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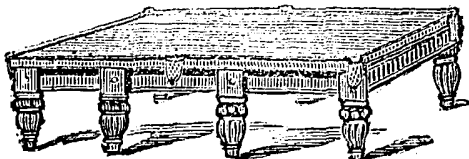
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF TRANQUILITY (No. 185).—An unusually small number of members of this lodge met at Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on Monday, the 20th ult. This paucity may possibly have arisen from the fact that the magical word, "banquet," at a specified time, had on this occasion been either inadvertently or intentionally omitted from the summons. Most of the Past Masters were, however, present, and the meeting was also honoured by several visitors. The programme for the evening was light. The third degree was conferred upon Bros. Bayley and Smith, and Mr. Thomas James was admitted into the Order in the usual way. Bro. John Constable, the W.M., presided. It is therefore needless to enter into a lengthy description of the perfect and impressive manner in which the ceremonies were performed. Bros. John Ross and Barnett, the Wardens; David Posener and Childs, Deacons; and Bro. Croaker, as I.G., acquitted themselves very creditably indeed. Bros. John Peartree, Hon. Treas., and Phil Levy, Hon. Sec., (whom the W.M. was pleased to designate the Father and Mother of the lodge, without distinctly specifying which was to be considered the mother), rendered valuable assistance at their respective posts which they have occupied upwards of fifteen years. The banquet, if not sumptuous, was plentiful and agreeable. The various toasts, propositions as well as responses, must be considered witty, because they were brief, and the brethren uttered no complaints, but seemed delighted with the brevity. Altogether the temper of the assembly was such as is usually presumed to exist in a united snug family party. The proceedings were interspersed with songs by Bros. John Ross, Child, P. Levy, Wood, and Barnett, the latter also presided at the piano. Bro. Thomas James, the newly-initiated, heartily thanked the brethren for accepting him among them, hoped to become a useful member of the Craft, and to mark the sincerity of his sentiments, at once subscribed £2 2s. to the lodge's private benevolent fund. The visitors, Bros. Garrett, P.M. 183; Boys 294; Doight, W.M. 196; St. Hilliers, J.W. 251; Wood, J.W. 438; and Weingott, I.G. 15, responded each on their own behalf, Bro. Weingott being so pleased with the proceedings in the lodge, as well as his reception at the festive board, that he begged to be accepted a joining member, provided he could do so without leaving his Mother Lodge. The P.M.'s present were, Bros. N. Moss, Bloomfield, Harfeld, Holbrook, S. Solomon, S. E. Moss, E. Gottheil, and N. Glückstein. Bro. Martin Bamberger, of 141, was unanimously accepted a joining member.

SCARBOROUGH.—*Old Globe Lodge* (No. 200).—The brethren of the above lodge gave an Amateur Dramatic Performance on Tuesday, April 14th, in the Londesborough Theatre, Scarborough, in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The performance commenced with the comedy "Still Waters Run Deep," the John Mildmay of Bro. W. G. Knight, and the Mr. Potter of Bro. G. O. Crowther, D.C., deserve special mention. Mrs. Sternhold was splendidly

acted by Mrs. Curtis, a lady of great dramatic abilities; Mrs. Mildmay, was badly represented. The comedy appeared to have been well rehearsed. Bro. G. O. Crowther, D.C., during the evening recited "The Wake of Tim O'Hara," which gave great satisfaction. The programme finished with Charles Selby's Farce of "The Boots at the Swan." At intervals during the evening the band efficiently rendered sweet harmony under the able direction of Mr. G. Dixon, of the 3rd R. Y. Artillery. A dispensation having been obtained for the purpose the brethren appeared in full Masonic clothing, and conjoined with the splendid toilettes of the ladies, produced a very brilliant effect in the theatre. The performance was well attended and was under distinguished patronage.

SOUTH MIDDLESEX LODGE (No. 851).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Beaufort House, West Brompton, on Thursday, the 23rd ultimo, when there was a large attendance of the members and their friends to witness the installation of Bro. P. Kirke, the W.M. elect, late S.W., an old and much esteemed member of the lodge. After the usual formal business, which succeeded the opening of the lodge, Bro. Davis, having undergone the usual examination as to his knowledge of the first degree, was passed to the degree of F.C., after which Bro. Kirke, the W.M. elect, was presented in due form, and having given his assent to the principles laid down in the Book of Constitutions a Board of Installed Masters was formed and Bro. Kirke was duly installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being very ably performed by Bro. Jones. The incoming Master then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Pamphilon, S.W.; H. Egan, J.W.; Major Radcliffe, P.M., Treasurer; Shuter, P.M., Secretary; Singleton, S.D.; Todd, J.D.; Cooper, P.M., D.C.; Wilberforce Bird, I.G.; Blewell Pollard, Steward; Woodstock, Tyler. In performing this ceremony the W.M. presented to the lodge a handsome P.M.'s collar, with which he invested the I.P.M., Bro. P. H. Jones. A presentation of emblems of mortality was also made to the lodge by the new J.W., Bro. Egan. A handsome Past Master's jewel, voted by the lodge to Bro. Jones, was presented to him, with a few appropriate remarks, by the W.M., and Bro. Jones thanked the brethren for having bestowed upon him this mark of their approval of his conduct in the chair. The newly installed W.M. then proceeded to initiate Mr. William Young, Mr. John Grove, and Mr. Charles Henry Cumberland, into the mysteries and privileges of the first degree; after which the report of the Audit Committee was presented to the lodge, and this concluding the business of the evening, the lodge was closed in due form. The members and their friends then sat down to an excellent banquet, which did great credit to the canteen arrangements of the South Middlesex Volunteer Corps, of the members of which, we believe, the lodge is almost wholly, if not entirely, composed. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, that of the Grand Officers being responded to by Bro. Snell, P.G.D. The Chairman then rose and said that the next toast he had to propose to their notice was the toast of the evening. The members of that lodge were good Masons, and as such were devoted to the Craft, and ever anxious for the spread of Freemasonry amongst good and true men. He was sure therefore that this toast would be well received, as it was the health of the three brethren that had that evening been admitted into the Craft, and whom he was sure they were all of them anxious to give a hearty welcome to, more especially as from the very commendable attention they had paid to the ceremony they had gone through there appeared to be every reason to believe that they would make very good Masons. He therefore had very great pleasure in proposing "The Health of the Brother Initiates." The three initiates having returned thanks, Bro. Jones, I.P.M., rose and said that they all knew there, that when the W.M. entrusted the gavel to other hands, what toast was about to be proposed. He should therefore make but few remarks in proposing "The Health of the W.M.

in the Chair." Those brethren who had belonged to the lodge since its foundation have known Bro. Kirke as one of its earliest members, and one of its most steadfast supporters. A more regular attendant it would be almost impossible to find, and it afforded him exceeding pleasure and satisfaction to be the first to propose his health as W.M. of the lodge. From the comments made that night he augured well for the success of Bro. Kirke's year of office, of which if it ended as auspiciously as it had commenced he might well be very proud of. They all knew him so well in the regiment, at drill, at review, at the festive board, and they always found him the same Bro. Kirke, the same zealous workman, genial companion, and kind friend; and he had great pleasure in asking them to rise to drink his health. The Worshipful Master having returned thanks, proceeded to propose "The Health of the Visitors, the Past Masters and the Officers of the Lodge." Thanks for the former being returned by Bro. the Hon. E. Curzon, a Past Master of this lodge, who had ceased to be a member, but was present on this occasion as a visitor, and the latter was acknowledged by Bro. Jones, I.P.M., who took that opportunity of referring to the presentation they had made to him of the handsome jewel it was his happiness to wear on his breast. This he told them had always been the acmé of his ambition, and unlike many things they looked forward to, the realisation was not less than the anticipation. He acknowledged that he had always taken a great interest in the South Middlesex Lodge, and having now for twelve or thirteen years attended its meetings and performed those duties he had been appointed to fulfil, he now found himself intensely happy in passing to that haven of rest on the left hand side of the chair. Before he sat down he would also refer to one other matter which should have been done before. It was to their Worshipful Master that they were indebted for the I.P.M. collar and jewel. They had not previously had one, and the W.M. thought that that was a state of things that should no longer exist, and had therefore presented one to the lodge, a jewel which the speaker had then the pleasure of wearing for the first time, and which he trusted would be handed down from Master to Master for many generations, in honour of their brother who succeeded the chair on this evening. Among those present, besides those we have had occasion to name already, we observed Bros. Whitchild, P.M.; Cooper, P.M.; Wellsman, Weaver, P.M.; Worthington, P.M.; Ashton Goodwin, P.M. Among the visitors there were Bros. H. F. Kirke, St. Luke's, 144; J. Thomson, 834; E. Snell, P.G.D.; Holt, Fitzroy Lodge, Grand Steward; Wormald, Lodge Celtic 291, Scotland; C. E. Fluker, 1325; H. Fluker, 1325; Hon. E. Curzon, Pullen 144; Henry, Lodge St. Clair, 349, Scotland; and Goderich, 231. After a very pleasant evening the brethren separated at a late hour.

ROYAL ALBERT LODGE (No. 907).—The last meeting of the session of the above lodge was held on the 20th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-st. The W.M., Bro. F. H. Miller, was assisted by the following officers—Bros. F. H. Miller, S.W. and W.M. elect; S. H. P. Moore, J.W.; R. Stevenson, S.D.; the Rev. Holden, J.D. and Chaplain; F. White, I.G.; Jos. Smith, Treasurer; W. H. Farnfield, Secretary. Upon the confirmation of the minutes of the last lodge meeting, the W.M. raised Bro. W. H. Wood, 1185, to the third degree. Bro. F. Griffith, S.W. and W.M. elect, was then presented for installation, which ceremony the W.M. performed with great solemnity and ability, the newly installed Master conferred an advanced step upon each of the officers of the past year, and Bro. Jennings, I.G. The Treasurer, Secretary, and Tyler, having received the confidence of the brethren were re-invested. The newly installed Master then entered upon a pleasant duty of his appointment, initiating Mr. R. W. Duncan into the ancient mysteries, which was done with considerable ability. This concluded lodge business, the brethren adjourned to banquet, and after the proverbial loyalty of the Craft had been exemplified and other Masonic toasts, the I.P.M. rose to submit the toast of the

evening, viz., "The W.M.," whose moral standing and proficiency in the various duties of the lodge were too well known to need further recommendation. The I.P.M. wished the W.M. health and prosperity, in which all present cordially joined. The W.M. on rising was greeted with vociferous cheering. In reply he said: Brethren, I thank you heartily for your kind reception of the toast so ably proposed by my esteemed friend, Bro. Miller, I feel the want of words adequately to convey my gratitude for this mark of your appreciation; it is ample payment for my past services, and I shall endeavour to merit its continuance by faithfully discharging the trust you have been pleased to repose in me, and I beg you to accept the assurance that nothing shall be wanting on my part to further the interests of our lodge; before resuming my seat I have the pleasure to propose to you "The Health of Bro. T. H. Miller, I.P.M.," whose proficiency upon all occasions, and more particularly in the installation ceremony of this evening, is worthy of the emulation of every member of the Craft. Brethren, in your name and that of the Royal Albert Lodge, I place upon our esteemed brother's breast this jewel; it is a token of our hearty appreciation of his past services, and it is our fervent hope that he may live long in the memory of our hearts and that this presentation shall be a pleasing and fond reminiscence in the yellow leaf of his age. Bro. Miller, who was evidently moved by the kind words addressed to him, replied in terms expressive of his gratitude and pleasure. Bro. R. W. Duncan replied to the toast of "The Initiates" in such phraseology that augurs well for his future progress in the science; he asserted that he had not known himself until the happy moments of his initiation. Bro. Terry replied on behalf of the charities with his usual good grace and eloquence. His appeal for support was answered by the W.M. undertaking a Stewardship for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, an invariable course pursued by each Master of this lodge. It was also mooted that Bros. T. H. Miller and J. Dennis, were Stewards for the forthcoming festival of the Girls' School. We trust that the commendable rivalry existing between these two brethren will materially assist the charity. The toasts of the "Past Masters" and "Visitors" were ably given and liberally responded to, the former included all the financial P.M.'s of the lodge, and amongst the latter we observed Bros. Montem Smith, Roberts, Field, Smeed, Black, Lane, Lester, and several others too numerous to mention. The remaining toasts brought a very enjoyable evening to a close, the pleasures of which were considerably enhanced by music and singing under the direction of Bro. F. H. Cozens, Organist of the lodge, assisted by Bros. Montem Smith, Lester, Carter, and Farquharson. We were surprised that no mention was made of the handsome tools and furniture presented to the lodge by Bro. T. H. Miller, P.M., and Bro. T. Griffith, W.M.

LIVERPOOL.—*Temple Lodge* (No. 1094).—The usual quarterly meeting of the brethren of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, for installation and other purposes, was held at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Wednesday afternoon, the 8th ult., and as the occasion was one of special interest there was a specially large and particularly influential muster of the brethren of the mystic tie. Without doubt, the lodge holds first rank in the province of West Lancashire as embracing many brethren of the highest standing, and the hearty and unanimous election at the previous meeting of Bro. Richard Washington, S.W., to the chair of W.M., was at once a recognition of well-known zeal on his part and an evidence that the brethren were not insensible of the numerous noble qualities of head and heart which have made him so popular. The lodge was opened shortly after three o'clock, by Bro. Richard R. Martin, W.M., and the officers who assisted at the opening were:—Bros. W. Crane, P.M.; R. Danson, P.M.; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M.; Dr. E. M. Sheldon, P.M.; T. Gibson, S.W.; R. Washington, J.W.; J. Wood, Treas.; T. Marsh, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., P. Prov. G.S.B., Secretary; R. C. Yelland, S.D.; F. J. Jeffery, J.D.; W. Healing, I.G.; A. Jarvis, S.; T. G. Winstanley, S.; the Rev. J. C. Ewbank, Chap-

lain; A. C. Doe, S.; and W. H. Ball, acting as Tyler. The members of the lodge present during the ceremonial of the afternoon were Bros. H. B. Jones, W. Callow, W. Durrows and Critchley, T. Birch, H. Horspool, E. Chater, H. Jones, T. S. Williams, J. Spiers, T. H. Williams, J. Pyer, J. R. Callender, jun., and others. As showing the popularity of the election, there was an unusually large attendance of visitors, some hailing from distant parts of the country. Amongst the strangers were Bros. Henry Pearson, P.M. 249; J. Beesley, P.M. 220; T. Ashmore, P.M. 824, 323; J. J. Rose, W.M. 249; P. Macmildrow, W.M. 1299; W. Jones, P.M. 220; J. Hayes, J.W. 259; W. Hamilton, J.D. 249; H. W. Nicholas, I.G. 249; J. Grimes, S.W. 1086; G. Maxwell, 594; G. Collings, 1182; A. D. Hesketh, 1182; G. H. Turner, 86; T. Wright, 1283; W. Lee, 111; W. Curtis, 1035; G. T. H. Lyall, 833; J. Alexander, 1564; W. G. Veale, O. 1556; T. Yeatman, 667; W. Oldham, 823; T. Evans, 1023; E. Lovatt, 1336; J. Jarvis, 220; J. Cave, 220; J. B. MacKenzie, 349 and 1182; and A. Barnard, 249. The minutes of the previous meeting having been duly confirmed, Bro. Washington was presented by Bro. J. K. Smith, P.M.; and Bro. T. Marsh, P.M., to Bro. R. R. Martin, presiding as Master, for the benefit of installation. The obligation and other initiatory portions of the installation ceremony were very impressively given by Bro. Martin, who deserves the greatest praise for the manner in which he did this section of the work. All below the rank of Installed Master then retired and a numerous board of Installed Masters was held. On the readmission of the brethren the remaining part of the ceremony of installation, as well as the charges to the officers, were very ably given by Bro. Dr. Smith, P.M., whose Masonic capability was once more clearly shown by his working. At the close the following were invested by the new W.M. as the officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. R. Martin, I.P.M.; R. C. Yelland, S.W.; W. Healing, J.W.; Jos. Wood, Treasurer (re elected for the ninth time); T. Marsh, Secretary; H. Jarvis, S.D.; T. G. Winstanley, J.D.; A. C. Doe, I.G.; T. S. Williams, S.S.; H. B. Jones, J.S.; J. C. Ewbank, Chaplain; J. Skeaf, Organist; R. Danson, P.M., M.C. Bro. P. Ball was unanimously re-elected Tyler. On the motion of Bro. R. R. Martin, seconded by Bro. Joseph Wood, it was unanimously resolved to vote a sufficient sum from the lodge funds in order to constitute Bro. W. Crane, P.M., a Life Governor of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. Bro. Crane having feelingly acknowledged the high compliment thus paid to him, the W.M. proceeded to initiate three candidates into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, which he did in a most effective manner, the "working tools" being admirably given by Bro. Healing, J.W., and the "ancient charge" in a most impressive manner by Bro. Yelland, the S.W. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren sat down at seven o'clock to a sumptuous banquet, prepared by Mrs. Wright, of the Coffee House, Wavertree, which gave complete satisfaction to everyone. The W.M. (Bro. Washington), presided, and after dessert had been placed on the table he proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in complimentary terms, Bro. Thomas Marsh, P.P.G.A.D.C., and P.P.G.S.B., responding to that of "Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., and the Hon. F. Stanley, M.P., D.W.P.G.M., and the P.G. Officers of the Province of West Lancashire." Bro. Dr. Smith, proposed "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," which was acknowledged by Bro. Joseph Wood, Treasurer of the Temple Lodge. Bro. Martin, I.P.M., gave "The Worshipful Master," in most eulogistic terms, spoke of the high estimation in which he was held by every member of the Craft who knew him. Bro. Washington made a very appropriate and pointed reply, assuring the brethren that it was his intention to spare no effort to make the lodge equal to its former standard during his year in the chair. The W.M. subsequently proposed "The Visitors," which was acknowledged by a number of brethren from other lodges. During the evening a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. R. C. Martin, I.P.M., by the W.M., as

a mark of the esteem and affection felt for him personally by the members of the lodge, and also as a recognition of the excellent work he had done during his year of Mastership. Other toasts followed, and a pleasant evening was greatly enlivened by several splendidly rendered songs, Bro. W. G. Veale, Organist, 1356, presiding with great ability at the piano. Chief amongst the musical items was the celebrated topical song, given by Bro. H. W. Nicholas, I.G. 249, "In a Quiet Sort of Way," brought down to the very latest period, and "touching up" persons and circumstances in connection with that merry meeting in a peculiarly happy style.

HAMPTON COURT.—*Burdett Lodge* (No. 1293).—The usual April meeting of the above lodge was held on Saturday, 25th ult. Present, Bros. H. Phythian, W.M.; Keily, S.W.; Pearse, J.W.; Little, Treasurer; Buss, Secretary; Berrie, S.D.; Wilkins, I.G.; the R.W.P.G.M., Colonel Burdett; Raynham Stewart, Still, Shaboe, Wiles, Kotzenberg, Baxter, Sanders, Coalbank, Bindoff, Ruf, Groombridge, Owen, Sissons, Sadler, and George Kenning. Visitors, Bros. Colonel Peters, W.M. Thames Valley Lodge; Sir Gilbert Campbell, P.G.S.W.; Kimber, W.M. Campbell Lodge; Dr. Woodman, Thielay, and many others. The W.M. discharged the duties of the chair in a very able manner, there being two initiations, passings, and raisings. Five guineas was voted from the lodge funds, to be placed on the W.M.'s list for the Girls' School. Bro. Pearse and Phythian, were recommended to the Grand Master for Grand Office in the province. The lodge was then closed, the brethren dined together, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, and Bros. Kimber, Baxter, and others contributed to the harmony of the meeting by their vocal and recitative powers. The brethren then returned at an early hour to town in a saloon carriage kindly provided by the South Western Railway Company.

LEICESTER.—*Commercial Lodge* (No. 1391).—The second anniversary and installation meeting of this highly prosperous lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 17th inst., the choice of the brethren having fallen upon Bro. Dr. George Clifton, S.W., who has attained a considerable position in his profession during the few years he has practised in this town, the lodge assembled in the afternoon, and the installation of the W.M., by Bro. J. Halford, the retiring Master, was proceeded with, after the usual preliminary business had been transacted. In the regular course of the ceremony the newly installed Worshipful Master was proclaimed, and saluted in the three degrees, and he subsequently appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. John Halford, I.P.M.; R. A. Barber, S.W.; A. G. Chamberlin, J.W.; R. Waite, P.M., Treasurer; E. Mason, Secretary; George Watts, Asst. Secretary; B. Moore, S.D.; J. G. Crofts, J.D.; E. Ewing, I.G.; William Chamberlin, Master of Ceremonies; Alfred Chamberlin, Organist; E. McBride, and E. H. Butler, Stewards; C. Bembridge, and J. Dunn, Tylers. The addresses to the Worshipful Master Wardens, and Brethren, were delivered in a most impressive manner by the installing officer, who on resuming his seat was in turn addressed by Bro. Clifton, in eulogistic terms, expressive of the high appreciation of the efficient manner in which Bro. Halford had discharged the onerous duties of the chair during the past year, of his geniality, and good discipline by which the business of the lodge had been facilitated, harmony preserved, and brotherly love continued, and in further recognition of his eminent services the W.M., on behalf of the brethren, placed upon his breast a handsome Past Master's Jewel, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. J. Halford, P.M. 1391, by the officers and brethren of the lodge, as a token of their appreciation of his zeal and ability during his year of office, April 17th, 1874." Bro. Halford expressed his surprise at being the recipient of such an unexpected tribute of fraternal regard, and while he deprecated any claim on his part to extraordinary services rendered to the lodge, he heartily thanked the brethren for the valuable jewel, which he would highly prize,

and wear with much pride. At the close of the lodge the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, at which Bro. Clifton, W.M., presided. The loyalty of the brethren was manifested by the enthusiastic reception of the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," and the hearty response accorded to the next in order, "The Prince of Wales, P.G.M., Princess of Wales, Prince Arthur, and the other members of the Royal Family." The toast of "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of England," was received with due honour, as also "The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland," to which Bro. S. S. Partridge, Prov. Grand Secretary, ably responded. In submitting the toast of "Bro. Kelly, P.P.G.M.," the Worshipful Master alluded to the literary labours of that distinguished Mason, to his connexion with various scientific societies, his extensive knowledge of Masonry, and exhorted the brethren to emulate the example of their former chief in the study of the liberal arts and sciences. Bro. Kelly, in acknowledging the toast, congratulated the W.M. on his elevation to the chair, and the success and importance the Commercial Lodge, "his youngest child," had attained since its consecration. "The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Clifton," was ably given by Bro. Halford, I.P.M., heartily responded to by the brethren, and modestly acknowledged by the W.M. "The Past Masters of the Lodge" received due acknowledgment from Bro. Halford, "The Sister Lodges" from Bro. A. Palmer, W.M. 279, and F. J. Baines, W.M. 523. Bro. J. Mavins, W.M. 1333, responded to the toast of the visitors. "The Officers of the Lodge" called forth able speeches from Bros. R. A. Barber, S.W.; A. G. Chamberlain, J.W.; E. Mason, Secretary; B. Moore, J.D., and other officers, including a humorous and characteristic reply from Bro. Watts, Assistant Secretary. Harmony and good fellowship prevailed until a late hour, and the evening's enjoyment was considerably enhanced by the songs of Bros. Barrow, H. Palmer, S. Tebbitt, A. H. Baines, C. Wilkinson, B. Moore, Chamberlin, Fitch, and Knight, and the recitations of G. Watts. Among the brethren present on the occasion in addition to those already mentioned, were—Bros. C. Morris, P.P.S.W.; G. Toller, P.G.W.; F. Turner, No. 55; A. M. Duff, P.P.S.D.; Wm. Weare, P.P.S.D.; J. M. McAllister, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; J. W. Smith, S.W. 279; J. F. Thorp, J.W. 523; J. H. Johnston, P.M. 129; G. B. Atkins, J. Young, A. Sargeant, 523; J. S. Tomlin, Wm. Tomlin, and others, and we specially notice the presence of Bro. W. W. Toller, Zetland Lodge 524, Hong Kong.

WALTHAM.—*King Harold Lodge* (No. 1327).—The monthly meeting of the above lodge took place at the Britannia Hotel, Waltham, on Tuesday, the 21st inst., Bro. J. K. Young, the W.M., in the chair. There was a good muster of the brethren, among whom were Bros. Young, W.M.; Edward Parker, P.M., P.G.P. Herts; Lacey, P.M. 174 and 1421; Gilbert, J.W.; Reilly, Secretary; Mooney, S.D.; Tydeman, J.D.; Holmes, I.G.; Cox, Fisher, Noyes, Soul, Malcolm, Bull, Price, Levey, Jacobs, Wyatt, Sheldon, Skinner, Robinson, and others. Visitors, Bros. Gaskett, P.M. 1076; Platt and Middlehurst. Bros. Bull and Robinson were raised, Bro. Levy passed, and two gentlemen initiated, Messrs. Shepherd and Young. The several ceremonies were ably worked by the W.M., Bro. J. K. Young, after which the lodge was closed, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close at an early hour.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Westbourne Hotel, Craven-road, W., on the 8th ult. This being the end of the first year the lodge has been in existence, there was a large assemblage of brethren, who had met to do honour to the W.M. and his successor. Bro. Longhurst, assisted by his officers, opened the lodge at the appointed hour, and having passed Bro. Woodham, and raised Bros. Craig and Elves, requested Bro. George Read, P.M. and

Sec., to perform the ceremony of installation. The unanimous vote of the brethren having fallen upon Bro. Tatham, S.W., he was duly presented, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was placed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The whole of the ceremony was most admirably worked, the addresses being beautifully delivered. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Savage, S.W.; Crittenden, J.W.; Langridge, Treas.; J. Read, P.M., Sec.; Rev. W. Heaton, Chaplain; Soames, S.D.; Grilain, J.D.; J. Heaton, I.G.; Clark, D.C. Messrs. Taylor, Gosden, and Ashton, being candidates for initiation, were admitted, the ceremony being worked by Bro. Tatham, in such a manner that proved the choice of the brethren had fallen upon one who would worthily fill the office of W.M. All Masonic business being ended, the brethren adjourned to a most elegant banquet. After the cloth was drawn the usual toasts were duly honoured. In proposing the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Longhurst, the W.M. expressed the gratification all the members had experienced at the able manner in which he had presided over the lodge in the capacity of first Master, and expressed a hope that he would continue to take as much interest in the lodge as he had hitherto done, and as a token of the appreciation in which he was held, begged his acceptance of a P.M. jewel, bearing a suitable inscription. Bro. Longhurst replied in a few heartfelt sentences, and assured the brethren that he should always treasure their kindness in his heart. A very enjoyable evening having been spent, the brethren adjourned. Amongst the visitors were, Cottebrune, G. Purs., Worthington, P.M. 834; J. Rendell, P.M. 776; A. Barfield, P.M. 511; W. Fame, W.M. 611.

INSTRUCTION.

STABILITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—On Friday evening, the 24th ult., the fifty-seventh anniversary of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, P.G.W., R.W. Grand Master for Middlesex. This is a meeting which may appropriately be called Bro. Muggeridge's festival, and always an important feature in the doings of the Masonic year. From Bro. Muggeridge's long and industrious career as an instructor in Masonry, he is of course known to thousands, of which some hundreds are always found crowding to join in the anniversary meeting of the lodge, at which they are always sure to be gratified with a very comprehensive view of Craft Masonry in the excellent working of the various sections of its lectures. On Friday evening there must have been between two and three hundred Masons assembled in the pillar room of the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, when the chair was taken by Bro. Muggeridge, who worked the seven sections of the lecture in the first degree, ably assisted by the following brethren:—1st section, Bro. Wagner; 2nd section, Bro. Winkfield; 3rd section, Bro. Phythian; 4th section, Bro. John Jonas; 5th and 6th sections, Bro. Scriven; 7th section, Bro. Robertson. The whole of the work was done in a very able manner, but we must do Bro. Scriven the justice to admit that the lecture on the tracing board as he delivered it, was pre-eminently good, his admirable address and excellent elocution giving full effect to that composition, of which no word can be slighted without injury to the whole. When Bro. Muggeridge had left the chair, it was assumed by Bro. Col. Burdett, P.G.W., who rose, and said, that it had been proposed by the Treas. that £5 5s. should be given to the Masonic Girls' Institution; £10 10s. to the Boys' Institution; and £5 to the Benevolent Institution. The motion having been seconded, was put to the meeting, and carried unanimously. A vote of thanks to Bro. Muggeridge was then proposed by Bro. Scriven, seconded by Bro. Snell, P.G.D., and carried unanimously. Bro. Snell then proposed a vote of thanks to those brethren who had so ably assisted Bro. Muggeridge in working the sections, which, having been seconded, was also carried unanimously. The S.W., on behalf of the working brethren, returned thanks. This concluded the business of the evening, after which a large number of those present not connected with the lodge gave in their names

as joining members, after which the whole company adjourned to the great dining room, where a supper, both substantial and at the same time elegant, was provided in a style that reflected the greatest credit on the proprietor, Bro. Spencer. The President was supported on his right by Bro. Thos. Cubitt, and on his left by Bro. Muggeridge. Among those present were many very eminent brethren, but we cannot do more than give the names of a few, among whom we noticed Bros. Sir G. Campbell, Bart.; Col. Peters, Capt. Scriven, Emmens, Snell, R. W. Little, Terry, J. G. Marsh, J. F. White, Hubbuck, George Kenning, Goodyear, W. Watson, Hedges, Copestick, Spooner, Kibble, Jun., Morgan, Litord, Brownlow, Marston, Tattershall, Abbott, Arkell, Spencer, Roberts, Edmands, Limpus, Birdseye, Kibble, and others. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Ransford, P. Grand Organist, assisted by Bros. Frank Elmore, Lester, and Martin. As grace after supper the musical brethren present sung:—

"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us;
But unto thy name give glory,"

being an English version of the "Non nobis," recently arranged by Bro. Ransford, and performed in public for the first time on this occasion. Many say that the words as arranged by Bro. Ransford go very well to the music, which was beautifully rendered by the experienced singers by whom it was performed. The usual toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W. G.M., the Marquess of Ripon," having been proposed and responded to, Bro. Lester sang "Phyllis is my only joy," in a style that called forth immense applause. The toast of "The M.W. Past Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Grand Officers" was then proposed by the president, who in doing so remarked that the Prince had proved lately that he was a working Freemason by having initiated his own brother into the Order. He believed that Prince Arthur was anxious to join the Order, and he trusted that he would make a good Mason. I have the pleasure, continued the chairman, to have more than one Grand Officer present this evening, but as one of them, Bro. Snell, is so well known in this lodge as almost to be looked up to as its father, I shall couple with this toast the name of our Bro. Snell. A glee, by Wright "With a Full Flowing Bumper," was here admirably performed by Bros. Lester, Elmore, and Ransford, and Bro. Snell having replied, Reichardt's pretty song, "Thou art so near," was rendered in a very masterly way by Bro. Frank Elmore, and elicited loud applause. The Chairman then said:—Now brethren that you are engaged in the agreeable, and I hope profitable, occupation of lighting your cigars, I trust that the toast I am about to propose to you will be warmly received and enthusiastically responded to, because it is one that must be considered as the toast of the evening. You all know what it is, "Our Bro. Muggeridge's Health. (Loud and prolonged cheering.) I was quite sure that the reception of the toast would be all that I could wish. Bro. Muggeridge has given you so much edification during the time that he has been Preceptor to this Lodge of Instruction, and I feel sure that it is not merely from vanity that our brother affords us this exhibition of his skill and of that of his pupils. There are a great many passages and a great many cases in Masonic law that are very difficult to understand, and it is therefore a great advantage to have the benefit of a brother's study who has devoted so much time to the subject as Bro. Muggeridge, whose reading has generally been found to be correct, whenever there has been a discussion over difficult passages. And speaking generally, I may say that there are many brethren of high position, in the Craft, who are greatly indebted to Bro. Muggeridge for the assistance he has afforded them. I need not trespass longer upon you, and therefore conclude with proposing "Success to the Lodge of Instruction, coupled with the name of Bro. Muggeridge." Bro. Muggeridge said, Right Worshipful Chairman, Brother Grand Officers, and brethren, I rise on the present occasion with a great deal of pleasure to thank you for the very kind reception you have given me, and I assure you

in all sincerity that I do not appreciate your compliment the less from the fact that I feel to have in some degree deserved it. I have done all I can or could to promote the success of this meeting, and I feel very great pleasure in doing it, but really I must tell you that it has occupied a great deal of time and attention and caused me some anxiety, but I am amply repaid by the very cordial manner in which you have received me. I assure you that the success of this meeting and the lodge is my great desire, my hobby, if you will. I may tell you that I joined this lodge of Instruction the evening after I was initiated in 1839. Some young Masons have appeared since then, but I have grown old, but even now I do assure you that I enjoy the Lodge of Instruction beyond all else in Masonry. I cannot tell you anything fresh on these occasions, I can only return you my thanks, and so I will only repeat the old history, that the Stability Lodge is the oldest working Lodge of Instruction in London. It was founded in the year 1817, somewhere about the time when the two Grand Lodges, the Ancient and the York, were united, under his late H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex. It was presided by Bros. Philip Brodwick, Thornton, Herder, and several others, in connection with the Rev. Hemmings, and was under the management of Bro. P. Robb, till he left London. When Peter Thompson, became Instructor, and held the office till his death in 1851, when I succeeded him. During that time I have done all I could to promote its interest, and I don't think I have failed; indeed with so brilliant a meeting before me I can have no doubt upon the subject. As there are many brethren here to-day for the first time, I will repeat what I have so often said before, that this Lodge of Instruction meets from the last Friday in September to the last Friday in April, and that if they will come I shall have much happiness to receive them. Some of my friends may laugh at me for saying it, but I will state the plain fact that we meet at the Guildhall Tavern, and we pay for the use of the rooms we meet in a rent for the period. We give the Tyler 2s. 6d. each night for his attendance; all that is left goes to the Masonic charities, and I wish that particularly understood. Bro. Muggeridge concluded by again thanking the brethren for their kind reception of him, and resumed his seat amidst loud and continued cheering. "The Health of the Chairman, Bro. Col. Burdett," was proposed by Bro. Scrivens, and in replying Col. Burdett remarked upon the happiness of his lot as Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, in having to preside over lodges in which Masonry was well understood and well worked. This he said was far from being the case in some parts of the country he had visited, where ignorance of the mere ceremonies was by far more general than London Masons could well imagine. He then proceeded to propose "The Health of the working brethren, who had so ably assisted Bro. Muggeridge, and dilated upon the excellence of their working." "The Sister Lodge of Instruction" and "The Masonic Charities" were also proposed and heartily responded to, and this large meeting dispersed after a very gratifying evening. Besides the songs above referred to Bro. Ransford sang his famous song "The Oak and the Ivy," and the following compositions were also sung, the whole being executed in brilliant style—Glee "King Canute" by Macfarren; Lever's Irish Ballad "Father Molloy," "Mary of Argyle," and "Willie brewed," from which our readers will see that there was no lack of excellent music.

Royal Arch.

GIBRALTAR.—*St. John's Chapter* (No. 115).—Another gathering, of no less importance than many former ones, has just been celebrated by the Fraternity on the Rock, and another Royal Arch Chapter has been added to the list. The non-existence of a chapter working in the Spanish language was felt as a want that deprived many brethren from obtaining this important degree. It was accordingly determined, with this object, to obtain a diploma, and the necessary steps were taken for the purpose. The companions, members of this new chapter, and those of the

other chapters, were invited to meet in the rooms of the St. John's Lodge, to which the chapter is attached. The ceremony of consecration was performed by Comps. Morgan, Carver, J. Haynes, and Wall, and the following companions were installed as Principals:—G. Cavana, P.Z.; H. Morgan, P.Z.; J. Henry, P.Z.; Comps. Clavarezzo and J. Haynes being appointed as E. and N. Of a chapter opened under such favourable auspices, it is not saying too much to predict its fulfilling the mission required of all lodges and chapters.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

GIBRALTAR.—*Europa Chapter Rose Croix*.—The members of this chapter assembled on the 24th ult., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. Ill. Pr. Henry being almost unanimously elected to fill the chair of M. W.S., was at once installed, P.M.W. Ill. Pr. Gilbard, kindly acting as installing officer. The M.W. then proceeded to appoint the following Ill. Prs. to fill the various offices:—Ill. Pr. M.W. Gilbard, Prelate; Ill. Pr. R. Hepper, Sen. Gen.; A. Patterson, Jun. Gen.; F. Haynes, Raphael; Elmes, G.; Marshal, Wall, Treas. and Recorder; Trenerry, Captain of Lines; Relle, Organist; Weir, Herald; Peterkin, Equerry.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LIVERPOOL.—*Skelmersdale Conclave* (No. 77).—An assembly of the Skelmersdale Conclave of the Knights of Rome, and of the Red Cross of Constantine, was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Monday, the 6th inst., the principal business being the installation of approved candidates, the election of M.P.S., Viceroy, and Treasurer, and the appointment of auditors. There was a goodly muster of the Sir Knights Companions of the ancient and noble order. After the Knights had taken their several stations in the Conclave Chamber, the proceedings were solemnly opened by Em. Sir Knight Henry Nelson, M.P.S., supported by Sir Knights J. T. Callow, V.E.; Jesse Banning, S.G.; W. Cotterell, J.G.; Henry Jackson, H.P.; Thomas Ashmore, Past Sov., Treasurer; John McCarthy, Recorder; J. Rose, S.P.; J. Skeaf, J.P.; W. Carbin, S.B.; H. Morris, Orator; C. Leighton, Org.; W. Quayle, Herald; and P. Ball, Sentinel. The members of the Conclave present were Sir Knights W. H. Cooper, E. Clements, J. Clatworthy, J. Dawson, T. Large, R. H. Evans, J. T. Russell, J. Atkinson, J. Lolley, J. S. Kelly, H. Burrows, W. Matthews, and Joseph Wood (Treas. of No. 55 Conclave). The only visitor present was Sir Knight J. Kelly, No. 55. After the conclave had been duly opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Charles Munro, of the Everton Lodge No. 823, was ballotted for, elected, and installed in accordance with the impressive ceremonial of the Order, each of the officers doing his work in a most satisfactory manner. The election was then proceeded with, and the following nominations were unanimously adopted by the members of the conclave:—Em. Sir Knight J. T. Callow, M.P.S. elect; Sir Knight W. Cotterell, Viceroy-elect; and Sir Knight T. Ashmore, P.S. re-elected Treasurer; Sir Knights R. H. Evans, and T. Large were appointed Auditors. The conclave was then closed in harmony, and the assembled Knights adjourned to refreshment.

COCKERMOUTH.—*Dyke's Conclave* (No. 36).—A conclave in connection with the above was held on Wednesday week, at the Masonic Rooms, Market-place, Cockermouth. There were present Em. Sir Knight R. Robinson, M.P. Sov. on the throne; Em. Sir Knight J. Pearson, Eusebius; Em. Sir Knight W. Taylor, Senior General; Em. Sir Knight J. R. Tickle, Junior General; Em. Sir Knight H. Dodgson, Treas.; Sir Knights W. Armstrong, Junior Prefect; R. Bonley, Almoner; W. Shilton, D. of C.; W. F. Lamony, Orator; W. Potts, Sentinel; H. Moncrieff, T. Maudale, J. Gardiner, D. Titterington, Stephen Thwaite, J. Abbott, F. R. Banks, and W. H. Fickle. The conclave having been opened in form, the minutes of the preceding meeting were

read by Sir Knight Orator, in the absence, (through dangerous illness of his daughter) of Em. Sir Knight T. F. Taylor, Recorder, and on being put to the conclave, were duly confirmed. Two brothers were next installed Knights of the Order, viz.:—Bros. W. H. Leuthwaite, W.M. Skiddaw Lodge, Cockermouth, 1002; and W. Beeby, Chaplain Lodge of Perseverance, Maryport, 337. Subsequently the bye-laws of the conclave were read by the acting Recorder, and then the Sir Knights proceeded to the election of a Sovereign, Viceroy, and Treasurer, for the ensuing twelve months, the installation taking place at the next conclave in July. Upon ballots being successively taken, Sir Knight George M. Tickle, of Maryport, was unanimously elected Sov. Sir Knight Edward Ablett, M.D., of Whitehaven, Viceroy, and Sir Knight Thomas Mandale, of Maryport, Treas. This was the whole of the business, and the conclave was closed in form. Although having only been really twelve months in existence (the charter being just granted a couple of years previously), we are glad to know the Dykes Conclave is in a most flourishing condition, the number of Sir Knights answering the roll call being at the present time 47.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As chairman of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee for nearly ten years, I think it well to add a few notes and offer a few suggestions on the present interesting discussion.

My belief, founded on the personal and practical experience of ten years, is simply this, that we must look for the development of a more enlarged Charity action in our lodges, to the working of Provincial Charity Committees, and if we wish to obtain a more systematic support of our great Metropolitan Institutions.

As this appears to me to be the simplest and readiest solution of the present controversy, I propose to give your readers the West Yorkshire Provincial Bye Law on the subject.

"Bye-Law 55. There shall be a Committee, to be called the Charity Committee, formed in and for this province, for the purpose of taking charge of and promoting Masonic benevolence in this province, in connection with the General Masonic Charities, and also for the investigation of all such local claims or applications for relief, as shall be referred to it by the Provincial Grand Master, or his Deputy Assistant, or by the Provincial Grand Lodge.

"The Charity Committee shall consist of a member from each lodge in the province, such members shall be elected annually on the night of installation of W.M., and the name and postal address of such elected member shall be transmitted by the W.M. of each lodge, immediately after such election, to the Provincial Grand Secretary."

By bye-law 56, the Provincial G.M. and D.P.G.M., ex-officio President and Vice-President, respectively "but the Charity Committee shall, "it is added," for the better transaction of business, elect annually at their first meeting a chairman, and vice chairman to act in the absence of the President and Vice President, and the Charity Committee shall hold a general meeting of all its members at least once in every year, and shall present to each annual Provincial Grand Lodge, a report of its proceedings, a return of the annuitants, and widows and children belonging to this province.

Now the effect of this West Yorkshire Charity Committee has been to stimulate remarkably, in that important province, the zeal of the brethren, and to arouse their sympathies in the cause of the Masonic Charities.

Since its foundation up to the present time, something like 14 years, it has been instrumental in obtaining for the Great Masonic Charities, including two perpetual presentations to the Boys' School, the not inconsiderable amount in round numbers of little short of £15,000, if it has

not actually exceeded it, as I have not seen the whole official returns, to the present time, having resigned the chairmanship in 1871.

This is surely a commendable result, and though it is true, that, even to this hour I believe all the lodges in West Yorkshire have not a perpetual Life Governorship of all the charities, or are yearly subscribers, which I have often contended they ought to have and ought to be, yet this work still lies before the West Yorkshire Charity Committee, and on the day that they can announce to the Prov. Grand Lodge that every lodge in West Yorkshire has a Life Governor's vote for all the charities, they will, I know well, feel, that, they have not altogether laboured in vain.

I cannot agree with our good Bro. Gottheil's suggestion, to seek the action of Grand Lodge to bear on this subject.

Our brethren generally would not, I think, willingly see an increase of our constitutional dues, and I doubt very much the expediency of such action in the interests of the charities themselves. That the work is difficult, that there are many obstacles to arousing the active support of the lodges, whether from want of funds or from want of interest, is manifest in the otherwise striking result of the West Yorkshire Organisation, where, as I can testify, no pains were spared and no exertions were wanting on the part of our lamented Bro. R. R. Nelson and others to press the matter home to all the brethren and all the lodges.

It is a subject, however, I feel convinced, which must be left to provincial action and lodge sympathy, to local energy and individual effort, and in my humble opinion it will not be furthered or developed, but rather retarded and hindered by any authoritative interference of Grand Lodge, or by any addition to our benevolence payment. I am, therefore, desirous of suggesting through your columns the propriety of provincial action, in the first place, in the matter; and to aid this and expedite this, I would venture to repeat my recommendation of a Provincial Charity Committee in every province, similar to that in West Yorkshire, and which has been worked successfully for fourteen years, in order to call general attention to the requirement and position and general support by lodges and brethren of our great charitable institutions.

I am, fraternally yours,

A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C.
and P.P.G.S.W. for West Yorkshire.

OLD K. T. CERTIFICATE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Some time ago you gave a copy of an old Knight Templar certificate, viz., Abbey Chaplain Encampment, held in Nottingham between 1750, and 1800 it was stated to be either in Chester or Bangor Museum, but I cannot now find it. If you could assist me so to do I should be much obliged, and if you cannot, perhaps you would kindly ask the question in your next, and some of your Chester and Bangor friends might inform you.

I have taken your Magazine from the first and remain, yours faithfully and fraternally,

S. R. P. SHILTON,
D.P.E.C. for Nottinghamshire, 31^o.

REFUSAL TO BURY A ROMAN CATHOLIC FREEMASON.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Kindly insert in your valuable paper that a numerous meeting of the principal officers of Chatham, took place three days after the occurrence, when Mr. Cuffe refused to do his duty as Chaplain to our late Bro. Johnstone, and the matter was at once laid before the Prov. Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale, who at once took steps to prevent the like in future. His lordship has written a letter to the W.M. of the lodge, and the matter has now been placed in the hands of the Secretary of State for War, who, there is no doubt, will see the importance of such a paid servant, who has made himself so obnoxious, either being dismissed, or at any rate removed from here at once.

Yours fraternally,
P.M.

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Is a brother (a military man or otherwise), eligible for the position of W.M., he having left his Mother Lodge two years, and not having paid his quarterages for that period.

Yours fraternally,

THOMAS S. GRAY.

[According to general custom no; but, if he had not been asked for his subscription it may be doubted, perhaps, whether he is still not a member of his lodge, unless there be a lodge bye-law making the non-payment of the year's subscription the actual cessation of membership.]

SOCIETATIS ROSICRUCIANÆ IN ANGLIA.

COLLEGE OF MANCHESTER, LIVERPOOL, AND THE NORTHERN COUNTIES.

The obligatory meeting was held at Freemason's Hall, Manchester, and was presided over by the R.W. Ch. Ad. Frater C. Fitzgerald Matier, 9^o; assisted by Fr. G. Turner, 8^o; Fr. Yarker, 7^o; and Dr. Smith, 6^o, who form the permanent Council of the College. The M.C. was duly formed by Fr. Entwisle, Celebrant, assisted by the ancients and members of the several grades. The minutes of last meeting were then read and confirmed, and the formal routine business transacted, after which the following candidates were introduced into the temple, Bros. Gilles, Doyle, and Jackson, and were received into the Grade of Zelator by the Celebrant and officers.

The Chief Adept then thanked Bro. Entwisle for his assiduity and attention during the past year as Celebrant, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed by the Frateres present.

The Chief Adept then proceeded to appoint the officers of the first order for the ensuing year, when the following were nominated:—Dr. Moore, Celebrant; Lord Skelmersdale, 1st Ancient; J. R. Goepel, 2nd Ancient; W. Romaine Callender, M.P., 3rd Ancient; G. P. Brookbank, 4th Ancient; Robinson, Herald; Clarke, C. of N.; Ashmore, Torch Bearer; J. W. Taylor, Precentor; J. M. Ruther, Acolyte; Wood, Medallist; Gilles, Chamberlain.

Frater Robinson was then promoted to the 4th Grade, to fill the vacancy of the late Frater Wayne.

It was then proposed by Fr. Brookbank, 4th Ancient, and seconded by Fr. Turner, Suffragan Gen., that the jewel of the Ninth Grade should be presented to the Chief Adept, as a small acknowledgment of the many services he had rendered to the college from its foundation. This was carried unanimously, and there being no further business before the college, the M.C. was dissolved in due form.

The fratres then proceeded to banquet, after which the usual loyal and special toasts were given from the chair by the Chief Adept.

An interesting conversation on the mysteries and religions of antiquity became general, and continued till the meeting broke up.

Besides those fratres already mentioned we observed Bros. J. L. Hine, J. W. Petty, Smith, and others.

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM CARPENTER, P.M., P.Z., MASTER GENERAL ELECT OF THE ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.

Although in the course of time it was likely that soon our most amiable, forbearing, and suffering brother would be removed from us by the merciful decree of T.G.A.O.T.U., still the news of his departure struck with mournful resonance upon the heart of one who was proud to be his friend, who loved for more than twenty years his genial and kindly presence, and who now both masonically and humanly, wishes to lay his acacia branch beside the tomb.

There were few persons, who, joined with a long life and a very various fortune, could have maintained so gently calm reason on its throne

and a spirit of encouraging criticism in all points of rudimentary or vital debate. Whether I met our friend as an opponent, and we were sometimes in the most general and generous way, opposed, our friend maintained a happy equanimity. There were points since that time, on which we did not agree, in which, however, he subsequently displayed that proper judgment that arises from conviction.

It is very solemn to think that a hero of the press should have passed from amongst us. His own literary career should now be sacred from attack. It was singular, successful, and single-hearted, and I regret that at a time when he was about to receive a signal honour not accorded to many he should have left us.

But I need say very little to his numerous friends, those who knew him will only feel sorrow that his late years should have been so chequered with misfortune and illness.

It was sad to miss him from the annual banquet, partially intended to do him honour and to inaugurate his reign, now frustrated.

Personally, I can only say that a kinder heart could never have existed. But the example of such men produces emulation, and hence I truly hope to see the honourable feelings of Bro. William Carpenter reflected in the acts of some other of the brethren of the press and the Masonic fraternity. That he died at a ripe age for this world, and that our own Masonic creed, independently of that we shared in common, forms the last consolation.

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE,
Known as Cryptonymus, Assistant
Secretary General of the Rosicrucian
Society.

BRO. J. W. BARRETT, P.M., &c.

We regret having to record the decease of this well-known brother, who, as announced in our last impression, expired on the 17th ult. Bro. Barrett was initiated in the Lodge of Temperance, No. 169, in the year 1852, and served the office of W.M., in 1859. He was exalted in the Domestic Chapter, No. 177, in 1858, and was H. at the time of his death. He was also one of the Overseers in St. Mark's Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 1, a member of the Constantine Council, No. 2, of Royal and Select Masters of the Palestine Rose Croix Chapter, the Rosicrucian Society (Metropolitan College), and the Premier Conclave of the Red Cross Order. Bro. Barrett was one of the founders of the Acacia Lodge, No. 1309, at Barnet, and was appointed Prov. Grand Sword Bearer of Middlesex, in 1872. Our deceased brother was a Life Governor of all the Masonic charities, and had served the Stewardships on several occasions. He was likewise one of the fifty founders of the Girls' School General Committee Club, three of whom have been removed by death since its establishment last July, viz., Bros. Mark Edersheim, P.M. 757, Dr. Samuel C. Davison, P.M. 167, and Bro. Barrett. The funeral of the deceased took place on Thursday, and amongst those who attended were Bros. Cubitt, G. Priest, and G. Bolton, P.M. 169.

ERRATUM.—In the report of P. G. Mark Lodge of Lincolnshire in our impression of 11th April, "for Howe Masonic Memorial Widow's Fund" read "Window Fund." The object of the fund is to obtain Masonic subscriptions to place a stained glass window in the Church of St. Peter, just opened in Leicester, which has been erected in memory of the late Prov. Grand Master Earl Howe. We are happy to say that promises have been received making up nearly the whole amount required.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

One of the most remarkable features of our English Masonic system is that, of our Provincial organization.

It is peculiar to English Freemasonry.

We know of no parallel to it, in other Masonic systems, as the American divisions of territorial Grand Lodges, are altogether different from it. There are many Grand Lodges now in America of independent authority and co-ordinate jurisdiction, but no Provincial Grand Lodges as we have in England, all emanating from and dependent on one Central Grand Lodge.

Indeed the position of our Provincial Grand Lodges is somewhat anomalous in itself, and we confess, that, we have often thought it to be susceptible of considerable amendment.

By the constitutions of our Order, Provincial Grand Lodges are as virtually dependent on the P.G.M.'s authority and functions alone; they exist with his existence, they die with his death.

It may be said to be a Masonic axiom, "no Provincial Grand Master, no Provincial Grand Lodge."

Indeed, despite the apparent continuity of some of the Provincial Grand Lodge Bye-Laws, which provide for the formal transaction of Provincial business, we apprehend constitutionally, that the Provincial Grand Lodges endure in full favour and vigour during the life or "regime" of a P.G.M., but they fall "ex necessitate rei," when he resigns or passes away, and that the very Provincial Bye-laws require to be renewed and re-accepted by his successors.

Such we venture to contend is the present constitutional position of all Provincial Grand Lodges, and it is a position, as we said before, which is in our humble opinion deserving of much careful consideration and susceptible of considerable amelioration.

There can be no a priori reason we are inclined to think, why the same law of perpetuity which applies to Grand Lodge should not be made to bear on Provincial Grand Lodges, subject of course to all due constitutional restraints, and why as one exists "jure suo," the other might not be made to do so, by a very slight alteration in the Book of Constitutions, and saving all the just prerogatives of the P.G.M.

A simple provision that all Provincial Grand Lodges continued to exist as Grand Lodges during an "interregnum," and were to be governed for the convenience of the business of the province in the interim pro tempore by some specified official, would obviate, it appears to us, all difficulties, and remove all anomalies.

And we say this, not from any mere love of innovation or desire of change, but because we are personally aware of the great importance of our provincial system to our English Freemasonry, and of the very large amount of good Masonic work, and the charitable efforts, which our provincial system has fostered and called forth.

Many of our Provinces have considerable trust funds and property belonging to them; all administer largely relief to provincial applicants, from the Provincial Fund of Benevolence, and a few of our provinces have useful charitable institutions of their own, of various kinds.

And knowing all this, we venture again to express our opinion, that, the time has come when our provincial system may be advantageously strengthened in the manner we have sought to point out.

There can be no doubt, but, that the wise provisions of our excellent Book of Constitutions have so far enabled our provinces, to work out for themselves in full liberty of action, a wide sphere of activity, usefulness, and benevolence, but, there can be no reason why, as time passes on, and new conditions arise, we should not seek to supply what is deficient, and to add what is needful, in order to make our whole Masonic system, homogeneous and consistent.

We publish a letter on another page, which shows how much may be done by Provincial organization, on the best of all causes Masonic Charity, and we feel certain of this, that the Province of West Yorkshire was right, when it endeavoured to place the claims of the Metropolitan Charities under the special care and direction of a Provincial Charity Committee.

The letter we have referred to tells us very clearly what provincial organization can do in so good a cause, and we feel it right to express our belief, that if every province had its Charity Committee, the interest of our great Charities would be largely promoted, and their general support by lodges and the Craft greatly enhanced.

It is the want of this general and systematic support which is the weak point in our present charitable efforts, and though even the W. Yorkshire Charity Committee has not yet succeeded in inducing every lodge to obtain a Life Governorship in all the Charities, it has removed apathy and stimulated zeal, and induced many willing and honest W. Yorkshire brethren to give liberally and gladly of their substance to the relief of indigence, the succour of old age, and the education of the young, the friendless, and the orphan.

Feeling how important is the whole question of our Provincial Grand Lodge system and organization, we shall resume the subject before very long.

GRAND FESTIVAL.

The annual Grand Festival of Freemasons was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Grand Lodge, which preceded the festival, and at which the Marquess of Ripon was again installed as Grand Master for the year, was well attended, and a large number of Past Grand Officers sat on the dais during the ceremony. The Earl of Limerick took the seat of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, who was absent on account of his official duties, Lord Balfour, of Burleigh, was in his place as Grand Senior Warden, and Captain Platt, in his chair as Junior Warden.

Among the brethren present there were: Bros. S. Rawson, S. Tomkins, F. Roxburgh, Q.C., Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), R. J. Spiers, the Rev. A. B. Fraser, the Rev. R. J. Bent, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Col. Cole, John Havers, Col. Whitwell, Rev. Edmund Cox, W. Pulteney Scott, H. Browne, B. Head, T. Bradford, Brackstone Baker, Hyde Pullen, and James Mason.

Grand Lodge was formally opened, and Bro. Hervey read those parts of the minutes of last Quarterly Communication which referred to the election of the Grand Master, which having been confirmed, Sir Albert Woods proclaimed the Marquess of Ripon as Master for the current year. The brethren then saluted the Grand Master in Masonic form.

The Grand Master afterwards rose and said:—Brethren, I beg to thank you most heartily for the kind reception which you have given to me on this occasion. When you were pleased to record your suffrages in my favour at the Quarterly Communication last March, I availed myself immediately of the opportunity so afforded to me to return to you my warmest thanks for again conferring upon me the honour of presiding over this ancient and honourable Craft, and I would now only repeat that which I said upon that occasion. But I will not detain you for any length of time, because I trust that you will always find that the principles upon which I shall endeavour, so long as I may hold the office, that I have now the honour to fill and conduct the business of the Masonic Order on principles invariable in their nature, and which consequently involve no change as time goes on. I cannot therefore now sing any other song than that which I sang in March, and I will not weary you by a repetition of the remarks which I then made. But I will content myself with heartily congratulating you on the flourishing condition of the Craft at this moment, and tendering to you once more, with the utmost sincerity, my hearty thanks for this renewed proof of your confidence. (Cheers.)

The Grand Master then proceeded to appoint and invest the new Grand Officers. In appointing the Earl of Carnarvon as Deputy Grand Master, his Lordship observed that though the Deputy Grand Master was not able to be present, on account of the pressure of public business in his department, his abilities were such that it was an honour to the Craft to have for the representative of the Grand Master a nobleman holding such a high position in her Majesty's Council. (Applause.)

The customary salutes were then given, and the following brethren were immediately invested with their collars, jewels, and badges of office, and received the salutes of the brethren:—Lord Henry Thynne, M.P., S.G.W.; Horton Charles Okeover, J.G.W.; the Rev. Robert J. Bent, and the Rev. James Simpson, D.C.L., Grand Chaplains; Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer; Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Reg.; John Hervey, G.S.; E. F. Wendt, G.S. for German correspondence; J. A. Rucker and James Percy Leith, Grand Senior Deacons; J. C. Parkinson and C. W. C. Hutton, Grand Junior Deacons; Wm. James Hughan, Past S.G.D.; F. P. Cockerell, Grand Superintendent of Works; Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D.C.; Simeon C. Hadley, Assistant G.D.C.; James T. Collins, G.S.B.; Wilhelm Kuhe, Grand Organist; T. Cubitt, Grand Purst; John Wright, A.G.P.; C. B. Payne, Grand Tyler; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, to bear rank and wear the clothing of Past Grand Purst.

Bros. Gardiner, 4; Smither, 58; Warner, 23; G. Payne, 1; W. J. Erasmus Wilson, 2; A. H. Draper, 5; Sir Bruce M. Seaton, 6; J. T. Blake, 8; H. J. Bothomley, 14; C. P. Stoltenhoff, 21; R. J. Kerr, 26; a brother whose name failed to reach us, of 29, A. Richards, 46; H. Whitfield, 60; W. B. Rogers, 91; S. B. Harrison, 99; J. Oster, 107; and C. W. B. Wilson, 257; were nominated by the brethren of their lodges, announced by Grand Secretary, and approved of by the Grand Master, as Grand Stewards for the coming year.

Grand Lodge was thereupon closed, and the Grand Master, Grand Officers, and brethren were entertained at a sumptuous banquet by the Grand Stewards. A much larger number of brethren partook of this repast than we remember to have seen at any former Grand Festival. When the repast had been disposed of the toasts were proposed, and after that of "Her Majesty the Queen" had been duly honoured,

The Grand Master in proposing "The Health of the Prince and Princess of Wales," said he would not say anything of the deep interest

which the Prince of Wales, Past Grand Master, felt in the Craft, as it was well known to all the brethren. They were well aware that it arose not from the high position he held merely, but was both deep and hearty. On this occasion he (the Grand Master) had the satisfaction of congratulating the brethren upon the interesting circumstance that since last Grand Festival another member of Her Majesty's family had been admitted to the roll of the ancient Order, and he was happy to say that no worthier could have joined their ranks. Prince Arthur had taken upon himself the responsibilities of membership, and from the zeal, energy, and devotion with which His Royal Highness devoted himself to the performance of everything that devolved upon him in life, no one could doubt that in gaining him the Craft had won not only an illustrious personage, but one whose personal character was calculated to reflect high honour upon the ancient Order. If it were possible, which he ventured to doubt, that anything could add to the enthusiasm with which the brethren would drink the health of every member of the Royal Family, it was this circumstance, which connected so closely at the present time two members of that illustrious family with this ancient Order.

Bro. John Havers, Past Grand Warden, in the absence of the Earl of Carnarvon, proposed the Grand Master's health, and while congratulating his Lordship on being the ruler over such an extensively distributed body as Freemasons, and also congratulated the Craft on having at their head a nobleman, who had proved himself so worthy to preside over them.

The Grand Master in reply said, I beg most sincerely to thank you for the very hearty reception which you have been pleased to accord to me this evening. I can assure you that I feel sincerely grateful for this renewed proof of your esteem and confidence. Bro. Havers has been good enough to say that during the time in which by your choice I have had the honour of filling the position of Grand Master, the Craft has prospered; but, brethren, it is always a comparatively easy task to govern in prosperous times, and it was my good fortune to receive from the hands of that distinguished man to whom my excellent friend on my right (Bro. Havers) has adverted in such just terms (Lord Zetland), an inheritance of prosperity, which, though it entailed upon me doubtless great responsibility, inasmuch as it was indeed difficult to follow one who for a quarter of a century had swayed the hearts and minds almost as one man. (Hear hear.) Nevertheless, he seemed to me, as I may say, a pedestal upon which, honoured by your suffrages, I had only to take my place. It has been my endeavour since that time to maintain the high position which the Craft had then attained. But, brethren, in spite of what my worshipful friend has said of the influence that the Grand Master has, and I do not dispute the nature of that influence—over the prosperity of the Craft, it must always be borne in mind that one who, after all, is but the creature of your annual suffrages, can only hope successfully to discharge the duties of the high office which I have now the honour to fill, if he has the good fortune to enjoy the confidence of his brethren. I have always held that that confidence was not a thing to be bought, (hear, hear), as it was not to be secured by any forgetfulness of the prerogatives of my office, or by any unwilling compliance which would be inconsistent with that position. (Hear, hear.) I have endeavoured, and I always shall endeavour to maintain those prerogatives, and to uphold the rights of the Masonic throne to which you have called me, so long as I may hold the office which I now fill. The privileges and the rights of the Grand Master it is the duty of every occupant of that position carefully to maintain, while it is equally his duty, as most assuredly it is his interest, to be equally careful for the rights of every brother of the Craft (hear hear). It has been my sincere desire, and I trust I may without egotism say, it has been my honest endeavour to act upon those principles, to uphold the dignity of this great community, and to follow out those high principles which we profess to lie at the foundation of the Craft—that I have endeavoured, during the years I have filled the

position of Grand Master, and I shall, as long as I may hold that office, endeavour to follow out that course, continually setting before me, as I have ever done, the great example of my eminent predecessor in this chair, and ever strive to deserve your esteem and confidence, having a just regard for the great interests of this community, for the rights of every one who is enrolled among its members, and for the upholding the character of this ancient and honourable fraternity.

"The Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland" was then proposed by the Grand Master, and drunk.

The Grand Master next proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Masters." He was proud to know that he had the great advantage in the discharge of his duties to be assisted by a most able and zealous body of Provincial Grand Masters; upon them necessarily depended, to a great extent, the local prosperity of the Craft, and it was a most pleasing fact to know how very rare indeed it was that any exception was in these days taken to the government of the Provincial Grand Masters. The peace and tranquility of the Grand Master himself was greatly promoted by that happy state of things, and he only regretted that at this Grand Festival they had not the good fortune of having among them a Provincial Grand Master to return thanks for this toast. Lord Limerick, who attended that afternoon in Grand Lodge, was anxious that the brethren should fully understand how greatly he regretted his inability to stay to the banquet, but he had been called to wait on a great civic functionary, whose commands of that evening were almost of an imperative character. For himself he was almost bound to say that he liked to see a Mason do as Lord Limerick had done that day, come for business and not stay for the pleasure, for he would rather see a brother in Grand Lodge than at any banquet. (Hear, hear). Lord Limerick was an example he would commend to their imitation.

In giving "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Officers of the year" his Lordship remarked that recollecting the great kindness and forbearance of the brethren to himself, which the brethren had always been pleased to extend when official duties prevented him from discharging his Masonic duties, he should gladly accord to Lord Carnarvon the same indulgence. The brethren had much occasion to congratulate themselves upon the readiness which distinguished and zealous members of the Craft had ever shewn to accept office in Grand Lodge, and it had always been his endeavour to make his selection of officers under the circumstances of the moment which appeared to him most for the general interest of the Craft. But he suspected that if the Prime Minister was to be asked whether he had not a very unpleasant time not long ago when he had to construct a government he would reply that he had, and they would therefore readily admit that it was the duty of every member of a party to lay aside all personal considerations in respect to the choice by a Prime Minister of the members of his cabinet, so was it the duty of every member at the head of the Craft to be quite certain to fill the Grand Offices with the best men. They might be quite certain that if there had been offices enough they would all have been appointed. He was satisfied that in the choice of his officers he had made a good selection, and he believed that by their appointment he had been consulting the interests of the Craft.

Lord Henry Thynne, G.S.W., responded, and after regretting the absence of Lord Carnarvon, congratulated his own lodge on being in the province in which Lord Carnarvon was the Grand Master (Somerset), and over which he had presided so well for several years. He thanked the Grand Master in the name of his brother Grand Officers, and in his own, and trusted that at the end of their year of office they would leave Grand Lodge, not only as prosperous as it was now, but still more so.

The Grand Master next proposed "The Masonic Charities," and called on Bro. Little, the Secretary of the Girls' School, to respond, but that distinguished functionary suffering from a severe cold, which was unmistakeable in the few words he said, deputed to Bro. Binckes the per-

formance of the duty imposed upon him by his Lordship.

Bro. Binckes warmly thanked the G. Master, who had always shown such a loving, vital, practical interest in the Masonic Institution.

The toast of "The Stewards," responded to by Bro. Chynoweth, and "The Ladies" brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren adjourned to the concert, which was given in the Temple, where, under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org., a charming concert was given, in which Mdle. Enequist, Madame Talbot Cherer, Miss Alice Fairman, Bros. George Perren, Montem Smith, Thomas Baxter, Theodore Distin, Wilhelm Kuhe, G. Organist; Oberthür, and Paque, and Mr. Maybrick, took part.

The dinner was well served by Bro. Franca-telli, of Freemasons' Tavern, and was personally superintended by himself and Mr. Dawkins, to whom too much praise cannot be given for their attention to the wants of the brethren, and their courtesy. The Stewards must also be complimented on the great success of this festival, which has been rarely attained, and never excelled at any previous gatherings. Bro. James Hayho was an excellent toastmaster.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

On Wednesday, April 15th, the annual meeting of Freemasons in the province of West Yorkshire was held in the Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield. The preliminary lodge was opened up in the three degrees by Bros. Geo. Harling, W.M.; Wm. Harrop, S.W.; Geo. Sykes, J.W.; and the officers of the Huddersfield Lodge, 290. At 12.30 (noon), Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Most Hon the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, and G.M. of England, and in the presence of Bros. Bentley Shaw, D.P.G.M.; J. Craven, P.P.G.W.; Captain Wordsworth, P.J.G.W.; Manoah Rhodes, Mayor of Bradford; J. Freeman, Huddersfield; and other provincial officers and brethren, to the number of about 250. After the reading of a portion of Scripture by Bro. the Rev. W. Barton, P.P.G. Chaplain, the Provincial Grand Master was saluted according to ancient custom.

In acknowledging the compliment, the noble Marquess said he rejoiced to see so many brethren around him in the good town of Huddersfield. He had always pleasant recollections of Huddersfield. He would not go into details of the period when he was first introduced to the world of Masonry in that town, but if he were likely at all to forget those associations the portrait of Bro. William Smith (which his lordship then beheld for the first time), a brother highly respected throughout the province, served to recall those recollections. Whilst the noble Marquess congratulated the brethren on the satisfactory state of the province, and on the great improvement in the different lodges with respect to their returns to the Provincial Grand Lodge, he regretted to have to find fault with a few lodges with regard to their returns to the Grand Lodge in London. He urged on the Worshipful Masters of those lodges to send their returns more promptly, and save him the pain of having the province, for which he is Provincial Grand Master, being reported to him as Grand Master of England. He also congratulated the brethren on the growth of Masonry in this province. On the 1st January last there were 2841 members in the province of West Yorkshire, of whom 319 had been admitted the past year. There had been 65 deaths. West Yorkshire was not singular in this increase, it was widespread, but he warned the brethren not to measure the growth of Masonry by mere numbers. Before resuming his seat his lordship referred to the interesting ceremony which took place at York last week, the installation of the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M. of North and East Yorkshire. Lord Zetland, he said, was a young man, and in a great part unknown, but no brother who knew anything of the late Earl would not but rejoice with him that they had been enabled to continue the connection of Zetland with Masonry. It was by retaining the connection for generations between

those who had striven well in any sphere that they were enabled to lay the foundation and raise the structure on a lasting footing. His lordship concluded his remarks by expressing his determination to continue his exertions to maintain the credit of the Craft throughout the province, and hoped the brethren would do likewise, and that Worshipful Masters would strive to keep together the Past Masters of their lodges, not allowing them to go rusty for want of work, but that all would work in one harmonious strain for the welfare of the Craft at large.

The ordinary routine of passing the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, and calling the roll of lodges, having been gone through, a letter was read from Bro. Bentley Shaw, P.P.G.M., expressing his profound gratitude for the kind and generous sympathy and support which had been accorded to him and his wife, in their great bereavement, by the Provincial Grand Lodge, and to his lordship for the kind and feeling manner he had introduced the subject to the brethren. That address would be a constant incentive to greater diligence in the discharge of the duties of his office.

The investiture of the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year was then proceeded with as follows:—

Bro. L. R. Starkey, M.P....	P.S.G.W.
" J. Booth.....	P.J.G.W.
" Rev. R. W. Loosemore	
M.A.	P.G. Chaplain
" Rev. M. L. Leeman,	
M.A.	P.G. Chaplain.
" R. J. Critchley, J.P....	P.G. Treas.
" J. Bottomley	P.G. Reg.
" Henry Smith	P.G. Sec.
" J. Gaunt.....	P.G.S.D.
" T. Schofield	P.G.J.D.
" W. Beanland.....	P.G. Sup. of W.
" J. Wordsworth	P.G.D.C.
" A. Titley, jun	P.G.A.C.
" R. E. Collinson	P.G.S.B.
" J. Lancaster	P.G. Org.
" D. Sugden.....	P.G. Purs.
" T. Heaton.....	P.G.A. Purs.
" W. Tasker.....	P.G. Steward.
" C. M. Hartley	"
" W. Roddewig	"
" J. Beanland	"
" T. Tyers	"
" F. Crossley	"
" J. Lee	P.G. Tyler.
" J. Sheard	P.G.A. Tyler.

After the several officers had been invested, a vote of thanks to Bro. Charles Olroyd, of Dewsbury, P.P.G. Treasurer, for his seven years faithful service, was passed unanimously, after he had been highly eulogised by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for the business manner he had conducted the duties of his office.

The report of the Charity Committee was then presented by Bro. Thomas Hill, received, and the Prov. Grand Master said the brethren might consider it a very satisfactory one.

Petitions for relief were then considered, after which the lodge was duly closed.

A banquet was afterwards held in the banquetting hall, which was presided over by the Marquess of Ripon, and which had been elegantly served by Bro. H. Birley, of the Pack Horse Hotel, Huddersfield, and to which about 150 brethren sat down.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

The annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of West Lancashire, was held on Wednesday, the 8th ult., at the new Masonic-rooms, King-st., Wigan, where there was the largest assembly of "Arch" Masons seen in this division for the last few years. M. E. Comp. the Right Honourable Lord Skelmersdale, Prov. Grand Z., was present, and presided at the convocation, which was both hearty and unanimous throughout the whole of the interesting proceedings.

Amongst the other notables present on the occasion were:—Comps Cornelius Sherlock, P.G.H.; Comp. H. W. Johnston, P.G.J.; H. S. Alpass, P.G.S.E.; D. W. Finney, First P.G. Asst. S.; James Hamer, P.G. Treas.;

Thomas Wylie, P.G. Reg.; Landless, P.G. Hd.; T. Dodgson, Z. 995; T. Armstrong, P.P.G. Soj.; R. Pearson, H. 995; E. Meugens, P.Z. 32; W. Doyle, H. 249; T. Clark, P.Z. 673; J. R. Goepel, P.Z. 86; J. Case, P.Z. 995; J. Crossley, J. 703; W. Mossop, P.Z. 148; C. Fryer, P.Z. 113; S. Rowbottom, P. Prov. G.S.N.; W. C. Deeley, P.Z. 18c; E. Kyle, J. 220; D. Jones, P.Z. 216; J. Sooth, John Pemberton, P.Z. 1094; J. C. Lunt, Z. 1086; Thomas Chesworth, P.Z. 1086; George Turner, P.Z. 824; P. M. Larson, P.Z. 220; Joseph Skeaf, P.G. Org., H. 216; J. Gaskell, P.Z. 178; Robert Wylie, P. Prov. G.D. of C.; Rev. Philip Hains, J. T. Callow, H. 673; E. Harbord, P.G. Std. Cheshire; W. Archer, P.Z. 1086; J. Hocken, P.Z. 220; J. Lamb, P.Z. 178; J. Lunt, Z.; 241; A. C. Mott, P.G.S.N. and others.

After the Provincial Grand Chapter had been opened in solemn form, according to ancient ritual Em. Comp. H. S. Alpass, P.G.S.E., read the minutes of the last convocation, which was held at Preston, and, being found correct, were confirmed unanimously without discussion.

E. Comp. Hamer, P.G. Treas., presented the accounts for the year, which showed a balance in hand of £46 14s. 2d, against £40 8s. 11d., last year. The accounts had been duly audited by Comps. G. Turner, Z. 86; J. MacKune, Z. 216; and J. C. Lunt, Z. 1086, and were unanimously approved, on the motion of Comp. A. C. Mott, seconded by Comp. G. Turner.

On the motion of Comp. Robert Wylie, seconded by Comp. A. C. Mott, Comp. Hamer was cordially re-elected Treasurer; and Comp. Hamer, in acknowledging the compliment, said he had intended resigning the office this year, but still he would endeavour for one year more to justify the confidence that had been reposed in him, and endeavour to perform the duties of his office to the complete satisfaction of the companions.

Comp. Peter Ball was unanimously re-elected P.G. Janitor for the ensuing year.

The following officers were appointed and invested by the Most Excellent Superintendent, viz., Comps. :—

Thomas Wylie	Prov. G. H.
E. Meugens	Prov. G. J.
H. S. Alpass	Prov. G. S.E.
J. R. Kellett Smith	Prov. G. S.N.
W. C. Deeley	Prov. G. P.S.
J. R. Goepel	Prov. G. 1st Ast. S.
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J. Skeaf	Prov. G. Organist.
Simpson	Prov. G. Steward.

The M.E.P.G. Superintendent said, having appointed his officers for the ensuing year, he wished to say a few words to the companions, whom he thanked for their hearty support on that occasion. It was extremely gratifying to him to learn that Royal Arch Freemasonry was progressing in the province, and exerting itself to promote the great ends which the noble science was intended to advance. It had been suggested that after the convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter, a Provincial Grand Lodge should be held, with a view to opening, in Masonic form, the elegant building in which they were then assembled; but it was found that there was no precedent for and no ceremony proper to such an occasion, and it was hardly right to create such a precedent, therefore the suggestion was declined. At the same time he could not resist saying a few words expressive of thanks to Comp. Leader, the owner of the spacious buildings in which they met that day, for the energy with which he had brought the construction of the buildings to a conclusion, and of congratulation on the success with which the design had been carried out. The room in which they were assembled would be as handsome a room as any in the division, and they must all rejoice to see Freemasonry holding such a firm place in the hearts of Masons as to induce them to erect such a building, and to provide so handsome, commodious, and convenient place of meeting as that. His hope was that such an excellent

example as had been set in Wigan might be followed throughout this great province, and that they might be truly able to say no province could excel West Lancashire for its thorough and hearty exemplification of the great principles of Freemasonry—brotherly love, relief and truth.

Comp. T. Wylie, P.G.H., gave notice that at the next convocation he should move that ten per cent. of the annual income of Prov. Grand Chapter be set apart as a fund for the support of the Masonic Charities.

On the motion of Comp. Robert Wylie, seconded by Comp. T. Armstrong, the votes of the province were appropriated, together with £5, towards securing the election of an old companion to the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons.

After the transaction of some formal business, the P.G. Chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form, after which the companions banqueted together, under the presidency of the M.F.P.G. Superintendent. In the course of the evening, his lordship referred to the approaching completion of the new Masonic Hall in Liverpool, and expressed a hope that the Masons of the district would be honoured with the presence of the M.W.G.M. of England, the Marquess of Ripon, on the occasion of the consecration. He also expected that the gathering at the opening of the hall would be one of the most distinguished and influential which had ever been held in the northern part of England. After a very pleasant meeting, the companions separated about seven o'clock.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Nottingham Castle Inn, Denton, on Wednesday, the 8th ult., under the auspices of the Chapter of Faith, No. 210. The Prov. G. Chapter was opened in ancient and solemn form at half-past 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when there were present, Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, M. E. Prov. G. Supt.; Comps. J. L. Hine, Prov. G. 2nd Principal; J. A. Birch, Prov. G. 3rd Principal; John Tunnah, Prov. G.S.E.; Thomas Entwisle, Prov. G. S.N.; Isaac W. Petty, Prov. G. Principal S.; Henry Maiden, P. Prov. G. Prin. S.; Jas. Hall, Prov. G. 1st A.S.; C. Sutcliffe, Prov. G. 2nd A.S.; W. Ashworth, P. Prov. G. 1st A.S.; John Higginbottom, P. Prov. G. Reg.; Ellis Jones, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; C. M. Jones, P. Prov. G. Standard Bearer; Herod Turner, P. Prov. G. Standard Bearer; Robert Whittaker, Prov. G. D. of C.; J. W. Taylor and Jas. Newton, Prov. G. Stewards; and representatives from 19 of the 35 Chapters in the province.

Letters of apology were read from such of the Prov. G. Officers as were absent. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts for the past year were presented and confirmed.

Comp. G. P. Brockbank was unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Prov. G. Superintendent appointed and invested the following companions as Prov. G. Officers :—

J. L. Hine	Prov. G. 2nd P.
J. A. Birch	Prov. G. 3rd P.
John Tunnah	Prov. Scribe E.
Major T. G. Parker	Prov. Scribe N.
Jno. G. Hind	Prov. G. P.S.
Jas. Graham	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
Ralph Landless	Prov. G. 2nd A.D.
Thomas Chorlton	Prov. G. Reg.
Marshall Taylor	Prov. G. S.W.
Edwin Sleigh	Prov. Standard B.
Robert Whittaker	Prov. G. D. of C.
J. W. Taylor	Prov. G. Org.
A. McIlquham	Prov. G. Stewards.
Jas. Woolfenden	Prov. G. "
Fred Higginbottom	Prov. G. "

Comps. H. Maiden and Robert Whittaker were appointed auditors of the Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts for the ensuing year.

A grant of £5 5s. was made to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Benevolent Fund.

Some other formal business was transacted, and the Prov. G. Chapter was closed. About eighty companions afterwards partook of an excellent banquet at the Nottingham Castle Inn, under the presidency of the M.E. Prov. G. Superintendent.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LEICESTERSHIRE.

A special meeting of the Prov. G. Chapter took place at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, the 23rd ult., for the purpose of installing the Principals of subordinate chapters.

The Prov. G. Chapter was opened by the P.G. Supt., Comp. W. Kelly, Z., assisted by Comp. E. Stretton, as H., and the Rev. John Denton, J., after which the Principals of the Chapter of Fortitude, Leicester, No. 279, were installed as follows:—Comps. E. J. Crow, Z.; S. Perkin, H.; and W. Sculthorpe, J.; and at the same time Comps. H. Deane, Z.; and J. C. Duncombe, H., of the De Mowbray Chapter, Melton Mowbray, No. 1130, were also installed. The regular meeting of the Fortitude Chapter was then held when the officers elected at the last meeting were invested, and Bro. E. J. Mason was exalted to the degree of R.A., the ceremony being admirably rendered by the M.E.Z., who had just previously been installed. Comp. Sculthorpe gave the historical, Comp. J. W. Moore, H., the symbolical lecture, whilst the explanation of the signs was given by the M.E.Z., and of the words by Comp. Toller, who also acted as P.S.

The Treasurer's account, showing a considerable balance in hand, was adopted, and the Chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned to the banquet, when a very pleasant evening was spent, under the presidency of the M.E.Z.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LEICESTER AND RUTLAND.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Leicester and Rutland was held, under the auspices of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19, at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday evening, the 25th ultimo. From a concurrence of circumstances the attendance of the brethren was not so numerous as on previous occasions, and several of the nominees for office were unavoidably absent.

The reports received from the several lodges in the province were highly satisfactory, and from the number of Derby brethren advanced in the Fowke Lodge during the year, there is every probability that Mark Masonry will extend its ramifications into a neighbouring county before long.

The following brethren were appointed officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge:—

Rev. J. Spittal	D. Prov. G.M.
The Right Hon. Earl Ferrers	Prov. G. S.W.
S. S. Partridge	Prov. G. J.W.
Rev. W. Langley	Prov. G. Chaplain.
Rev. H. E. Von Stürmer	Prov. G. Chaplain.
J. E. Duncombe	Prov. G. M.O.
F. J. Baines	Prov. G. S.O.
G. Toller, jun.	Prov. G. J.O.
C. Stretton	Prov. G. Treas.
J. M. MacAllister	Prov. G. Sec.
R. A. Barber	Prov. G. R.M.
J. G. Tippetts	Prov. G. S.D.
R. B. Smith	Prov. G. J.D.
J. B. Hall	Prov. G. D.C.
F. Amatt	Prov. G. S. of W.
R. Waite	Prov. G. S.B.
W. T. Rowlett	Prov. G. Organist.
J. T. Thorpe	Prov. G. I.G.

G. W. Statham, Alfred Childs,

and T. A. Wykes

On the business of the Fowke Lodge being resumed, Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.M., proceeded to instal Bro. J. M. MacAllister into the chair of Adoniram, and the W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—

W. Weare, I.P.M.; G. Toller, jun., S.W.; C. Stretton, G.S.; J.W.; Rev. H. E. Von Stürmer, Chaplain; W. Sculthorpe, M.O.; R. A. Barber, S.O.; W. T. Rowlett, J.O.; F. J. Baines, Secretary; J. Garner, Treasurer; J. B. Hall, R.M.; G. W. Statham, S.D.; T. A. Wykes, J.D.; J. T. Thorpe, M.C.; S. Tibbutt,

Organist; J. Young, I.G.; and J. W. Smith, and J. Edmunds, Stewards.

At the banquet which followed Bro. Mc Allister, W.M., in giving the toast of the "Provincial Grand Master," alluded to the important services rendered by our esteemed chief, in raising Masonry to the high estate it now occupies in this province, and who at a time when most men would contemplate that retirement which a long life of active service justly entitles them to enjoy, nevertheless continues in the increasing exercise of his high duties. It has ever been his pleasure to support and encourage the principles and practice of that science which so powerfully develops all social and benevolent affections, and affords the only neutral ground on which all ranks and classes can meet in perfect equality, and associate without degradation or mortification, whether for the purposes of moral instruction, or of social intercourse.

In pursuit of the objects to be attained in the practice of Masonry, we have been enlightened by the example of our chief, guided by his advice, encouraged by his kindness and affection, and supported by his active and steady co-operation in all that concerns the best interests of this lodge. And while we manifest our attachment and dutiful regard for our Provincial Grand Master, we express the hope that his life may be prolonged to preside over us for many years to come, as those which have as happily been passed under his able, judicious, and fraternal government since the year 1858.

The toast was received with great enthusiasm, and in the absence of the Prov. Grand Master, was ably responded to by Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.G.J.W.

The usual toasts were given at some length, and the health of the Installing Master was submitted with the following remarks by the W.M.: You have all witnessed the admirable and impressive manner in which Bro. Partridge has performed the ceremony of installation this evening, and I cannot speak too highly of the talent and energy so cheerfully rendered by him in the cause of Masonry in this province, which have also materially contributed to the welfare and prosperity of this lodge, and distinguished him among his brethren. While we admire his extensive and intimate knowledge of the ceremonies, he has won our regard and esteem, not alone by his Masonic ability, but by his precept and example, to promote peace, goodwill and kindly feeling among the brethren, and I trust that the zealous and warm support of our esteemed brother may be continued during my year of office, and for many years to come.

Bro. Partridge thanked the brethren for their appreciation of his past services, and expressed his willingness to continue his labours in maintaining the efficiency of the lodge.

The toast of "The Officers" was ably responded to by Bro. Toller, S.W., and that of "The Ladies" by Bro. A. Palmer.

THE LODGE OF ISRAEL.

In our impression of February 7, 1874, a report appeared of the meeting of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, and the installation of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Joel Emanuel. That report was furnished to us by Bro. Gottheil, of the Lodge of Faith, who, we are informed, had been invited as a visitor to the lodge, and in substance the report stated that the Worshipful Master had thought proper, in proposing the toast of the Queen and the Craft, to introduce political allusions, contrary to the spirit of Masonry, and further that the Worshipful Master had been guilty of discourtesy towards his visitors, and had shown a most overbearing manner towards his guests. We are now informed by the Worshipful Master that the report was a most erroneous one, and as evidence of the fact we have been furnished with what is stated to be a verbatim report of the Worshipful Master's speech, and which certainly contains no political allusion of any kind. We some time ago communicated with Bro. Gottheil, requesting him to substantiate his report, so furnished to us, and also to put himself in communication with the Worshipful Master at once. Bro. Gottheil having failed to adopt either course, we can only express our

regret that the report published by us was not strictly just and accurate, and we beg farther to state that it was far from our wish or intention to publish anything, which, from its inaccuracy or exaggeration, might cause pain or annoyance to any one.

Masonic Tidings.

A Grand Concert will be given at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Monday, 4th May, in aid of the Stoke Newington Working Men's Institute. Conductor Bro. J. F. Watford. Bros. Shackell, Chaplin Henry, and Sir Frederick Perkins, Knt. J.P., F.R.G.S., M.P., are giving valuable assistance.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.—A Council will be held at 33, Golden-square, on the 14th May. There are eight candidates for advancement.

UNION MASONIC CLUB OF INSTRUCTION.—It has been resolved that the day meetings should be held every Tuesday at two o'clock, instead of Wednesday, in order to enable the attendance of theatrical brethren. It is expected that by this alteration that a great number of Masons will be able to attend. We are informed that a very able Preceptor has been appointed.

A Grand Council of the Illustrious Knights K.K. 30° will be held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, on Tuesday, the 12th day of May. There are nineteen candidates.

The Era Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 176, will be consecrated on Friday, May 8th, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at six o'clock p.m. Bro. J. T. Moss, W.M. Designate, H. A. Dubois, S.W. Designate; J. B. Langley, J.W. Designate.

The Lebanon Chapter, No. 1326, will be consecrated on Saturday, June, 27th, at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton, Middlesex, at three o'clock p.m. Comps. J. T. Moss, M.E.Z. Designate; S. Wilkins, H. Designate; W. Hammond, J. Designate.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, May 8, 1874.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, May 2.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.

Lodge 142, St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

Knight Templar Preceptory 127, Bard of Avon, Hampton Court.

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

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

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

Monday, May 4.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, King-st., St. James's.

" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.

" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

" 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

Mark Lodge 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.

Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.

British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.

West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

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

Tuesday, May 5.

Colonial Board, at 3.

Lodge 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

" 171, Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge.

" 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.

" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-rd.

" 1261, Golden Rule, Hotel Royal, Air-street, Regent-street.

" 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.

" 1310, Harrow, Railway Tavern, Harrow.

Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.

Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.

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, May 6.

Grand Chapter, at 7.

Lodge 1412, La Iberia, Hill-rd., St. John's-wood.

" 1420, Earl Spencer, Freemasons' Hotel, New Wandsworth.

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.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

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

Thursday, May 7.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.

" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.

" 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.

" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

" 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.

" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.

" 1360 Royal Arthur, Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, New Wimbledon.

" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-rd.

Chap. 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.

" 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched-friars.

" 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

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.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station,
 at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe
 Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st.,
 Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses,
 Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern,
 Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Bal-
 ham, at 7.30.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s
 Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern,
 Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach
 Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo.
 W. Verry, Preceptor.

Friday, May 8.

Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leaden-
 hall-st.
 " 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street, St.
 James's.
 Knight Templar Preceptory 26, Faith and Fidelity, City
 Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 National Great Priory of the Order of the Temple, City
 Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st., at 8.30.
 Priory of the Order of Malta, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-
 street.

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, Precep-
 tor.
 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, Pre-
 ceptor.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern,
 Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel,
 Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses
 Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, May 9, 1874.

Monday, May 4.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Assembly Rooms,
 Preston.
 " 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Lancaster.
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Mark Lodge, No. 65, West Lancashire, Masonic Temple,
 Liverpool, at 6.
 Skelmersdale Red Cross Conclave, 77, Masonic Temple,
 Liverpool, at 6.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple,
 Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, May 5.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
 " 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
 " 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes,
 near Warrington, at 6.
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Temple
 Liverpool, at 6.

Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple,
 Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-st.,
 Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, May 6.

Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at
 6.30.
 " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.
 " 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool,
 at 6.
 " 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.
 " 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Orms-
 kirk, at 6.
 " 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.
 " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Hall, Leigh.
 Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel,
 James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140,
 North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, May 7.

Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms,
 Bootle, at 6.
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

Friday, May 8.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, at 7.
 Chap. 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, May 9, 1874.
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, May 4.

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

Tuesday, May 5.

Lodge 34, St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-st.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170 Buchanan-st.
 " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.
 " 177, St. James, Masons' Hall, Coatbridge.
 " 233, Hamilton, Spalding Hotel, Hamilton.
 " 406, St. John, Masonic Hall, Motherwell.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.

Wednesday, May 6.

Lodge 4, Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 128, St. John, Shettleston, Freemasons' Hall,
 Shettleston.
 " 21, Old St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Lanark.
 " 126, St. Andrew, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
 " 166, St. John, 26, Grame-street, Airdrie.
 Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.

Thursday, May 7.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 465, St. Andrew's, Masons' Hall, Garngad-road.
 " 7, Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Hamilton.
 " 22, St. John, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
 " 202, St. Clement's, Trades' Tavern, Kilmarnock.
 " 88, Montrose, Town Hall, Airdrie.
 " 149, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Irvine.
 " 290, Blair Dalry, Masonic Hall, Dalry.
 " 370, Renfrew Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, High-
 street, Paisley.

Friday, May 8.

Lodge 18, Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Dumbarton.
 " 170, St. John, Public Hall, Alexandria, at 7.
 " 427, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Cambusnethan.
 Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 9, 1874.

Monday, May 4.

Quarterly Communication Grand Lodge, Freemasons'
 Hall, George-street, at 5.
 Lodge 429, St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik, at 8.

Tuesday, May 5.

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

Wednesday, May 6.

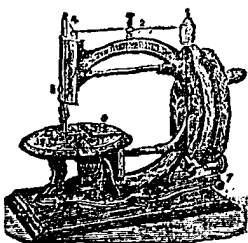
Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-street,
 at 8.30.

Thursday, May 7.

Lodge 97, St. James, Masonic Hall, Writers'-court, High-
 st., at 8.
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Under the auspices of the Doric Lodge, No. 362,
 ON THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1874,

AT HIGH TWELVE,

When and where the P.G. Officers and Past
 Officers, with the Worshipful Masters and Past
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 in the Province, are hereby convoked to attend,
 and at which all Master Masons are invited to
 be present.

FREDERICK DELABENE MARSDEN,
 Provincial Grand Secretary.

Louth, 25th April, 1874.

BUSINESS:—

The Lodges will be called over.

The Roll of Provincial Grand Officers will be
 called.

The Minutes of the Annual Provincial Grand
 Lodge, holden at Louth, on Thursday, the 29th
 of May, 1873, will be read and put for confir-
 mation.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer will read his
 Finance Statement.

The Provincial Grand Secretary will read the
 Report of the Committee of the P.G. Lodge
 Fund of Benevolence and an abstract of the ac-
 counts to the present time.

The Provincial Grand Registrar will give the
 Returns for the past year from the several
 Lodges in the Province.

W. Bro. W. H. Radley, P.M. 838, P.J.G.W.,
 and Secretary to the Provincial Charity Com-
 mittee, will read the Report for the past year,
 and render an account of the efforts made by
 the Province in connection with the Royal Ma-
 sonic Institution for Boys.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will proceed to
 elect a P.G. Treasurer.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master will invest
 the P.G. Officers for the ensuing year.

N.B.—Members of the P.G. Lodge may
 obtain a copy of the Bye-laws of the P.G. Lodge
 and the Rules of the P.G.L. Fund of Benevolence,
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 requested to intimate as soon as possible if their
 company may be expected, and he will in such
 case reserve seats for them.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Emergency will
 be held at the town of Epworth, on Monday,
 the 11th of May, 1874, in order to Consecrate,
 at High Twelve, the New Lodge of the "ISLE
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