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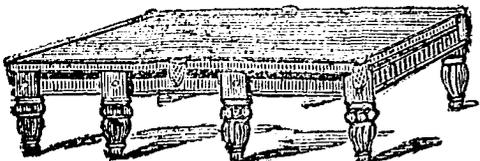
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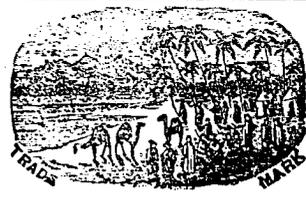
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Craft Masonry.

COLCHESTER.—United Lodge (No. 697).—The installation of Bro. the Rev. Eustace H. Crate, Curate-in-Charge of Abberton, as W.M. of the United Lodge, No. 697, took place on Thursday, 30th ult., in the presence of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. R. J. Bagshaw), the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. John Wright Carr), and a very large number of visitors and members of the lodge. The ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, W.M. of the "Stour Valley" Lodge No. 1,224, P.M., P.Z., and Past Grand Chaplain of England; and at its conclusion the new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. T. Rix, P.M., S.W.; the Rev. R. C. Gardiner, J.W.; T. Rix, Secretary; R. Roche, Assistant Secretary; B. Brailey, Treasurer; Thomas W. Naylor, S.D.; R. O. Carpenter, J.D.; G. Guiver, Organist; J. McConnell, I.G.; W. Middleton and W. Geddes, Stewards; and C. Gunner, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master for his kind attendance, and to Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of the day. About forty brethren subsequently sat down to a sumptuous banquet at the George Hotel, the catering of Bro. C. Guiver being as usual most satisfactory. On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and drunk, and the enjoyments of the evening were very much enhanced by the vocal renderings of Bros. Dawson, Roche, Taylor, Eustace, and others, Bro. G. Guiver accompanying. Bro. Neild created much amusement by his clever recitation. Amongst those present either in lodge or at the banquet, besides the brethren already mentioned, were—Bros. F. A. Cole, W.M.; S. Chaplin, I.P.M.; T. R. Quilter, P.M.; W. P. Lewis, P.M.; A. Welch, J.W.; T. J. Ralling, Secretary, and J. Hanly, No. 51; W. Shury, P.M., 167, 548, and 51; F. Wright, No. 213; J. W. Jolly, W.M.; J. E. Wiseman, P.M., Secretary, and G. Riches, P.M. 433; J. Brinkley, 446; Wm. Cotton, 552; S. Dutton, jun., and W. Downes, 650; P. Piton, 959; J. W. Quihampton, P.M. 1024; and the following members of No. 697; W. Bateman, W. Ball, J. Beamish, J. H. Boulton, E. N. Cragg, W. Dawson, T. Duffy, G. Guiver, W. Goss, H. Harlow, W. J. Harvey, George Harvey, R. Hunt, J. Inwood, J. Neild, W. Parker, W. G. Siggers, M. Taylor, and T. Williams.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the White Swan Tavern, 217, High-street, Deptford, on Thursday, the 23rd ult. Bro. G. Andrews, W.M., presided over lodge, and did all the work. There were present during the afternoon and evening, Bros. F. Walters, P.M., Sec.; H. J.

Tuson, J.W.; J. J. Pakes, S.D.; J. Baxter Langley, I.G.; H. J. Dawe, W.M.; H. J. Fisher, Org.; M. Concanen, J. Woollett, W.S.; J. G. Vohmann, G. Porter, and about forty other members. The visitors were Bros. J. W. Baldwin, S.W. 1423; A. J. Webley, 1423; J. V. Watkins, 1326; E. Larking, 1326, and others. The minutes read of regular and emergency meetings were unanimously confirmed. The work done (in a superior manner) was passing A. Macers to the second and raising Bros. E. Wood, F. H. Buer, J. C. Craig, G. Clark, A. J. Webley (1423), and E. Larking (1326) to the third degree. Bro. John Baxter Langley, I.G., was elected as a Steward to represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival of Royal Benevolent Institution, to be held in January, 1875. Some notices of motion were given in to the Secretary, relative to proposed new bye-laws, and all other business being disposed of, the lodge was closed. There not being any banquet or refreshment, the members separated after the business terminated.

POTTER'S BAR.—Acacia Lodge (No. 1309).—The regular meeting of the season took place on Saturday, April 25th, at the Railway Hotel, Bros. E. W. Richardson, W.M.; R. Limpus, J.W.; C. A. Ferrier, S.D.; C. G. Rushworth, J.D.; J. H. Webster, I.G.; J. H. Butten, P.M.; C. Horsley, P.M.; J. W. George, T. S. Lewis, H. E. Appleby, H. J. Lambly, T. Boyce, S. Budgett, H. D'Arcy, A. Gould, and others. Visitor Bro. J. Lee, 1158, was present. Bro. C. Horsley, P.M., in his usual well known able manner raised A. Gould and H. D'Arcy to the third degree. Several important notices of motion were discussed and approved of relating to alterations in bye laws. The Secretary, Bro. Fred. Walters, P.M., was through illness absent from the lodge. One gentleman was proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed. Refreshment followed labour.

GREENWICH.—Star Lodge (No. 1275).—An emergency meeting was held on Friday, April 24th, at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. Bro. T. R. Darke, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. G. Pymm, P.M., S.W.; W. Kipps, J.D.; L. L. Limebeer, S.D.; S. Homewood, P.M., I.G.; Rev. Colles, Chaplain, C. J. Hogg, P.G. Steward, P.M., and many others. There were not any visitors. The work, done in a superior manner, was initiating Mr. C. H. Williams, passing brothers H. Prall, G. Fawn, and W. B. Woodman, and raising Brothers A. Tisley, and W. Brough. It was announced that Harriett Davis, daughter of the late Bro. Davis, of this lodge (City Terminus Hotel), had been elected into the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at the April election. A communication was received from the Secretary, Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M., who through illness was absent, regretting his inability to attend. All business being ended the lodge was closed. There was not any banquet.

STOCKTON.—Lodge of Fraternity (No. 1418).—On Thursday, the 23rd ult., the brethren of this lodge celebrated their annual festival at the Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-street, Stockton-on-Tees. At half-past two o'clock the brethren assembled, and the lodge having been opened in due form, the ordinary business was proceeded with. The Treasurer's report showed there was a balance against the lodge of £1, which, considering that the lodge had been in existence but one year, was deemed very satisfactory. The ceremony was then proceeded with of the installation of Bro. William James Watson, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed in a very able and impressive manner by Bro. J. H. Jackson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. The ceremony over, the W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, and in doing so he addressed a few remarks of congratulation and encouragement to each. His choice fell upon the following brothers:—R. S. Hopper, S.W.; G. D. Leng, J.W.; J. Boothroyd, Sec.; J. Trotter, Treas.; Jonathan Fowler, S.D.; T. Wilks, J.D.; W. Lightfoot, I.G.; Thomas Preston, Org.; J. J. T. Thorman, and W. W. Wilson, Stewards; and J. Trenholme, Tyler. The W.M. then, in the name of the members of the lodge, presented to the I.P.M. and installing officer,

Bro. J. H. Jackson, a most cordial vote of thanks for his zealous and faithful discharge of his duties during the year, to which he ascribed, in no small degree, the gratifying position which the lodge occupied. He then begged Bro. Jackson to accept from the lodge for his wife a life subscription (entitling to two votes), to the Boys' Institution, and in doing so he referred in eulogistic terms to the services which Bro. Jackson had rendered to the lodge during his term of office. Bro. Jackson responded in suitable terms. The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, and sat down to an excellent repast, which reflected the highest credit upon Mrs. Bell, and the repast was rendered all the more enjoyable from the fact that several brethren, viz., W. W. Wilson, T. Wilks, W. Ford, Jonathan Fowler, W. Lightfoot, J. J. S. Harman, P. Pescod, and others, had undertaken to attend personally to the wants of the company, thus securing in a most agreeable manner the comfort of every one present. Too much credit cannot be given to these brethren for their exertions, for by dispensing with the services of professional waiters, the guests were served with most commendable care and attention. The wines, which were of the best quality, were supplied by Messrs. Thomas Hutchinson and Co. The chair was occupied by the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. J. Watson, who was supported by Bros. A. C. Knowles, P.M. 509, P.M. 940, P.S.G.D.; J. Hunton, P.M., J.G.D.; G. Ellis, P.M., P.G.S. of Works; Thomas Walton, P.M.; A. S. Fowler, P.M.; Thomas Bowron, P.M.; J. H. Jackson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Amongst the company present were the following brethren:—Lord Ernest Vane Tempest, W. Best, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; I. H. Hart, James Bowron, C. Jordison, H. Smith, W. Hird, S. T. Stephenson, Samuel Gordon, G. E. Smirke, R. S. Hopper, Thomas Bradley, J. Ashmore, G. Hopper, T. S. Thorpe, W. Laing, J. Spicer, B. Lockwood, A. G. J. de Long, M. B. Dodds, J. Boothroyd, J. Trotter, J. P. Banning, J. Trenholme, P. Pescod, J. Fowler, J. W. Moses, W. Lightfoot, W. W. Wilson, J. J. Thorman, Jos. Walton, Thomas Preston, W. Ford, John Scarth, J. C. Carr, 940; R. B. Horsley, 764; John Inglis, 254; C. A. Head, 509; W. S. Dixon, 543; B. R. Smith, J. Usher, C. E. Naish, J. G. Walton, C. W. Hanson, R. J. Jackson, and F. J. H. Bellringer. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave in succession "The Queen and the Craft," "The Most Worshipful Grand Master of England," "Bro. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, P.G.M.," and "The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England, and the Present and Past Grand Officers." Bro. Bowron then gave the next toast, "The Health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Durham, Bro. John Fawcett," and Bro. R. S. Hooper followed with the toast of "The Deputy Provincial G.M. of Durham." Bro. W. Best then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," and in doing so spokelighly of the manner in which Bro. Jackson had discharged his duties in the ceremony. Bro. Jackson responded. The health of the "Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. J. Trotter, and responded to by Lord Ernest V. Tempest, and Bro. Dixon, of Stokesley. Bro. J. H. Jackson next gave the "Health of the W.M.," dwelling at some length upon the zeal and attention which the W.M. had shown in the discharge of his duties since he entered the Craft. The W.M. acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms. Bro. Boothroyd gave the "W.M. and Brethren of the Tees Lodge," coupled with the name of Bro. G. Ellis, and Bro. M. B. Dodds proposed the "W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Lodge of Philanthropy," to which Bro. A. S. Fowler replied. Amongst the remaining toasts were "The Officers of the Lodge," the "Philanthropy Lodge of Instruction," and "All poor and distressed Masons." During the evening some excellent vocalism was given by Bros. A. J. de Long, G. Thorpe, I. H. Hart, G. E. Smirke, J. Bowron, J. Boothroyd, P. Pescod, C. Jordison, J. H. Jackson, W. Laing, &c., who were accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Joseph Walton, with his usual good taste and skill. The proceedings were throughout of a most enjoyable character.

CONFIDENCE LODGE.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction.**—The Fifteen Sections were most ably worked at the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, held at the King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, on Tuesday, April 28th, by the following brethren:—

1st Section	...	...	Bros. Ashburner.
2nd	..	..	.. Raven.
3rd	..	..	.. Craven.
4th	..	..	.. Mallington.
5th	..	..	.. Haris.
6th	..	..	.. Verry.
7th	..	..	.. Verry.
8th	..	..	.. Webb.
9th	..	..	.. Berry.
10th	..	..	.. Verry.
11th	..	..	.. Verry.
12th	..	..	.. Verry.
13th	..	..	.. Crouch.
14th	..	..	.. Webb.
15th	..	..	.. Berry.

Bro. Crawley, Preceptor, occupied the W.M. chair. Bros. Verry, S.W.; Mallington, J.W.; and Watkinson, I.G.

**CONFIDENCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 193).**—The veteran Bro. Thomas Adams, P.G.P., eighty-one years of age, but possessing greater vigour and sprightliness than many a man half his age, honoured the above lodge by presiding as W.M. for the purpose of working the Fifteen Sections on Wednesday, 22nd ult., at Bro. Chard's, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C. To say the work Bro. Adams had in hand was exceedingly well done, would scarcely be complimentary, his Masonic abilities and aptitude to instruct being universally known and recognised, but the great merit of his performance consisted in his readiness to supply a missing word or correct an inadvertency. With unequalled fluency and remarkable precision the work was accomplished. He was most efficiently assisted by the brethren, in the following order:—Henson, Gottheil, Constable, James Stevens, Bentley, De Solla, S. E. Moss, Posener, Larlham, Pinder, Farnes, Austin, and Bloomfield. The room was crowded, and several visitors, who became members, were present. In due course Bro. Gottheil proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M. for his kindness and courtesy, and asked him to confer a favour upon the lodge by accepting honorary membership; to which Bro. Adams replied in suitable terms, accepted the honour, and promised to frequently visit a lodge in which he had been favoured with so cordial a reception. Bros. S. E. Moss, P.M., and Pinder, occupied the Wardens' chairs, the latter rendering valuable assistance during the progress of the proceedings. It may be interesting to many to know that a portrait of Bro. Adams is published by Bro. Swallow, and that the whole of the profits arising from its sale will be given to the Masonic charities. Copies may be had at 5, King-street, St. James, or of Bro. T. Dyson, Rupert-street, Haymarket, proofs 7s., copies 3s. 6d.

**Liverpool.**—*Mariners' Lodge of Instruction* (No. 249).—The brethren connected with this recently established and flourishing Lodge of Instruction, celebrated their first anniversary at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Thursday evening, the 30th ult., and the social gathering was one of the most successful and enjoyable nature. The chair was occupied by Bro. Dr. J. Kellat Smith, P.M., who has acted in the most eminently satisfactory manner as the Preceptor of the lodge, and Bro. J. J. Rose, W.M. of the Mariners' Lodge, was in the position of S.W. There were about 30 members present. After a very excellent dinner, supplied by Bro. Ball, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and responded to with the greatest heartiness. Bro. Rose afterwards gave the health of "Bro. Dr. Smith, our worthy Preceptor," referring to the very excellent services rendered by him as the Preceptor of the lodge, and to the great advantages derived by the members from his instruction. Bro. Dr. Smith, in acknowledging the compliment, said he had long been of opinion that no organised body of Masons could be satisfactorily worked without a lodge of instruction, and, therefore, he had all the greater pleasure in

fulfilling the duties entrusted to him as Preceptor. He was greatly pleased at the success which had attended the Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, and trusted that in time it would be the means of making No. 249 one of the best worked lodges in the province, thereby making it worthy of its age and position. Other toasts were given and responded to, and the harmony of a very pleasant meeting was greatly enhanced by the excellent singing of Bros. W. H. Nicholas, J. Ellis, and W. G. Veale, the last-named also presiding at the harmonium.

**WELLINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.**—(No. 548.—The annual festival of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction was held on Monday, the 20th April, at the White Swan, Deptford, when a large gathering of the members of the lodge, and their friends assembled to partake of an excellent banquet, which was put on the table in a style that reflected the greatest credit on Mrs. Porter, the proprietress of the establishment. Shortly before eight o'clock the lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. Griffin, P.M. 933, Z. 79, H. 933, and the first section was worked by the brethren present, the questions being propounded by Bro. J. Nash, P.M. 79, who occupied the chair of J.W. At the close of the section the lodge was called off to refreshment, and the brethren proceeded to the banquet-room, where the chair was taken by Bro. Griffin, supported by Bros. Dr. Baxter Langley, J.W. 1124, and H. J. Green, 1275, as vice-chairmen. Bro. Macdonald, S.D. 1158, the Secretary, occupied the seat on the right of the Chairman, who was supported on the left by Bro. Dilley, P.M. 871, the esteemed Preceptor of the lodge. Among the other brethren present we observed Bros. Shaw, J.W. 79; Andrews, W.M. 871; Dingle, S.W. 161; and Moore, Debac, Bear, Hutchings, Spark, Stevens, Pitt, Marketts, Dalby, Fellows, Gloster. G. Porter, Croisdale, Jewett, Zachrisson, and Stahr. On the removal of the cloth the chairman rose and said that on account of the lateness of the hour he thought it advisable to curtail the list of Masonic toasts as much as possible, and therefore in proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the brethren must receive it and respond to it in its most comprehensive sense. The loyalty of Freemasons was so well known that it needed no encomiums from his lips upon the many virtues and domestic qualities of their sovereign to ensure an enthusiastic reception to the proposition of Her Majesty's health; he had only to remind them that in addition to the claims which the Queen had on the affections of her subjects generally, she was also entitled to their gratitude as a patron of the Order. With these remarks he would propose to them in its most comprehensive sense the toast "The Queen and the Craft." It is needless to say that the toast was responded to with the greatest enthusiasm. The Chairman then proposed the toast of the evening, namely, "Success to the Wellington Lodge of Instruction," in doing which he observed that he was pleased to see so many members present, but he wished that the list of visitors had been more numerous. For the information of the latter he stated that the lodge was held in that room every Monday evening, at eight o'clock, when, as W.M., it was his practice to take the working commenced punctually. He was pleased to say that punctuality in this matter had been attended with the best results, as it had had the effect of securing a very good attendance of brethren. As other brethren, their Secretary in particular, would have something to say in relation to the lodge, he should content himself with these remarks, and conclude by proposing "Success to the Wellington Lodge of Instruction," coupling with it the name of Bro. Nash, P.M. of the Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Nash said that he was rather taken aback at hearing his name coupled with this toast, but as an old member of the lodge, he had much pleasure in returning thanks for the manner in which the toast had been received, and for the honour done to him by being called upon to respond. He had joined the lodge some eight years ago, and it formed a feature in his career of Freemasonry, that for about five years he had been a constant attendant, during which

time, though not the Preceptor, he had frequently had the honour of taking that position, and so had the satisfactory reflection that he had done something in imparting instruction to those brethren who stood in need of it. They could congratulate themselves upon the improved position of the lodge. At one time it was thought that it would die out. At that time it numbered only some ten or twelve members, but he was glad to find that at the present time they had some hundred members on their books. At the present time he occupied the office of Preceptor to another lodge, of which he was very proud, and though he therefore naturally wished his own lodge pre-eminent success, he trusted that the Wellington Lodge of Instruction would continue its successful career and long enjoy the benefit it possessed in being presided over by its present excellent Master. Bro. Dr. Baxter Langley proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Preceptor," in doing which he observed that he often regretted to find a want of enthusiasm about Freemasonry in Lodges of Instruction, where he had often found that a considerable time elapsed before the officers of the lodge were in attendance. He was very glad to find there was nothing to regret in the Wellington Lodge on this score. But speaking of enthusiasm regarding Freemasonry he thought that very few sufficiently appreciated the grandeur of the science, which might be traced back through the long vista of existing records of the world's history. He had long been devoted to the study of such records, and now looking at these records and monuments with Masonic eyes he could not but regret that he was so comparatively young a Mason, as he found that he had long been working with veiled eyes. He said that it was surprising to find how many traces of Freemasonry existed in the monuments preserved in the British Museum, as to which he made some very interesting allusions, concluding with some words in praise of Freemasonry as the teacher of man's duty to his God and his neighbour. Bro. Dilley, the Preceptor, having returned thanks, the Secretary, Bro. Macdonald, read a statement of the affairs of the lodge, which showed the same to be in a very prosperous condition, reflecting great credit on the energy displayed by the management. "The Health of the Visitors" was then proposed and responded to; and, on the proposition of various members, most of them became members of the lodge. A vote of thanks to the Chairman was then proposed by Bro. Baxter Langley, which concluded the business of the evening, and the lodge was then resumed, and closed in due form. During the evening some admirable songs were sung, adding considerably to the enjoyment of the festival which must be pronounced a great success. We cannot close this report without a word of praise to Mrs. Porter, the hostess, for the very superior manner in which the lodge rooms are furnished and decorated, and also for the excellence of the banquet provided, and the admirable manner in which it was served.

Mark Masonry.

**ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).**—The usual May meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., present: Bros. George Kenning, W.M.; Cubitt, S.W.; Yeoman, J.W.; Edmonds, M.O.; Brette, S.O.; Newman, J.O.; Charles Horsley, S.D.; Dubois, I.G.; Levander, Treasurer; Little, Sec.; Holden, Marsh, and Limpus. The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read, a ballot was taken for Bro. William Stephens, P.M. 1365; it being unanimous in his favour, Bro. Stephens was advanced to the degree of Mark Master. It was announced by the Secretary that the lodge had lost two of its officers since the last meeting, viz., Bro. Davison, S.W., and Barrett, J.O. It was proposed by Bro. Charles Horsley, S.D., and seconded by Bro. P. M. Cubitt, that a vote of condolence should be entered upon the lodge minutes, and sent to the friends of the deceased brethren. This being election night a ballot was taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, which resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. T. B. Yeoman, the same being made in favour of

Bro. Levander, Treasurer, and Gilbert, Tyler. The lodge was then closed in due form, the brethren adjourning to a well spread board, provided by Bro. Gosden, in his usual liberal manner, after which some few toasts were proposed, whilst contributions to the harmony of the meeting, from Bros. Charles Horsley and Marsh, closed a very pleasant evening.

**KESWICK.**—*Beclive Lodge* (No. 147.)—On Wednesday, April 22nd, a special assembly of this lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at the Lodge-room, Keswick Hotel, for the purpose of installing Bro. W. Thornton as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. After the lodge had been opened by Bro. John Wood, the retiring Master, the Master elect, Bro. Thornton, was presented to Bro. James Porter, of Wigton, Past Master of Cumberland Lodge, No. 63, Carlisle, and Past Grand Senior Deacon of England, who, with the assistance of Bro. Wood, performed the ceremony of installation in the most able manner. Subsequently the newly-installed Worshipful Master appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Rev. R. Rutherford, S.W. and Chaplain; G. P. Abraham, J.W. and Organist; Wm. Lamonby, (Keswick), Master Overseer; J. D. Wivell, Senior Overseer and Treas.; D. Crosthwaite, Junior Overseer; R. Robinson (Cockermouth), Registrar of Marks; Alfred Pettitt, Sec.; T. Usher, S.D.; W. F. Lamonby (Cockermouth), J.D.; E. Tyson (Whitehaven), I.G.; and W. Crowden, Master of Ceremonies. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to another room, where all present were invited by Bro. Thornton to partake of an excellent banquet. The Worshipful Master presided, supported by the Installing Master, and faced by Past Master Wood. Afterwards a very agreeable evening was spent in harmony, sentiment, and song, Bros. Usher, Abraham, and Wood contributing very materially to the last-mentioned department of the enjoyments.

### Knights Templar.

**LIVERPOOL.**—*Alpass Preceptory.*—By command of the E.P., a conclave of the knights of the Alpass Preceptory, stationed at Liverpool, was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 29th ult., the principal business being the installation of Eminent Preceptor. During its year's existence, the Alpass Preceptory (named after the most valuable and esteemed P.G. Sec. for the Province of West Lancashire, of Antient Free and Accepted Masons), has quickly established itself as one of the most influential, successful, and best worked in the province, and therefore the *clat* attending its first anniversary meeting was all the more pronounced and certain. The preceptory was opened at 4 o'clock, by Sir Knight H. S. Alpass, E. Preceptor, and the others present in the preceptory were: Sir Knights J. E. Jackson, Prelate; T. Clark, 1st Captain; Wm. Doyle, 2nd Captain; Moses Mawson, Registrar; R. Brown, Almoner; W. H. Shakespeare, 1st S.B.; W. C. Bulman, 2nd S.B.; J. Kenyon, 2nd H.; P. Ball, Equerry; W. Shortis, J. Chisnall, T. Evans, J. Gallagher, and H. Burrows. The visitors present were: Sir Knights E. Pierpoint, P.E.P. (Jacques de Molay), P.E.G. Captain of Lines; Captain Thomas Berry, P.G. Captain, G. Standard Bearer, 1st P.G. Captain, P.E.P. (Jacques de Molay); Joseph Wood, (William de la More); J. E. Hall, Constable (Loyal Volunteer, No. 7); and William Ashley Clayton, (Jacques de Molay). The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Comp. Samuel Hikins, St. John of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 203, which proved unanimously in favour of his election. The Eminent Preceptor elect, Sir Knight T. Clark, First Captain, was then presented to Sir Knight Alpass for installation into the chair of the Preceptory, Sir Knights Pierpoint and Berry making the presentation. The customary obligations were taken, the first and second Captains took command of their respective columns, and the arch of steel having been formed, the Eminent Preceptor elect was conducted to the East by the P.E.P.'s. All the knights below the rank of E.P. were then

requested to retire, and on their re-admission Sir Knight Alpass, P.E.P., made proclamation of the newly installed E.P. in due form. Sir Knight Clark, E.P., then appointed the following as officers of the Preceptory for the ensuing year:—Sir Knights S. Alpass, P.E.P.; John Lloyd, Prelate; William Doyle, First Captain and Treasurer; J. E. Jackson, Second Captain, Moses Mawson, Registrar (second time); J. T. Parker Parkinson, Almoner, Richard Brown, Expert; W. C. Pulman, 1st St. Bearer; John Renyon, 2nd Std. Bearer; W. H. Shakespeare, Captain of Lines; William Shortis, 1st Herald; John Gallagher, 2nd Herald; Thomas Evans, Chamberlain; and Peter Ball was re-elected Equerry. Three members were subsequently proposed for installation. Before the Preceptory closed (the P.E.P. having in the meantime retired) it was proposed and carried by acclamation that Sir Knight Alpass, P.E.P., in recognition of his valuable services, should be made an honorary member of the preceptory, if agreeable to him, and also that he should be asked to sit for his portrait at the expense of the preceptory, for the purpose of being placed on the walls of the new Masonic Hall. On re-entering the Preceptory Sir Knight Alpass was informed of the desire of the members, and in acknowledging the compliment he said that although it has been his intention to continue a subscribing member of the preceptory, he accepted the honour with sincere thanks. With respect to the other proposal that he should sit for his portrait, he could assure the assembled knights that he could not find words with which to thank them for this distinguished and altogether unexpected honour. He could assure them that he felt this a compliment indeed, and one which would give him the highest pleasure in complying with. The preceptory was afterwards closed, and the knights adjourned to a sumptuous banquet. During the evening the usual loyal, Masonic, and knightly toasts were given with rare enthusiasm. "The memory of Sir Knight A. C. Mott, P.G.S.B. of England," was drunk in solemn silence, after Sir Knight Alpass, P.E.P., had referred in glowing and feeling terms to the many noble qualities which adorned the character of the deceased.

### Scotland.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

The quarterly communication was held on Thursday, April 29, in St. Thomas Hall, Glasgow. There was a very large attendance of members, the hall being quite filled with the members and brethren, owing to there being four appeal cases.

Bro. W. M. Neilson, P.G.M., being on the continent, the chair was taken by Bro. F. A. Barrow, his Deputy, who was accompanied by the following office-bearers—J. Baird, acting Deputy Master, F. Walker, P.G. Treasurer; A. McTaggart, M.A., P.G.S.; J. Halket, P.G.S.D.; G. Thallon, P.G.J.D.; J. Balfour, P.G.D. of C.; J. Gilles, P.G.S.B.; and Wm. Phillips, P.G.I.G.; G. Weston, R.W.M. of 73, was appointed S.W.; and Bro. Wyllie, R.W.M. 117, J.W.

The lodge having been opened and a letter of apology read from the Rev. G. Penny, P.G. Chaplain,

The Treasurer's accounts were presented, and showed that the balance in hand is steadily increasing.

The Provincial Benevolent Fund accounts were also presented, showing that there had been fees received for 700 candidates during the past year. This had enabled the committee to relieve every case that had come before them, and yet put by nearly £100, so that there is now £400 in hand. The accounts were received with acclamation, and thanks voted to the Treasurer of each.

Bro. Walker replied, and expressed his regret that Bro. Sinclair had been unable to attend.

The P.G.M. expressed the pleasure he felt to be able to report so satisfactorily on the financial aspect of affairs, and after having visited twenty-two out of the twenty-four lodges in the pro-

vince, he was still very happy to be able to say that their whole progress was satisfactory; it was something to think that 700 members had been added to the roll during the past year, but it was more satisfaction to be able to add that the status of the Order in Glasgow was advancing, morally as well as numerically. They had now to consider the application for three new charters in the province. Those for the Clydesdale and St. Vincent's, he should have much pleasure in recommending to the Lodge; the third he was not so sure of, as he did not like to see fresh lodges opened unless he was quite certain the circumstances of the district required it. There was one other point on which he should just touch, and that was the position of their Provincial Grand Secretaries. Fourteen years ago a small salary was attached to it; during those fourteen years the work had more than quadrupled; now this was in a great measure owing to the untiring zeal and energy of the Secretary, who had laboured incessantly to bring order out of comparative chaos, and the result was before them. Glasgow was now not only the largest, but he would make bold to say, the best organised province in Scotland, and from their Benevolent Fund they now disbursed as much as the Grand Lodge herself. He would, therefore, move that the Secretary's salary be doubled.

This was carried by acclamation, and Bro. McTaggart re-entered the lodge, and being informed of what had been done in his absence, he thanked them in felicitous terms, not so much for himself, as for whoever might succeed him in the office. He had laid the foundation for good work and he hoped a worthy successor might soon be found who would be able to raise a noble superstructure, worthy of the Craft he loved so much, and had endeavoured to serve so faithfully in the past, and if health was spared him they would not find his zeal faltering or his love growing cold.

Bro. John Frazer, P.M. 87, and P.Prov.G.S.D., was then elected as the Deputy Marshal, to assist Bro. Robb.

The P.G.M. said there was another officer they had to elect *viz*, a Tyler, in the room of their deceased Bro. James Pollock, to whose memory he paid a deserved eulogium, and said he trusted all the Masters in the province would support his proposition for making a permanent provision for his widow, so that her few remaining days might be spent in comparative comfort and ease.

Bro. Halket stated what had been done already towards effecting this object, and proposed Bro. Hardy to fill the vacant office, which was unanimously agreed to.

The report of the Committee on Appeals was then read. They recommended: 1st. That the appeal of Mr. Thomas Stratford be dismissed, and his expulsion from Lodge Glasgow, 441, be confirmed, and that Grand Lodge be requested to expel him from the Order, for violating his Masonic obligation, he having acknowledged that he had joined and acted as the so-called Master of a spurious body, calling themselves No. 1 St. John's Melrose Masons; 2. That the petition of Bro. Spears be also dismissed, he at the time not being a clear member of his lodge; 3. That the brethren of the Neptune be advised to send another request to the Master to call the desired meeting; and 4. that they exonerate Bro. Stevens from the charge preferred by Bro. Wallace.

The whole of these recommendations were then adopted by the lodge. Bro. J. Wallace took exception to the last, but the Prov. G. M. ruled that he could not be heard on the subject, as he was not at present a member of the Provincial Lodge.

The questions to come before the Grand Lodge were then discussed. Bro. Bain, P.G.W., thought it a waste of time and money to go to Edinburgh to be treated with contempt by the Prov. G. Masters there, and have the deliberate resolutions of a large meeting overruled by a small one, when they were not present. Some discussion then ensued, some contending that they should attend in large numbers for the reason urged by Bro. Bain.

The lodge was then closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Union* (No. 332) met on Monday, the 20th ult., Bro. J. B. MacNair, R.W.M., in the chair, Bros. MacCurdy, S.W.; and MacConachy, J.W. The auditors presented their report, which showed the lodge to be in a most flourishing financial position, and a cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Demster, the worthy Treasurer, for the attention he had bestowed on the affairs of the lodge. Two gentlemen were then proposed for initiation, and were duly admitted into the Order. The lodge having been raised to the second degree, Bro. MacNair passed two members into that degree; the same brethren being about to sail next week, were then raised to the sublime degree by Bro. Pash, the R.W.M. giving them the lecture and charges. This concluded a long evening's work, all of which was given in admirable style.

*Lodge Thistle* (No. 87) met on the 22nd ult., in St. Marks' Hall, Bro. J. Miller in the chair. The work consisted of one initiation, after which the lodge was placed for a short time in the hands of the J.W., when a very harmonious hour was spent by the assembled brethren, amongst whom were nearly twenty visitors.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Thistle and Rose* (No. 73).—This old lodge was honoured on Tuesday, the 21st of April, by a visit from the Provincial Lodge, the deputation being composed of Bros. F. A. Barrow, acting P.G.M.; J. Bain, P.G.S.W.; J. Walker, P.G.T.; A. McTaggart M.A., P.G.S.; T. Halket, P.G.S.D.; J. Bairn, P.G.B.B.; W. Philips, P.G.D.C.; and J. Gills, P.G.S.B. Bro. G. Western, R.W.M. of 73, expressed the pleasure the lodge felt at receiving so large and important a deputation from the P.G.L. The P.G. Secretary then read the official report of the inspection of the lodge affairs. The acting P.G.M. said it was a source of great gratification to him and his office-bearers at the visitation to be able, as they could in this instance, to highly commend the whole working of the lodge, both in the conducting of the ceremonies and the keeping of the books. But while commending them as a lodge he must state that he was not satisfied with the position of the Order in the Province; he thought they should take a higher stand than they had hitherto done, make a better use of their power and influence, and use it to raise the moral tone of society at large. They belonged to the oldest institution in the world, and it behoved them to carry out, more fully than they had hitherto done, the great principles on which the Order was founded. They had done much, but what was done should not satisfy them, but only act as an incentive to greater exertions for the future. Let them look at what has been done in England, for the cause of charity, and also in France, or in America, and surely they in Scotland ought to be able to do the same. He had been pressing the subject on the attention of each lodge during his visitations this year. He trusted the lodges would take it up, and instruct their Masters and Wardens so that they might go to the next Provincial Grand Lodge prepared to take definite action in the matter, for if anything practical was to be done it must arise from the lodges themselves becoming interested in it, and giving instruction to them, as the Provincial Lodge, to carry out their wishes, and so realise the true principles of the Order (cheers). Bro. Western, R.W.M., thanked the P.G.M. for the advice he had given them, and the kind manner in which he had conveyed it to them. The Thistle and Rose were always pleased to receive the P.G.L., and would endeavour to carry out their suggestions. The deputation then withdrew, and after the transaction of some private business, the lodge was closed in the usual form.

GLASGOW.—*Athol Lodge* (No. 413)—This lodge met at 213, Buchanan-st., on Tuesday, April 28, Bro. John Wallace, R.W.M., in the chair, supported by James Miller, I.P.M.; J. Robinson, D.M.; J. Leutitt, S.W.; J. McConnicher, J.W.; D. Agnew, Treasurer; H. Henny, Secy. A proposition was read for Jas. Liddle, which was unanimously received, and he being in attendance, was admitted and initiated by the R.W.M. The lodge was then called on to elect a Secretary, in the place of Bro. Henny, who is leaving for Canada. The lodge was unanimous in their expression of regret at losing his

services. As this was the last night that he would be with them they had previously presented him with a handsome testimonial of their respect for his past services on behalf of the lodge. Bro. Wm. Loutitt was then chosen as his successor, and along with Bro. Jamison, who had been elected as S.D., was then installed by Bro. J. Miller, P.M. The lodge was then closed.

GLASGOW.—*Mother Kilwinning Lodge* (No. 6).—The members of the Mother Lodge resident in Glasgow and its vicinity, held their annual festival on the 24th ultimo, at Bro. Paton's, the Albert Hotel, who provided a most excellent banquet in his well known first-class style. The chair was taken by Bro. R. Cochran Partrick, of Woodside, Deputy Master of the P.G.L. of Ayrshire, R. Bell, the M.N.C. of the Knights Templar, occupied the chair of Croupier; they were respectively supported by Bros. Whinton, Gibson, Johnston, Fergusson, Grant, Walker, Tweed, Shaw, Turner, Adams, and Bruce. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were done full justice to by the Chairman. Bro. W. F. Shaw then proposed "The P.G.L. of Ayrshire," which Bro. Partrick gracefully acknowledged. J. Fergusson gave "Mother Kilwinning." Bro. Whinton replied, showing how it had proved the cradle of Masonry. The next sentiment was "The Ground Work of Freemasonry," by the Croupier. The excellence of his address created an unanimous request that Bro. Bell would allow it to be published, and we hope to give it in our next. Bro. Johnston replied for the brethren from Kilwinning. Votes of thanks to the Chairman and Croupier, were suitably acknowledged, and this pleasant evening was concluded by the whole company singing "Auld Lang Syne."

#### OPENING OF A NEW CONCLAVE OF THE RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE IN GLASGOW.

On Thursday, April 23rd, 1874, at the request of the Grand Imperial Council of the Order, the Illustrious Sir Knight C. G. C. Christie, K.G.C., M.P.S. No. 4, the Intendant General for Mid Lothian, attended at Glasgow, to open a new Conclave. He was accompanied by the following distinguished members of the Order:—Very Eminent Sir Knight J. B. Mercer, K.G.C., P.M.P.S. No. 4; R. S. Brown, K.G.C., Hon. S. and P.E.V. 4; H. C. Jonas, M.P.S. 103; E. William Barton, Hon. S. 103; E. D. Shearer, V.E. 103; William Milne, M.P.S. elect of No. 4; J. Fleming, E.V.E. elect No. 4; A. M. Bruce, S.G. 103; J. P. Nevin, T. 103; N. Minola Rennie, T. Forbes, Davie, Wilmott, Robertson, and others.

Members of Conclaves No. 4 and 103, in Edinburgh, who came forward with alacrity to help to open the first Conclave in the West of Scotland, though we venture to predict that it will not be the last in that quarter of the kingdom, as the Order is sure to spread when it becomes known.

The meeting was held at 2 o'clock, in St. Mark's Hall, which is admirably adapted for such a purpose, the shield and banners of the Knights Templar with which it is adorned being not inappropriate to the working of this chivalric degree.

The conclave was duly opened by the Ill. I.G. Sir Knight Christie, as M.P. Sov.; J. B. Mercer, K.G.C., P.S. No. 4, as E.N.; R. S. Brown, as H.P.; A. M. Bruce, S.G.; J. Nolan, J.G.; J. Fleming, H.

Bros. G. W. Wheeler, R. Bell, J. Johnstone, and P. J. Tweed were created Knights of the Order. A Council of Eminent Viceroy was then formed, and the same four brethren, along with Sir Knights Wells and Fleming, of Conclave No. 4, were duly installed in the seat of Eusebius. A Council of M.P. Sovereigns was then opened, and Sir Knights G.W. Wheeler, R. Bell, and J. Mill, were received into that degree and installed in the chair of Constantine. A Conclave of Knights was again opened, and eight brethren were duly admitted and installed as Knights of the Order. The Ill. Intendant General then called on the members of the Glasgow Conclave to choose their first set of officers, wherewith to open their conclave, when the fol-

lowing Knights were unanimously elected, and thereafter installed by the M.P. Sovereign, and Sir Knt. R. S. Brown, K.G.C., the ceremonies being admirably rendered.

George William Wheeler, M.P. Sov.; John Johnston, E.V., Eusebius; Robert Bell, Hon. Sov.; J. Tweed, Hon. Vice, Dugald Butler, S.G.; W. Dabber, J.G.; D. B. Fleming, H.P.; W. Bell, T.; James Loutitt, Recorder; John Buchanan, P.; G. B. Adams, S.B.; J. O. Park, H.; and T. McClanachan, Sentinel. The M.P.S. said it was with great diffidence and reluctance that he had accepted of the distinguished honour they had just conferred upon him, for it was indeed a high honour to preside as the first Sovereign of the first Conclave in the West of Scotland. He did not intend to say much on the present occasion, but if attention to duty and perseverance in the precepts of the Order, would make up for lack of ability and influence, he trusted that his acts should speak for him. His first duty had been to thank them for their confidence, and his next was to thank the Illustrious Intendant General and the Eminent Knights that had accompanied him from Edinburgh, for their kindness in coming over to confer the degree, and install them, and also to thank the Grand Recorder and the G. Treas., Sir Knight R. W. Little, for the very kind way in which they had met their request to form a Conclave in Glasgow.

Sir Knight Christie said it had been a source of pleasure to himself, and the rest of the deputation to come over on this occasion, for he felt sure from what he had seen of their Sov., as well as the rest of the officers, that the Conclave would be soon second to none.

The Knights then adjourned to St. John's Masonic Hall, where a repast was awaiting them. The Edinburgh friends were much pleased with this arrangement, as it enabled them to see the two best Masonic halls in Glasgow. G. W. Wheeler presided, supported by C. G. C. Christie, K.G.C., I.G.D., M.P.S. No. 4; and V.E. Sir Knight R. S. Brown, K.G.C., Hon. S. and P.E.T. No. 4; Bro. F. Johnson, V., as Croupier, was supported by V.E. J. Mercer, K.G.C., P.M.P.S. No. 4; H. E. Jonas, M.P.S. 103; R. Bell, H.S.; and J. Tweed, H.V. of the Glasgow Conclave. After the cloth was cleared the Chairman, after giving "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Patron of Scotch Masonry," "Our new Bro. H.R.H. Prince Arthur and the rest of the Royal Family," proposed "The Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, with the M.I.G. Sovereign, Sir F. M. Williams, M.P.," C. Christie, I.G., replied in very felicitous terms on behalf of that illustrious body, and then gave "The Glasgow Conclave and its Sovereign," congratulating them on the favourable auspices under which they had been inaugurated, and predicting for them a most satisfactory progress, from the eminent Masonic qualities ensured not only by their chief but by all the officers elect.

Bro. Wheeler said that in assuming the arduous duties to which they had appointed him, he had done so in full reliance on the support of the officers which he saw around him. He knew them all intimately, and knew them to be thoroughly imbued with the true spirit of Masonry, and that they were all workers, rather than talkers. He could perhaps say what no other son of the Order could, that all his office-bearers were not only brethren holding high positions in Arch Masonry, eight of them being Principals, and two Scribe E's of the different chapters in the city, but further that they were all of them Knights Templar; they had not only his esteemed friend R. Bell, the M.N.C., but all three Past Commanders and two Deputy Commanders. With such a staff of officers he felt that success was certain if they were only true to themselves in the principles of the Order they had now inaugurated, and fully relying on their aid, he would do his best for the Glasgow Conclave, and so try to deserve the honour now conferred on him.

R. Bell, Hon. Sec., then proposed "The deputation from No. 4." He felt it indeed an honour to have so large and influential a deputation present, and one so capable of fully working out

the beautiful and impressive ceremonies of the Order.

Bro. R. S. Brown, E.V.E. of No. 4, replied, expressing the pleasure it had given him, as well as the rest of the deputation, to come and assist in spreading the Order, whose interest they all had so much at heart, and as for his share in the day's work, he could assure them that it was at all times a pleasant duty for him to travel from the East towards the West to impart light, and he had very little doubt that before long he should be asked to again accompany his friend C. Christie to establish another conclave, so sure was he of their rapid success. J. O. Pask gave "The Installing Officers;" V.E. Sir J. B. Mercer replied, giving a beautiful exposition of the principles of the Order.

The Chairman gave "The Sovereign and Members of 103." J. Jonas, M.P. Sov., briefly replied.

Sir Knight Brown, proposed "The Croupier," who replied in a very feeling speech, expressing his desire to be useful to the conclave.

C. Christie proposed "The Hon. Sovereign and Viceroy of the Glasgow Conclave." R. Bell and J. Tweed replied.

"Happy to meet, sorry to part, but happy to meet again," concluded the toast lists.

Several of the Edinburgh Knights contributed to the harmony of the meeting, notably, R. Bruce, T. No. 4, by his excellent rendering of Sir Knight Little's "Red Cross Knight."

GRAND CHAPTER.

The quarterly convocation of Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Comps. John Havers as G.Z.; Dr. Hamilton as G.H.; and Sanderson (Bengal) as G.J. Among the other companions present were John Hervey, S.E.; Capt. W. Platt, Col. Burdett, S. Rawson, John Savage, Ben. Head, H. Browne, H. G. Dumas, E. S. Snell, Joseph Smith, James Brett, Joshua Nunn, F. A. Philbrick, C. E. Snow, R. J. Spiers, R. Spencer, F. Adlard, J. A. Rucker, Dr. Goldsborough, J. C. Parkinson, James Weaver, A. A. Pendlebury, H. G. Buss, H. Massey, J. E. Saunders, and Rev. C. R. Davy.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of last quarterly convocation, the following officers were installed:—

The Marquess of Ripon .....	G.Z.
The Earl of Carnarvon .....	G.H.
Lord de Tabley .....	G.J.
John Hervey .....	G.S.E.
Lord Henry Thynne .....	G.S.N.
J. A. Rucker .....	G.P.S.
James Percy Leith .....	G. 1st A.S.
F. A. Philbrick .....	G. 2nd A.S.
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James E. Saunders .....	Std. B.
Simeon C. Hadley .....	G.D. of C.
C. B. Payne .....	G. Janitor.

The following is the report of General Purposes, which was taken as read and received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 21st January, to the 14th April, 1874, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance 21st January ... ..	£555	7	0
„ Subsequent Receipts ... ..	385	7	10
	£940	14	10
By Disbursements during the Quarter ... ..	£164	13	10
„ Purchase of £300 Consols at 92½ and Commission, &c. ...	276	15	0
„ Balance ... ..	499	6	0
	£940	14	10

Which balance is in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., Bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

Petitions having been received from the following companions for charters for chapters, were then submitted to Grand Chapter, and the

prayers thereof were granted, on the recommendation of the Committee:—

1st. From Comps. John Penberthy Berryman, as Z.; William Guy, as H.; Charles Truscott, jun., as J.; and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 496, St. Austell, to be called "The Mount Edgcumbe Chapter," and to meet at the White Hart Hotel, St. Austell, Cornwall.

2nd. From Comps. John Graydon as Z.; Charles Coupland as H.; Thomas Waters Knight as J.; and nine others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, Plumstead, to be called "The Pattison Chapter" and to meet at the Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead, Kent.

3rd. From Comps. James Fowler, as Z.; Edmund Locock as H.; Charles Mitchell Nesbitt, as J.; and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Lindsay Lodge, No. 712, Louth, to be called "The St. James' Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Louth, Lincolnshire.

4th. From Comps. Simeon Charles Hadley as Z.; Richard Peter Atkins as H.; John William McIntosh Dosell as J.; and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Constitutional Lodge, No. 55, London, to be called "The Constitutional Chapter," and to meet at private rooms, Leytonstone, Essex.

With respect to a petition for another chapter, the committee reported that they had also received a petition from Comps. George D. Pochin as Z.; Heywood Masters, as H.; Joseph C. Gillman, as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Architect Lodge, No. 1375, Didsbury, to be called "The Architect Chapter," and to meet at the Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury, Lancashire. This petition was regular in form, but inasmuch as the Lodge to which the Chapter was proposed to be attached had not completed three years of its existence, the Committee could not recommend that the prayer thereof be granted. They, therefore, referred the question of the granting of this petition to the consideration of Grand Chapter.

Comp. Savage advised that Grand Chapter should not depart from its rule. If they granted the prayer it would place Grand Chapter in a difficulty, for it would be quoted hereafter as a precedent for departing from their usual course. As the Lodge had not been established three years it could not have three Past Masters to occupy the chairs of the three Principals. He moved that the prayer be not granted.

Comp. F. Adlard seconded the motion.

Comp. H. Browse moved as an amendment that the prayer be granted, but that the charter should not issue for six months, by which time the lodge would have completed its three years of existence.

Comp. Havers enquired whether there was precedent for such a course.

Comp. Hervey replied that there was no law or practice for that course.

On a division the amendment was lost, and the motion of Comp. Savage carried.

Comp. Hervey said he was sorry to announce that Comp. W. Pulteney Scott was absent on account of illness, but that companion desired to express his regret to Grand Chapter that he was unable to be present.

Comp. Havers then said that with respect to the next paragraph of the report the Committee have further to lay before Grand Chapter a report of the proceedings of the District Grand Chapter of Bengal, on the 6th of November, 1873, and beg to remit the whole question to Grand Chapter for its consideration. It referred to a matter which had on former occasions been before Grand Chapter. District Grand Superintendents in the colonies had been in the habit of allowing chapters to work pending the granting of charters by Grand Chapter. In May, 1873, a resolution was come to in Grand Chapter forbidding it; but Comp. Locke, the acting District Grand Superintendent of Bengal, had in June granted a dispensation to the nine companions to form a chapter called the Mayo Chapter. At that time the resolution of Grand Chapter could not have arrived there, and he therefore acted in ignorance of the resolution. When the resolution arrived there, he withdrew his permission. He, however, subsequently looked into the patent of the District Grand Superintendent, who *locum tenens* he was, consulted with other com-

panions, and by their advice withdrew his prohibition. The case appeared to be clearly against all the laws of Grand Chapter; but after the most careful consideration he (Comp. Havers) had given to the subject, he had come to the conclusion that the whole of the proceedings were right. The resolution was come to by Grand Chapter in May, but it was not confirmed till August. The old law was not against Comp. Locke. When he referred to the patent of Comp. Sandeman, he found he was authorized and empowered by his own hand and seal to grant to any nine known companions of the Order, a dispensation for their holding Chapters at certain times and places as he might find to be most convenient. The new law was not then passed; and the old one was not against it; the constitutions provided for it, and the patent authorised it. The old patent was granted in Comp. Gray Clarke's time, as S.E.; and it was not likely that either he, Comp. W. H. White who preceded him, put the power in the patent of their own will. The power was quite in accordance with a known law of Grand Chapter, for the patents were all engraved and printed. Having read the whole of Comp. Locke's report, he must say how much he appreciated the straightforward and manly conduct, the ability and the perfect courtesy, together with the determination it exhibited on the part of that companion to do his duty. A more exhaustive report he had never read. He would propose that the matter be referred to the Committee of General Purposes, with directions to examine and report upon what changes, if any, it would be advisable to make in the laws of Grand Chapter, to the next meeting.

After a few words from Comps. Hamilton and Sanderson, the motion was put and carried.

Comp. H. Browse then read the conclusion of the report of the Committee of General Purposes as follows:—

The President having quitted the chair, it was resolved unanimously that the best thanks of this Committee are due, and are hereby most fraternally offered to Comp. W. Pulteney Scott, President, for his constant attention to the business of Royal Arch Masonry, and his courtesy and kindness to all the members of the Committee during the last twelve months, and moved that it be recorded on the minutes.

Comp. Adlard seconded it, and it was carried unanimously.

The Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing twelve months was then elected, and Grand Chapter was closed.

Masonic Tidings.

MASONIC MAGAZINE.—The June number of the Magazine will contain a photograph of the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., Grand Master of England, and among other articles, Old Military Lodges, by Bro. Hughan; the Old Russian Poem; Troy; History of Freemasonry in Russia; and other interesting matter. The Masonic Magazine is published monthly by Bro. George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street.

Bro. A. H. Tattershall has been proposed as a member of the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Bro. Peter Laird, the Assistant-Secretary of the Agricultural Hall Company, has resigned the post so long filled by him, and is about to retire into private life. The directors, at a special meeting yesterday, resolved that a purse of one hundred guineas, accompanied by a written testimonial in recognition of his lengthened and faithful services to the company from the time of its foundation, be presented to Bro. Laird on his cessation from labours at the Hall.

We understand that Messrs. Longmans, Green, and Co., will shortly publish in a half crown volume the speeches on "Financial Reform," which Bro. Wm. Trant, of Liverpool (Harmonic Lodge), has recently delivered on behalf of the Financial Reform Association.

THE CHARITIES.—A suggestion has been made that the Stewards' fees for our Charity Festivals should be arranged with or without dinner tickets, so that a brother could serve as Steward, without dining, for one guinea. No profit is made out of the dinner, the tavern-keeper having it all.

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## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1874.

THE INITIATION OF H.R.H. PRINCE  
LEOPOLD.

We beg to congratulate the Order on the reception amongst our ancient Brotherhood of another member of our Royal Family.

H.R.H. Prince Leopold was initiated on May 1st at an emergency meeting of the Apollo University Lodge, Oxford, by the W.M., F. Morrell.

Following so close on the initiation of H.R.H. Prince Arthur, the fact cannot fail to be most gratifying to the Craft.

Mr. Collins, private secretary to our Royal brother, was initiated on the same occasion, and the meeting of that famous lodge was one long to be remembered by all present at the interesting ceremony.

## THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

The annual appointment of Grand Officers is always a matter of much interest to the Craft. Applicants are many, the offices are few, and naturally there are always a good many excellent brethren, who think, that, they might have been elevated to grand honours.

Of course, there are always a great many brethren whom nobody thinks at all suitable for such high office, but themselves, and though that class abounds amongst us, it is not with those who compose it, that, the real difficulty of selection lies.

But it is when, amid a great many of equal claims, and equal merit, the preference has to be decided, and the choice has to be made between two given brethren.

Now under the present happy government of our Order, and the well-known impartiality and equitable rule of our very excellent Grand Master, we are all well aware, that, the greatest attention is paid to the claims of all, and the selection of Grand Officers is made on grounds of approved Masonic merit.

It ought to be a matter of rejoicing to us all, that, never was our executive more admirably filled than now, or greater readiness evinced to afford information, or greater courtesy exhibited, as we can personally testify, to either applicants for advice, or as the French say "renseignements maçonniques." We congratulate the Craft for more than one reason on the appointment of the Grand Officers for the present year.

The first is, that, the great majority of the appointments are good hard-working Masons; another is, that, the provinces are so largely represented; and the third is, the number of new Grand Officers, who have rendered much and effective aid to our charities.

The Senior Grand Warden, Lord Henry Thynne, M.P., was initiated in No. 973, Royal Somerset, in 1863, and is the present W.M., of Lodge 1478, Warminster.

Bro. Okeover, of Okeover, Ashbourne, was initiated in Lodge 852, St. Oswald, in 1860, and is now D.P.G.M. for Derbyshire.

We do not find the name of our noble brother,

the Grand Senior Warden in any of the lists of the charities, but we have no doubt, that, before his year of office has expired, he will have duly qualified himself.

Bro. Okeover is a Life Governor of the Boys' School.

Bro. J. Simpson, D.C.L., the Grand Chaplain, has long been well-known as an active and energetic Mason of the province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, and is also a Life Governor of the Boys' School. He was initiated in No. 129, Union Kendal, in 1865, and has filled various Craft and Provincial offices.

The two Senior Grand Deacons are both well-known and active Masons, and have equally served the Craft in high positions, Bro. Rucker as V.P. of the Board of General Purposes, and Bro. Leith as D.D.G.M. of Bombay. Bro. Rucker was initiated in No. 66, Grenadiers, in 1865, and having fulfilled his lodge offices, was subsequently Grand Steward. He is a Vice-President of the three Masonic Charities.

Bro. J. Percy Leith was initiated in the Antiquity, No. 2, in 1865, and is a P.M. of the same, and of 549, 1118, and 1359, has been a G.S., and is Vice-President of the Girls' School, and is Life Governor of the Boys' School. He has served each as Steward three times.

The two Junior Grand Deacons are equally well-known in the Masonic world.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson was initiated into Freemasonry in 1858, in the Universal Lodge, No. 181, Freemasons' Hall, London, of which lodge he is now the Senior Past Master and "Father," having passed the chair in 1862-3, after uniting in the years 1860 and 1861 respectively, offices rarely held in conjunction, namely Junior and Senior Warden and Secretary. The centenary jewel was granted to the Universal Lodge on its one hundredth anniversary in 1868, and it is now a Vice-Patron of the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

Bro. Parkinson is a Past Master of the Bard of Avon Lodge, he being the first W.M. of that lodge after its transfer from Stratford-upon-Avon to Middlesex, on its resuscitation, after the Stratford brethren had passed a resolution to resign their warrant into the hands of the Grand Secretary.

Bro. Parkinson is a member of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, and W.M. of the St. David's Lodge, Aberdare, Glamorganshire, besides being Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, a Member of the Board of General Purposes, and a Vice-Patron of the three Masonic Charities. The office of Vice-Patron owes its origin to Bro. Parkinson, who, observing that the position of Vice-President attracted many brethren, and that no further rank awaited donors of more than 50 guineas, brought forward and carried an independent motion, in 1871, creating Vice-Patrons of the Charities, and entitling every donor of 100 guineas to that rank. The result has been a large pecuniary gain to all three Institutions. On the protracted illness of Bro. Patten necessitating his retirement from the office of Secretary to the Freemasons' Girls' School, Bro. Parkinson, in bringing forward the motion for declaring the office vacant, paid a handsome tribute to Bro.

Patten's services, and subsequently, by the active part he played, as chairman of Bro. Robert Wentworth Little's committee, did much to secure the election of the present efficient Secretary.

Bro. Parkinson is the author of several papers on Freemasonry—notably an essay published by the late Charles Dickens in "All the Year Round,"—and of an interesting volume, printed for private circulation only, and entitled "Shakespeare a Freemason."

Bro. C. W. C. Hutton was initiated in Burlington Lodge, No. 96, in 1846. His jubilee as P.M., took place some two years back, and was kept as a memorable celebration by this well-known lodge. Bro. Hutton is vice-President of the Boys' School, and Life Governor of the Girls' School, and of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

He filled the high office of Sheriff of the City of London, in conjunction with Alderman Cotton, now M.P.

His services as Sheriff were marked by much geniality and liberality, as well as thorough efficiency.

Bro. Simeon C. Hadley, assistant G.D.C. was initiated in No. 55, Constitutional, in 1860. He is P.M. of 55 and of 90.

He is a Vice-Patron of the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution, and has served all the charities as Steward on several occasions.

Bro. J. C. Collins, the Grand Sword Bearer, was initiated in No. 468, Lodge of Light, in 1849, he is now P.G.P. for Warwickshire, and is Vice-President of the Boys' School, and a Life Governor of the Girls'.

We cannot conclude this article without congratulating our good Bro. W. J. Hughan on the distinction conferred upon him by the G. M., in giving him the rank of P.G.S.D., in recognition of his many services to Masonic archæology.

We feel that the compliment redounds on him who so Masonically offers it, as much as on the able brother who so properly receives it.

We rejoice to see this open recognition of Masonic literary efforts. as it will tend, we feel persuaded, to encourage our brethren just in the one point where they are somewhat deficient, to think, and read, and study for themselves.

We congratulate Bro. W. J. Hughan on this public and honourable acknowledgment of his intellectual pursuits, and historical labours, and we trust he may long enjoy all health and happiness, in the enjoyment of the one, and in his laudable prosecution of the other.

#### THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

We have perused with much interest the report of this excellent Institution, dated March, 1874, as well as carefully gone through its balance sheet up to the close of 1873.

We think that a few remarks on the leading features and figures of both may be acceptable to our readers, and we have, therefore, put together for them, with some little care and study, the following "resumé" of the actual work and financial position of the Girls' School.

In the first place we congratulate the House Committee on the recent alterations and additions,

which we feel certain will be entirely approved of by the Craft at large.

There is in our Order, for many reasons, the greatest interest in the Girls' School, and anything that can conduce to its efficiency, extend its utility, or develop its educational value, is pretty certain to receive the warm support and unanimous approval of our Brotherhood. There were on the 31st of January, 1874, 130 girls in the school, of whom six were admitted by purchase, leaving 124 elected inmates.

Of these 130, the time of 13 expires in 1874, but on the 11th of April, 16 fresh candidates were elected, leaving at the time of the festival 144 children in the institution, the whole accommodation now available being for 145.

The scholastic reports of the Girls' School seem very good indeed, and the amount of needle work done by them in 1873 is very remarkable.

We believe, that, we are not far wrong when we say, that, the Girls' School is not only a credit to our Order in every way, but may challenge comparison with every similar institution in the country.

We believe it was Lady Skelmersdale, the wife of the distinguished P.G.M. for West Lancashire, who said, when she saw the girls and the school, that she "felt proud of being the wife of a Freemason," and we, as an Order, may gladly remember, that, we have such an Educational Institution to boast of, as that comely building, and that admirably managed establishment, which are open to the inspection of our brethren daily, on St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise.

The financial position of the Girls' School is also very good and encouraging, though the Committee have expended £2,766 in new buildings and improvements, and have added 15 to the number of inmates. They appeal, without fear, as they may fairly do, and safely do, to the liberal aid, and warm sympathies of our fraternity.

From all sources, as well from previous balance, donations and subscriptions, and funded property, the income of the society for the last year amounted to the large sum of £12,566 17s. 6d., while the actual expenditure was £11,192 17s. 5d., leaving an available balance at the bankers of £1,374 4s. 6d.

Thus, this year the balance is nearly £2,000 less than last year, though this is accounted for by the building expenditure of £2,766, before alluded to, and by the purchase of £2,000 stock at £1,855 5s.

The ordinary expenses of the institution seem to run about £4,400, in round numbers annually, and the extraordinary to about £700, making in all an annual expenditure of over £5,000.

We must remember, that, this will be increased this year, owing to the larger number of children, and we cannot therefore safely estimate the expenditure required under all heads at less than £5,500 for 1874. Now to meet this, the institution has something like £30,000, funded property, exclusive of a sustentation fund of about £1000, but such an amount, is of course, utterly inadequate to meet the wants of the institution.

We trust, that, these few remarks may interest our brethren, and lead them to give their most

hearty support to the Girls' School, in order if needs arise, still farther to augment its almost unutterable value to those who are recipients of its advantages, and to our now world-wide confraternity. And, therefore, when we look at the financial position of the Girls' School, and its requirements to-day, we must not merely consider the present, but we must carefully bear in mind the future.

We may observe further, that, as far as we can judge, such wants are likely to increase in the future, not decrease, as one thing is patent, our metropolitan charities must either meet the fast increasing wants of the Order, or Provincial Institutions are certain to arise and satisfy many pressing local claims.

As a good deal has been said lately about the support given by the Craft to our metropolitan charities, we have put together carefully the following statistics from the Girls' School report.

One hundred and fifty London lodges contribute as Life Governors or annual subscribers, twenty-seven Lodges of Instruction, fourteen Chapters, and ten High Grade Bodies, and Mark Lodges.

We may observe "en passant" 52 girls come from London, of whom one is by purchase.

Five hundred and twenty-nine Provincial Lodges contribute as Life Governors or annually to the School, about 60 Provincial Chapters, and 40 High Grade Bodies and Mark Mason Lodges.

The provinces which have the largest number of lodges subscribing are East Lancashire, West Yorkshire, West Lancashire, and Kent, East Lancashire having 49, West Yorkshire, 39, West Lancashire 23, and Kent, 35.

These figures suggest a good many considerations, but one thing is quite clear, as we have often said before, as regards the Girls' School, at any rate, the margin of non-subscribing lodges is still far too large.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this School met on Saturday last, at the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Joseph Taylor, V.P., in the chair. There was a larger attendance of brethren than is ever witnessed, except at quarterly communications, there being at least thirty brethren present. Among them were Bros. Benj. Head, Raynham W. Stewart, H. Browse, W. Roebuck, F. H. Ebsworth, G. Morris, Hyde Pullen, W. Paas, Collard, Moutrie, F. Adlard, S. Rosenthal, Jesse Turner, John Symonds, H. Massey, H. A. Dubois, L. Ruff, H. Young, Richard Motion, Robert B. Webster, T. H. Kent, Benj. Mallam, G. Plunckett, J. W. Dosell, George Angold, Thomas Young, J. C. Dwarber, D. Ramsey, Haig, and F. Binckes, Secretary.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of last meeting, and the reading of the minutes of the house and audit committees,

Bro. John Symonds, Vice-Patron, rose to bring on the motion, of which he gave notice at last general committee, that on account of the length and efficiency of the services of Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary, his salary be raised £50 a year, to commence from 1st January last. In doing so he said that at the last meeting of the General Committee he gave notice that he would bring forward this motion. It was entirely in consequence of his own action at the committee for the revision of the laws of the institution that it became necessary to give any notice at all. At that time the General Committee had power to alter the salary of the officers whenever they choose, without any notice what-

ever, but the laws of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution required that such notice should be given before any motion for an intended change was made. He had thought it best to assimilate the laws of this Institution in this respect to those of the Benevolent Institution, and he was sure that the more this matter was considered the more they would feel that it was the proper thing to do. In the motion he had to submit he had stated in his notice that the alteration should be made in consideration of the length and efficiency of Bro. Binckes's services. Bro. Binckes had been their Secretary for thirteen years, so that there really was length of service in his case. In their own private businesses, as merchants, warehousemen, solicitors, or any other line of business, the brethren remunerated the services of those whom they had employed for any long space of time, by giving them a larger salary than they did servants who had been with them but a short time. A body with which he as well as his brother on his left (Jesse Turner) was connected, the Corporation of London, had adopted a plan by which there was a revision of all salaries once every five years. Now, on looking over the papers in Bro. Binckes's office he found that the last time there was a revision of Bro. Binckes's salary was in 1869, which was just five years from the present time, though when he gave notice of this motion he had not that fact in mind, or any intention to assimilate the Masonic Institutions to the Corporation. He would call attention to the fact that in consequence of the increased cost of living the additional £50 a year would really only bring up Bro. Binckes's salary to what it was in 1869, so far as regarded its purchasing power; and it was hardly such an increase as it seemed at first sight to be. The second fact he had mentioned in his notice, the efficiency of Bro. Binckes's services, would be acknowledged by everyone who knew anything about that brother. At the time when Bro. Thistleton was Secretary they used to think a festival very favourable if they could get £200. On one occasion he (Bro. Symonds) remembered he said to Bro. Thistleton, scratching his head at the same time, that he thought £800 was a very small amount; but that brother smiled blandly, and said it was a good one, and that they had not had such a sum before within his knowledge. Now, it was not very long ago that £23,000 were announced at two successive festivals; that was in a great measure owing to the exertions of Bro. Binckes. (Hear, hear.) He did not think he need dilate further upon the subject; it was nothing but absolutely just to Bro. Binckes that after so long and efficiently serving the institution he should have this addition made to his salary. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. H. Browse, V.P., seconded the motion. He had been one of those who had revised Bro. Binckes's salary in 1869, when his commission on the subscriptions, which it was at first thought best to pay, was discontinued, and a sum paid to him as salary in lieu of commission. This salary did not amount to nearly so much as his income, when he was paid commission, and it was now thought, after five years, that that should be increased. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, V.P., supported the proposition, on account not only of the length of the service of Bro. Binckes, but also of its efficiency. The brethren were told at the time the payments to Bro. Binckes were revised that his zeal and energy on behalf of the institution would fall off. This had not been the case at all, as Bro. Binckes was as energetic and zealous now as formerly. He was only sorry that Bro. Symonds had not gone further in his motion, and made the amount £100.

The motion was carried unanimously, and authority was given to sign the necessary cheque.

Bro. Binckes, who had been out of the room during these proceedings, was then called in, and informed by the Chairman of the result of Bro. Symonds' motion.

Bro. Binckes said he felt it was always a very delicate and difficult matter to speak of himself, but he hoped they would allow him in brief, though sincere words, to express his thanks to the brethren for their too kind appreciation of

his services. He need hardly say that he felt very much the compliment paid to him; he felt it perhaps the more deeply because the motion carried with it in some way or other a mark of approval of the manner in which he had endeavoured to discharge his duties, and when the Chairman said it was carried without opposition that it greatly enhanced its value. If any brethren had entertained a feeling not entirely approving of what he had done, he hoped they would live long enough to find he had done right, and to give him credit in the meantime for the most honest endeavour to do so. Whatever might be their feelings it would make no difference at all in the energy with which he should continue to discharge his duties; except that would rather stimulate him to increased exertion on behalf of the interests of the institution. He would repeat how deeply he felt the kindness of the brethren in passing this resolution, and would once again warmly thank them for their kindness. (Hear, hear.)

The brethren then adjourned, after passing a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee held its usual monthly meeting on the 30th ult., in the Library, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Ben. Head, V.P., presided. There were also present, Bros. Major Creaton, H. Browse, H. C. Levander, A. T. Tattershall, E. Clark, Griffiths, Smith, J. F. Peacock, R. B. Webster, H. A. Dubois, H. Massey, A. H. Diaper, Raynham W. Stewart, and Dr. Ramsay. The sum of £1500 was ordered to be invested, and Col. F. Burdett and Dr. Ramsay were elected on the House Committee, in place of Major Creaton, now Trustee, and Bro. George Cox, deceased. Nominations were received for the House and Audit Committees, and the brethren then proceeded with the consideration of petitions received since last meeting. The committee afterwards adjourned.

#### THE INITIATION OF H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD.

An emergency meeting of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxfordshire, was held on the 1st inst., for the purpose of initiating into Masonry H.R.H. Prince Leopold, who is now resident in Oxford.

The interesting ceremony that was about to be performed drew together the largest number of members of the lodge that has probably ever been assembled in the University Masonic Hall at any one time, and from the fact that, at the special request of H.R.H., no visitors were admitted, and that the training for the college boat races prevented many brethren who would otherwise have been present from attending, the very large number present, nearly one hundred, showed the deep interest with which the entrance of H.R.H. into Masonry was regarded by all the brethren in the University.

The acting Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, was unfortunately unable to attend.

The ceremony of initiation was performed by the W.M., Bro. F. Morrell, assisted by his officers, who all performed their parts with their usual promptitude and accuracy.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, presided over by the W.M., upon whose right hand sat Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, the toast of the evening, given by the W.M., was drunk with great enthusiasm, and duly responded to by his Royal Highness, who also subsequently returned thanks for congratulations addressed to him by the French and Italian readers of the University, on behalf of their respective nationalities. The brethren did not separate till a late hour, after a very pleasant and most successful meeting.

It should be mentioned that Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold was proposed in open lodge by desire of, and on behalf of, Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., the immediate Past Master of the lodge, and that Mr. R. H. Collins, of Lincoln College, Secretary to H.R.H. Prince

Leopold, was initiated at the same time as his Royal Highness.

By special permission, the W.M. of the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, was present to represent the Masons of the City of Oxford and as no other visitors were admitted, we are indebted to one of the members of the Apollo University Lodge for this account of a ceremony, which cannot fail to be of interest, not only to all members of the Craft, but also to all the loyal subjects of her Majesty.

#### Original Correspondence.

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

#### EARLY GRAND MOTHER ENCAMPMENT OF SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

There appears in your impression of April 18th, a notice of a meeting of the Grand Council of the Early Grand Encampment of Scotland in Kilmarnock. Now, Sir, I wish, through the columns of your valuable Masonic paper, to make it known that the Encampments mentioned have neither right nor title to announce themselves the Grand Council, as the charter, empowering the Early Grand in Scotland to form a Grand Council was granted to the oldest number in Scotland, which is Muirkirk, and it is stated that Muirkirk was the only Encampment that was not represented, and explained their absence by the fact that Muirkirk had made application to the Chapter General to come under that lodge. Now Sir, that statement is entirely without foundation, and I believe a mere fabrication of their own, to fulfil some purpose as yet unknown to Muirkirk's Sir Knights, and I think it was a great pity that any warm remarks should have been passed on a subject in which there was no truth, nor is it likely Muirkirk will ever take such a step as alienate themselves from a body of which in virtue of her charter, she is supreme, and I would wish further to let them know that if they cannot work the Grand Council according to the Ancient Irish Charter, they should not impose on the Masonic community by granting and regrating charters, when they know they have not such a power, without at least the concurrence of the oldest encampment, which is Muirkirk.

Your inserting the above in your valuable paper will oblige.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES ADAMSON.

Grand Scribe.

#### RAILWAY MANAGEMENT.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to correct an error in your issue of to-day, taken from the *Manchester Guardian*, and which has also appeared I believe in the *Pall Mall Gazette* and *Standard*, to the effect that the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company have been the first to open the booking offices at the principal stations from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Such is not the case, as the North Eastern Railway Company at some of their stations (personally, I know of Harrogate and Leeds) have had that arrangement in vogue, at least a fortnight before the Lancashire and Yorkshire advertised theirs. I think honour ought to be given to those to whom it is due.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN BARKER.

April 11, 1874.

#### MR. CUFFE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am glad to learn that Bro. A. A. Bagshawe has moved in the matter of Mr. Cuffe's refusal to bury a Roman Catholic Freemason, but I think it is evident that Grand Lodge can do nothing. What I wanted the Chatham lodges to do, but which apparently they have not spirit enough to do, inasmuch as nothing

has been done in this way, is to bring Mr. Cuffe's conduct before the Colonel of the regiment, requesting him to take official steps in the matter. If Mr. Cuffe is a paid Chaplain, it is quite clear he should be brought to account for refusing to perform part of his duties as Chaplain.

I may mention that the late Dr. Leeson informed me that not only was the present Pope a Freemason, but of the highest rank in the higher degrees.

Yours fraternally,

P. M.

MASONIC CYPHER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Either I am very stupid, or the mystery is very deep; but I am a Mark Master, and I cannot read the advertisement in *The Freemason*, of May 2nd, in cypher. If you could explain it, or the advertiser, or if you could in your answers to correspondents, next week I should be obliged.

Yours fraternally,

M. M.

[We are sorry our brother is not up in the Masonic cypher! The cypher is very easy to read, but far be it from us to reveal the secrets of the advertising brother.—ED]

PROV. G. LODGE OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If your reporter had spoken to me or to the Secretary of the Hertford Lodge, some mistakes in the report might have been avoided, but I never knew he was there, until I made enquiries during dinner. I would merely point out, first, that only five out of eight lodges in the province are mentioned, secondly, that the banquet was provided by the Hertford Lodge, whereas the tickets were £1 1s. each, thirdly, that the dinner was supplied by Bro. Andrews, of the Salisbury Arms, whereas Bro. Andrews is the Secretary of Hertford Lodge, and has nothing to do with the hotel.

Yours fraternally,

P. H. WILSON ILES.

MASONS' MARKS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In looking over this amusing controversy, I note that, in my last communication, I made a slight slip of the pen, by substituting "equal" for "odd," twice at the very least.

Curiously enough this mistake, unlike many others, has no appreciable bearing on either the context of the sentence or the "points" of my argument.

There is no custom in operative Masonry, there is no rule in speculative Masonry, which demands or enforces, either an equal or an unequal number of points.

Those who contend for any such rule or custom betray an utter ignorance of the subject of which they profess to expound, with the "dictum" of a skilled Master, the leading principles.

I should not have intervened in this discussion at all, as Bro. W. J. Hughan is quite able to encounter Bro. C. I. Paton, on any ground, but that, I was amused with the startling audacity with which Bro. Paton propounded gravely the ridiculous dogma, that, the double triangle could not be a Masonic Mark because it had an even number of points.

Having studied the question many years, in all its bearings, and having had the advantage of listening to the lectures, and sharing in the researches of our lamented and able Bro. E. W. Shaw, who was most truly "facile princeps" in all questions anent Masons' Marks, having made by hard and persevering labour the largest collection extant, I felt that I could not allow Bro. C. I. Paton to come out, like the "jay in borrowed plumage" and assert, what I know to be archæologically incorrect and historically untrue.

The fact is, that Bro. C. I. Paton, like a good many other people now a days, not having studied

the question profoundly "ab origine," seems to think that, if he will only boldly assert or sententiously put forth, some very novel and startling view, everybody else must "vail his bonnet," and go to the wall!

Now I have always contended, and always intend to contend, as long as discussion is permitted and intellect is free, that "cæteris paribus," we are all also equally competent to form an opinion and to express it.

If persons indeed propound untenable theories, merely for the idle purpose of controversy or sensation; if they rush into print on the slightest provocation; if they will argue where they have not studied, and adduce second hand authority, when they should have verified their references, they must not be surprised if in the melée of our Masonic criticism, they sometimes get rather roughly handled, unhorsed from their infantine hobbies, and comfortably rolled over on the ground.

Their fall will do them no harm, if it teaches them a little less egotism, a little less looseness of assertion, and if it renders them a little more tolerant and more respectful of the words and statements of others, who really do understand what they write about, and who actually, too, have thought out for themselves, relying on no second-hand "data," what in their desire to diffuse Masonic information, and to advance Masonic archæology, they seek to impart to others.

The question of the "Marks" is one of the most abstruse, and yet one of the most interesting, of the whole range of subjects which fall under Masonic discussion.

It cannot be decided off-hand by any one, who on a most superficial acquaintance with the subject, and on an utterly rotten foundation, attempts to build up a showy but viciously planned and constructed edifice.

Many people, too, confuse the merely operative period of Masons' Marks with the purely speculative.

Learned men are not by any means agreed yet what Masons' Marks are in themselves, whether corporate or personal, whether mystical or purely tokens of Craft labour and convenience, but in discussing the question of Marks at all, to limit the discussion to the speculative period, is as reasonable as to play Hamlet, omitting the part of the chivalrous Prince.

I say all this by way of warning, all Masonic discussions having been next to nigh impossible hitherto, because they have always drifted into personalities.

We seem to be doing the same, even about "Marks."

But those who, like myself, look at the question, after many years study, purely from an archæological, and not from a personal point of view at all, we cannot allow any one to use such uncourteous and unmasonic language as Bro. Paton thought well to use in writing about Bro. Buchan and myself, though we have nothing in common, that we did not know what we were talking about, that we only displayed our ignorance, &c., and several other equally choice expressions.

Coming from Bro. C. I. Paton, this was a little too bad, as all I had done, my only offence, had been to point out that this view of the necessity of odd points was an utter absurdity, that there was no warrant for it to be found anywhere, at any period, either in speculative or operative Masonry, and that the double triangle was a Masonic operative mark, though Bro. Paton did not seem to know it. I referred him to Laurie and to Lyon to refute his own ill-judged and hasty assertion.

And so I leave the question, having thought well to admit a slight error, and to restate my own position more carefully to-day.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

THE LOST TEN TRIBES.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Two words misprinted in my letter which appears in to-day's *Freemason* so alter the sense, that I must request you to kindly correct them. The ancient pronunciation of "Vivam" is

"Weewam" and if you try to pronounce "Weewam" in the sort of guttural pronunciation of the Indians, it sounds very like Weegwam. Also present subjunctive "word" should be present subjunctive "mood."

Faithfully yours,

HERBERT B. HODGES.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

In continuing this interesting department, so ably supported by Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., P.G.C., I wish to give the titles of two curious pamphlets I have lately purchased.

Any brethren who have others of a similar character about the same date would confer a favour on all Masonic students by furnishing particulars through the same medium.

W. J. HUGHAN.

"THE FREEMASONS' ACCUSATION AND DEFENCE, in six genuine letters between a gentleman in the country, and his son, a student in the Temple, wherein the whole affair of Masonry is fairly debated, and all the arguments for and against that fraternity are curiously and impartially handled. The third edition. London, printed for J. Peele, at Locke's Head, in Paternoster-row, and N. Blandford, the "London Gazette," Charing-Cross, 1726. (Price sixpence)."

Size 8vo. pp. 39.

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"This maxim still the good wives hold,  
One story's good till t'other's told."

—HUDIB.

London, printed for J. Roberts, in Warwick-lane. 1726. (Price 6d.) 8vo. pp. 27.

ERRATA.—In that part of our report of the Stability Lodge of Instruction last week in which we referred to Bro. Ransford's English version of the *non nobis*, for the words "Many say that the words as arranged by Bro. Ransford go very well to the music," read "We may say that the words, &c., &c." There can be no two opinions about it.

In our notice of the Temple Lodge 1004, last week, it should have been stated that Bro. Ball, the House Steward at the Masonic Temple, was the purveyor of the excellent banquet, and not Mrs. Wright, as our reporter was informed.

In the report of the Commercial Lodge, No. 1391, in last week's paper, for Bro. "George Watts" read "George Matts' Assistant Secretary."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—The Stewards' visit to the Girls' School will take place on May 11th, at 3 p.m. A very attractive programme of the proceedings on this interesting occasion has been issued, and will doubtless induce many brethren to be present. The prizes will be presented to the children by the Right Hon. the Countess of Shrewsbury and Talbot.

The meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Girls' School Festival will take place on Saturday, 8th inst., at 2.30 precisely.

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## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, May 15, 1874.

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

Saturday, May 9.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel.  
 " 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.  
 " 1423, Era, King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court (emergency).

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 11.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons Hall.

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

" 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate.  
 Chap. 720, Panmure, Horns' Tavern, Kennington.

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. 11.55, 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 12.

Lodge 46, Old Union, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

" 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.

" 235, Nine Muses.

" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

Supreme Grand Council, 33°, Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square.

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. Marybone 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 13.

Anniversary Festival, Girls' School. (See advertisement.)  
 Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.

" 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.

" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.

" 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-rd., Limehouse.

" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

" 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.

" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-st., Wapping.

Supreme Grand Council, 33°, Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square.

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 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 14.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.

" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.

" 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock, West Ham.

" 1216, Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell.

" 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern.

" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.

Chap. 538, Vane, Freemasons' Hall.

Knight Templar Preceptory 45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.

" 117, New Temple, The Inner Temple.

Council Royal Order of Scotland, 33, Golden-square.

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, Balham, at 7.30.

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

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

Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

Friday, May 15.

Annual Meeting and Election Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.

Knight Templar Preceptory, 48, Kemis Tynte, 33, Golden-square.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses Road, Tottenham, at 8.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND

CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, May 16, 1874.

Monday, May 11.

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

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

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

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

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

Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

Tuesday, May 12.

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

" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, May 13.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.

" 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.

" 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 673, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.30.

St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Thursday, May 14.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.

" 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.

" 786, Croxteth United Service, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.

" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Patricroft, near Manchester.

Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 5.

Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

Friday, May 15.

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

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, May 16, 1874.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, May 11.

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

" 219, Star, 12, Trongate.

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

" 205, Garthland, Eagle Inn, Lochwinnoch.

" 307, Union and Crown, Freemasons' Hall, Barrhead.

" 503, St. George, Odd Fellows' Hall, Helensburgh.

Tuesday, May 12.

Lodge 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.

Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

Wednesday, May 13.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 179, St. Mungo, London Tavern, Mauchlin.

" 510, Maryhill, 107, Main-street, Maryhill.

Chap. 113, Partick, St. Mary's Hall, Partick.

" 511, St. John, Shetelston.

Thursday, May 14.

Lodge 167, Free Operative, Biggar.

" 290, Dalry, Masonic Hall, Dalry.

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

Friday, May 15.

Lodge 12, Kilwinning, Town-Hall, Greenock.

" 18, Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Dumbarro n.

" 170, St. John, Black Bull, Renton.

" 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.

" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 471, St. John, Stane Inn, Shotts.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 16, 1874.

Monday, May 11.

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

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

Tuesday, May 12.

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

" 151, Edinburgh Defensive Band, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.30.

Wednesday, May 13.

Lodge 2, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-st, at 8.

Chap. 1, Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

Thursday, May 14.

Lodge 8, Journeyman, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.

Lodge 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

" 548, St. Margaret, Newhall's Inn, Queensferry, at 8.

Friday, May 15.

Chap. 83, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

MAY ELECTION, 1874. ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS.

The kind support of the President, Vice-Presidents, Life Governors, and Subscribers is earnestly solicited on behalf of BRO. RICHARD COMMINS.

BORN 29TH APRIL, 1797, No. 31 on List, Formerly of "All Souls" Lodge, No. 170, was initiated in April, 1827, and continued a subscribing member until June, 1849, being always a most zealous working Mason.

The Petitioner is a Cabinet Maker and Upholsterer, and for 52 years carried on a most respectable business in Weymouth, holding a good position, and for 18 years was a member of the Town Council.

Owing to competition, losses in trade, and sickness in his family, at last he has been obliged to retire in a penniless condition. He is 77 years of age, has a wife 74 to support, and is entirely dependent on charity; and to add to his misfortunes, has recently met with an accident, breaking two of his ribs, rendering him totally unfit for even a casual day's labour.

This is an urgent case, and worthy of your sympathy and assistance.

The case is most earnestly recommended by the undermentioned Brethren:—

R. W. Bro. J. Gundry, P.G.M., Dorset; The Hyde, Bridport.

R. W. Bro. J. Huyshe, P.G.M., Devon, Clifshydon Rectory, Colmpton.

\* R. W. Bro. W. Eliot, P.P.G.M., Dorset, Weymouth.

V. W. Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, D.P.G.M., Dorset, Downe Hall, Bridport.

\* W. Bro. Thos. Coombs, P.G.A.D.C., P.M., No. 417, P.G. Sec., Dorset, Dorchester.

W. Bro. John Symonds, P.G.A.D.C., Vice-President of the Institution, Nos. 417, 1146, 3, Ingram-court, Fenchurch-street.

\* W. Bro. Rev. P. H. Newnham, P.P.G.C., Dorset, P.P.G.C., Hants, P.M. Nos. 495, 417, the Vicarage, Stonehouse, Devon.

W. Bro. George Burt, P.P.G.S.W., Dorset, P.M., Nos. 18, 1146, Grosvenor House, Millbank, S.W., Purbeck House, Swanage.

W. Bro. Joseph Freeman, P.M., Nos. 18, 1146, 15, Radnor-place, Gloucester-square, W.

\* W. Bro. R. N. Howard, P.P.G.S.W., Dorset, P.M., No. 1037, Weymouth.

\* W. Bro. C. J. Vigne, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Somerset, Westfield House, Bath.

W. Bro. John Jacob, P.M., No. 170, P.P.G. Sec., Dorset.

Bro. Sir F. W. Johnstone, M.P., No. 170.

\* W. Bro. J. B. Cole, W.M., No. 170, Weymouth.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked thus, \* and by the Petitioner, 1, Sandsfoot-terrace, Wyke, Weymouth.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

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

Widow of the late Bro. Walter Spicer, of the Lodge of Science 437, Bourton, Dorset, to which he subscribed 30 years. He was elected to the above Institution in 1857, where he died last year.

Mrs. Spicer's only means of support, is one half the Annuity formerly allowed her late husband, which will be ultimately discontinued in accordance with the laws of the Institution.

The case is strongly recommended by

Bro. B. Head, V.P.P.G.D., 12, Earls-terrace, Kensington.

Dr. Strong, P.M., 422, 493, P.Z., 452, 463 P.P.G.W., Surrey 64, North-end Croydon.

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Pratt, P.M., 7, Malvern House, Bedford Park, Croydon.

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Proxies will be thankfully received by Mrs. Spicer at the Masonic Institution, Croydon.

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