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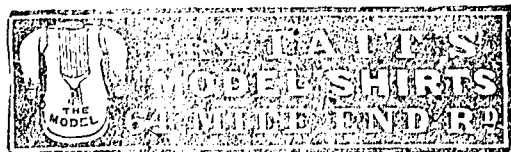
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

KENT LODGE (No. 15.)—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 11th ult., Bro. E. P. Barlow, W.M., in the chair, assisted by his Wardens, Bros. Martin and Giles. The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Goldberg was duly entrusted and the lodge opened in ancient form in the second degree, when Bro. J. Goldberg was regularly introduced and passed to the degree of F.C. The lodge was opened in ancient form in the third degree, when a board of Installed Masters was formed, consisting of Bros. J. Steeman, P.M. 15; R. E. Barnes, P.M. 15; W. P. Dukes, P.M. 15; J. P. May, P.M. 15; J. Austin, P.M. 1445; Howe, W.M., 1445; B. Portsmouth, P.P.G.D. Hants; Palmer, P.M. 1221; Chillingworth, P.M. 1228; Owens, W.M. 1336; who according to ancient custom, installed Bro. Henry Martin to the chair of the above lodge. The duties of the Board of Installed Masters was declared to be concluded and the lodge resumed in third degree. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren to the offices annexed to their names, viz.:—Bros. J. Giles, S.W.; J. Pinder, J.W.; Steeman, P.M., Treasurer; E. E. Barnes, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Wharman, S.D.; Cambridge, J.D.; Weingott, I.G.; Goldberg, D.C.; Higginson, Steward; and Beckett, Tyler. The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by Bro. E. P. Barlow, whose excellent working evinced the assiduity and perseverance bestowed in acquiring the duties of the office, when it was unanimously resolved, "that the best thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. E. P. Barlow for the very efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of Installing Master, and that the same be recorded on the minutes. All business being concluded, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The usual loyal toasts being given and responded to, Bro. E. P. Barlow, proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. H. Martin." He observed that the lodge had occasion to be delighted with the selection they had made in the choice of a Master to preside over them; his efficiency in the discharge of his duties was creditable in the highest degree; his punctuality of attendance, and the zeal he at all times manifested for the welfare of the lodge, and his courtesy to every member, was such as to merit their warmest approbation. Bro. Martin, in reply, assured the brethren he felt highly honoured with the eulogiums passed on him. As Master of the Lodge he would endeavour to promote its welfare, and during his term of office would use his utmost energies both in and out of the lodge to merit the continuance of the esteem evinced towards him. The W.M. then informed the brethren that he had a most gratifying duty to perform, that of presenting to their highly esteemed Past Master, Bro. Barlow, a P.M.'s jewel, unanimously voted at the last lodge meeting. It was to him (the W.M.) a source of great gratification that the opportunity was afforded him of presenting the same. He felt assured it would be highly prized. The following is a copy of the inscription: "Presented by the Kent Lodge, No. 15, to Bro. E. Barlow, P.M., to mark the high esteem entertained towards him, and the very efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of W.M., March, 1874." Bro. Barlow in reply assured the brethren of his truly fraternal feeling for the

sincere manner in which this mark of respect had been evinced towards him, and would at all times use his utmost endeavours to promote the interest and prosperity of the lodge. The "Health of the Past Masters," was given and severally responded to. The "Visitors" was given, the W.M. remarking that Masons never lacked hospitality, and as a rule always welcomed visitors. There were many visitors present on this occasion, and he hoped what they had seen would induce them again to visit the Kent Lodge. The toast was responded to by Bros. Portsmouth, Sexton, and Howe. The "Officers of the Lodge" was the next toast, which was replied to by the respective officers, the brethren having enjoyed the evening with true Masonic spirit. The visitors were Bros. Austin, Doric; Howe, Prince Leopold; Simms, Prince Leopold; Blackless, Royal Standard; Clark, Temple; Portsmouth, P.P.G.J.D., Hants Oakley; Palmer, Crystal Palace; Hainsworth, Zetland; Rothschild, 1288; Roach, Gihon; Hill, 174; Chillingworth, Beacontree; Laxton, Beacontree; Dobbs, Beacontree; Owens, W.M. 1366; Sadler, S.W. 1366.

SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.—*Adam's Lodge* (No. 158).—The brethren of this old and flourishing lodge held their annual meeting under the direction of the W.M., Bro. George Beckwith, P.G. Supt. of Works of Kent, at the Britannia Inn, Mile Town, on the 19th of March, for the purpose of installing Bro. Alfred Oyston, the W.M. elect for the ensuing year. Having been presented by Bro. Bagshaw, P.M., to receive the benefit of installation, and having taken the customary obligations, a board of Installed Masters was formed, at which ten were present. He was then duly installed into the chair of K.S., in a most impressive, complete, and effective manner, by Bro. Alex. Spears, P.M., P.P.G.O. of Kent, who is highly beloved for his valuable Masonic abilities by the brethren of this lodge. The lodge being resumed, and the new W.M. saluted in the three degrees, he proceeded to appoint his officers as follows:—Bros. Thos. Firminger, S.W.; Sergeant-Major Thurlow, R.A., as J.W.; John Bagshaw, P.M., Sec.; Alex. Spears, P.M., Treas.; John Kelly, S.D.; J. P. Watts, J.D.; Jas. Nunn, I.G.; H. Foster, T.; and Wiggins, Steward. Among the brethren of which there were fifty present, we were happy to see the much respected late Secretary, Bro. James Townsend, P.M., who, through the infirmity of age, was compelled to give up that office, after doing that duty, with credit to himself and honour to the lodge, for the space of 28 years, for which the brethren have shown their appreciation of his valuable services with something more than empty thanks; also we noticed his son, Bro. S. L. Townsend, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. of Kent, after a very serious illness, but still unable to take any part in the ceremonies, to the great regret of the brethren. There were present, Bros. T. Hughes, P.M. 158; J. Carpenter, P.M. 158. Visitors, Bros. John Hancock, W.M. 1089; J. Nicholls, W.M., P.G.S. 1050; Chas. Andrews, I.P.M. 77; T. M. Rigg, W.M. elect 1089; S. Newton, W.M. elect 1050; G. H. Cust, J.W. 1050; and MacDonnell, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. of Kent, 1089; G. Penny, 1019; J. Hodges; H. G. Clarkson, 1082. The lodge was then closed in due form, with solemn prayer, after which the brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, and sat down to a banquet of excellent quality, which did great credit to the widow of the late lamented Bro. J. Green, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. of Kent, which gave the most complete satisfaction to everyone present, of which there were about 60. After the cloth had been removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., in an impressive manner, which augurs well for him in carrying out the ceremonies of the Craft. The meeting was enlivened by several excellent songs and speeches by the brethren, who, after spending a happy evening together, parted in peace and harmony, happy to meet again.

LIVERPOOL.—*Mariners' Lodge* (No. 249).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, the chair of K.S. being occupied by Bro. J. J. Rose, W.M. The other officers present were—Bros. Hamer, P.P.G. Treas.; W. Crane, P.M.; J. Hayes, J.W.; J. R. Smith, P.M. Treas.; K. Collings, Sec.; H.

P. Price, S.D.; W. Hamilton, J.D.; H. W. Nicholas, I.G.; the Rev. P. Hains, Chaplain; W. G. Veale, Org.; G. Ramson, S.; W. Forster, S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the members present were—Bros. J. Wood, J. C. Robinson, R. R. Martin, F. Cooper, J. Chusnall, C. Leighton, and about thirty others. The visitors, who numbered about twenty, included Bros. F. Day, J.W., 1350; H. Williams, P.M., 1264; Cheedham, P.M. 220, and others. The W.M. during the evening initiated three candidates and raised four brethren in a very creditable manner, and the lodge was afterwards closed in peace and harmony.

LIVERPOOL.—*Downshire Lodge* (No. 594).—The "Old Downshire" as it is familiarly called, removed from the quarters it has hitherto occupied in Duke-street, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 26th inst., and for the first time met at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, awaiting the opening of the new hall, where it will be permanently located. The removal would have excited more general interest, but for the fact that "all the world and his wife" were at the Aintree race-course, with the double object of getting fresh air and seeing the "Grand National." As it was, there was a very good attendance of members, and the proceedings were of the most interesting character. Bro. N. D. Rowse, W.M., was in his place, and the other officers present were—Bros. B. Ing, I.P.M.; Peter M. Larsen, P.M.; J. Dilcock, J.W.; R. P. France, S.D., (acting as J.W.); J. Le Comber, J.D.; J. H. Martin, I.G.; and W. G. Veale, Org. The members present were—Bros. J. L. Houghton, P. Askew, W. E. Cattell, W. Leatham, J. Scott, D. Quayle, R. Barber, A. Moreland, R. Mowatt, A. Rankin, W. J. Burden, W. L. Moss, Isaac de Freece, G. Maxwell, J. L. Jones, D. Boden, D. Macdonald, J. Long, A. Martin, J. Whitfield, L. Yates, J. Malcolm, S. G. May, R. Dunn, J. Harris, R. Maddox, J. Riding, and J. H. White. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. W. Pughe, I.P.M., 1182; C. H. Hill, P.G. Reg.; W. Westbury, S.D., 1035; F. Atkinson, 18; J. B. MacKenzie, 1182; J. Layton, 1035; R. Hulme, 673; W. Hugheson, 292; J. Parkes, 1182, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to initiate four candidates into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, which he did in a very masterly and impressive style. The lodge was subsequently opened in the second and then in the third degree, when Bro. Larsen, P.M., raised two brethren to the sublime degree of M.M. in a very satisfactory manner. At the conclusion of the business about forty brethren sat down to a sumptuous supper, under the presidency of the W.M., who proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in an exceedingly able manner. A very pleasant evening was varied and enhanced by several capital songs, and the first night of the "Downshire" at the "Temple" will long be remembered as one of the most enjoyable nature.

LODGE OF ST. JAMES (No. 765).—A meeting of the above well known lodge was held at the Bridge House, on Tuesday, the 7th inst. Bro. William Jones, W.M., in the chair. The minutes of the last lodge having been read, the W.M. proceeded to the passing of several brethren to the second degree, after which a ballot was taken for Mr. James Caton and Frederick H. Wilcock. The result being in their favour, they were then initiated, with Mr. Robert Watts, elected at the last meeting, into the mysteries of Freemasonry, by the W.M., with his well known ability. He then resigned his chair in favour of Bro. Montague Scott, P.M., the indefatigable Secretary of the lodge, for the purpose of installing Bro. Francis Child, which ceremony was performed in a manner that could not be surpassed in correctness, impressiveness, and elocution. Bro. Scott then presented a very handsome gold jewel to the outgoing W.M., which gave great satisfaction to the whole of the brethren, there being nearly 100 present, Bro. Jones being very popular, in consequence of the able manner in which he had performed the duties of the W.M. chair and the services he had rendered the lodge by introducing a considerable number of members, and leaving the chair with a balance of ninety pounds in hand, which will enable them to devote a con-

siderable amount to our noble charities. Some routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a well spread board awaited them, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Spencer, which gave unqualified satisfaction to all present. The usual toasts were duly proposed and acknowledged, that of the visitors being acknowledged by Bro. Charles Horsley, P. Grand Registrar Middlesex, in one of his well known humorous speeches. We also noticed a considerable number of visitors. Bro. W. J. Howe, J. Spilling, S. D. Ewins, George Kenning, and others. The Tyler's toast concluded a very enjoyable evening.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—On Thursday, March 26th, at the White Swan Tavern, 217, High-street, Deptford, this lodge was held, Bro. George Andrews, W.M., presided. There were present during the evening Bros. S. A. Lewin, S.W.; H. J. Tuson, J.W.; W. Andrews, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G. Steward, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Rakes, S.D.; J. Baxter Langley, I.G.; H. J. Dawe, M.C.; H. J. Fisher, Organist; W. Wyatt, P.M.; J. W. Reed, P.M.; E. Wood, W. A. R. Harris; H. M. Fellows, J. H. Tisdell, T. Harton, W. J. Pierce, E. C. Kilsby, W. H. Hawkins, J. Allen, L. J. Harvey, R. Stringer, W. Elgood, E. Good, L. Porter, F. G. Thomas, E. James, W. Atkins, F. R. Hood, H. Schartau, J. Wollett, R. Harman, A. Maers. The visitors were Bros. J. G. Loughborough, 140; H. R. Harker, 79; J. Lawrence, 1326; J. Larking, 1326; R. G. Beaver, 700; J. S. Swasey, S.D. 1423; A. J. Webley, 1423; W. A. Simmons, 1423, and others. The ballot was unanimous in favour of the admission of Bro. Rev. J. M. Vaughan, P.G. Chaplain, Middlesex, P.M. 907, to become a joining member. The work done was initiating Mr. A. Maers, crafting Bros. W. J. Pierce, J. C. Craig, F. H. Burr, E. Wood, J. Larking, 1326; A. J. Webley, 1423. Raising J. H. Tisdell, W. Atkins, Josias Lawrence, 1326. The Worshipful Master, Bro. George Andrews, proved himself a proficient worker of all the ceremonies. He did them all in a perfect manner. It was a pleasure to all present to hear each ceremony worked correctly, impressively, and efficiently. He proved himself to be the right man in the right place. We congratulate the lodge on their having such a distinguished brother in the proud and enviable position of Worshipful Master. This being the first night of work since his installation it was the only time the brethren had an opportunity of seeing what their new W.M. could do in the way of work. He did it well, and proved himself a worthy successor of such good workers in the Craft as Bros. H. A. Collington, Dr. Dixon, F. Walters, G. Wilton, Dr. Scott and others, who have filled the chair. The lodge was closed. There was not any banquet or refreshment.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—The regular March meeting of this lodge was held on the 26th ult., at the City Terminus Hotel, when there was a full attendance of members, and a long list of visitors. The W.M., Bro. William Worrell, presided, and initiated Messrs. G. H. Davies, E. B. Broomhall, and L. G. Reinhardt; passed Bros. Keen, Johnston, French, and Lyon; and raised Bros. S. Emley, and F. Ince. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, which was served up in admirable style. When it was disposed of, the loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and drunk, and the evening was passed very enjoyably. The following is a list of officers, lay members, and visitors present:—W. Worrell, W.M.; A. Brown, S.W.; J. Pringle, J.W.; Kain, P.M., Treas.; M. Newton, S.D.; G. Cragg, J.D.; E. Ascher, I.G.; G. Newman, P.M.; R. H. Whiteman, P.M.; Newton, P.M.; W. H. Harper, P.M.; B. Abbott, P.M.; J. A. Keen, J. French, H. F. Partridge, G. Smithers, W. J. Roberts, E. Kidman, C. R. Cutmore, A. E. Kees, F. Ince, W. Johnston, S. J. Emly, S. Wilkinson, R. Lyon, E. Draper, P. Steinmann, R. Avery, J. F. Hodey, C. Scott, S. D. Ewins. Visitors, Bros. W. H. Kempster, S.D. 1420; G. H. Lay, 569; W. Goodyear, P.M. 1365; C. Hammerton, P.M. 1339; G. Jackson, 435; J.

H. Broomfall, 569; W. Donne, 192; F. G. Baker, P.M. 753. The next regular meeting of the lodge will not be held until September.

SHEERNESS.—De Shurland Lodge (No. 1089).—The ancient and solemn ceremony of installing the newly elected W.M., Bro. T. M. Rigg, took place at the Local Board of Health Room (kindly lent), on Tuesday last, the 31st ultimo, at an adjourned meeting of the lodge. The installation ceremony was performed in an able and most impressive manner by Bro. MacDonald, P.M. 1089, P.P.G.D.C., who, in the masterly manner he acquitted himself evinced to the Craft that the tuition of our lamented Bro. Keddell, P.M. 158, P.P.G.S.W., P.Z., had not been lost on his pupil, who was honoured with a hearty vote of thanks. A very pleasing duty was performed by the outgoing W.M., Bro. Hancock, viz., presenting to Bro. Bourne a massive silver goblet (beautifully engraved by Mr. J. Highley), on behalf of the lodge, in recognition of the efficient manner he had performed his duties as Secretary. Bro. Bourne, in a very neat and effective speech acknowledged the kindness of the brethren for their gift, which he least expected. The newly installed W.M. selected and invested the following brethren to serve as his officers:—Bros. Hancock, I.P.M., P.G.S.; Ingleton, S.W.; Bourne, J.W.; Pannell, P.M. 1089, P.P.G.S. of W. was invested for Bro. Shrubsole, P.M. 158 and 1089, P.P.G.S. of W., elected Treasurer (who was absent); Bro. McDonald, P.M. 1089, P.P.G.D. of C., Secretary; Bro. West, P.M. 1089, M. of C.; Bro. Duttall, S.D.; Bonney, J.D.; Sinclair, Org.; Clarkson, I.G.; Parsons, O.G. It is very pleasing to observe that never has there been seen at the De Shurland Lodge so large a display of the purple, and it was very gratifying to the newly-installed Master to be honoured by so many. Among the visitors we observed, Bros. A. Spencer, P.M. 1063, Malling Abbey, Prov. G.S.; G. Watson, P.M. "Gwendulph," Prov. G.R.; T. Townsend, P.M. 148, P.P.G.R.; Spears, P.M. 158, Sheerness, P.P.G.O.; H. Bathurst, P.M. 133, Harmony, Faversham, P.P.G.R.; W. Sage, P.M. 1063, Mulbery Abbey, and P.P.G.R. 703; Blakey, P.M. 1174, Pentangle, P.P.G.A. D.C.; Carpenter, P.M. 158, Adams; Kelly, S.D. 158; S.D. Adams; Roach, 158; Turner, 972, and 1449; Eastley, 184; Bross, 184; Nicholls, W.M. 1050, "Gwendulph"; D. Seabrook, P.M. 1174, P.P.G. J.C.; Burley, W.M. 184; Muggleton, J.W. 184; Harris, 1273, St. Michaels; Newton, W.M. elect 1040, Gwendulph, and several other brethren. The lodge being duly closed by the new officers, the brethren adjourned to the Fountain Hotel, there to partake of a splendid banquet, which had been provided by Bro. A. W. Howe, in that manner so peculiar to himself. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, and the cloth removed, the usual Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. in a style that brought forward a telling speech from the Prov. Grand Sec., who congratulated the lodge on the sterling abilities he had noticed in the Master. This was supplemented by Bro. Page, who stated, that being over twenty years a member of the Craft, and accustomed as he was to visit meetings of the kind, he confessed he never during his long experience was more gratified (and he expressed the feelings of many if not all of the brethren present), at the proceedings of the day, and argued that the W.M. in his selection of officers he had made would tend greatly to cement those characteristics that were so prominent in members of the Craft, characteristics which most eloquently propounded by Bro. the Rev. R. Palmer (Rector of Queenboro), Chaplain of St. Michael's, 1273, and hon. member of De Shurland. Bro. Sinclair presided in a most efficient manner at the harmonium. The brethren separated at nine o'clock, after spending a very pleasant day, the visiting brethren from the several lodges in the province, giving the Sheerness brethren a hearty invitation to attend their respective festivals.

HERVEY LODGE (No. 1260).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. At the commencement of the business, Bro. G. King, jun., W.M., raised Bro. E. C. Axford to the third degree, and passed Bros. Foss, Spalding, and Bed-

ford to the second degree: He then initiated Mr. T. W. Kingcombe in the earliest mysteries of the Order. After the report of the Audit Committee had been received, read, and adopted, Bro. King proceeded, with great fluency, to install Bro. C. Darby as W.M. of the Hervey Lodge for the year 1874-5. The brethren having been admitted, and the W.M. saluted in the different degrees, he then proceeded to appoint his officers as follows—Bros. T. R. Maples, S.W.; Harrison, J.W., D. Hogg, P.M., Treas. G. King, jun., P.M., Sec.; H. Hollingsworth P.M., S.D.; W. Ryan, J.D.; W. Lowes, I.G.; G. King, P.M., D.C.; Alfred Brumsden, W.S.; J. T. Bigwood, Assistant W.S.; John Maples, Org.; C. T. Speight, T. Bro. King, jun., was invested by the W.M. as I.P.M., who after the above office had been conferred on the brethren, delivered the charges to the W.M., Wardens and brethren. The W.M. then said, addressing the I.P.M., that the brethren were fully aware of the great difficulties he had had to surmount during the time he had occupied the chair; but he had surmounted them, and came out victorious. The brethren wished to mark their sense of his conduct by making him a suitable presentation on his leaving the chair. He had already a P.M. jewel, as a P.M. of the lodge, but the brethren thought it right to distinguish his second year of office by an additional gift. They, therefore, wished him to accept a bible, as a token of their appreciation of his services, and they had had inscribed in that volume the following sentence: "Presented to Bro. George King, jun., P.M., and one of founders of the Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, together with a silver P.M.'s jewel and collar, in appreciation of the ability and zeal shown by him in serving the office of W.M. of the lodge for the second time, 1873-4. April 8th, 1874. The W.M. in conclusion trusted that Bro. King might live long to be among the brethren, and when he should quit this life might this book be handed down to his posterity, his children and grandchildren, and great grand children, that they might see that in their family there was a King, who was victorious, and who had the appreciation of his brethren. Bro. King in reply said he could scarcely find words to express his gratitude for the great honour they had done him in making him this handsome present. It was true he had undertaken the duties of the chair for the second time, and that it was a very arduous task; but thanks to the co-operation and assistance of the brethren he saw around him, he had conducted the lodge to a successful end, for in vacating the chair he had been enabled to hand over to his successor the largest balance that there had yet been in the Hervey Lodge. That lodge had been a pet of his, and it was with great pleasure he assisted in making it overcome all obstacles. Now that they were located at Freemasons' Hall he was sure there was nothing but success before them in the future, and he hoped to live to see that success. He was much obliged to the W.M. for expressing that wish to be hoped that the "Le-wises" alluded to by the W.M. would see that if a Mason had troubles to go through, he was yet appreciated by his brethren. The W.M. then gave notice of motion, that in consideration of the services of Bro. King, sen., to the lodge, he should be made an hon. member, with all the privileges of an ordinary member. Whenever any officer of the lodge had been absent, Bro. King was always ready to perform his duties, and in the Lodge of Instruction he had imparted knowledge which had been useful to them all. The J.W. said, that when the motion came on, he should be happy to second it, because he felt that he owed his elevation to the instruction he had received from Bro. King. A vote of thanks was then passed unanimously to Bro. Jones, the late Treasurer, and the lodge was afterwards closed. The brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. C. E. Francatelli. At the conclusion of the banquet, grace having been rendered, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, dwelling more particularly on the great interest which the Prince of Wales took in the Craft. In proposing the health of the Past Grand Masters, he regretted the absence of Bro. Hervey, which was necessitated by his having to attend at the installation of the Earl of Zetland next day, as Prov. G.M. of the West-
Yorkshire. Dr.

Hogg replied as a P.G.D. Bro. G. King, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so said that the W.M. had worked very hard in the Craft, and all who had been present in the Lodge of Instruction when he went through the three degrees must have been delighted with his progress. The W.M. had carried in an excellent list as Steward for the Boys' School, and in all his capacities while a member of the lodge had shewn himself a worthy Mason. He could only wish that while a member of the lodge, the W.M. might witness the prosperity which he had been so great a means of promoting. The W.M., in reply, said it was very gratifying to him to receive such a welcome. He would do the best he could to promote the welfare of the lodge. He should always set a good example to the brethren, both whilst W.M., and P.M., and he hoped that example would be followed. He trusted that when his year of office was at an end, the brethren would acknowledge that he had done good for the lodge. "The Initiates," "The P.M.'s," "The Visitors," "The Officers," and "The Tyler's Toast," were afterwards given and the brethren separated after having spent a delightful evening. The brethren present were—Bros. G. King, jun.; G. King, C. Darby, T. R. Maples, H. Hollingsworth, C. E. Axford, J. T. Bigwood, W. Ryan, T. P. Bedford, E. J. Goddard, John Foss, jun.; J. T. Spalding, G. Vine, M. Lowes, J. R. Maples, A. Dains, and Dr. Jabez Hogg. The visitors were Bros. H. S. Hilairy, P.M., 25; H. E. S. Sanderson, 69; Jas. A. Gow, W.M. 807; S. Carrington, 1314; G. Simpson, 65; H. Massey, P.M. 619; W. Goodyer, P.M. 192; T. Holland, P.M. 172; and Seymour Smith. There was a capital selection of music performed during the evening, in which Bro. Seymour Smith took a principal part.

MILLOM.—*Whitwell Lodge* (No. 1390).—The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, March 17th, at the Masonic Rooms. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Thos. Dodgson, P.G.S.S.C. and W., and P.M. 995. The minutes of last regular lodge were read and duly confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. George Corkhill, of East India Road, London, which proved favourable. Bro. Bell being a candidate for being passed to the second degree, the questions being answered satisfactorily, was entrusted and retired; Bro. Newton Pearson, P.M. 955 and P.G.P. West Lancashire, took the chair, and passed Bro. Bell to second degree. Bro. Dodgson was placed on the Charity Committee for this lodge at next P. G. meeting. Bro. Dodgson then assumed the chair, and it was unanimously carried that the lodge business be adjourned until June 16. There being no other business, the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer at 7 p.m.

INSTRUCTION.

STRONG MAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 45) was held at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Monday evening, March 23rd, Bro. Beckett, Preceptor, in the chair; Bro. Williams, S.W.; Saul, J.W.; Defriez, S.D.; Harty, J.D.; Gardner, I.G.; Bro. Poona, (W.M. 720), W.M. elect. The lodge was opened in the three degrees, and Bro. Beckett worked the installation ceremony, at the termination of which Brother Arnold, W.M. No. 45, (in the absence of P. M. May, 45; who had to retire only to catch his train,) presented to Bro. Beckett in the name of the Strong Man Lodge and Charterhouse Club of Instruction with a cheque for £20, subscribed by the brethren, as a mark of esteem for the willingness he has at all times shown in instructing the brethren in their Masonic duties. Bro. Beckett made a very suitable reply. A vote of thanks to the Committee brought a very enjoyable evening to a close. The following are a few of the brethren who attended—P. M. West, 548; Sickle, J. W. Urban; Defriez, J.D. 45, P.M. Bently; Ridder, Davies, Clarke, Cook, Storey, Baldwin, Durham, Foxcroft, Tolmie, Crawley, Sayer, Garbett, Walker, Jones, and others.

LODGE VISITATIONS.

On Monday, 16th ult., there was a large attendance of the members of the Union Lodge, 332, to

do honour to the visit. Bro. J. B. McNair, the R.W.M., and his office-bearers, were highly complimented by Bro. Barrow, on the correctness of their working and the good state of their books. After the deputation had retired, the R.W.M. proceeded to pass five brethren to the Fellow Craft degree.

On Tuesday, 17th, St. John's Lodge, No. 3, was visited. This is the oldest lodge in the province, and they claim to be the oldest in the world; their traditions carry them back beyond the Old Melrose, Mary's Chapter, Mother Kilwinning, or even the ancient York Lodge in the days of Athelstan, but the historical proof is not complete. Still the P.G.M. was able to congratulate them, and prove that old age had not impaired their vigour, and that under Brother Fletcher, their present R.W.M., they are not likely to retrograde or stop in their progress. The Thistle, No. 87, was also visited. Brother Miller, R.W.M., was not so fortunate in securing so large a meeting, but the report of P.G.S. was complimentary to the lodge.

Wednesday, the 18th, the Caledonian Railway Lodge, 354, was visited. This lodge last year had the honour of having Bro. Walter Monguire Neilson, the P.G.M., in their chair, it is therefore not to be wondered at that Bro. Shaw, his successor, should do his best to make the visit pass off with eclat, in which he succeeded, as there was a full attendance of members, and a good number of visitors. The D.P.G.M. addressed them at some length on the present aspect of Masonic affairs in the province.

On Thursday the St. Mungo Lodge, No. 27, received them under the presidency of their new R.W.M., Bro. Dugald Butler, the I.P.M., Bro. G. Sinclair, being one of the provincial deputation. The books kept by Bro. Pattison, the Secretary, were declared to be in perfect order, and after the official visit was over, the lodge was called from labour to refreshment, when with song, toast, and sentiment, the brethren enjoyed themselves to the "wee short hours ayent the twal," the sons of St. Mungo delighting to do honour to their patron saint, who is also the titular saint of the city.

On Friday the Lodge Clyde, No. 408, was visited, when the hall was crowded, as in addition to their members and several visitors from other Glasgow lodges, there was a deputation of 37 members from Rutherglen, No. 247, headed by their R.W.M., his Wardens and principal office-bearers. The lodge was opened at 8 o'clock by Bro. D. Downie, R.W.M., assisted by Bro. J. Buchanan, P.M.; McGinons, S.W.; Belsland, J.W.; Harper, T.; J. Martin, Sec. On the dais, in addition to those named were G. W. Weston, R.W.M.; G. W. Wheeler, S. 73; and W. Bassett, 27. The Provincial Lodge were received with the customary honours. Bro. McTaggart, P.G.S., reported that he had never seen books better kept than those he had now inspected. The acting P.G.M., Bro. Barrow, said it afforded him great pleasure to visit a lodge when the P.G.S. was able to report a clean bill of health. These visitations were for a double purpose, to see what they had been doing in the past, and to give them counsel for the future. He was pleased to find so many visiting brethren there to-night, but that was a point on which it behoved them to be very cautious, and he hoped the lodge would follow the advice he had already given to other lodges he had visited, and not admit any one into the lodge room without producing their diplomas, unless they were personally known either to the Master or his Wardens. This caution was necessary, now, as they had in their midst several of what he could only designate as Bush Lodges, and spurious Masons who were trying to entrap the unwary. He had no sympathy with those parties, but he pitied the poor dupes whom they got to join them; many of these had heard of the benevolence of Masons, and they were justly proud of their benevolence, but if any of these poor dupes should ever require aid they could not get it from a regular recognised lodge, neither would their widows or orphans have any claim on them or on their funds. The P.G.M. then explained a plan that had been suggested for raising more funds for benevolence, so as to ensure that every deserving brother or his family

might receive relief should they ever require it. He must, however, draw his remarks to a close, as they had another lodge to visit that night. The P.G.S. then retired.

The P.G.L. then proceeded to Croy-place, to visit the Commercial Lodge, No. 360. Bro. Morton, R.W.M., who was also well supported, not only by his office-bearers, but also by a large body of members, at 9.15, received the P.G.L. The P.G.M. congratulated the lodge on the progress they had made during the past year and the efficiency of the Master and his staff of officers; he also cautioned them against having anything to do with spurious Masons, if they would not violate their own obligations, and also dwelt on the prominent features of the scheme of benevolence. The R.W.M. tendered the thanks of the lodge to the P.G.M. and P.G.L.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE.

The annual meeting took place at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, the 26th ult., under the auspices of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19. The chair was taken by the R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, now the senior Prov. G.M. in the Order, and there was a good attendance of officers and members.

The business consisted only of the ordinary routine at annual meetings. The Treasurer's accounts were passed, and the Prov. G. Officers for the year were duly invested, the G. Wardens being the Earl Ferrers, Past S.G. Warden of England, and Bro. Partridge, P.M. 19. After the Prov. Lodge had been closed, the regular meeting of the Fowke Lodge was held, the W.M., Bro. W. Weare, presiding. Two candidates were advanced to the degree of Mark Master, after which the dispensation authorising the installation of Bro. J. M. MacAlister, J.W., the W.M. elect was read, (he not being a Craft P.M.), and the S.W., Bro. Toller having declined the office. Bro. MacAlister was then regularly installed, and saluted, after which he appointed and invested his officers. The ceremonies of advancement and of installation were admirably performed by Bro. Partridge, P.M. £3 3s. was voted to the Howe Memorial Widows' Fund, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, under the presidency of the newly installed W.M.

It may be mentioned that the Mark degree is exceedingly popular in Leicester, the Fowke Lodge now numbers 86 subscribing members, and amongst the present officers are six Craft P.M.'s.

Masonic Tidings.

THE CONFIDENCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION having been removed from the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, to Bro. Chard's, White Hart Tavern, corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street, the ceremony of consecration will be performed on Wednesday, the 15th inst. at 7 p.m., by Bro. Jas. Brett, P.G.P., after which the installation ceremony by Bro. J. Constable, W.M. 185. The attendance of brethren on this occasion is invited.

We are requested to notice the death of Mrs. Catharine Baker, who died March 28th, 1874, the beloved wife of the late Bro. William Baker, who died May 14th, 1871, and who was initiated on the 19th day of March, 1832, in the One and All Lodge, Bodmin, Cornwall. She departed this life much respected by all who knew her.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

DEATHS.

BOND.—March 28, at Waterloo Dock Pier, Liverpool, aged 46, Elizabeth, the wife of Bro. G. A. Bond, master of the Prince's and Waterloo Docks.
WELSH.—March 15, at his residence in Uxbridge-street, Liverpool, Bro. William Edward Welsh, aged 38.
LOYD.—On the 25th ult., Henrietta, wife of Bro. John Lloyd, of London-road, Liverpool, aged 38.

Answers to Correspondents.

ST. VINCENT received, owing to great press has to stand over.
ACROSTIC received, declined with thanks.
"Early Grand Encampment," too late for this issue; will appear next week.
The following communications stand over:—Consecration of Mark Lodges at Brighton and Gainsborough; Belfast Masonic Widows' Fund; reports of lodges 877, 102, 413, SC.; Chapters 141, 228; Mark Lodge 129; Red Cross Conclave 17.
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THE INSTALLATION OF BRO. THE
EARL OF ZETLAND.

At first this announcement almost sounds strangely to the Craft, and at any rate to many of us old Masons; for the name of "Zetland" carries us back to ancient days, and a good "regime," in which this famous Craft of ours flourished and progressed in wonderful measure.

And we are glad to be permitted to make such an announcement, as it is, and will be, a subject of rejoicing to all Freemasons, to see the nephew following in the steps of his well known and most venerated uncle.

That the gathering at York to welcome our distinguished brother will be very numerous, we need hardly say, and as far as the arrangements have been made known, they seem to us to be both very simple and yet very effective.

Our Grand Master will preside in person at the installation ceremony, and we feel certain that all will be done to enhance the solemnity of the occasion, and to make this great "assembly" a "dies alba" in the memory of Yorkshire Freemasons. All that the good city of York can do to give a respectable welcome to the strangers and visitors on that day, we hope will be done and done well, and we trust that our brethren may enjoy a very happy gathering, under the shadow of that great Minster raised by our operative forefathers in times of old.

May all of good attend the installation and rule of Bro. the Earl of Zetland, and may he emulate the true Masonic spirit and zealous devotion to our Order, which characterised his lamented uncle, our good old chief. We hope to give a full account of the day's proceedings in our next issue.

THE NEXT ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL
OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

An official circular from Bro. R. Wentworth Little, the Secretary, which appeared in our last impression, informs the Craft that the Stewards for the next festival have elected Bro. the Earl of Zetland, President of the Board of Stewards, and Bro. Joseph Charles Parkinson, the D.P.G.M. for Middlesex, Vice Patron. Bro. Raynham Stewart, P.G.D., has been elected Treasurer, and all present and Past Grand Officers, Vice-Presidents, and Vice-Patrons of the institution.

The Stewards' deposit was fixed at the reasonable amount of £2 2s., and ladies' tickets can be obtained, price 11s. each.

This seems to be a very sensible arrangement, and will, we think, be acceptable to many of the brethren. We feel certain that the next Anniversary Meeting, under the presidency of our distinguished Bro. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, will be a very successful one, and we hope that, by their liberal support and fraternal sympathy, our brethren will exhibit their unabated interest in that excellent institution, the Girls' School, and will thus testify that they fully endorse and approve of the recent enlargement and additions, urgently required by increasing demands for admission and education.

We would suggest, that, our excellent Bro. R. W. Little should publish before long the list of Stewards.

May our third charitable anniversary for 1874, make plain to all impugners of Freemasonry, that, whatever may be the changes elsewhere Masonic hearts are still unchanged, and beat very warmly in the "good old cause" of relief and true charity to those who are now dependant on them, in the hour of their bereavement and adversity.

REVIEW OF THE SOLDIERS FROM
THE GOLD COAST.

Though we are not politicians, as Freemasons, in any sense, and though the Freemasons have nothing, *quâ* Freemasons, to do with the passing events of the world external to Freemasonry, yet we think we are not doing wrong, as English Freemasons, for alluding to the subject of our heading.

It must surely be a matter to us all of great rejoicing, as philanthropists and lovers of peace (not peace at any price), to know that a sad and distant war is over, and that our gallant soldiers have returned to receive the well-merited approval of their sovereign, and the admiration and applause of their fellow countrymen.

Though some, alas! are sleeping in their far and lonely graves, who died as English soldiers always die; though some have come back to country and friends enervated and suffering from the poisonous atmosphere of that deadly clime, a very large number of stalwart frame and cheery presence were mustered on Monday, March 30th, in Windsor Park. ... await the arrival, and hail the advent of their Queen.

At their head was their excellent and gallant commander, surrounded by his efficient staff, and the sunburnt men there assembled in the presence of our Royal Family and a large concourse of spectators, received from H.R.H. the Commander-in-Chief the formal assurance of Her Majesty's special admiration and approbation.

We must all rejoice at the well-merited honours which have fallen to the lot of Sir Garnet Wolseley and his subordinate officers, and we all feel proud of the young Lieutenant, and of the gallant Sergeant, who have won the Victoria Cross.

Independently of the fact, that, there are no doubt some of our brethren among the officers, and non-commissioned officers happily returned home as patriots as well as Freemasons we must always feel proud of the English army.

John Beetle-Crusher, as some one has called him, deserves very well of us all, for few persons do more hard work and do it more thoroughly well than he does. And when we remember to day, how very many, and how varied are the services of the English soldier, we may well admire that discipline, and courage, and devotion, and dash, and heroism, which make many of the chapters of our military history, so striking and so brilliant. May those who have returned home safe and sound, from the perils of the jungle and the treacherous breezes of the Gold Coast, soon recover their wonted and previous vigour, both of mind and body, amid the welcome which all at home offer to those who have served their Queen so well, have so signally punished a treacherous foe, and have maintained alike the credit of their famous regiments, and the power and prestige of England.

But in saying this we must not forget that fine body of men, the Marines, or the gallant blue jackets of our Naval Brigade, or even our West India Regiments, for all have alike deserved well of their Queen and country. In-

deed it is almost impossible to overrate the services performed by Colonel Festing and his Marines, Captain Grubbe with his blue-jackets, and Captain Glover with his native levies.

All have combined to bring the war to a successful conclusion, and we hope to teach a lasting lesson to lightly-clad Ashantees and King Coffee Kalkalli.

THE LATE BRO. HORACE LLOYD.

We have to announce with deep regret the decease of our much respected Bro. Horace Lloyd, Q.C., President of the Board of General Purposes.

His high character and great legal attainments rendered him a most fitting person to fill that high and very important post in our Masonic officialty.

His loss will be alike deplored by the honourable profession to which he belonged, and the Order he has so long adorned, and his personal merits and Masonic qualifications will long be affectionately remembered by his brethren and Grand Lodge.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty is at Osborne, having left Windsor Castle at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 2. Her Majesty entertained at a State dinner a large number of the officers recently arrived from the Gold Coast, on the evening of the 30th.

As it may interest some of our fair sisters, we give the following extracts relative to the Drawing Room on the 25th ult. Her Majesty wore a black watered silk dress, with a train trimmed with crape, embroidered in black silk and jet. Her Majesty also wore a ruby and diamond diadem over a long white tulle veil, and a diamond and ruby necklace and brooch. With the Riband and Star of the Order of the Garter, her Majesty likewise wore the Victoria and Albert Order, the Orders of Louise of Prussia, St. Catherine of Russia, Marie Louise of Spain, St. Isabelle of Portugal, and the Saxe-Coburg and Gotha Family Order. The Princess of Wales wore a dress of white satin, with pleatings of satin and ostrich feather trimming; the train of white satin, also with pleating of satin and ostrich feather trimming. Head-dress—a tiara of diamonds, feathers and veil. Ornaments—corsage, necklace, &c., of pearls and diamonds. Orders—Victoria and Albert, Catherine of Russia, and the Danish Family Order. Princess Beatrice wore a train and petticoat of pink silk, trimmed with Honiton lace and white daisies. Ornaments—Pearls and diamonds. Order—Victoria and Albert. The Duchess of Edinburgh wore a petticoat of white tulle over white silk, spangled with silver, and striped with wreaths of roses; a train of the same material, trimmed with a wreath of roses and plait of silver, striped with bands of silver and roses. Head dress—Coronet of diamonds and rubies, white feathers and veil. Ornaments—Necklace and brooch of diamonds and rubies. Orders—Victoria and Albert, and the Russian Order of St. Catherine.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have gone to Sandringham for Easter, and the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh are at Buckingham Palace.

The evening of Wednesday, the 29th of April, has been appointed for the ball to be given by the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress to their Royal Highness the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh at the Mansion-house. It is needless to state that a distinguished company will be invited to meet their Highnesses, and that the occasion will be in all respects worthy the illustrious guests and the traditions of the Mayoralty of the City of London.

General Sir Richard Airey, G.C.B., will shortly assume command of the troops in Ire-

land, in succession to General the Right Hon. Lord Sandhurst, G.C.B., G.S.C.I. It is expected that Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Ellice, K.C.B., will succeed Sir Richard Airey as Adjutant-General to the Forces. Major-General Sir Alfred Horsford, K.C.B., commanding the South-Eastern District, is spoken of as Sir Charles Ellice's successor.

Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Hastings Doyle, G.C.M.G., has been appointed to the command of the Southampton District, vice Lord Templetown. He has appointed Lord Burghley, Grenadier Guards, and Mr. Doyle, 2nd Dragoon Guards, his aides-de-camp.

The *Observer* understands that, during the stay of the Court at Osborne, the Queen will visit the naval invalids from the Ashantee War, now in Haslar Hospital. The review of the Naval Brigade will probably be held on Southsea Common.

Captain Glover, accompanied by Mr. Goldworthy and Capt. Sartorius have reached Liverpool. We trust that befitting rewards await him, and his subordinate officers.

The Victoria Nyanza, a large Indiaman, has been wrecked not far from Boulogne. The second mate, and five sailors, who remained with the ship, all lost but one; the rest of crew were saved.

Captain Tyler's general report on the railways of the United Kingdom for the year 1872 shows that a total sum of £569,047,346 had been expended on 15,814 miles of railway, or at the rate of nearly £36,000 a mile. By the running of trains for 190,720,719 miles, £51,304,114 was received during the year, of which £25,652,383 was expended in working and maintenance, and £25,651,731 remained as net profit. There were 422,874,822 passenger journeys, besides 272,342 season ticket holders; and 179,302,121 tons of goods and minerals were conveyed. The average rate of dividend on ordinary capital was 5.14 per cent., and upon the total capital 4.76 per cent., including £32,901,496 of ordinary capital, part of £42,582,631 of total capital, which received no interest or dividend. The results of working in 1873 present somewhat similar results of further increased receipts and further increased expenses, but it is hardly probable that either the one or the other will continue to increase in 1874 in the same ratio. The traffic of the country must be considered to have been for the last two years in an inflated condition, and the price of wages, fuel, and materials to have attained a point considerably above the average. There will, no doubt, be fluctuations in these respects in the future, as there have been in the past. But, upon the whole, and comparing longer than annual periods, the progress of the country, as shown by its railway traffic, has been marvellous. The gross receipts of the railways have increased from £23,956,749 in 1858 to £51,304,114 in 1872; or have been more than doubled in fourteen years.

The remains of the late Henry Cairnes Westera, Baron Rossmore, whose lamented death on the 28th ult., in the Cavalry Barracks, Windsor, is fresh in the memory of our readers, were conveyed from thence to his country seat in Ireland, for interment in the family vault in the town of Monaghan. On Tuesday last, at half-past two, the hearse containing the body proceeded to the church, followed by thousands of friends and tenants. The chief mourners were his Lordship's three brothers, the Hons. Derrick, Richard, and Peter Westera, his stepfather, Colonel Stacpoole, and his brothers-in-law, Captains Candy and Stirling. On reaching the church the coffin was covered with wreaths and crosses of white flowers, sent by many of his friends unable to attend. Among them were offerings from the Countess of Bective, Viscount Helmsley, M.P., the Hon. Mrs. Candy, the Hon. Mrs. Stirling, Mr. Horace Farquhar, and several others. A wreath was sent by the soldiers of the deceased's regiment, and his corporal-major came over in person to deposit it upon his tomb. The pall-bearers were Captain the Hon. Charles Byng, Sir Simon Lockhart, Captain Fellowes, Captain Duncombe, Captain the Hon. R. Talbot, Captain Dunbar, Captain Thorold (all his brother officers), and Lord Arthur Somerset, of

the Royal Horse Guards. Among the friends and relations present in the church were the Earl of Dartrey, Lord Cremorne, Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., Viscount Hastings, Colonel the Hon. John Westera, Mr. Leslie, M.P., Colonel Lloyd, Captain Wauchope, Mr. Madden, and others.

The *Standard* of Friday describes the distribution of the famous Tichborne Dole, which was established by a pious lady, Mabel, the wife of a Sir Roger Tichborne, in the time of Henry II., and which forms the subject of a picture at the Hall, painted just two centuries ago. The "dole" is distributed to all applicants residing in the parishes of Tichborne and Cheriton, and consists of one gallon of best wheaten flour to each adult, and half a gallon to each child. It had been intended that the distribution this year should be made on the lawn in front of the house, but the infant baronet, Sir Henry Alfred Joseph Doughty Tichborne, a fine little fellow in his eighth year, was unfortunately unable to be present, as he is just recovering from an attack of the measles. The programme was therefore altered, and the lady members of the family were not present at the ceremony, which took place at the rear of the house. All being in readiness, a couple of stalwart miller's men emptied several of the sacks of flour into an immense tub. Then the resident priest of the quiet little domestic chapel which forms part of the mansion, the Rev. Thomas Quinn, offered up a short prayer, and, after invoking the blessing of Heaven on the gift, sprinkled the flour with holy water from a chalice borne by an acolyte. John Etheridge, the blacksmith, who proved such a characteristic witness for the prosecution in the Court of Queen's Bench, was one of the recipients. The old man did not personally appear, but a substitute conveyed his share to him. Kennett, coachman to the Dowager Lady Tichborne until her death—a hale old man of seventy, spare and upright, with grisly locks, who now lives in a small freehold cottage at Cheriton, of which he is owner, having retired from work on a small competency—also came forward and received three gallons of flour. Each recipient, with a curtsey or a pull at the forelock, was served in alphabetical succession, and the work extended over a period of about two hours, until nine sacks, each containing fifty gallons of flour, had been distributed. The total number of the recipients was upwards of 600.

There has been a very successful Easter Monday Review of the Volunteers, at Wimbledon, under Major-General Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar.

The foreign news is very unimportant. Marshal Serrano has so far not succeeded—in his attack on the Carlist position, or in his attempt to relieve Bilbao. What success or defeat the future may bring to the combatants time only can disclose. Prince Bismarck is happily getting better from his recent serious attack. There seems to be a little cloud rising in the East, but we must hope, that the great struggle impending may at any rate be postponed.

We have to announce the deaths of the Marquis of Downshire, General Sir W. H. Elliott, G.C.B., Major-General Charles Gostling, R.A., of Colonel Arthur Wyndham, Madras Staff Corps, Lieutenant-Colonel Fredk. Miller, C.B., of Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Gaote, late 35th Regiment, of Lieutenant-Colonel Wm. Lambert, of Major Edward Stephenson, late Rifle Brigade, of Surgeon-Major Wyatt, Coldstream Guards, of Captain Gibson, C.B., of Captain Carleton, R.N., of Sir Edward H. P. Turner, of Sir William Bodkin, of Herr Krause, Councillor to the German Embassy, and of Mr. Albert Way, F.S.A. We have also specially to deplore the loss of our distinguished Bro. Horace Lloyd, Q.C., President of the Board of General Purposes.

LONDON AND HOME NEWS.

A marriage is arranged between Lady Anne Spencer Churchill, fourth daughter of the Duke of Marlborough, and the Marquis of Bowmont.

We congratulate the Directors of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway on being the initiators of a reform which has long been demanded in connexion with the sale of railway tickets. On and after to-day (Wednesday) the offices at the

principal stations on their lines—Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Rochdale, Wakefield, Bolton, Blackburn, &c.—will be open continuously on weekdays from 8 o'clock in the morning until 7 in the evening, "in order that tickets may be obtained at any time and for any train" during the day. This admirable arrangement will remove one of the terrors of railway travelling—the "crush" at the booking-offices; but we venture to suggest to the directors that if they had gone a step further and opened an office in Market-street for the sale of tickets at any hour during the day, the public would have been still more deeply indebted to them.—*Manchester Guardian*.

Colonel Stuart Wortley has been appointed by the Commissioners of Patents to the Curatorship of the Patent Museum at South Kensington, vacant by the death of Sir Francis Pettit Smith.

The Institute of France, on the nomination of the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences (Division of Political Economy and Statistics), has elected as corresponding members Mr. Wm. Newmarch, F.R.S., and Mr. David Wells, late Special Commissioner of Revenue in the United States.

The first Act of the new Parliament was yesterday issued. It was passed on Saturday, to apply £1,422,727 14s. 6d. out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the years ending March 31, 1873 and 1874.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to command that Colonel Sir Garnet Joseph Wolseley, K.C.M.G., C.B., be promoted to the rank of Major-General in the Army, in recognition of his valuable services in command of the force employed against the Ashantees. The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotions in and appointments to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath. To be Ordinary Members of the Military Division of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders of the said Most Honourable Order, viz.:—Major-Gen. Sir Garnet Joseph Wolseley, K.C.M.G., C.B.; Capt. John Edmund Commerelle, R.N., C.B., V.C.; Captain William Nathan Wrighte Hewett, R.N., V.C.; Col. Sir Archibald Alison, Bart., C.B.; Col. John Chatham M'Leod, C.B., 42nd Regiment; Deputy Surg.-Gen. Anthony Dickson Home, C.B., V.C. To be Ordinary Members of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions of the said Most Honourable Order, viz.:—Capt. Walter James Hunt Grubbe, R.N.; Capt. the Hon. Edmund Robert Freemantle, R.N.; Col. John Carstairs M'Neill, V.C., C.M.G., late 48th Regiment; Col. George Richards Greaves, late 7th Regiment; Col. Francis Worgan Festing, Royal Marine Artillery; Capt. Percy Pitt Luxmore, R.N.; Col. Henry Evelyn Wood, V.C., 90th Regiment; Col. George Pomeroy Colley, 2nd Regiment; Lieut.-Col. the Hon. Savage Mostyn, 23rd Regiment; Lieut.-Col. James Maxwell, 1st West India Regiment; Lieut.-Col. George Daniel Webber, 2nd West India Regiment; Lieut.-Col. Arthur Frederick Warren, Rifle Brigade; Lieut.-Col. Baker Creed Russell, 13th Hussars; Lieut.-Col. Duncan Macpherson, 42nd Regiment; Lieut.-Col. Francis Cunningham Scott, 42nd Regiment; Lieut.-Col. Robert Home, Royal Engineers; Lieut.-Col. Thomas Durand Baker, 18th Regiment; Major Redvers Henry Buller, 60th Regiment; Major Arthur John Rait, Royal Artillery; Major William Francis Butler, late 60th Regiment; Deputy-Controller Matthew Bell Irvine, C.M.G.; Staff-Surg. Ahmuty Irwin, R.N.; Surgeon-Major Thomas Macdougall Bleckley, M.D.; Staff-Surg. Henry Fegan, M.D., R.N.; Surg.-Major Robert William Jackson; Surg.-Major Charles Benjamin Mosse, African Medical Service.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to signify her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned officer and non-commissioned officer, whose claims to the same have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for acts of bravery performed by them during the recent Ashantee War, as recorded against their names, viz.:—

24th Regiment.—Lieutenant Lord Gifford, for his gallant conduct during the operations, and especially at the taking of Becquah. The officer commanding the Expeditionary Force

reports that Lord Gifford was in charge of the scouts after the army crossed the Prah, and that it is no exaggeration to say that since the Adansi Hills were passed he daily carried his life in his hand in the performance of his most dangerous duties. He hung upon the rear of the enemy, discovering their position, and ferreting out their intentions. With no other white man with him, he captured numerous prisoners; but Sir Garnet Wolseley brings him forward for this mark of Royal favour especially for his conduct at the taking of Becquah, into which he penetrated with his scouts before the troops carried it, when his gallantry and courage were most conspicuous.

42nd Regiment.—Lance-Sergeant Samuel Mc Gaw (date of act of bravery, January 31, 1874), for having at the battle of Amoaful led his section through the bush in the most excellent manner, continuing to do so throughout the whole day, although badly wounded early in the engagement.

On Tuesday evening, March 31, in accordance with the precedent which the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's established in Holy Week of last year, and which then gave such unqualified pleasure, not only to all who appreciated true Church music, but to those who felt that the due observance of Lent was, at length, provided for in the great Metropolitan Cathedral, a special service was held in the dome area. The Passion Music (St. Matthew) by John Sebastian Bach, formed the musical attraction in the service, and this, as in last year, was rendered with admirable effect and complete success by a large surplined choir, numbering not less than 300 voices, and including the members of the Cathedral choir, the Chapels Royal, and a picked body of amateurs; an orchestra of stringed and wind instruments, and a large unsurplined vocal contingent in the transepts. The Cathedral was densely thronged, and it is stated on good authority that the number which assembled last year—10,000—was far exceeded on this occasion. Even the galleries were filled with people. The organ was played by Mr. George Cooper, and Dr. Stainer, the organist of St. Paul's, conducted the choir. The Bishop of London, the Dean of St. Paul's, and Canons Gregory, Liddon, and Lightfoot were present, together with a large number of the clergy. The service commenced at 7 o'clock with the *Miserere*, to the music of the "Tonus Regalis," adapted by Dr. Stainer, the intoning priest being the Rev. W. C. F. Webber, the sub-Dean of the Cathedral. Then followed some versicles and prayers, and afterwards the *Matthew* Passion Music was given from beginning to end. The congregation, at places marked in the service paper, stood while the most solemn and impressive parts of the music were being sung, and a short and striking pause between that part of the musical narrative which ends with Our Lord's agony in Gethsemane and resumes at His return to His Disciples was set apart for private prayer and meditation. At the end of the service, which lasted nearly three hours, the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of London, and the congregation dispersed.

Bicton, the seat of Lady Rolle, was discovered to be on fire about noon on Monday. The furniture and costly paintings were removed to the lawn in front of the building. The conservatories and servants' dwellings are completely gutted, but at present the mansion has escaped much damage. The servants have lost the whole of their wearing apparel, and it is feared many valuable works of art are destroyed. Lady Rolle superintended the removal of the furniture, &c., as she sat in her brougham. Up to a late hour in the evening the flames were not subdued.

About fifty of Earl of Fitzwilliam's foxhounds have been shot, in consequence of canine madness having shown itself amongst them.

Bro. Sir Frederick Perkins, M.P., has been elected a member of the Reform Club.

Bro. George Arthur Brown, of Bush-lane, Spitalfields, Past Master of the Bedford Lodge, No. 157, died suddenly on Wednesday, in his 45th year. He was much respected.

ITEMS OF FOREIGN NEWS.

The differences of opinion as to the proper site for the memorial to the Duke of Brunswick at

Geneva—the erection of which was a condition of his bequest to the town—have proved too serious to be settled without reference to some higher authority. Accordingly, M. Viollet-Leduc, the famous architect, of Paris, has been invited to give the necessary opinion; and this distinguished savant has contrived in a manner to satisfy all parties, by rejecting all the sites previously contended for, and fixing on the Place des Alpes as the most suitable spot within the limits of the municipality.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

The Wurtemberg journals state that an audacious robbery has just been committed at the mausoleum of the Rothenberg, near Stuttgart, which contains the ashes of King William and Queen Catherine, *née* Grand-Duchess of Russia. The thieves blew open the doors of the vault with gunpowder, and carried off all the valuable objects they could find, the whole, in gold and precious stones, being worth 500,000f. The thieves have been arrested. They are Hanoverians.

The King and Queen of the Belgians have consented to the marriage of their daughter, Princess Louise, with Prince Raphael-Ferdinand, of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.

Marshal MacMahon has reduced the term of imprisonment of the late Prince Ghika's seconds in the recent duel to three months, and that of Prince Sontzo's to six, but the punishment of Prince Sontzo himself remains unaltered.

A despatch from Rome states that Monsignor Manning, Champs, Antici, Mattei, De Merode, Vitelleschi, Nina, Simeoni, and Bartolucci have received intimation that they will be made Cardinals at the next Consistory of the Sandwich Islands.

Prince Kalakua has been elected King of the Sandwich Islands. The disappointed adherents of Queen Emma attacked and set fire to the House of Assembly, but some United States and British Marines landed and dispersed the mob. The King is threatened with assassination.

Herr Von Balan, the German Ambassador at Brussels, died suddenly a short time ago.

The Roman *Opinione* says that, in spite of the law suppressing religious corporations, there exist in the province of Florence alone at the present time 123 free societies, comprising no less than 2,051 persons of both sexes vowed to a religious life.

The band led by the notorious brigand chief Donato was destroyed by the Italian troops last week. The province of Catanzaro is thus completely freed from the scourge of brigandage.

A Portuguese Commission, appointed to manage the exhibition of Portuguese wines in London, has left for Southampton.

An expedition, which the Russian Government proposes to despatch to Siberia and China to discover a more advantageous route for the importation of tea, is to start shortly on its journey, proceeding *via* Kiachta to Peking, and is expected to reach the Chinese capital in May. Thence it will go on to Hong Kong, afterwards to Kashgar. It is to return through the southern province of Western Siberia.

A vine, situated about three miles and a half from Santa Barbara, California, has a trunk 4 feet 4 inches in circumference. It begins to branch out at about six or eight feet from the ground, and is then supported on frame-work, which it covers as a roof. The whole vine thus supported now covers over an acre of ground. Several of the limbs are as much as 10 inches in circumference at a distance of 25 or 30 feet from the trunk. The annual yield of grapes from this mammoth vine is from 10,000 to 12,000 pounds. The clusters average, when ripe, from 2 to 2½ pounds each. This vine, which is about 40 years old, is on rather high ground, and it is stated that the soil about it has never been manured at all. The vine has a small stream of water running near it.—*Garden*.

It is an admitted fact in China and Japan that the older the tree the better the tea. The shrubs which supply the nobles of Japan with their favourite beverages are said to be in many instances 500 year old.—*Land and Water*.

A collection of the treasures of ancient Arab literature, scattered in different parts of Egypt, is now being made for the library of the Minister of Education at Cairo by order of the Khedive.

The Emperor of Austria has sent to Mr. E. J.

Reed, C.B., M.P., through Count Beust, a Knight Commandership of the Imperial Order of Joseph. Mr. Reed returned on Tuesday from St. Petersburg, having on his way back visited the Minister of Marine of the Imperial German Admiralty at Berlin, and also the German ironclads building at Stettin, and the extensive locks which are in construction at Bremerhaven.

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.]

OUR MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

For this discussion to be of any value, it should lead to some practical results. Some of the letters which have appeared upon the subject display much ability, and all contain more or less pertinent remarks, but the vital question at issue has scarcely been touched. For we have to ascertain or discover some method, by which every member of the Craft should, as is his bounden duty to do, subscribe to the institutions which are the pride and glory of the Order. That the charities are mainly supported by the minority is without dispute. That the whole fraternity ought to contribute not only towards their efficient maintenance, but also to lay foundations for extended usefulness will, I think, scarcely be questioned. Then how is this to be accomplished. Bro. Coates proposes the establishment of a provincial charity board. Bro. Bodenham deems that scheme too elaborate for general adoption, and recommends a method excellent in itself, but according to his showing too circumscribed in its operations. He asserts that the members of the association, which he thinks if generally adopted will meet the case, are drawn from six or seven lodges in his province. It would be well to know whether every one of the members of these lodges subscribe one guinea per annum. We have a number of similar societies in London. Their beneficial influence cannot be overrated. But unless you can induce every member of the Craft to subscribe to such an association we shall be as far off as ever of obtaining subscriptions from each individual, and that is the point in question. The usual methods adopted have proved inefficient. The circulars regularly sent by the Stewards prior to each of the festivals are for the most part so much waste paper and futile expenditure of postage stamps. We cannot reach the brethren in the lodge, for the average attendance at a regular meeting of any given lodge is about two thirds, and those who happen to be absent during a collection lose their opportunity. Many of the absentees would no doubt gladly give. But at their next attendance the matter is either forgotten or neglected; thus the institutions suffer. Therefore until a better mode is suggested, I still think that the influence of the Grand Lodge alone can secure the desired result. Bro. Bodenham thinks that compulsory contributions would destroy the foundations of the institutions. I do not see how. I firmly believe the same percentage of brethren will always be found not only willing but anxious to become vice-Presidents, Life Governors, and Life and Annual Subscribers. It is ridiculous to presume that in consequence of a small tax per annum, all the zeal to benefit the institutions which has hitherto characterised Freemasons would immediately expire. Besides several of your correspondents insist that all lodge subscriptions, instead of being expended for the gratification of the palate or the decoration of deserving brethren, should be paid in to the charities. Would not that constitute compulsory contribution? I do not see any reason for fastidiousness in this matter provided the end proposed is legitimately and efficiently secured.

The importance of the subject and your known kindness may justify the request that you will permit and encourage this discussion. Perhaps by persistently and clearly stating the different bearings of the case some more able

and influential brethren may be induced to move in the matter.

Let the call be sounded at head quarters and there is no doubt every member of the Craft will heartily and right loyally respond.

Yours fraternally,

E. GOTTHEIL, P.M. and P.Z.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think the Masonic Charities would immensely benefit by the appointment of local or provincial secretaries and collectors, who might be empowered to solicit and receive subscriptions and donations from lodges and brethren.

I think the guinea subscriptions to the Boys' and Girls' Institutions is, as a minimum subscription, *too high*. I would venture to suggest that such guineas subscribed should carry two votes, and a half-guinea subscription one vote at each election, and subscriptions of five shillings should entitle the subscriber to one vote at one election in the year. I would also venture to suggest that the balance sheets of the several charities should be annually printed, and several copies sent to each donor and subscriber, and to the Secretary of every lodge and Scribe E. of every chapter for distribution, and that the Secretary of every lodge and Scribe E. of every chapter should be encouraged to act as Hon. Secretary or collector to the several charities by giving them some advantage in votes according to the amount collected.

I quite agree with your correspondent, R. W., in to-day's *Freemason*, that the amount of the Stewards' fee must often have acted as a drawback to the success of the Masonic charities. An instance occurred in my own lodge this year. £10 10s. was proposed to be given out of the lodge funds to the list of any brother of the lodge who would be willing to serve the office of Steward for the Boys' Festival this last time, but it was declined on account of the largeness of the incidental expenses, and the ten guineas was thus lost for a time to the Boys' School. At the same time I may say we have for the last two years sent a Steward to the Old People's Festival, and a brother in the lodge has signified his intention of serving the office next year. I have myself served the office of Steward to one of the charities, and am a life governor of each, and a subscriber to two of the charities. I should have myself accepted the offer of the £10 to take the office of Steward for the Boys', but felt I would much rather do, as I did, give £5 direct to one of the charities.

I am, dear sir and brother, fraternally yours,
AD REFERENDUM.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A great deal has lately been written on this subject, but your correspondents have, it appears to me, overlooked the most efficacious, as well as the most simple, plan for advancing the interests of the charities.

A compulsory contribution from every Mason, as suggested by some, would never do; it would destroy entirely the nature of the institutions; and I think the Charity Boards and Committees proposed by Bro. Coates would be found too unwieldy. Moreover what would, by such an arrangement, be the business of several would probably not be done by anyone. The work of raising funds for the Masonic Charities should be one man's work in each lodge and chapter, and if that one be energetic and zealous he will do far more good; he will draw far more money than would be obtained by any committee. Every lodge and chapter should have its Charity Steward, whose duty it should be to bring the claims of the Charities under the notice of every member, and as these charitable institutions are not only countenanced, but also partly supported by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, those august bodies should compel the appointment of a Charity Steward in every daughter lodge and chapter, otherwise many lodges, &c., will never have such an officer; and it could easily be done by a motion to that effect in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter.

If such a rule were made, the Charity Steward would be either a new officer of the lodge, &c., or the duties would be attached to some office already existing. In the former case the Charity Steward, considering the importance of his work, should rank next after the J.W.; but a far better plan would I think be to make the J.W. the Charity Steward also. The Junior Warden has little to do besides qualifying himself for the higher chairs, and the intimate acquaintance that his duties as C.S. would give him with each member of the lodge, would certainly be advantageous to him on becoming W.M. Besides this the J.W. has charge of the brethren at those times when the purse-strings are most likely to be freely loosened; thus he has opportunities for pressing the claims of the schools, &c., which others have not. Again, the Wardens being members of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges, the Charities would be well represented in those bodies. Moreover the addresses of all Wardens are in the hands of Grand and Provincial Grand Secretaries, so that the Secretaries of the Institutions would have no difficulty in forwarding the necessary documents to them. In R.A. Chapters I would suggest that the S.N. would be the best officer to undertake the duties of C.S., all the ranks above him having quite enough to attend to at present if they do their work properly.

Hoping, with you, that the good of the Charitable Institutions may be materially advanced by the discussion now going on, I remain,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

G. SHANKS, 18°

P.M. 189, Z.1205, P.P.G.W. Devon.

MASONS' MARKS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

There is an old Scottish proverb which says that "if you put your spoon in other folk's kail, you are sure to get burned." This is beautifully applicable to Bro. W. P. Buchan, and also to your correspondent who signs himself "A Masonic Student," with respect to their letters published in p. 174 and p. 180 of the *Freemason*. They have chosen to intermeddle in the controversy between Bro. Hughan and me as to Masons' Marks, which perhaps we might as well have been left to finish for ourselves, if we could do so in a proper manner. In their haste, however, Bro. Buchan and the "Masonic Student" have rushed into print, unprepared by any sufficient study of the subject. They have thrown no light on it, and have only succeeded in showing that they know very little about it. Bro. Buchan has mistaken the very point at issue between Bro. Hughan and me. Any one who looks at Bro. Hughan's letter at p. 180 of the *Freemason* may see that he is only defending the system at present practised in England, by the lodges that work the Mark Degree, for he says:—"It has been the custom for years in England for candidates on being "advanced" in lodges under the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, to select marks with an even or odd number of points, and he goes on to state that this custom was sanctioned by the Grand Mark Lodge, because in accordance with the ancient custom, as confirmed by an examination of the marks still existing on many old buildings. What I said is, a mark ought to have an odd number of points, and this I maintain is what has been taught in lodges for more than one hundred and fifty years. The Grand Lodge of Mark Masters in England was only constituted a few years ago, to take charge, so to speak, of the Mark lodges in England; but all these English lodges received their charters from Scotland, and along with them their ritual, which they could have no right to change, and in which it is distinctly laid down as a fixed rule that candidates are to choose no other mark than one with an odd number of points. If the lodges could not change the ritual which they had received, neither could the Grand Lodge constituted by them. Any such change would be a violation of the charters of the lodges, and it would be a violation of a landmark of Freemasonry.

I may ask how does it happen that the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters is not recognised by the

Grand Lodge of England, or that of Ireland, or that of Scotland, and that no arrangement has been entered into for fraternal relations between it and any of these Grand Lodges.

All the lodges of Mark Masters in England are daughters of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, which supplied Mark books along with the charter and ritual to every daughter lodge; and all the marks in these books have an odd number of points.

As to marks with an even number of points, found on old buildings, their presence admits of easy explanation. I shall not occupy your space at present by showing what that explanation is. For this is not the present question, but that question is what at present is, and has been for more than one hundred and fifty years, the practice of lodges?

Bro. Buchan and "A Masonic Student" have both wandered from this question which concerns speculative Masonry only, to a question concerning operative Masonry. Perhaps if they will duly consider this hint, they will find out for themselves how to account for marks with an even number of points to be found on buildings, and Bro. Buchan's amusement at my statement as to Masons' Marks may give place to a somewhat different feeling. He may find that it is not my ignorance, but some other body's that needs to be excused.

Yours fraternally,

CHALMERS I. PATON.

A Mark Master of England and Scotland.

MELROSE ST. JOHN'S LODGE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Our attention having been called to a correspondence by Mr. Stratford, on the above subject in your columns, we have much pleasure in sending you a letter to the Editor of the *North British Daily Mail*, Glasgow, explaining a visit of three masons, under Grand Lodge Constitution, to this lodge, which we think will speak for itself, and disabuse the minds of your Masonic readers of the idea that it was a fraternal visit, which Mr. Stratford attempted to convey by the tone of his letter to which we replied.

Trusting you will give it a place in your columns.

We are yours fraternally

THE THREE VISITORS.

MELROSE "BUSH" LODGE.

To the Editor of the *North British Daily Mail*.

Sir,—In reply to Thomas Stratford's letter in your paper of 20th inst., we beg to say that, having seen an advertisement that his lodge was to meet on a certain evening (the date of which neither of us can recollect) to "install office-bearers," we thought, seeing there was no Masonic ceremony, that it would be a suitable opportunity to visit for the purpose of gratifying our curiosity, and also, if necessary, putting our veto upon the proceedings, and exposing to the members their true position with regard to the lodges and members thereof holding of Grand Lodge of Scotland. When we arrived at the place of meeting there was a sederunt book, in which we entered our names; but will it be believed of this "lodge of lodges" that may some day confer so much honour as to join Grand Lodge—though we would suggest to Mr. Stratford rather to offer Grand Lodge the honour of joining it—that their door keeper was unclothed, and on our interrogating him, there was no doubt in our minds that he was not a Mason. We were admitted without being tested, which is another sample of how business is conducted at this Temple of Masonic (?) perfection; and pity it is that we had not had an instantaneous lens, in order that we might have presented a carte of this worthy meeting to each lodge in the province. The chairman expressed his regret that he was not competent to install the office-bearers, but requested Bro. Miller to have the kindness to do so, and hoped he would have no objection. This, need scarcely say, was promptly and positively refused him, and in a protracted discussion which ensued, we repudiated their charter, protested that their meetings were un-masonic, exposed to the members their position relative to constitutional lodges and their members, and censured in unsparing terms the con-

duct of those who were carrying on the trade, but more especially that of Mr. Stratford, seeing he declared himself a Mason under Grand Lodge laws. We have the satisfaction of knowing that the report of our visit was the means of an agitation which resulted in Mr. Stratford being ignominiously expelled from Lodge Glasgow No. 441, and we hesitate not to say that he will not be permitted to enter any lodge in the province, and we have a very erroneous opinion of the gentleman if he attempts to do so. We neither saw nor heard anything of their charity, and as regards Melrose Lodge being instituted to benefit the "craft," and not the "crafty," the less Mr. Stratford says about that the better, but had his statement been that it was instituted by the "crafty," it would have had our cordial approval. When it was proposed to close the meeting, we intimated that as we could discern no pretensions for its being a Masonic lodge, we must retire, and accordingly did so. Thomas Stratford is not now a member of any properly constituted Masonic lodge, and we would say to those whom he may advise to join his party that they will not be admitted into the fellowship of any Masonic lodge in this or any other province in the kingdom. We intend this letter as an explanation to brethren, and not as a reply to Mr. Stratford, whose conduct is unworthy of notice, unless indeed it be criminal to conduct an illegal secret society. Further correspondence on this subject will have no reply from us.—We are, &c.

THE THREE VISITORS.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this institution met last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, V.P., in the chair. There was a good attendance of members, notwithstanding the holiday season and the inclemency of the weather. Among the brethren present were James Weaver, Hyde Pullen, J. G. Chancellor, S. Rosenthal, James Terry, John Symonds, Richard Spencer, R. Motion, H. Massey, and F. Binckes, Secretary.

After the reading of the minutes of the former general and house committee meetings, in which latter the tenders of tradesmen for provisions for the school were set out, four petitions were read for placing as many candidates on the list for election at the quarterly court in October. The whole of them were found to be satisfactory, and in one of them, which was a London case from No. 228, the candidate appeared before the committee, and though only seven years of age, read very fluently. All four cases were ordered to be placed on the list.

The sum of £50 was ordered to be transferred from the general account of the school to the Sustentation Fund, as that amount would probably be required for the purposes for which the fund was established.

Bro. John Symonds, V.P., gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the General Committee on the 2nd May, move that £50 be added to the salary of Bro. Binckes, from the commencement of the present year, on account of his long service as the Secretary of the Boys' School, and the efficiency of that service.

The Committee then adjourned.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April 17, 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 11.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, at 12.
Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street.

" 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
" 1423, Era, Kings' Arms Hotel, Hampton Court.
" 1446, Mount Edgecumbe, Swan Tavern, Battersea.
Mark Lodge 104, Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Brunswick-road, Camberwell.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.

Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dille, Preceptor.

Monday, April 13.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, at 12.
Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.

" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 136, Good Report, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 222, St. Andrew's, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

" 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 22, Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
Red Cross Conclave 2, Plantagenet, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.

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. Dille, 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 14.

Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

" 228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate.

" 235, Nine Muses.

" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

" 834, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hotel, Hammersmith.

" 917, Cosmopolitan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

Chap. 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.

Mark Lodge 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.

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 15.

General Committee, Grand Chapter, at 3.

Grand Stewards' Lodge.

Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.

" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.

" 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.

" 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-st. Woolwich.

" 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Hotel, New Wandsworth.

" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.

" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.

Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, 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), Ebury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Union Club of Instruction (day meetings), Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, Pimlico, from 2 till 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 16.

Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.

" 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.

" 55, Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-street Deptford.

" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.

" 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.

" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.

" 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.

" 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1339, Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne-hill.

Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

Knight Templar Preceptory, E. Observance, 14, Bedford-row.

Great City Lodge of Instruction, 33, Gutter-lane, at 6.30. Bro. T. Poore, W.M. 720, Preceptor.

Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.

Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, April 17.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.

Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-st., St. James's.

" 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.

" 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hotel, The Terrace, Barnes.

Chap. 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.

Rose Croix Chap. Invicta, Masonic Hall, William-st. Woolwich.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7; Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulford, Preceptor.

Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verby, 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 (724), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, April 18, 1874.

Monday, April 13.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Room, Preston.

" 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead, at 6.

" 721, Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row, North Chester, at 5.

" 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.

" 1398, Baldwin, Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.

Chap. 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.

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

Red Cross Conclave of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Tuesday, April 14.

Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.

" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.

Chap. 537, Zion, 9, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, April 15.

Lodge 537, Zetland, Masonic Chambers, 9, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 5.

" 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree, at 5.

" 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.

" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles.

" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.

Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, April 16.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 343, Concord, Queen's Arms Hotel, Church-street, Preston.

" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.

" 1299, Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, at 5.

Friday, April 17.

Lodge 1350, Fermoer-Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Red Cross Conclave, Liverpool, No. 55, Adelphi Hotel, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, April 18, 1874.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, April 13.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st.

" 219, Star, 12, Tron-gate.

" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.

Tuesday, April 14.

Lodge 413, Athole, 113, Buchanan-st.

" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.

Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 150, Buchanan-st.

Wednesday, April 15.

Lodge 117, St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.

" 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.

Chap. 79, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.

Thursday, April 16.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 465, St. Andrew's, Masons' Hall, Garnagad-road.

Friday, April 17.

Lodge 31, St. Mary Coltness, Scott Hall, Wishaw.

" 12, Kilwinning, Town-Hall, Greenock.

" 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.

" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 18, 1874.

Monday April 13.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writers' Court, at 8.

" 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

Tuesday, April 14.

Lodge 1, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place, at 8.

Lodge 151, Edinburgh Defensive Band, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street.

Wednesday, April 15.

Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-street, at 8.30.

Thursday, April 16.

Lodge 48, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, George-st. at 8.

" 226, Portobello, Royal Hotel, Bath-street, Portobello, at 8.

Red Cross Conclave 103, St. Giles, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st., at 8.

Friday, April 17.

Chapter 83, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

MAY ELECTION, 1874.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

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

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

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APRIL ELECTION, 1874.

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GEORGINA ELITE DALY, Aged Eight Years.

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Bro. Dalry was initiated in the "Jappa" Lodge, No. 188, in 1863; also joined the "City of London" Lodge, No. 1275, in the "New Wandsworth" Lodge, No. 1275, at the time of his death.

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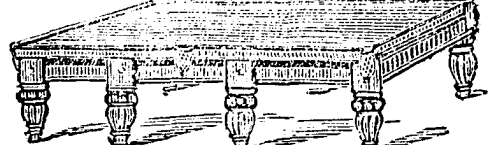
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