1,500 of which was safely invested, and ends with a total of £1,995 5s. 10d. The expenses have been kept within bounds with the most scrupulous care, but the more the value of the institution becomes known the greater are the claims on its funds, and increased support is much required to enable the committee to meet all the demands upon them.

"The Committee desire to record with much pleasure the fact that the Provincial Grand Chapter, which has so recently been established in Cheshire, had made a donation of £10 10s. to the funds, with a fraternal intimation that when their finances will allow a still larger grant shall be made.

"The amateur performance in Birkenhead, referred to in the last report, when the accounts had not been fully audited, have now been made up, and shew a balance in favour of the Institution of £14 13s. 10d.

"Brethren, cannot you individually do anything to aid in the great work? Masters of Lodges, do you feel you do your duty to the best of your ability and opportunity, in bringing this charity before the members of your respective lodges? Let conscience answer.

"The Committee cannot close their report without recording their sense of the value of the constant attention and unremitting energy displayed by their esteemed Secretaries and Treasurer; and feel sure that all the subscribers will agree in a cordial vote of thanks.

"May the G.A.O.T.U. bless every effort made to advance the good of mankind.—So mote it be."

The report and the accounts, as audited, were duly passed, and the candidates for education and for advancement were recommended to the Court of Governors for adoption. A cordial vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

FREEMASONRY IN AUSTRALIA.

On Monday, 29th December, at high noon, the installation of P.M., Bro. H. M. Joseph, as Worshipful Master of the Mountain Lodge of Bombala, No. 920 (E.C.), took place; the installing brethren being P.M. W. H. Dudley, A. A. MacKeachie, (who rode 35 miles to be present), and the late W.M., J. H. Morgan. After the installation Bros. Henry C. Hogarth was invested with the badge of S.W.; Francis Jesse, as J.W.; J. E. Bennett, as S.D.; Emil Jonas, J.D.; E. Sutton, as Inner Guard; and J. Holyhead, as Tyler. Bro. P.M. W. H. Dudley, had been elected Secretary, and John Steward Scott, Treasurer. When the lodge had opened in the first degree, three candidates were initiated, Messrs. George Crighton, Stevenson, and W.M. Cooke. After the lodge had closed, the brethren assembled again at 7 p.m., and sat down to a splendid banquet, prepared in the lodge-room by Mrs. Solomon, widow of the late Bro. Maurice Solomon. The Worshipful Master, H. M. Joseph, occupied the chair, supported on his right by Bro. P.M. MacKeachie and Morgan, and on the left by the three newly initiated brethren, the vice-Chairmen being Bros. Hogarth, S.W.; and F. Jesse, J.W. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, Bro. (Tyler) Holyhead, went round with the charity box, after proposing our poor and distressed brethren, which was nobly responded to by all brethren present. The brethren adjourned to the smoking-room well pleased with their entertainment. There is a glorious future now before this lodge, six candidates were proposed at the last lodge meeting, on the 6th January, and a great many influential gentlemen in the district, we believe, intend to join, so there is every prospect of the Mountain Lodge of Bombala, under the new regime, being the best lodge throughout the country towns of New South Wales. Bombala is situated 350 miles from Sydney, New South Wales, and Melbourne (Victoria), about equidistant between each colony.

Obituary.

BRO. ALFRED DAY.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Alfred Day, which took place at his residence, "The Hollies" Garrett-road, Tooting. The state of Bro. Day's health had for some time past caused much anxiety to his friends; hopes were however entertained of his recovery, but unfavourable symptoms manifested themselves a few days before his death, which took place on the 3rd inst. Our late Brother was well known in the City Road, where he had been engaged in business as an auctioneer, estate agent, &c., for several years, and was highly respected for his integrity and business habits.

As a Freemason few surpassed him in the ardour and sincerity in which he maintained and carried out the Grand Principles on which our Order is founded, or subscribed more liberally to our Masonic Charities. Bro. Day, was a P.Z. of the Yarborough Chapter, 554, Prov. G. Purst. of Essex, W.M. of Chigwell Lodge, 453, Founder, P.M., and Treasurer of Finsbury Lodge, 861, P.M. of the Prosperity Lodge, 65, and P.M. of the Temple Lodge 101, He was ever ready to render the helping hand by purse or advice when sought.

The funeral of our departed brother took place on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at Abney Park Cemetery. The solemn service was most impressively performed by the Rev. J. E. Tunnar, of the Wimbledon Common Congregational Chapel, whereof our deceased brother was a member, the rev. gentleman made a short and earnest appeal to those present to prepare for that great change which will overtake all, so that when the last trumpet shall sound, they might be ranked amongst the justified made perfect. The funeral *cortège* consisted of the hearse and four mourning coaches, each drawn by four horses, and several private carriages following; the entire funeral arrangements were executed under the care and personal superintendance of Bro. Sinclair, 81, City-road. At the grave, where nearly one hundred persons had assembled, we noticed Bro. R. S. Hart, W.M., with most of the officers and brethren of the Finsbury Lodge, 861; Bro. Main, P.M., and Bro. Sinclair, Treasurer of the New Concord Lodge, 813; Bro. Storey, W.M. of the Cornwallis Lodge, 1107; Bro. J. Owens, W.M. 1366, and many other friends and brethren, all met to pay their last tribute of respect to their late lamented and much esteemed friend and brother, whose memory will long be cherished by a large circle of Masonic and other friends with affectionate regard.

BRO. H. T. KELLY.

We regret also to have to announce the death of Bro. Henry Kelly, of Foord's Hotel, Filey. He died on Wednesday, the 11th inst., aged 48, very greatly respected. His funeral, which took place on the following Sunday, was largely attended by the brethren of the Craft, and also by the Foresters, of which body he was an esteemed member. There was also a very numerous attendance of neighbours and friends to pay him their last tribute of respect.

"Cause, Course and Consequences of Neglected Maladies."—Between the stomach and kidneys, there exists a close and intimate relation, which is demonstrated by the wasting which occurs in all diseases afflicting the kidneys. Disordered stomach is often the first symptom of real irregularity. Holloway's remedies used at that juncture, cut short many a serious and fatal attack. They act with wonderful efficacy in every organ of secretion, but especially do they regulate the stomach, liver, and kidneys, by restoring their healthy functions and casting out every obstruction or impurity. It is necessary for the Ointment to be well rubbed over the affected parts twice daily; when absorbed it much augments the purifying and salutary influence of the Pills.—Advt.

Masonic Tidings.

Bro. Maxwell C. Close, *M.P.* for the County of Armagh, and P.G.W. and P.G.M., Armagh, ought to have been included in the list of Freemasons in the House of Commons.

We have pleasure in announcing to our readers that, at a meeting of theChorlton Lodge, No. 1387 (West Lancashire Province), Bro. B. Newburn Brown, the W.M., was presented with a very valuable timepiece, with bronze ornaments, bearing the following inscription thereon:—"Presented to Bro. Newburn Brown, W.M., of the Chorlton Lodge 1387, by the promoters of the lodge, as a token of their high appreciation of the very valuable services rendered by him in its formation. Charlton-cum-Hardy, March 6th, 1874." A very elegant Past Master's jewel, inlaid with a costly brilliant, was also presented to Bro. Brown by the members of the lodge as a recognition of the very able manner in which he discharged the duties of W.M. during his year of office.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April 3, 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 28.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, March 30.

Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-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 31.

Lodge 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 255, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domatic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, April 1.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Freemasons' Hotel, New Wandsworth.
Old Kent Mark Lodge, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.
Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.
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.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8 Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
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, April 2.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhalls-t.
" 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.
" 1351, St. Clement's Danes, 265, Strand.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington-oval.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road.
Chap. 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 9, Moriah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
Rose Croix Chapter, St George's, 33, Golden-square
Great City Lodge of Instruction, 33, Gutter-lane, at 6.30. Bro. T. Poore, W.M. 720, Preceptor
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, April 3.

Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
Mark Lodge 8, Thistle, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi-terrace, Strand.
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, April 4, 1874.

Monday, March 30.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
" 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.

Tuesday, March 31.

Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple. Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.

Wednesday, April 1.

Lodge 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
" 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.
" 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool at 6.
" 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.
" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Hall, Leigh.
Chap. 477, Fidelity, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.
De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, April 2.

Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
" 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, at 4.
" 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, at 6.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

Friday, April 3.

(Being Good Friday these Meetings will, probably, be held on another evening.)

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.30.
" 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.
" 1387, Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, April 4, 1874.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, March 30.

Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st.
Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, James-street.

Tuesday, March 31.

Chap. 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.

Wednesday, April 1.

Lodge 4, Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 117, St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
" 128, St. John, Shettleston, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.
Chap. 8, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.

Thursday, April 2.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo; 213, Buchanan-street.
" 465, St. Andrew's, Masons' Hall, Garngad-road.

Friday, April 3.

Lodge 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.
" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
Lodge 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
" 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
" 572, Thorntree, Thornlie-bank.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 4, 1874.

Wednesday, April 1.

Lodge 160 Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-street, at 8.

Thursday, April 2.

Lodge 97, St. James, Masonic Hall, Writers'-court, High-st., at 8.

Friday, April 3.

Lodge 291, Celtic, Ship Hotel, E. Register-st., at 8.

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THIRD APPLICATION.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—April Election, 1874.

Your Votes and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of
WALTER WILLIAM CATT,
Aged Ten Years.

His father, William Taylor Catt, hotelkeeper, Dartford, Kent, was initiated in the Lodge of "Emulation," No. 299, in May, 1861, was W.M. in 1865, and remained a subscribing member until his death, which took place on the 1st January, 1871, leaving a widow and five young children in very depressed circumstances.

The case is strongly recommended by—

* Bro. G. J. Tyler, W.M., 299, 44, Carey-street, Lincoln's Inn, W.C.
„ Alfred Russell, P.M., 299, Dartford, P.P.G.J.W., Kent
„ Edwards, W.M., 20, Chatham.
* „ Lewis Finch, P.P.G.D.C., Kent, Queen-street, Ramsgate.
„ Burfield, P.M., 20, Chatham.
* „ E. Mackney, P.M., 299, P.P.G.O., Kent, Darenth, Dartford.
„ Ashdown, P.M., 1050, Rochester, P.P.G.S.D., Kent.
„ Andrews, P.M., 299, Northfleet, Kent.
* „ W. H. Bateman, No. 12, 90, Cannon-street.
* „ N. Martin, P.M., 299, Dartford, P.P.G.S.B., Kent.
* „ Quait, P.M., 299, Dartford, P.P.G.P., Kent.
„ Tinkler, P.M., 299, 11, Portugal-street, Lincoln's Inn, P.P.G.D.C.
* „ Harvey, P.M., 299, Dartford, P.P.G.D.C. Kent.
„ W. C. Fooks, (Q.C.), P.M., 299, Dartford, P.P.G.S.W., Kent.
„ Jno. Miles, P.M., 299, Dartford.

* Proxies will be received

APRIL ELECTION, 1874.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers are earnestly solicited on behalf of
GEORGINA KATE DALY,
Aged Eight Years.

Eldest Daughter of the late Bro. Robert Daly, who was a Pianoforte Dealer, and died of disease of the heart in January, 1870, leaving a widow and four children.

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.
„ G. Kenning, Vice-Patron, P.M., P.Z., P.G. Deacon, Middlesex, Upper Sydenham.
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„ T. Brankstone, P.M., P.G. Std., 69, 71, and 73, Carter-lane, City.
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* „ G. Pymm, P.M. 749, 1010, P.Z. 749, S.W. 1275, 232, Kennington-road, S.E.
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„ H. F. Isaac, 188, Prospect House, 15, Brownswood 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
HEMMA 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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