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To elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing;

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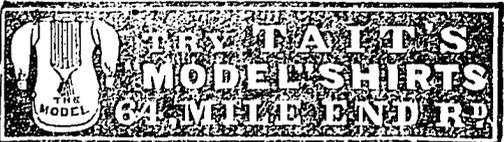
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LIVERPOOL.—*Ancient Union Lodge* (No. 203).—The annual meeting of the brethren of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, the whole of the evening's proceedings being of the most successful and enjoyable character. The lodge was opened shortly after five o'clock by Bro. F. W. Sarjeant, W.M., amongst his official supporters being Bro. J. Parsons, I.P.M.; B. W. Rowson, P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, P.M.; W. A. Wilson, P.M.; P. M. F. Neill, S.W.; J. Birtles, S.D.; J. Winsor, I.G.; C. Bromley, P.M., Treas.; E. Johnson, Sec.; W. Wilson, S.; and P. Ball, Tyler. The members of the lodge present were Bro. J. Gallaher, A. M'Dougall, W. Barclay, W. Winsor, R. Sillitoe, E. Greenlaw, W. N. Aronsburg, A. Barton, J. R. Japha, D. Meek, C. Birch, J. Hargreaves, W. Clarkson, H. C. Harrison, J. Bathie, J. Hilton, J. R. Williams, W. Whiteside, Ed. Maccabe, J. F. Alston, C. Desoer, J. Boyes, J. Crompton, J. Fletcher, W. H. Ball, J. Thomas, T. Lovell, W. E. Helling, W. Myers, and W. Eastwood. Amongst the visitors present were C. H. Hill, P.G. Reg.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; Jesse Banning, P.G.O., C. and W.; R. R. Martin, W.M. 1634; W. Boulton, W.M. 823; Dr. Slack, P.M., late 203; J. Wood, Treasurer 1094; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673; E. Nash, 241; John Winsor, 251; H. A. Lawton, 786; Dr. C. Puzey, 857; T. Whitfield, 1182; A. C. Hesketh, 1182; G. Winsor, 241; G. Bird, 673; H. Burrows, 673; B. Price, 1393; G. Musker, 1182; T. W. M'Kuen, 241; G. W. Chirnside, 1325; H. W. Nicholas, I.G. 249; W. Burnet, 1013, &c. After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the retiring W.M., Bro. Sarjeant, assumed the position of Installing Master, and proceeded to place Bro. Patrick McFarlane Neill, the W.M. elect, in the chair of the lodge. By thus fulfilling the important functions of Installing Master, Bro. Sarjeant worthily closed a prosperous year of office, and the exceedingly masterly and thoroughly effective style in which he performed the whole ceremony, not only elicited universal admiration, but showed that he is a Masonic student of a high order. The closing charges to the Masters, Wardens, and brethren were especially impressive, and the closing weighty sentences were listened to with the most profound attention. The brethren invested by the W.M. as officers of the lodge were Bro. J. W. Sergeant, I.P.M.; E. Johnston, S.W.; J. Crompton, J.W.; C. Bromley, P.M., Treas., (re-elected); J. Parsons, P.M., Sec.; James Winsor, S.D.; J. Frank, J.D.; A. McDougall, I.G.; W. Wilson, S.S.; and J. Hilton, J.S. Bro. P. Ball was again elected Tyler of the lodge. There being a candidate for initiation, the newly-installed W.M. commenced his year's work by initiating him into the mysteries and privileges of the Order in a very creditable manner. The majority of the brethren subsequently sat down to a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of the W.M., who during the earlier

part of the evening, proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. In the course of the after-dinner proceedings, Bro. Rawson, in the name of the brethren, presented Bro. Sergeant, I.P.M., with a chaste and valuable mantel timepiece, as a token of the esteem and respect of the members of the Ancient Union. The presentation was acknowledged by Bro. Sergeant, in an exceedingly thoughtful and vigorous speech, which was much above the average of the numerous complimentary orations. The health of the W.M. was received with the most enthusiastic cordiality. A very pleasant evening was enlivened by a great number of capitally rendered songs.

IPSWICH.—*Perfect Friendship Lodge* (No. 376).—This lodge held its jubilee meeting on Wednesday evening, the 18th ult., having attained the fiftieth year of its existence. Having been invited by the courtesy of the W.M., Bro. Gamman, to attend on this interesting occasion, we availed ourselves of the opportunity to visit this prosperous lodge, and must profess ourselves as greatly pleased and edified with the working of the lodge, and with the great harmony which prevailed—a characteristic not always found in Masonic Lodges, softly be it spoken. Amongst those present were Bro. A. Gamman, W.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Dr. Straddon, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Elliston, P.M.; W. Spalding, P.M.; N. Tracy, P.P.G.S.W., S.W.; S. B. King, P.P.G.S.D.; W. T. Westgate, P.P.G.D.C.; J. A. Pettit, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; W. A. Smith, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Scopes, J.W.; Daking, I.G.; Jack, P.P.G.S.D.; Abbott; Woods, and others. Visitors, C. F. Long, P.M. 114; P.G.D.C.; Emra Holmes, P.M. 531, P.G. Reg., P.P.G.A.D.C.; S. Wright; P. Cornell, P.P.G.S.D., of the British Union Lodge; M. Cohen and G. Abbott, of the Prince of Wales Lodge, and Bro. Westgate and King, who also represented the St. Luke's Lodge. Thus the whole of the Ipswich lodges were fitly represented, and a most agreeable and harmonious meeting was the result. The lodge having been opened by Bro. N. Tracy, in the absence of the Master, who arrived later, and the minutes read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Edward Bovredd Lewcock, shipbroker, and being in his favour, and the candidate present, he was initiated into the mysteries of Masonry. The lodge being opened in the third degree, Bro. T. R. Elkington and Albert Cannon were respectively admitted, obligated, and in due form raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the ceremonies being conducted by Bro. Tracy in admirable style, who was ably assisted by the officers of the lodge and by Bro. Westgate, who acted as Deacon. The Worshipful Master, whose business engagements had prevented his arriving earlier in the evening, but who usually conducts the whole of the ceremonies in excellent fashion himself, then resumed the gavel and entrusted the newly-raised Master Masons with the secrets restricted to this degree, and the lodge was afterwards closed down to the first degree. The W.M. then read to the brethren a letter couched in feeling and grateful terms from Mr. Franks, son of the late venerated Bro. J. Franks, P.M., in reply to the letter of condolence from the lodge to the relatives of the deceased brother, and which was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The further business of the lodge having been disposed of, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form and with solemn prayer, and the brethren retired for refreshment. After doing ample justice to a most substantial repast, the W.M. rose and proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, not forgetting the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, which were of course loyally and Masonically responded to, Bro. Abbott singing the solo of the National Anthem in his usual animated style. In giving "The P.G.M. and officers past and present of the Provincial Grand Lodge," the W.M. stated that he had received a letter from Lord Waveney expressing his great regret at being unable to attend that evening, but his Parliamentary duties precluded the possibility of his accepting on that occasion the invitation of the lodge. His Lordship added, however, that it would not need a jubilee meeting to bring him down, and he quite hoped ere long to visit the Perfect Friendship Lodge. The W.M. took occasion to remark on the illness of the D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. E.

J. Lockwood, Rector of Belstead, and expressed a hope, cordially endorsed by the brethren, that T.G.A.O.T.U. might be pleased speedily to restore him once more to health. Bro. Q. Tracey, whose name was coupled with the toast, responded for the Past Grand Officers and made a few modest and pertinent remarks. Bro. Emra Holmes responded for the present Provincial Grand Officers, who he said he believed were chosen for their Masonic zeal and attainments, and they would no doubt do their utmost to sustain the reputation of their predecessors in office. He ventured to remark on the small number of those present who were decorated with the Royal Arch jewel, and urged the younger brethren to show their Masonic zeal and extend their Masonic knowledge by taking that sublime degree as soon as they were able to do so. No Freemason should stop short of the Royal Arch if he wanted to be considered a Mason in truth and not in name only. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the evening "Success to the Perfect Friendship Lodge" which was drunk upstanding with high honours, none but Master Masons being present, and those below that rank withdrawing for a time. The W.M. in giving the toast, narrated some interesting facts culled from the old minute books in connection with the Perfect Friendship. It appears that the first meeting to constitute the lodge was held April 21st, 1824, when Bro. George Bullen, W.M. of the British Union Lodge, then No. 180, Bro. Alfred Head, S.W., of the same Lodge, and Bro. John Garnham, J.W. of St. Luke's Lodge, No. 393, attended for the purpose of installation. The lodge was opened at the Unicorn Inn, and the following were the first officers appointed:—J. Gosling, W.M.; T. Hardy, I.P.M.; J. Garnham, S.W.; S. Cook, J.W.; E. Planter, S.D.; J. Hill, J.D.; J. Bromley, I.G.; R. Cole, Treasurer; S. Pipper, Secretary; W. Rudland, Tyler. The lodge was held at the King's Head Inn, the number was 790, and at the first festival of St. John, in Dec., 1824, twenty-four members were present. The W.M. remarked that a very salutary law was in force at that time, and on the 21st Sept. 1825, officers were fined for non-attendance. The following year the first brother was erased for non-payment of quarterage. In 1829 the lodge was removed to the Bee Hive Inn, and in 1830 they applied for a Royal Arch Warrant. In 1834 there were thirty-four members, on 23rd Aug., 1835, they attended a Masonic funeral, that of Bro. Pepper, Secretary for eleven years. The lodge moved to the White Horse Hotel (celebrated in "Pickwick" by Dickens) in 1851. On Oct. 19, 1843, the lodge took part in the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the handsome new custom house, a building in the Italian style of architecture. They attended the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower, and afterwards went in procession to the quay with the Mayor and corporation, and after the ceremony the brethren, eighty in number, dined together at the Assembly Rooms. Bro. W. Elliston was then W.M., and Bro. Pettit, the builder, was Secretary. The lodge was honoured with a visit from the R.W. the P.G.M. of Essex at the St. John's Festival in 1855. It appears to have been of a very migratory disposition, for some time afterwards it was removed to the Assembly Rooms, and then returned to the White Horse. The most sensible move however was that made in April, 1870, when the lodge was removed to the handsome Masonic Hall in Brook-street, one of the most elegant and complete Masonic halls for its size in England, where it is still held, and where its prosperity is daily on the increase. Bro. Pettit, who was initiated in 1830, and W.M. in 1835, and whose name, together with that of Bro. W. Spalding, was coupled with the toast, gave some amusing additional particulars as to the lodge in the old days. It appears the lodge used to meet on Sundays, and sometimes when they had their festivals, they sat down at 4 p.m., and left at 4 a.m. There was no Lord Aberdare in those days, and every lodge did what was right in its own eyes. There had been an old Perfect Friendship Lodge, but it had become moribund, and it was resolved at a meeting on the casting vote of the W.M. to give up the charter, as it was thought the St. Luke's being, the older lodge, should have

the preference, both lodges being in a languishing state. However, no sooner had they done it, and committed Masonic suicide, then they wanted to bring about a resurrection. The result of their efforts was the establishment of the lodge—whose jubilee they were now celebrating. Other toasts were given; Bros. King, Cohen, Smith, and Abbott added to the harmony of the evening with songs and recitations, and it was at a late hour when the brethren separated, after enjoying, speaking for ourselves, a most agreeable evening.

WEST DERBY.—*Pembroke Lodge* (No. 1299).—The brethren of this lodge assembled at Bro. Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby, on Thursday afternoon, the 19th inst., the special business on the circular being the installation of the W.M. elect (Bro. Peter Macmudrow), the investiture of officers, election of Tyler, and one "raising" and three "passings." The installation and investment of officers, however, was found to be sufficient for one afternoon, and therefore the other portion of the programme was left in abeyance, which was a very wise step to take. The lodge was opened shortly after two o'clock by Bro. Joseph Clegg, W.M., and the officers (past and present) whose names appeared on the Tyler's book were Bros. W. S. Vines, P.M.; T. Macmudrow, S.W.; W. Jones, J.W.; H. Liversage, Treas.; Richard Bennett, Sec.; A. T. Smith, S.D.; M. Bush, J.D.; G. Aspinall, I.G.; W. Avis, Org.; Alex. Jones, Steward; and J. Robinson, Tyler. The members present were Bros. W. Brown, J. Stephenson, W. S. Bennett, S. Schonstadt, J. Sutcliffe, P.M.; J. Townley, J. Christian, J. Lonsdale, J. Capell, H. T. Bamber, A. E. Kirkpatrick, J. Dawson, J. Holmes, W. Hiles, Frank Moss, G. Foster, W. S. Hawarth, H. Dickenson, W. Nash, and F. H. Nash. The following visiting brethren were also present:—Bros. Thomas Wylie, P. Prov. J.G.W., W.L., P.M. 86 and 292; James Macmudrow, P.G. Sec., Wigton and Kirkcudbright, W.M. Lodge 41, Scotland; J. Vaughan, S.D. 86; J. E. Howard Pughe, 1094; W. J. Chapman, 667; David Paterson, 673; Samuel Kirkpatrick, 249; Richard C. Yelland, S.D., 1064; Wm. Wood, 263; Richard R. Martin, W.M. 1094; Aug. P. Fabian, P.M. 487, P.P.S.G.W., Hants; Isaiah Raw, I.G. 220, Garston; James B. Mackenzie, 1182. Although the weather was of the most unpleasant nature in the early part of the day, and although the majority of brethren had to travel by bus from Liverpool, it will be seen that there was a very good and influential gathering, thus showing the popularity and prosperity of the Pembroke, as a suburban lodge. The business having been duly opened by the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Joseph Clegg, the retiring W.M., then occupied the chair of Installing Master, and at once proceeded, according to ancient form, to instal Bro. Peter Macmudrow, as the W.M. of the Pembroke Lodge. This always interesting ceremony—no matter how often it had been witnessed—was especially remarkable on this occasion, for the effective and complete manner in which it was performed by Bro. Clegg, who was ably assisted in some portions by Bro. T. Wylie, P.P.J.G.W. After a Board of Installed Masters had been held, and the brethren, on their re-admission, had saluted the newly-chaired W.M. in the three degrees, the following brethren were invested by him as his officers:—Bros. Joseph Clegg, I.P.M.; W. Jones, S.W.; R. B. Nutt, J.W.; H. Liversage, Treasurer (re-elected); A. T. Smith, Secretary; M. Bush, S.D.; Geo. Aspinall, J.D.; W. Avis, Organist; Alex. Jones, I.G.; J. Sellar, P.M., D.C.; John Capel, S.S.; A. E. Kirkpatrick, J.S. Bro. Robinson was unanimously re-elected Tyler. Hearty good wishes were then given for the W.M. by brethren from Lodges 86, 220, 249, 487, 673, 094, &c., and after several propositions had been made, and the accounts, which showed a good balance in favour of the lodge, had been passed, after a high compliment from the auditors to Bro. Liversage, the Treasurer, the brethren were called off from labour to refreshment. About half past five, nearly the whole of the brethren present sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by Bro. Rawlinson,

No. 1299, but the waiting was capable of being greatly improved without very much trouble. Of course, Bro. P. Macmudrow, the W.M., presided, and after the cloth had been removed, he proceeded, without delay, to give in a business like manner, the usual loyal toasts, which were received with true Masonic loyalty. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the M.W.G.M., the Marquess of Ripon, the M.W.D.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Grand Lodge Officers," a toast which was also given with enthusiasm and responded to with the greatest heartiness. A similar reception was given by the brethren to the "Health of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M., Bro. the Hon. Captain F. Stanley, M.P., D.P.G.M., and the other P.G. Lodge Officers," to each of whom the W.M. referred in the highest terms. Bro. Thomas Wylie, P. Prov. J.G.W. and P. Prov. G. Reg., responded to the toast, and in doing so said that Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, since his appointment had won golden opinions from every brother within his province. He (Bro. Wylie) had the assurance of his lordship that it was not his intention to perpetuate the long periods of office amongst his Provincial Grand Officers, as had formerly prevailed, except in cases where the change would be detrimental to the interests of the Provincial Grand Lodge, but he intended to change the officers every year. It was his lordship's intention to have visited every lodge in his province within one year, if possible, but now his engagements in connection with Her Majesty's Government had set that arrangement aside, and he would be prevented from carrying out his intentions for the present. The W.M., in happy terms, next gave "The Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland, coupled with the names of Bro. James Macmudrow, P.G. Sec., Wigton and Kirkcudbright, W.M. Lodge 41, Scotland, and Bro. Aug. P. Fabian, P.M. 487, P.P.S.G.W., Hants. Bro. Macmudrow and Bro. Fabian both responded, and expressed feelings of hearty good will from their respective lodges, and the highest admiration for the working and harmony of the Pembroke Lodge. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Past Masters of Pembroke Lodge, coupled with the name of Bro. Vines," who acknowledged the compliment. "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Clegg, I.P.M.," was next given by the W.M., who after passing a high eulogium upon him for the admirable way in which he had fulfilled his duties, presented him, in the name of the brethren, with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, set with splendid diamonds, as a token of the esteem and admiration felt for him by all the brethren. He had also great pleasure in presenting a Life Governorship of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution to Bro. Clegg, in recognition of his indefatigable exertions in connection with the lodge ball, recently held, which had not only proved a most pleasant meeting, but highly remunerative. In making the presentation of the jewel, the W.M. said:—Bro. Clegg, I have much pleasure in presenting this jewel to you in the name of the members of the Pembroke Lodge. By it they desire to convey to you their appreciation of the way in which you have conducted the affairs of the lodge during the past twelve months. A more handsome P.M. jewel I have never seen, but I am sure you will value it, not so much on account of its intrinsic worth, as for the kind feelings of fraternal regard, of which it is the expression. That you will wear it with pride and pleasure, I doubt not, but you may also look upon it as an emblem of another jewel, that we, as Masons, must strive to obtain, one which is above all value, for the just approbation of our fellow mortals is insignificant when compared with that of our Divine Creator. Your year of office as Worshipful Master in this lodge is now over, and you rest from your labours, but we trust that you may be long spared amongst us in health and strength, and that when you have finished your allotted task here below, you may meet your reward in the Grand Lodge above, where the World's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever. Bro. Clegg acknowledged the high compliment and the presentations in appropriate terms, expressing much gratitude for the kindness ever shown to him,

and his assurance of a continued interest in the welfare of the lodge. Subsequently Bro. Clegg proposed the health of the W.M., which was very cordially received. Bro. Macmudrow, W.M., in responding, said it was his ambition to see the Pembroke Lodge second to none for the efficiency of its working, in regard to which he was glad to say it had already got a good name in the provinces. He afterwards proposed the health of the officers of the lodge, remarking that they had officers upon whom they might well congratulate themselves. Bro. Jones S.W., acknowledged the toast on behalf of himself and brother officers, and assured the W.M. they would all do their utmost to assist him in his arduous duties in the conduct of the lodge. Bro. Bennett and Bro. Liversage, the Treasurer, and the various other officers also responded. Bro. Liversage, in doing so, remarked that financially the lodge was never in a better position than at the present time. The "Visitors" (responded to by Bro. Wood), the "Pless" (acknowledged by Bros. Vaughan and Mackenzie), and other complimentary toasts followed; a most agreeable evening being spent. The proceedings were varied and enlivened by some capital songs, excellently sung by several of the brethren.

WALTHAM NEW TOWN (HERTS).—*King Harold Lodge* (No. 1327).—The first regular meeting for the present year of this highly prosperous and flourishing lodge was held at the Britannia Hotel, on Tuesday, 17th ult., the vacation months being now December, January, and February, instead of June, July, and August as heretofore; present Bros. J. K. Young, W.M.; West, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Herts; Evans, S.W.; Gilbert, J.W., Barwick, Treasurer; Riley, Secretary; Lacy, P.M. 174 and 1421, acting for S.D.; Tydeman, J.D., and S.W. 1437; Holmes, I.G.; Verry, Tyler, and several other brethren. The lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the last lodge, and also of a Lodge of Emergency, were read and confirmed. The ceremony of the first, second, and third degrees was then conducted by the W.M., with the able assistance of the various officers, in that impressive manner for which he is so deservedly distinguished. Mr. M. Levy was duly initiated, Bros. Bull and Robinson were passed to the second degree, and Bro. Price raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The lodge was closed and adjourned until April 21st, 1874. The remainder of the evening was devoted to refreshment and social enjoyment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured, some excellent singing further enlivened the proceedings, and the brethren separated with mutual goodwill and satisfaction at 10 p.m.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—The last regular meeting of the season of this young and meritorious lodge was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at Bro. Plock's, the Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark Bridge-road, and like every preceding meeting proved a source of gratification to its founders, promoters, and numerous friends. The proceedings comprised the working of the three degrees, which were begun, carried on, and completed in a pure and perfect manner by the W.M. and his principal and assistant officers. The lodge was opened soon after five o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Charles Smith, and the necessary and preliminary business despatched. Two out of the three candidates for the third degree being found to be present, the lodge was opened in the second degree, and the requisite examination was undergone by Bros. G. Skegg and W. C. Ware, who afterwards withdrew. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and these two brethren having properly presented themselves, were afterwards re-admitted, and received the benefit of the sublime degree. Bro. C. Pantlin, the other candidate, having arrived, the lodge was resumed to the second degree, and that brother, having satisfactorily proved his further Masonic attainments, withdrew while the lodge was again resumed to the third degree. Bro. Pantlin having been re-admitted, the sublime degree was again worked by the W.M. most solemnly and impressively, Bro. Smith terminating his labours in this degree by imparting the traditional history of this portion of our mystery in all its fulness and wealth of illustration.

The lodge was then resumed to the first degree, and Bros. J. S. Dane, W. Doherty, and G. Plock were presented as candidates for crafting. They having satisfied the W.M. and brethren that their previous introduction into Masonry had not been unfruitful of knowledge were entrusted, and retired. The lodge was again resumed to the second degree, and those three brethren were duly passed. The final resumption of the lodge was to the first degree, and the ballot was taken with a successful result for the admission into the order of Messrs. C. J. Henton and J. Lawrence. (We may here incidentally mention that another candidate for initiation, and also a brother for raising, were prevented from attending by private business of moment.) Those two gentlemen were accordingly soon properly prepared, and in accordance with a rule rigidly observed by Bro. Smith, were separately introduced and initiated, the splendid working of the W.M. evidently making a deep impression on their minds. This concluded the business of the first session of the lodge, which now stands adjourned (emergencies excepted) till the third Tuesday in September ensuing. Some simple refreshments were served, when the lodge was closed, and the brethren passed some time in social enjoyment, not separating till eleven o'clock. Thus ended the first campaign of the Ivy Lodge, which for the purity of its Masonic working, and the harmony which reigns amongst its members, stands in the very front rank in the Craft. The officers present were Bros. Geo. Mattock, S.W.; J. J. Cantle, J.W.; C. S. Jolly, W.M. Vitruvian Lodge, Sec.; E. Thurlk, Treas.; C. F. Poupard, S.D.; Lewis Cornelissen, J.D.; W. Ashwell, I.G.; G. T. Fox, P.M. and P. Z., Tyler. As visitors we observed, Bro. E. Farwig, St. James's Union, No. 180; Bro. J. H. Cumming, Polish National No. 534; and W. P. Drew, Belgrave, No. 749.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—*Royal Gloucester Lodge of Instruction* (No. 310).—At the regular meeting of this lodge on Monday last, held at Freemasons' Hall, Southampton, the proceedings were especially interesting, owing to the fact that Bro. Kenneth Wilson, B.A. (who has passed all the chairs), was present for the last time prior to his departure for New Zealand, where he has been appointed Principal of Wellington College. After the business of the evening had been transacted, the brethren of the lodge of instruction, together with representatives from all the lodges in the town, entertained Bro. Wilson at a banquet, the chair being taken by Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, Prov. G. Sec., P.M. 130 (during whose year of office Bro. Wilson first saw the "light"); and founder and preceptor of the lodge of instruction. Bro. Le Feuvre is also one of the trustees of the grammar school, where Bro. Wilson, during the past six or seven years, has held the post of second master. Amongst those present were Bros. J. R. Stebbing, Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Past Grand Deacon of England, &c.; Alex, Past Prov. J.G.W. Gloucestershire, P.M. 246; Thomas, W.M. 130; Burtenshaw, W.M. 356; H. Coles, P.M. 359, Past Prov. D.C.; Dyson, W.M. 394, Past Prov. Supt. Works; R. Sharpe, Prov. G.O., Sec. and Treas. lodge of instruction; Dr. Alridge, C. J. Phillips, Miles, Hickman, Manby, Jellicoe, Dartnall, Gregory, J. Coles, and Martin. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and drunk, Bro. Stebbing responding on behalf of the Grand Lodge, the right worshipful brother rose and said, as Deputy Prov. Grand Master of the province in which the Royal Gloucester Lodge was situate, and one of the oldest members of that lodge, he had been requested to propose the toast of the evening, "Health, Long Life, Happiness, and Prosperity to Bro. Kenneth Wilson," their guest, who to their great regret was now about to leave England for a distant colony. England was essentially a country of social life and domestic joy, and it was characteristic of England's sons, that amid all their differences of opinion, they could yet esteem and respect one another. Perhaps it was to their feeling of social brotherhood that Masonry owed so much of its success in our

midst. It bound men together in one common chain of indissoluble friendship, and it was gratifying to feel that although a link of that chain was now about to be severed, when their brother reached another land—his adopted home—there would be an opportunity of again uniting the links, of which he doubted not due advantage would be taken. Southampton Masons had ever been able to recognize in Masonry something beyond the ordinary ties of friendship, because in meeting to carry out its beneficent principles—feelings had been found to spring up which would cease only with life itself, and to this fact their brother, from whom they were about to separate, had been a prominent witness. We could not all occupy the same positions in society, but when one was taken from our midst, who had proved most useful in his day and generation, we feel the severance more, and of Bro. Wilson it might at least be said that in his departure, we should miss both a scholar and a gentleman, and an excellent Freemason. (Applause.) Upon this subject he should not enlarge, because he knew the temptation to appear fulsome just in proportion as one estimated the worth of a brother. He hoped, however, and had no doubt that the slight testimony which they had paid to Bro. Wilson might act in some degree as an introduction to him in his new sphere of labour. He would take with him the most generous emotions of their hearts, and their heartiest wishes that when in good time he might return to Old England he would be laden with honour and the respect of those among whom his lot was to be cast, as he had justly merited that respect from those with whom he had been associated in Southampton. The toast having been warmly drunk, Bro. Wilson, in response, said he little thought when the subject of the meeting was mentioned to him that it would assume the most gratifying character which it had taken. When he first received the intimation of his appointment he felt, and had ever since experienced a growing sense of his responsibilities, and nothing could have tended more to increase that feeling than the expression of goodwill which he had that evening witnessed, and echoed by the lodge with which he had been connected. It had been an especial pleasure to him to find the toast of his health proposed by so distinguished a member of the Craft. He felt that he should enter upon what he hoped would be a long career in Masonry on the other side of the globe under the most favourable auspices, for he knew that wherever Masonry was known, the name of their right worshipful brother was not altogether unheard of. He considered therefore an additional responsibility rested upon him, in having the sanction of his brother's name as a recommendation to him in his new sphere. Nor could he forget that under the brother who occupied the chair that evening, he first saw the light of Masonry. He should ever remember the years he had spent with his brethren in that lodge as amongst the most pleasant in his experience, and that whatever he might have been able to assist in accomplishing, was as nothing compared with what he had learnt. Whatever he might be able to do for Masonry in a distant part he should ever attribute in a great measure to what he had learnt here, for it was his hope that the three months occupied in his voyage, would form the largest period during which he should be consecutively absent from some lodge meetings. He trusted they might all be spared to meet again in Old England or elsewhere; but whatever might betide him, his earnest prayers for their welfare, would be ever with him, and he trusted to hear of the most complete success of their lodge. In responding to the toast of the Sister lodges Bro. Burtenshaw, W.M. 359, on behalf of the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, the largest in the Province, over which he was proud to preside, desired to tender his heartiest thanks for the very kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and the warmth with which it had been received by the brethren. It afforded him great delight to be there that evening to do honour to the worthy and distinguished brother who was about to leave the country. He knew full well that Bro. Wilson had endeavoured to promote goodwill, brotherly love and truth, and that he

had proved himself a good and true man and Mason. Bro. Dyson, W.M. Southampton Lodge, No. 394, who was also called on to respond to the toast of the sister lodges, expressed himself in kindly and fraternal terms towards the guest of the evening. He said that from the time of his first becoming acquainted with Bro. Wilson, he had entertained for him the greatest possible esteem, and believed fully that he would leave this country with the most sincere and best wishes of every brother with whom he had become connected. He would further say, that in expressing his personal sentiments towards Bro. Wilson, he was also conveying those of every brother of the Southampton Lodge, knowing that one and all wished him health and happiness in the undertaking he was about to enter upon. Bro. Thomas, W.M. 130, could not refrain from feeling a certain amount of sadness in hearing Bro. Wilson officiating that evening in the J.W. chair, knowing that that was the last time they would hear his voice, and that they would soon see his face no more; but it was a pleasure to think that although they would soon have half the globe between him and themselves, yet the Masonic ties would still be between them uniting them in a bond too strong for any distance to weaken. In looking over the list of lodges in the colony of N.Z. he found there were 28 owing allegiance to our English G.L. There, our Bro. would no doubt have the opportunity of seeing the same ritual and ceremonies with which he had so thoroughly made himself acquainted in the R.G.L. of Instruction, the same authority appealed to in cases of difficulty, the same charities supported; in fact he would find that a Mason really finds a home in every clime, and he also hoped that T.G.A.O.T.U. would spare their lives that they might welcome back our brother on some future occasion, and once more see him mixing with the companions of his former toils in their dear old Gloucester Lodge. Bro. R. Sharpe, P.G.O., Sec. and Treas., wished to supplement the congratulations of the rest of the brethren to Bro. Wilson, on his valuable preferment, to assure him, that he was indeed going to a "land of promise" not literally flowing with milk and honey, but full of the milk of human kindness, where he would find a warm-hearted hospitable people, ready to hold out the right hand of fellowship, and give him a cordial greeting, whether in the capacity of Mason or citizen. It was a matter for further congratulation that he was going to a country possessed of a climate with but one rival in the world, and that one Tasmania, where he (the speaker) had resided for nearly five years, a climate which would, he felt confident, prove a rich blessing to him, because it was sure to be the means of restoring to perfect health and strength, the one who, above all, was nearest and dearest to him.

#### Mark Masonry.

**BOLTON.**—*St. John's Lodge* (Time Immemorial).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 25th March, at the lodge room, Commercial Hotel, Town-hall-square, Bolton, at which were present, Bro. James Newton, Prov. G. Mark Inspector of Works, W.M.; John Alcock, S.W.; James Horrocks, J.W.; John Harwood, M.O.; Wm. Hamer, P.M., as S.O.; Robert Glaister, J.O.; Thos. Entwisle, P. Prov. G. Mark Master, Registrar of Marks; Thomas Morris, P. Prov. G. Mark Sword Bearer, Secretary; Thos. Holme, S.D.; Robert Pickup, J.D.; Henry Tattersall, I.G.; Robert Harwood, P. Prov. G. Mark Deacon; Daniel Stansfield, P. Prov. G. Mark Deacon, and others. The lodge being opened, and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Thomas Mycock, P.M. Clifton Lodge, 703, Blackpool, as a candidate for advancement, and was unanimously in his favour, and he being in attendance was admitted and advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. A candidate was proposed for advancement, and the lodge was closed in the usual manner.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MANCHESTER.—*Jerusalem Chapter of Antiquity*.—A meeting of this chapter of H.M., K.H. was held at the Manchester Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 24th March, 1874, under circular to all the thirty members, when the following report, signed by the Past R.G.C. was adopted, and the Chapter and Senate united with the ancient and primitive rite of Masonry, under the title of the Palatine and Jerusalem Chapter of Antiquity No. 2, thus inaugurating a new era. Report:—1. A Grand Council was held in Paris in 1762, to ascertain whether the Kadosh and the Templar were one and the same order, and a resolution to adopt the black and white colours of the Templar Beauseant was adopted in their title and eagle. 2. The fact that the "Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry" derives from the "Primitive Rite of Philadelphes of Narbonne," 1779. 3. The absence of any evidence of the existence of the Templar Order in Great Britain and Ireland previous to 1780, and the fact that from the earliest time down to 1852, the connection between the Red Cross and Kadosh Templars was invariable, of which proof was given in English, Irish, and Scottish documents and rituals, between 1792 and 1840. 4. The fact that from 1791 to 1852 all warrants issued in England styled the degree "Grand Elected Knight Templar Kadosh of St. John of Jerusalem, &c." and that emblems known only to Kadosh Templars appear upon the certificates, in the ceremony of installation, and upon the old banners of the Jerusalem Encampment or Conclave used prior to 1835, copies of photographs of which were in possession of the R. G. Superintendent. 5. The exhibition of the ritual of the "Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry" in the degree of Knight Kadosh, in proof that the symbolism of the old English Templar was known only to members of each degree of the A. and P. Rite. The fact that the present Grand Conclave of Knight Templars had utterly disconnected themselves from any possible progenitors in 1852, and again in 1872, in order to ally themselves with a body spurious upon the three counts, and working a forged constitution, styling themselves the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Therefore it is resolved that the members of the "Jerusalem Chapter of Antiquity" H.M., K.H., amalgamate and unite their Rose Croix and Kadosh Templar degrees with the same degrees of the "Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry" of which the R.G. Supt. is bound (under the charter of the G.W. Sanctuary of America, derived from the illustrious Bro. Marconnis de Negre, and the late Marshal Magnan, late Grand Master of the Grand Orient of France) with such powers to give the extraneous degrees as may be mutually agreed between them, the "Royal Grand Council of Ancient Rites, time immemorial," and the "Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry." A hope was expressed that the S.G.C. of the A. and A. Scottish Rite might, by adopting a representative constitution, end further the Masonic squabble.

### Red Cross of Constantine.

EDINBURGH.—*St. Giles' Conclave*, (No. 103).—The regular monthly meeting of this flourishing conclave was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., Em. Sir Knight H. E. Jonas, M.P.S., in the chair, supported by his Viceroy, the Em. Sir Knight D. Shearer, all the officers, and a good attendance of Sir Knights. The minutes having been read and confirmed, several brethren were proposed as candidates for admission into the Order, and being balloted for were found to be unanimously approved of. The next business was the reception of Ill. Sir Knight C. G. C. Christie, attended by Very Eminent Sir Knts. J. B. Mercer and R. S. Brown, Knights Grand Cross, were received in due form under the Arch of Steel. The sceptre having been resigned to the Ill. Intendant-General, he graciously returned it to the M.P.S., and requested him to retain his position and chair, the duties of which he so admirably discharged. The M.P.S. then, in his

own name and that of the Conclave, tendered a hearty welcome to Ill. Sir Knight Christie, and expressed his thanks to him for this visit, and hoped that it would be frequently repeated. The Intendant-General expressed his gratification with the kind reception he had received, the admirable manner in which the affairs of the Conclave had been conducted since its commencement, and the great success which had attended their efforts to promote the prosperity of the Order, and it was now his duty to reward the zeal of two worthy members of the Conclave, viz., Sir Knights W. Barton and J. M. McPherson by conferring upon them the rank of Honorary Sovereigns of the Conclave. A College of Viceroy's was thereupon opened and Sir Knights Barton and McPherson were duly consecrated as Viceroy's, and afterwards, in a Senate of Sovereigns, duly enthroned as Honorary Sovereigns, the ceremonies throughout being conducted by the Ill. Intendant-General, assisted by the M.P.S., and Very Eminent Sir Knights J. B. Mercer and R. S. Brown. The Conclave was thereafter closed in ancient form.

### Scotland.

FALKIRK.—*Lodge St. John* (No. 16).—A largely attended meeting of the members was held on Tuesday, 9th March, in the Lodge-room, Burns' Court, Falkirk, for the purpose of presenting Bro. William Snodgrass, the late Secretary, with a gold watch, as a mark of personal esteem and an expression of the appreciation with which his services to the Craft in the district are regarded. Bro. John Duncan, the Right Worshipful Master, presided, and having opened the lodge, called upon Bro. Shields, the Past Master, to take the chair. Bro. Shields expressed the pleasure he experienced at being the medium of handing over to Bro. Snodgrass a substantial token of the brethren's regard and gratitude. How well Bro. Snodgrass had served the lodge and the cause of Masonry in the district they all knew. As Secretary of No. 16, he had shown the liveliest interest in the affairs of the lodge; and from his intimate and extensive knowledge of Masonry, and his long experience in lodge-working, he had on many occasions enabled them to surmount difficulties which, without his aid, would have put them very much about. As they were all aware, Bro. Snodgrass was in a large measure instrumental in bringing about the resuscitation of the Prov. Grand Lodge. Bro. Shields concluded by presenting the handsome gift to Bro. Snodgrass, along with the best wishes of the brethren for his future happiness and success. Bro. Snodgrass, in reply, said:—Right Wor. Master, Worshipful Wardens, and Brethren—For this unexpected and unlooked-for mark of your respect and esteem I have to thank you one and all. It has been often said that out of the fulness of the heart the mouth speaketh; but there are seasons when the heart is so full that the mouth cannot give utterance to the feelings therein contained. Such is my present position. I cannot say that I feel bashful or timid; but something says to me, "What have you done over and above the other office-bearers of the lodge that you should be selected for this ovation?" Your worthy chairman has tried to explain the reason for making the presentation; but still the question comes back with redoubled force—What have you done for the lodge or Masonry, other than your duty. My answer is plain and simple. I have done to the best of my ability, irrespective of position. We are all aware that a certain duty devolves on every office-bearer and member of a lodge; and it pleased this lodge, before I was long a member, to place me in the honourable position of being its Secretary. That office I accepted, and held up till the last election on St. John's Day, when I declined to act longer, in consequence of intervening circumstances, which would prevent me from fulfilling my duties to my own satisfaction. During my term of office I tried to the utmost of my ability to fulfil it, and where I have failed it has not been for the want of the will on my part, or the love that I bore to the Craft, and your appreciation of my services

is this handsome gift, for which I have again to thank you. Much of the praise, however, bestowed on me is due to the harmonious working of the other office-bearers, and especially to your presiding Masters during my term of office, through their prompt attention to all matters connected with Lodge or Masonry, which it has been my duty as Secretary to bring before them. These duties have ever been with me a work of love to the Craft; and if my services to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Order has met with your approval, as it would appear from the present meeting, I am more than amply rewarded, although there had not been this handsome token to mark it. Ever since I first entered the portals of a Masonic lodge it has been a pleasing duty to me at all times, in whatever position I was placed, to do all that lay in my power for the prosperity of the lodge with which I was connected and Masonry in general; and since my connection with No. 16 I may say that I have enjoyed myself Masonically more than in any other lodge to which I have affiliated. And so long as I live, I will endeavour Masonically to merit a continuance of your kind wishes and good opinion. And when my apron is worn out with *tear* and *wear* in the service of the Order, and my head grown white with years, may I still enjoy them; and when the G.A.O.T.U. sends his call to us respectively, may we all meet in the Grand Lodge above. I will now close with the hope that every time I refer to this, your gift, it will bring vividly to my remembrance your kindness and regard, and the many happy evenings we have spent together; and that as I mark the moments fleeting on, it may bring to my recollection that this world is only a lodge of preparation and instruction for the Grand Lodge where we all hope to gain admittance through the one grand pass-word, and my prayer is that you all may be spared for many years to come in the enjoyment of health, strength, happiness, and prosperity, and that through all and in all our actions, thoughts, and words, charity, like a golden and silken cord, shall be seen running through the tangled web of life, binding man to his fellow man in indissoluble bonds, and ushering in the dawn of the real golden age, which, if Masonry be true, lies before rather than behind us.

Fellow Masons lend your hand  
To your feeble faltering brother;  
Bear in mind the sweet command—  
Love ye one another.

Sow ye seeds of kindly deeds  
As on through life you're roaming;  
Think ye not 'twill be forgot,  
Harvest time is coming.

Again thanking you all for your kindness. Votes of thanks were awarded to Bros. Shields, Warden, and A. Marshall, for their services in connection with the promotion of the testimonial. The watch bears the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. William Snodgrass, by Lodge No. 16 (Falkirk), as a mark of esteem.—March, 1874." The lodge was then formally closed.

### MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

The brethren of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 1356, held their first annual ball on the 18th inst., at the Royal Assembly Rooms, Great George-street, Liverpool, and there is no doubt that from the complete success attending this first merry meeting, it will not be the last which will be held under the auspices of the brethren of this prosperous and influential lodge. The object in view was not only to afford amusement to those who were present, but there was the further noble object in view of giving substantial assistance to one of the noblest charities of the brotherhood—the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, which, with its accumulated capital of about £10,000, is doing a great and noble work, in a quiet yet very satisfactory manner. As there were upwards of 130 present at the "De Grey and Ripon" ball, the financial

result is likely to be such as to prove a substantial addition to the funds of the charity, and a reward to the brethren, who were indefatigable in devising and carrying out the arrangements. We understand that the "lion's share" of this work fell upon Bro. T. Evans, the W.M. of the lodge, and therefore he deserves the warmest praise and recognition for his untiring efforts, which so largely contributed to the enjoyment in connection with the festive gathering which every one must have realised. The "commander" had excellent "lieutenants" in Bros. S. E. Ibbs, P.M.; E. Rothwell, S.W.; Joseph Bell, J.W.; Jos. Jones, Sec. (who especially distinguished himself as "reception brother"); Ireland, Treas.; and T. Horne, S.D. Amongst the visitors from other lodges we observed Bros. Philip R. Thorn, P.M. 1182; G. Turner, P.M. 823; A. C. Morrison, Sec. 594; T. B. Myers, J.W. 1112; R. Martin, jun., S.D. 1182; J. Chisnall, 249; J. B. Mackenzie, 349 and 1182; W. Garlick, 249; — Little, 149; G. Maxwell, 594; A. Martin, 594; Bros. Eve, G. Jeffery, &c. By special dispensation, the majority of the brethren appeared wearing the jewels, clothing, and insignia of different Masonic Orders, and as there were present members of the Orders of Royal Arch Masons, Knights Templar, Mark Masons, &c., besides a number of "Craftsmen," the very excellent *salon* presented a brilliant and lively appearance, more especially as the whole of the bright-eyed and fair ladies were dressed with the most exquisite taste. The gathering was of the truest "happy family" kind, every one unselfishly striving to make the enjoyment complete, and Bro. C. Bath, a member of the lodge, contributed greatly to the pleasure and comfort of the guests by his courteous and untiring efforts as Master of the Ceremonies. Dancing commenced shortly after nine o'clock, and was kept up with great spirit until about three, capital music being furnished by Bro. Duncanson's quadrille band. Bro. Milburn, of St. Anne-street, was entrusted with the order for "creature comforts," and as these were of the most satisfactory kind, there was no grounds for complaint.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

We are requested to publish the following circular from the Girl's School:—

Office, 5, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, W.C.

March 31st, 1874.

I beg to inform you that at the first meeting of the Board of Stewards, on Friday, the 27th inst., the following brethren were elected officers of the Board:—

President: R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Provincial Grand Master for N. and E. Yorkshire.

Acting President: W. Bro. Joseph Charles Parkinsor, Vice-Patron, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex.

Vice-Presidents: Present and Past Grand Officers, Present and Past Grand Stewards, Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, Vice-Patrons and Vice-Presidents of the Institution.

Treasurer: W. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.

Hon. Secretary: Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Secretary to the Institution.

Thirty brethren were appointed to act as Ladies' Stewards on the day of the festival.

The Steward's Deposit was fixed at two guineas, which sum is to include the price of his own dinner ticket.

Stewards requiring ladies' tickets can obtain them upon a further payment of eleven shillings for each ticket, application to be made not later than Wednesday, the 6th May.

Please remit deposit, and amount for ladies tickets (if required) to the Treasurer, care of

Your faithfully and fraternally,

R. WENTWORTH LITTLE,  
Hon. Secretary.

#### SURREY MASONIC HALL.

A contract has been entered into, and the work is progressing at a rapid rate, by the directors of the above company. The builder is Bro. John Oliver, and the amount of his contract £5,000.

The building is intended partly as a Masonic Temple for holding "Craft" and "Chapter" meetings and banqueting, partly as a club for Masonic brethren, and partly, although very separately if desired, as an assembly rooms for lectures, balls, drawing-room entertainments, political and other meetings. The former will give all the accommodation required, even a billiard room for use of club members and visitors, while the latter will be the much required room of the locality, about 70 by 35 and 35 feet high, having all necessary dressing and retiring rooms, lavatories for ladies and gentlemen, &c.

The premises are so arranged that with convenience a dinner may be served for eighty persons, and each separate lodge or chapter may have its separate wine store.

The building in course of erection is finely classic, having a portico in advance of the general facade line, and a neat little tower rising over the vestibule in the centre of the building, from a square into octagonal form to about 60 feet high, finishing with a corona and mansard roof, decorated simply with pilasters, caps and bases.

From the plans ventilation appears to have been studied throughout, and from the general appearance of the design and plans South London appears to have taken a step in the right direction.

The architects are Messrs. Pain and Clarke, of 19, Buckingham-street, Strand, the last named being Bro. Edward Clark, P.M. 1194 and 1329, P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, under whose especial care the design has been prepared. Being a prominent Freemason, and thoroughly understanding the requisites of a Masonic temple, he will leave no stone unturned to preserve his reputation by providing a handsome as well as commodious temple worthy of the Craft.

#### CONSECRATION OF ANOTHER MELROSE LODGE IN GLASGOW.

In October, 1873, a few members of Lodge Melrose St. John, No. 1, having obtained a dispensation for that purpose from the Ancient Melrose body, started a new lodge in the East-end of Glasgow. They already number seventy-one members, and the character and standing of the lodge being unimpeachable, they have now received a charter, and will in future be known as Melrose St. Mungo No. 2, Glasgow. The consecration of this lodge took place in the Borough Hall, Catton, on Wednesday the 11th inst., and the interesting ceremony was performed by a deputation from Melrose Grand Lodge. 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. Bro. John Kinnaird, 33°, &c., acted as V.W.G. Chaplain, and in a truly Masonic prayer invoked the aid and blessing of the G.A. of the Universe. The charter was read by Bro. Renton, M.W.G.M., who delivered a very able address on the objects, virtues, and benefits of the Order. Bro. Andrew Hart, P.G.M., delivered the charges and admonished the brethren to practice all those virtues which every true Mason should possess, particularly brotherly love and charity. Bros. T. Stratford, R.W.M., and S. Davidson, S.W., of Melrose St. John's No. 1, were on the platform. Fifty-five members of the lodge St. Mungo, No. 2, and thirty visiting brethren were present, including some from lodges Nos. 4, 28, 87, 116, and 441 (Grand Lodge of Scotland.) The following office-bearers were installed:—Bros. John Hamilton, R.W.M.; James Hunter, S.W.; Matthew Downie, J.W.; Robertson, Secy., and others. The lodge went on to refreshment. Bros. Renton, Kinnaird, Stratford, McPherson, Hamilton, Davidson, and others, addressed the brethren, and Bro. Andrew Hart, P.G.M., expatiated on

the antiquity and merits of the Melrose Masons. As soon as the ceremony was over a telegram was despatched to Melrose, apprising Mother Melrose of the fact. A reply was shortly wired back and read:—Mother Melrose in open lodge extends right hand of fellowship to St. Mungo No. 2. This was received with deafening applause.

A deputation of Masons, presently under Grand Lodge of Scotland, requested a dispensation from the Melrose Masous, for starting a new lodge in the neighbourhood of Kirkintilloch, under that ancient body. The M.W.G.M. promised to lay their petition before the Grand Committee at Melrose. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts, votes of thanks, &c., were given and responded to, and harmony became the order of the day. The meeting broke up at a late hour.

#### Masonic Tidings.

Mr. Emra Holmes, of Her Majesty's Customs, Ipswich, has been once more doing good work for his necessitous neighbours. At an entertainment recently given, on behalf of the funds of the Dovercourt Institute, his humorous readings were the most agreeable feature of the evening, and elicited loud and continued applause from a delighted audience. If we had more colleagues like Mr. Holmes, the Civil Service would have a firmer hold on the affections of the people.—*Civilian*. [This is our well-known brother.—E.D.]

Washington Lodge, No. 32, of Alexandria, Virginia, have nearly completed their new Masonic Hall. The upper story is already finished and occupied. When completed, it will, it is said, be one of the finest buildings devoted to Masonry in the United States.

We understand that a number of influential Jewish brethren in Liverpool have already had one or two friendly meetings with the view of establishing a Lodge of Israel in the town. From the spirit with which the matter has been taken up, there is no doubt that the new lodge will soon be *un fait accompli*, and from the numbers and well-recognized influence of the Jewish brethren there is no doubt that it will be one of the most successful in the province.

Bro. Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., R.W.P.G.M for North Wales, has consented to act as one of the Presidents at the Bangor Eisteddfod.

Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., has been elected chairman of the Church Defence Association, vice Bro. C. H. Raikes, M.P., resigned.

#### GLASGOW.—PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE VISITATIONS.

This has been a busy week for the Province of Glasgow. Bro. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M. in the absence of Bro. W. M. Neilson, who is abroad, has commenced the annual visitations of all the lodges in the Province. On most occasions he has been well supported by the Provincial Grand Office Bearers, consisting of Bro. J. Steel, D.P.G.M.; John Baird, P.G.S.W.; Kinghorn, P.G.J.W.; A. Mc. Taggart, M.A., P.G.S., J. B. Walker, P.G.T.; J. Halket, P.G.S.D.; G. Thallon, P.G.J.D.; R. Robb, P.G.M.; A. Brin, P.G.B.B.; James Balfour, P.G.D. of C.; Wm. Phillips, P.G.I.G. J. Gilles, P.G.S.B.; G. Sinclair, P. of the Benevolent Fund; and C. Collinson, Janitor.

A detailed account of the visits will be given in our next.

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## The Freemason,

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## WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

There appeared in our last impression a very interesting account of the "Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution," by which it appears that nineteen children were being educated in that province, and we have been since favoured with the report of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, to which we think well to call attention to-day.

As a "succursale," as the French would say, of our greater system, it deserves not only respectful mention, but consideration.

For the report is a very creditable one to West Lancashire, and places in a most favourable light the educational zeal of the West Lancashire brethren, and their friendly sympathy for the orphans of their deceased brethren.

The Institution was founded in 1850, and is therefore fourteen years old.

During the last year forty-five children enjoyed its benefits, and the sum of £341 1s. 3d. was paid for their education and advancement in life. The "financial statement," says the report, and we fully agree, "is one which cannot fail to be satisfactory." "At the close of the year 1872, the total funds of the charity amounted to £9779 4s. 5d., whilst the present report shows the investments in Dock Bonds, and in Mortgages, together with the cash in bank, and in the Treasurer's hands, amounted to £10,845, 24s. 9d."

Nothing can be apparently better managed or on a more satisfactory basis, than this West Lancashire Institution, the more so as the annual subscriptions and donations amount to £700, in round numbers, annually, far exceeding the present cost of education.

We have been deeply interested with this fresh proof (if proof were needed) of Provincial zeal and Masonic good feeling, and we congratulate the brethren of West Lancashire on the success of their useful and valuable Provincial Institution. Neither they, nor the Cheshire brethren, claim for their respective associations more than this, that they are, as far as they go, very useful and helpful to the recipients of their benefits, as well for their present education, as for

"their advancement in business, or professional avocation," to which the reports allude.

The one great defect in both systems, is the want of general supervision, and we do not quite see or understand how the West Lancashire brethren test or gauge the value and quality of the education given and received.

But having said this, we cannot but highly commend them for this striking and successful evidence of their active appreciation of the great principles of Freemasonry, and of their laudable efforts to advance the cause of education generally, especially for those, who, by the visitation of Providence, have been deprived alike of the great blessing of parental control, and too often of the means of receiving the greatest of all helps to man, the inestimable privilege of a good and a sound education.

#### MASONIC HALLS.

We give, in another column, a detailed account of the New Surrey Masonic Hall, and of the buildings contemplated and already in progress.

We are very glad to hear of a fresh attempt to raise up Masonic Homes for our brethren, and we trust that the undertaking will receive the liberal patronage and hearty support of the Craft.

For some time past, the movement has been happily spreading amongst us, of raising at no little cost, and with great architectural skill those many handsome "Temples" and "Halls," which are found in most of our large towns, and even in sometimes smaller localities.

In our humble opinion, an opinion we expressed years ago, nothing has so tended to elevate the status of Masonry amongst us, as the erection of many "stately and superb edifices" as well as many a convenient lodge room, in which our brethren can associate privately, happily, and peacefully, and in which our ancient ceremonies can be duly and decorously carried out.

Some of us who call to mind the attendant circumstances and accessories of our lodge meetings and lodge rooms twenty years ago, and note the wonderful difference now, will not be surprised, we think, at the great strides Masonry has recently made, and at the general contentment and harmony, and social pleasantness, and befitting hours which now almost universally distinguish our lodge gatherings. May this state of things continue, rather, may it increase, and may we seek always to encourage every effort, made by the intelligent and energetic of our Order, to supply to Freemasonry the means of regular assembly, in buildings which are a credit to the Craft, and honourable to the Brotherhood. We hope to hear, that, this new undertaking has received full and substantial support from our worthy and progressing Order.

Every additional Masonic Temple we raise is another proof of the extending influences and expanding power of Freemasonry, and another guarantee of social order, harmony, and peace, and the spread of general enlightenment and toleration.

So let us encourage all such efforts, and aid all such enterprises, whenever they come before

us, with fraternal sympathy and support. The words of the poet seem to close appropriately this short article.

"Build, that these walls to future generations  
Your strength, your skill, your faithfulness  
may tell;  
That all may say, as storms and centuries test  
them,  
'The men of old built well! built well!'  
Thus ever speaks the Great Master Builder  
to us,  
Where'er our journeywork may be,  
Whate'er the toil, the season, or the structure;  
'Build well! build well! build worthily!'

#### WEEKLY SUMMARY:

Her Majesty is at Windsor Castle, but leaves for Osborne, for Easter, this week. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales go to Sandringham for Easter, also, this week.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh have been at Windsor Castle.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, and Prince Leopold, attended by Lady Macclesfield and Lady Frances Baillie, General Probyn, Captain Ramsay, M. Kaloshine, and Mr. Collins, were present at the performance of the *Messiah* by the Royal Albert Hall Choral Society last evening.

The boat race between Cambridge and Oxford on Saturday last has been decided in favour of Cambridge by about three lengths, after plucky rowing by Oxford. Great crowds assembled as usual to cheer the dark and light blues.

It is announced that her Majesty intends to confer on Sir Garnet Wolseley a Baronetcy and a pension of £1000 a year for two lives. Sir Garnet will also be promoted to the rank of Major-General, and will receive the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. From a feeling of delicacy (says the *Times*) Sir Garnet has declined the Grand Cross of the Bath, but will be advanced to the dignity of K.C.B.

We hope that Captain Glover will not be forgotten, and that Colonel Festing and the good old "jollies" will receive all befitting notice. There is no finer corps in the service, than that loyal and steady body of men, whose services are greatly distinguished "per mare et terra."

On Monday Her Majesty reviewed in Windsor Park, the regiments which had returned from the Gold Coast. Surrounded by all the Royal Family, and in the presence of the Commander-in-Chief, her Majesty gave to Sir Garnet Wolseley, the insignia of the Bath, and of St. Michael and St. George. The Victoria Cross was given to Lieut. Lord Gifford, and would have been granted to Sergeant McGaw, 42nd Highlanders, had he been present. All seems to have gone off admirably at that most interesting spectacle.

The votes of thanks to the army and navy were passed on Monday night, unanimously in both houses, and Sir E. Wilmot mentioned another very gallant trait of Col. Festing's, as a reason for giving him the V.C. Mr. Disraeli paid an eloquent tribute to the skill of the commander, the energy of Captain Glover, and the gallantry of the troops and sailors.

At the annual general meeting, held on March 30, Sir George Burrows, M.D., F.R.S., was re-elected President of the College of Physicians.

There is not much more to be noticed at home, except the following daring attempt at burglary near Windsor, during the review on Monday. Taking advantage of the excitement into which Windsor was thrown on Monday, a gang of thieves obtained forcible entrance into the dwelling house of Mr. W. Beach, Balmoral-villas, in the New-road, Clewer, and succeeded in putting together a number of valuable articles, previous to carrying them off. They were surprised, however, by the servant, who had been left in the house, and who gave the alarm. The Metropolitan police, who were on special duty near, hearing her cries, proceeded

to the house, and captured two of the gang, one of whom offered a desperate resistance, and, besides battering the officer who had arrested him about the head in an exceedingly brutal manner, shot at him five times, the last shot taking effect at the side of the constable's face. The thieves having been secured, the officer's wounds were attended to at the Infirmary, and he subsequently recovered so far as to be able to go back to London. Superintendent Hayes found on the premises several house-breaking implements, including two small jemmies. The men in custody will be brought up on Tuesday before the borough magistrates for examination. It is a very serious matter, this reappearance of armed burglars.

It has been duly announced also in the agony column of the *Times*, the well-known motto of the Freemasons is "patented" by a secret service agent. Very good of the secret service agent but hardly complimentary to the great Masonic brotherhood at home and abroad.

Marshal Serrano has evidently failed in his attack on the Carlist position, and in all probability, therefore, the fall of Bilbao is imminent. But the "Cosas de Espana" are always very ticklish things, to talk about, and nothing is really certain in that remarkable country, until it is a "fait accompli."

Lord Rossmore, of the 2nd Life Guards, died on Saturday evening, the 28th inst., of the effects of his accident.

It appears by a telegram received on Sunday, by Mr. James Gordon Bennett, that the *Maboa* arrived at Suez at 11 on Saturday, having Mr. Walter Laing and Jacob Wainwright on board, with the body of Dr. Livingstone. He died, it appears, on May 4th, 1873, of chronic dysentery, at a place called Muila, beyond Lake Yemba, in Bisa country. The last entry in his diary is of date April 27th.

#### ITEMS OF HOME NEWS.

On Wednesday evening, March 25, the Prince of Wales, accompanied by Prince Christian, presided at a dinner at Willis's Rooms in aid of the funds of the British Orphan Asylum. In attendance were the Marquis of Hamilton, General Right Hon. Sir W. Knollys, and Major-General Probyn. The subscriptions announced during the evening amounted to upwards of £2,400.

The Prince of Wales presided on the 25th inst., at Marlborough-house, over a meeting of the Commissioners for the Exhibition of 1851. There were also present the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Arthur, Prince Christian, the Duke of Teck, the Marquis of Lansdowne, the Marquess of Ripon, the Earl of Carnarvon, Sir William Knollys, Sir Bartle E. Frere, Mr. Playfair, Sir Thomas Bazley, Sir William Anderson, Sir Thomas Biddulph, Sir F. Sandford, Mr. Edgar Bowring, Mr. T. Field Gibson, Mr. Thomas E. Harrison, General Ponsonby, General Probyn, Mr. Cole, and General Scott (secretary).

The first flower show of the season was held on Monday, 30th inst., at the Royal Botanic Society's gardens, Regent's Park. Roses, red, white, and yellow, deutzias, clematis, lilac, and many other of our summer favourites were exhibited. The number of specimens entered for prizes was so large that both sides of the corridor, 200ft. long, were well filled, and a considerable space at the east end of the conservatory had to be fitted up for the occasion. Most of the principal nurserymen were represented. Messrs. Veitch contributed a large number of hyacinths, tulips, and clematis, as well as a collection of orchids and miscellaneous plants. Mr. William Paul sent several boxes of cut roses and camellias, and some hyacinths, &c., in pots. Mr. Williams had also a display of stove plants, &c. A few well-grown though small camellias from Mr. Lane's nursery divided the general attention with the plants of clematis from Mr. Jackman and the deutzias of Mr. Reeves. There were also collections of yellow roses from the garden of Mr. Benham, and cyclamens from Mr. Little and Mr. Watson, as well as flowers of all kinds from the gardens of many other amateurs. The large Nepal tree rhododendrons are now in full bloom in the conservatory, and give us some idea of what a sight

the Himalayas must be when clothed with such flowers.

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained Major-General Sir Garnet Wolseley, together with Colonel Sir Archibald Alison, Colonel McLeod, Colonel Mostyn, and the whole of the officers who have returned from the Ashantee Expedition, at a grand banquet in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, on Tuesday evening, at seven o'clock. A distinguished company was invited to meet the officers on the occasion, including, among others, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, H.R.H. the Commander-in-Chief, H.R.H. Prince Arthur, Mr. Gathorne Hardy, the Secretary for War, and Mr. Ward Hunt, the first Lord of the Admiralty, and Viscount Cardwell.

The Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's have received the liberal gift of £500 for the Completion Fund of St. Paul's Cathedral, from Mrs. Comber, of Worthing.

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.—The following statement shows the total number of messages forwarded from postal telegraph stations in the United Kingdom during the week ending the 21st of March, 1874, and during the corresponding week of 1873:—Week ending March 21, 1874, 343,098; week ending March 22, 1873—305,508; increase in the week of 1874 on that of 1873, 37,590.

The estimates for the fiscal year 1874-75 compare as follows with the Estimates for preceding year:—

	1873-74.	1874-75.
	£	£
Army Estimates	14,416,100	14,485,300
Navy Estimates	9,899,725	10,179,485
Civil Service Estimates	11,593,014	11,286,978
Revenue Department (cost of collection and postal service)	7,451,103	7,513,683

Total 43,359,942 43,465,446

The total for 1874-75 is £105,504 more than in 1873-74. It is estimated that on the Army account there will be Exchequer extra receipts in 1874-75 amounting to £1,191,500, reducing the net charge for Army services for that year to £13,293,800.

THE HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES.—The 18th anniversary of this institution was held last evening at the London Tavern. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., presided, and the company included Mr. J. D. Allcroft, the Rev. W. P. Pearce, Mr. Alderman Ellis, Mr. Thomas Kelsay, the Rev. T. W. Aveling, the Rev. Herbert Williams, Mr. George Norbury, the Rev. E. J. Rogers, and Mr. C. W. C. Hutton. The Royal Hospital for Incurables, situate at West-hill, Putney Heath, was founded in the year 1854, for the relief, during the remainder of life, of persons above the pauper class suffering from incurable maladies, and thereby disqualified for the duties of life. In this respect the institution differs essentially from ordinary hospitals, as its action only commences where theirs necessarily ceases. For persons needing a home an asylum is provided; medical attendance, nursing, and domestic comforts are supplied; and an endeavour is made to alleviate suffering, and to cheer the life from which health has departed. To persons having a home, but without the means of support, a pension of £20 a year is granted. Since its foundation, in 1854, elections had been held twice a year, and at the present time there were 151 inmates and 319 pensioners. This might seem a large number of people for a single charity to support, but the fact was that at the present moment there were no fewer than 200 candidates waiting to participate in the advantages either of the hospital or of the pensions. The cost of maintaining a hospital for incurables was necessarily higher than that of ordinary hospitals. The balance-sheet of the past year showed that nearly £16,000 was expended in maintaining the hospital and in granting pensions. These annual meetings of the friends of the institution were held, not merely to express sympathy with the object of the hospital, but in order to collect subscriptions for its support. The noble Chairman's appeal was followed by an announcement by the secretary (Mr. Frederic Andrew) of subscriptions amounting in the ag-

gregate to £2,000: The proceedings of the evening were enlivened by the performance of a selection of vocal music, under the direction of Mr. T. Baxter.

Deputy Stapleton has given notice of his intention to propose the following resolution at the next meeting of the Court of Common Council:—"That the honorary freedom of the City of London, with a sword of the value of 150 guineas, be presented to Major-General Sir Garnet Joseph Wolseley, C.B., K.C.M.G., in recognition of his gallant services in the British army, and especially in reference to the distinguished ability and gallantry displayed by him in his command of the expeditionary force to the Gold Coast, by which he destroyed the power of the Ashantee nation and obtained results conducive to peace, commerce, and civilization on the continent of Africa. And this Court desires also to record its admiration of the patient endurance of hardship exhibited, and the valuable co-operation and assistance rendered to Sir Garnet Wolseley by Captain Glover and Commodore Hewett, and the gallant men of both services and of all arms engaged in the expedition."

### 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.]

#### THE OLD MELROSE LODGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Various brethren having expressed themselves in connection with this subject in your columns, I may say that I also was thinking of taking part in it. It so happens however, that Bro. Stratford and others have opened up the subject in the Glasgow daily papers, and in said papers special reference was made to what has been said in your own columns upon the subject. I took the liberty to reply to what your correspondents said, and in order that none of them may say that I have attacked them unknowingly, I beg to append a copy of my remarks, and if I am wrong in any point I am quite open to correction.

I am, Yours fraternally,

MASONICUS.

Glasgow, March 24.

FATHER MELROSE AND MOTHER KILWINNING.

To the Editor of the North British Daily Mail.

Sir,—Perhaps you will allow me to say a few words in reply to the remarks of "Fraternal Justice" and of Mr. Stratford, R.W.M., of Melrose St. John's, No. 1, and as they are both upon the same side, what does for one will serve for both. Mr. Stratford in closing, particularly recommended me to read "Masonic Relics," in *The Freemason* of March 7th, &c. Well, I did so, and must confess that I laughed heartily over them; my mirth, however, was not unmingled with sadness, for it was simply the old story over again. A brother who knows little or nothing of the subject rushes boldly into the forefront of the battle, ready and able, as he supposes, to carry everything before him; but, poor man, he will soon find that the weapons he wields are now of little real value. To come forward now with a recapitulation of the mushroom legends promulgated in connection with Melrose and Kilwinning, simply proves that the credulity of the writer is far in excess of his knowledge. To say as much as that Melrose is the Adam of Scottish Freemasonry, while Kilwinning is its Eve, is certainly most amusing. In this case, too, they tell us that the Masonic Adam was four years older than his Eve, and, ergo, he is, of course, entitled to precedence. To speak more plainly, I may mention that the Melrose legend tells us that the Melrose lodge was instituted at the building of Melrose Abbey in A.D. 1136, four years, we are told, before the Kilwinning Lodge, which they say was first established at the building of Kilwinning Abbey (in A.D. 1140), with one John Murdo at its head as their Grand Master *pro tem*. In proof of this, the Melrose Masons point to the extant ruins of their old abbey, which ruins they say are what remains of the structure erected in 1136. Upon examining the ruins, however, and

also their contemporary history, we find that they tell a very different story. Instead of being built in 1136, the standing portions actually say that they were not placed *in situ* before the fourteenth century, and, instead of John Murdo either living in 1136, or being "Grand Master" then, we find upon perusing the bit of autobiography written by himself upon the old abbey stones still extant, that he was living about the year 1400 A.D., and earnestly engaged superintending certain repairs then going on. We also find that, instead of placing Melrose in the first place on the roll of his operative Masonic charges, he actually puts it third, and *after* Glasgow! So, Bro. Stratford, "Fraternal Justice," and "An English, French, and Scottish Mason," what do you think of that? I dare say that may be "more light" to you, and as good as an extra degree! In case you don't believe me, however, I shall quote Mr. Murdo's own words. He says:—

"John Morow sum tym callit was I,  
And born in Paris certanly,  
And had in keeping all Mason werk  
Of St Andrews the high kirk,  
Of Glasgu, Melrose, and Paslay,  
Of Nyddysdale and of Galway.  
† Pray to God and Mary baith  
And sweet Sanct John tae keep this haly  
kirk fra skaith."

I think I need hardly say more to show how entirely inconsistent the Melrose legend is with fact; and seeing, as I said, that Murdo placed Melrose after Glasgow in the fourteenth century, the Grand Lodge of Scotland may perhaps follow suit and place it after it in the nineteenth, and as Glasgow St. John's is No. 3 bis, Melrose might manage to get No. 3 ter. Then as to bouncing about the grand working of this Melrose Lodge, I should like to know when and where it got hold of the ceremonies it now practises? In my opinion it did not know anything of them until after the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1736; and when it did get them, it was only by copying them from the working of some of the other lodges. Further, it has struck me that the reason why the Melrose Lodge did not join in forming the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1736 was because it was then dormant. If I be wrong in this latter point, I shall be happy to acknowledge it upon proper proof shown. And if the Melrose Masons really wish to set themselves right with the public, let them accept such an offer as that made by one of the first Masonic historians in the world—Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Truro—who, in the *Freemason* for February 21st, 1874, offers to pay the expense of an examination into their records. If they have any old minute books, &c., the sooner they send them to him the better. If, however, they think Truro too far away, perhaps our Scottish Masonic historian—Bro. D. Murray Lyon—might be induced to examine them. In regard to the question of the propriety of the members of lodges under the Grand Lodge of Scotland visiting the Melrose Lodges, the following words, contained in the *Freemason* for March 7th, to which Mr. Stratford referred me, support what I said, viz., "The authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland is unquestionable over the lodges which united to form it, and over the new lodges to which it has granted charters." Now, if such be the case, as I think it is, the members of lodges under the Grand Lodge of Scotland have no right to violate their obligations and disobey the proper orders of their Grand Lodge. That some—possibly in ignorance—may do so does not prove it to be right. There are many thieves in the country, e.g., but that simple fact is no proof that stealing is either lawful or expedient.—I am, &c.,

MASONICUS.

March 21st.

#### MASONIC LITERATURE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see in this day's *Freemason* a remark which is a covert "rap" at brethren who discontinue taking in the paper. Now, as I am not one of those, I may with some show of fairness say a word for them. I cannot help

thinking that one reason why brethren are discontinuing the *Freemason* is the direct discouragement to be a regular subscriber, which is to be found in the fact that while single numbers are only 2d., the annual charge is 10s. There might be more inducement to subscribe, if it were cheaper to do so, than to send for it week by week.

I am fraternally yours,

J. ALLEN JONES.

March 28, 1874.

MR. CUFFE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

There have been several letters in *The Freemason*, saying that notice ought to be taken of Mr. Cuffe's refusal to bury a Freemason. I am surprised that the Freemasons of Chatham have not met, and officially, as a body, presented a memorial to the commanding officer of the deceased, requesting them to communicate with the proper authorities.

May we hope that this may be done without further delay? Such a scandalous piece of business ought not to be allowed to be passed over in silence by the Masonic body.

Yours fraternally,

P. M.

#### EARLY GRAND ENCAMPMENT IN SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read the letter of "Fiat Justitia," page 163. While I do not intend to defend either Bro. Barrow or the P.G.L. of Glasgow, as I do not doubt they are able to do that for themselves, in justice to the St. Mungo Encampment of Knights Templar, I must correct two or three errors, into which your correspondent F.J. has fallen.

1st. There is no R.A. Chapter acting under the Superior Chapter General of Knights Templar for Scotland. 2nd. Nor any R.A. Chapter that has recently joined that body. There was a body of Knights Templar called the Girvan Encampment, who eighteen months ago joined the Grand Body of Knight Templars for Scotland, and are now known as the St. Mungo. 3rd. Brother Barrow is not now and never was a member either of the Girvan or St. Mungo Encampments, and there is only one member of the P.G.L. who is a member of our Encampment.

This much in correction of what I have no doubt are unintentional errors. Bro. Barrow was a member of the old Glasgow Priory, which has been dormant for some years, but I believe has now no official position in the Knight Templar body.

In conclusion I would ask the members of the Early Grand Encampments in Scotland if they would not further the grand interests of Templary in general, if they were to join the Grand Body, as union is strength, and they would doubtless be received with open arms, as we were. By adopting this course they would not give up their individual organisation, possibly they would be no better Templars, but they would be recognised in all quarters of the globe, instead as now being isolated and unrecognised. If I can in any way contribute towards this desirable result I shall be glad to render any aid in my power.

Yours fraternally,

G. W. WHEELER.

Secy. St. Mungo Encampment of K. T.

#### SPEECH OF BRO. J. C. PARKINSON, D.P.G. MASTER, MIDDLESEX.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the very able speech of Bro. Parkinson, reported in *The Freemason* of the 21st inst., I would observe that Bro. Parkinson is quite right in presuming that the 56 Peers, 11 sons of Peers, and the 77 members of the new House of Commons whose names are given in his lists are not all the Freemasons comprised under those heads, and in support of this view would mention the names of two members of the One and All Lodge, 330, Bodmin. The Honourable C. Agar Roberts, the eldest son of a Peer, and the

Honourable F. Leveson-Gower, M.P., for Bodmin, also Colonel Deakin, M.P. for Lancaster and H. T. Cole, 26 M.P. for Falmouth.

It is also worthy of notice that of the thirteen M.P.'s for Cornwall, six of that number are members of the Craft, one of whom, Sir F. M. Williams, M.P. for Truro, is the D.P.G.M. for Cornwall.

I also venture to correct Bro. Parkinson's description of the Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, the Right Honourable the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, who appears in his list as a Past Master.

I am Sir, yours fraternally,

RICHARD RICH, P.M.

Hon. Sec. One and All Lodge, 330, Bodmin.

#### Reviews.

*The Freemason*. New York and St. Louis.

We are always glad to welcome our Transatlantic contemporaries, and have been more than once deeply impressed with the size and character of *The Freemason*, our good American cousin. It does not only "look large" in the distance, like some periodicals, but it is undoubtedly one of the largest extant.

It has some little amiable peculiarities, however, we feel bound to notice in all fraternal good-will.

Bro. McCalla gives us the following amusing story in *The Keystone*, of March 7th, which we think well to submit to our readers to-day:—

"Rev. George Hunt recently removed from Chatham, Ontario, and settled down at Pine Lake in the wilds of Michigan. The circumstance would hardly be worth mentioning, perhaps, if, in the hurry and confusion of starting, he had not made the ludicrous mistake of taking along Mr. Walter Robinson's wife and children, instead of his own."

Now our worthy Brother, the editor of *The Freemason*, St. Louis, has committed a somewhat similar mistake, though in a very different way.

In *The Freemason* of March he has, no doubt in a very great hurry, adopted the monthly summary of the *Masonic Magazine*, and made it peacefully his own.

Reading the *Freemason* at St. Louis the writer of the original summary would probably himself not know his own production, so cleverly is it broken up into separate paragraphs with an air of originality about it, which reflects the highest credit on editorial skill and arrangement. Will our good brother be offended if we ask him, the next time he so sympathetically adopts and adapts our little bantlings (to which he is heartily welcome all the same), not any more—we feel sure he won't—to leave their real poor, old legitimate father out in the cold.—[The Editor "*Masonic Magazine*."] ]

#### Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC RELICS (Page 165).

I am glad to find G.W.W. so far agrees with me, that a union of the Melrose Masons and the Grand Lodge would be best, but I cannot allow his own words, "An unrecognised assembly working without a charter or other authority from the Grand Lodge of Scotland," to pass without again taking exception to such words being used. The question is, are they or are they not recognised? It is the fact they are recognised all over the world, except in Scotland, and a fact also that lodges holding charters from the Grand Lodge of Scotland in foreign countries admit them as visitors, and often affiliate them. This makes it very plain that they are recognised. As to the Melrose Lodge sanctioning the erecting of daughter lodges they have as good, and as legal a right as the Grand Lodge of Scotland; if you come to the legal question, it has been said in an opinion of counsel that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had no right after a certain date to issue charters for the erection of new lodges. Besides the Melrose Lodge are only doing that which the Mother Kilwinning,

No. 0, did many years ago; Mother Kilwinning at one time issued charters to daughter lodges, and the Melrose Lodge are only following a practice which was in use long ago, thus shewing everything they have done is founded on an ancient Masonic practice.

A. E. F. and S. MASON.

#### ITALIAN FREEMASONRY.

From the "*Eco del Tirreno*" of 31st January, 1874, we publish by request the following resolution of the lodge, Anziani Virtuosi all'Or. de Livorno, under the auspices of the Supreme Counsel G.O. of Italy, sitting in Palermo.

Whereas Freemasonry is an essentially philanthropic, philosophical, and progressive institution, and its fundamental basis is the existence of God, the immortality of the soul, the exercise of beneficence, the study of morality, and the practice of virtue. That its watchword is bound in this, "Liberty, Equality, Brotherhood."

Considering that from the very first of its exalted sphere, Freemasonry requires that its watchword be made good and respected by all its members, so that it admits of no discussion of political and religious questions, and only entertains those having a truly humanitarian object in view. Considering that genuine and orthodox Freemasonry looks upon the "Internationale" as a purely class and very hurtful sect.

That the duty of Freemasonry is to enlighten the masses.

And whereas the "Internationale" urges the "abolition of property," which it considers as a theft.

That it desires to destroy the institution of the "family," and to proclaim the "annihilation" of human individuality.

Thus, in admitting such a theory, Liberty, viz., the very essence of true mankind, so that merit and demerit would be no more; reason would be destroyed, and mankind would be reduced to a mere instinct state, thus could only be considered as a brute.

Considering that by abolishing "property" destroying the "family" and "Liberty," the "Internationale" would create the worst of tyrannies, since it would affect or endeavour to affect the substance of all action, would do away with every incitement to work and produce, viz., personal interest and the love of the family.

Whereas by building up its principles into a system, the "Internationale" forbids all religious worship, and yet religion is a powerful lever and motive agent, and acts with energy on the heart of man, urging him to good actions.

Considering that said society by no means favours "Equality," since instead of the just principle to each according to his merit, it substitutes the unjust one, to each according to his need, and thereby idleness and vice alone would be encouraged, and honest labour and virtue degraded.

And whereas by carrying out its theories it would overturn the sublime principles of "Universal Brotherhood."

The Lodge Areopago Capitolare Anziani Virtuosi, all'Or. of Leghorn, true to its standard of blue, the only real one of universal Freemasonry, inasmuch as it maintains its allegiance to the Sup. Coun. in Palermo, professing the Scotch Rite Anc. and Acc.

Insisting as it does upon the sanctity and inviolable nature of oaths which are binding; not departing from what is prescribed in its gen. and spec. regulations, in fact keeping within the sphere of the truths advanced by universal Freemasonry, after a long and well-weighed discussion of the doctrines of the "Internationale," which are contrary to the real and fundamental principles of Freemasonry, the object and principles of which would be destroyed by the former.

Having seen and carefully considered the Statutes of the "Internationale,"

Also the articles of the "*Gazzetta d'Italia*," of 28th September, and 3rd October last.

Also Art. 3, secs. 320 and 321 of the Gen. Statutes of Scotch Freemasonry,

During its ordinary meeting of 28th January, 1874, unanimously

## RESOLVES:—

1. To reject, and as not applicable to itself or its rite, the contents of the aforesaid articles of the "Gazetta d'Italia."
2. That it neither desires to, nor can have any bond or intercourse with, the "Internationale Society," but in fact must energetically protest against, and oppose the principles of the same.
3. That the doctrines advanced by said Society are subversive of family and social order.
4. That were the principles of the "Internationale Society" realised, the great Masonic watchwords, Liberty, Equality, Brotherhood, would be destroyed.
5. To make use of the weapons allowed by genuine Freemasonry in order to prevent the development of those dangerous principles.
6. Lastly that the only weapons of Freemasonry are those of enlightened reason, instruction, good example, and to preach unto all, love, labour, brotherhood, and unity among mankind.

Given at the lodge, Areopagoe Capitolare Anziam Virtuosi, this 28th day of January, 1874, E.V.

(Signatures follow).

## YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST).

The Installation of the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland as Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, will take place at the City of York, under the auspices of the York Lodge, No. 236, on Thursday, the 9th, inst. next, when the favour of your attendance is requested. The ceremony of installation will be performed by the M.W. Grand Master of England, the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., &c. The York Lodge will be opened at the Guildhall, at twelve o'clock, and the Prov. Grand Lodge at half-past twelve. After the installation, the Brethren will walk in procession to the Cathedral, where a special service will be held at 2.30, and a sermon preached by the Rev. H. W. Kemp, B.A., P.P.G. Chaplain, and a collection made in aid of the funds of the York Dispensary. A collation will be provided at the Festival Concert-room, at four o'clock: Tickets 5s. each, application for which, it is particularly requested may be made before the 3rd April, to Bro. John Todd, P.M. 76, Petergate, York.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April 10, 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, April 4.

- General Committee, Boys' School, at 4.  
 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, April 6.

- Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 69, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.  
 " 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.  
 " 144, St. Luke's, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.  
 " 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.  
 " 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1412, La Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood.  
 Chap. 28, Old Kings' Arms, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Knight Templar Preceptory, 128, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-square.  
 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, April 7.

Colonial Board at 3.  
 Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.

" 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.  
 " 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge.

" 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.  
 " 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road.

" 1261, Golden Rule, Hotel Royal, Regent-st.  
 " 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.  
 " 1310, Harrow, Railway Tavern, Harrow.

" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington-oval.  
 " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.  
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.

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

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

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. 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 8.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.  
 Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.

" 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st. Woolwich.  
 " 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st. Lambeth.

" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st. Deptford.  
 " 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street.

" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.  
 " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse.

" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.  
 " 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1260, Hervey, Swan Hotel, Walham-green.

" 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. John's-wood.  
 " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-st. Wapping.

Rose Croix Chap. Grand Metropolitan, Freemasons' Tavern.  
 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.

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.

Thursday, April 9.

Freemasons' Ball, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.—(See advertisement.)  
 Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 534, Polish National, Freemason's Hall.  
 " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.  
 " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock.  
 " 1216, Macdonald, Head Quarters, 1st. Surrey Rifles, Camberwell.

Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge.  
 " 140, St. George's, Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.

" 657, Canonbury, Masons' Arms, Masons' Avenue.  
 Knight Templar Preceptory, 117, New Temple, the Inner Temple.

Friday, April 10.

Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.

Rose Croix Chapter, Mount Calvary, Freemason's Tavern.  
 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. Muggerridge, 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 Courts 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 11, 1874.

Monday, April 6.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Assembly Rooms, Preston.  
 " 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Lancaster.

" 1380, Skelmersdale, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 6.  
 Skelmersdale Red Cross Conclave, 77, Masonic Temple; Liverpool, at 6.

Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, April 7.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.  
 " 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.

" 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes, near Warrington, at 6.  
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Temple Liverpool, at 6.

Mark Lodge, No. 161, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.  
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, April 8.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
 " 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.  
 " 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
 " 1350, De Grey and Ripon, 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.  
 Chap. 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 8.  
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Thursday, April 9.

Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.  
 " 786, Croxteth United Service, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.  
 " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Patricroft, near Manchester.  
 Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.  
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

Friday, April 10.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, at 6.  
 " 155, Perseverance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, April 11, 1874.  
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, April 6.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.  
 " 129, St. Mirren, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.  
 Chap. 119, Rosslyn, Freemasons' Hall, 25, Robertson-street.

Tuesday, April 7.

Lodge 34, St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-st.  
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170 Buchanan-st.  
 " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.  
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.  
 " 370, Renfrew Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Paisley.

Wednesday, April 8.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st.  
 " 333, St George, 213, Buchanan-st.  
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.

Thursday, April 9.

Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

Friday, April 10.

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For the Week ending Saturday, April 11, 1874.

Monday, April 6.

Lodge 429, St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik, at 8.

Tuesday, April 7.

Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 83, Constitution-street, Leith, at 8.  
 " 36, St. David's, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street, at 8.  
 " 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

Wednesday, April 8.

Lodge 2, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-st.  
 Chap. 1, Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

Thursday, April 9.

Lodge 8, Journeyman, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.  
 " 548, St. Margaret, Newhall's Inn, Queensferry, at 8.

Friday, April 10.

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