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PRESIDENT.—The Right Worshipful W. W. B. BEECH M.P., Provincial Grand Master.

At a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, recently held at Landport, it was unanimously resolved that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of raising a fund, to provide a suitable memorial to our late deeply-lamented Bro. Stebbing.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution, a meeting was held at Southampton, which was largely attended, when the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

"That the Lodges and Chapters of the Province and Freemasons generally be solicited to subscribe to a fund, to be appropriated as the Committee shall determine, for the benefit of the Widow of our late lamented Bro. J. R. Stebbing, whose circumstances at the time of his decease render this appeal absolutely necessary."

"That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to each Lodge and Chapter in the Province, inviting their co-operation, as well as that of Brethren and Companions generally, in obtaining subscriptions to the fund."

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The name of the late Bro. J. R. Stebbing is so well known in all Masonic circles that it seems unnecessary to set forth at length his long and valuable services. For many years he was a constant attendant at Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, assisting the interests of the Brethren and Companions. He was Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes in 1861, 1862 and 1863, and also an active member of the Building Committee of the present Freemasons' Hall, London.

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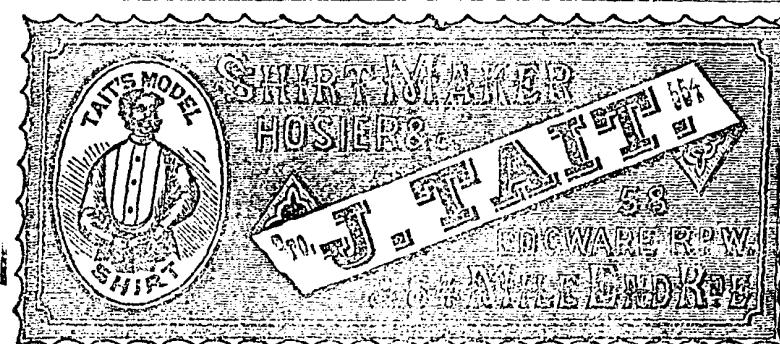
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF TRANQUILLITY (No. 185). — A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday last, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. John Constable. The meeting was very fully attended, there being about sixty brethren present. The ceremonies of raising and initiation were the only two which were on the paper of business, and while for the former ceremony there was but one candidate, for the latter there were no less than five. Four of these last attended, but Mr. Bush, the other candidate, was through illness obliged to deny himself the pleasure of entering the brotherhood on this occasion. Bro. James received at the hands of the W.M. admission to the secrets of the Third Degree, and was deeply impressed, as was also every other brother in the lodge, with the masterly style in which the ceremony was performed. It was delivered without hesitation and with all the force which is essential to producing a proper effect on the candidate. In the same style also, and with equally able assistance from the officers of the lodge, did the W.M. confer the secrets of the First Degree on Messrs. Isaac Magnin, Wm. Christie, John Barber, and Nicasio Eudigio Jauralde, who by their readiness in answering the questions and following the ritual, appeared fully to appreciate both the solemnity of the service and the ability of the W.M. When this was concluded the brethren proceeded to other business, and on the motion of Bro. Saul Solomon, P.M., seconded by Bro. Meyer Harris, P.M., offered their best thanks to Bro. Croker for having gratuitously renovated and restored the furniture of the lodge. The lodge unanimously agreed to present Bro. Croker with their thanks engrossed on vellum, and Bro. Croker, after the W.M. had told him that he should on another occasion have the pleasure of saying something more to him on the subject, said he thanked the brethren very much for their kindness, but what he had done was purely out of love to the lodge. He thought the furniture looked as if it wanted repairing, and he had repaired it. It was with much pleasure he found himself able to be of such small service, and the brethren would always find him ready to do anything that was in his power for the lodge. The Secretary of the lodge then read out the totals of the subscriptions raised by the lodge during the year for the Masonic Institutions, which were £496 8s. 6d., and proposed that this should be entered in the minutes. Bro. Gluckstein seconded the motion, which was carried amidst cheers. Bro. Saul Solomon, P.M., thought that the reason the lodge had been so successful in raising this amount was, that they had a W.M. who was very energetic in the cause of Masonry, and had very insinuating manners. On account of his great popularity

among the brethren they had come forward so readily to support him. The sum of three guineas was then voted to a late brother of the lodge, who was in deep distress and very sad want; and the brethren, as the Jewish brethren, to their honour be it said, always do, resolved to afford him additional voluntary pecuniary assistance. The W.M. afterwards alluded to a subject which was notified on the summons, that he intended submitting his manuscript history of the lodge to the brethren, with a view to its being published, and said that the lodge had been in existence for eighty-seven years, and there were consequently many facts in connection with its history which would be interesting to the brethren to know. He could not say that the work would present any great literary merits, but still other brethren had given the history of their lodges, and he, following in their footsteps, had endeavoured to pourtray, as far as he could, the past acts of their predecessors, many of whom they must revere. He then called upon the Secretary to read a short preface to the work which had been written by Bro. W. J. Hughan. The Secretary did so, and the brethren were put in possession of Bro. Hughan's opinion on the subject, which appeared to be, that all such histories are extremely valuable, and that all W.M.'s of lodges should contribute their quota towards such a fund of information. Notice was subsequently given of a motion to defray the expenses of printing and publishing the work out of the lodge funds, and the proceeds of its sale to be contributed to the Benevolent Fund of the lodge. This concluded the business in lodge, which was immediately closed, and the brethren sat down to an exceedingly nice banquet, presided over by their W.M. At the conclusion of this repast, which was thoroughly enjoyed, the W.M. announced that it was his intention to cut his speeches short, for two reasons, in the first that they had several brethren in the room possessing a very large amount of musical talent, and in the second place that it was not in his nature to make long speeches. This announcement was received with cheers, and the W.M. immediately added, that his first toast was that of "The Queen" coupled with "The Craft." This toast was drunk with the usual enthusiasm, and without loss of time the W.M. rose to give the second toast. He told the brethren that at present Masons were without a Grand Master, but it would be invidious on his part were he to say anything in connection with the subject of the resignation of their late Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon. He would therefore merely submit to them the toast of "The M.W.G.M. Designate, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," whose love for Freemasonry was such that it had endeared him to every member of the Craft. He was sure that if H.R.H. were spared to reign over Freemasons, as his predecessors the Dukes of Sussex and Kent, they would have occasion to rejoice in his accepting the office of Grand Master. This sentiment was greeted with cheers, and the W.M. gave the next, always popular, toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers." His love also for Freemasons and the Craft generally was of such a nature that all Masons must be glad of, and which should exist between one Mason and another. When the letter was read from the Marquis of Ripon in Grand Lodge announcing his retirement, there was immediately read a note from the Earl of Carnarvon, saying he had taken steps to prevent the office of Grand Master being vacant, thereby he exemplified to the Masonic Order generally, that they had nothing to fear at his hands. The W.M. added that he would couple the name of Bro. S. M. Lazarus, Past Prov. S.G.W. for Wilts, with this toast. Bro. S. M. Lazarus, in responding, said that while he was deeply indebted to the W.M. for the very high compliment he had paid him in coupling his name with this toast, he must remind him that although he (Bro. Lazarus) was not one of the Grand Officers, but only a first cousin to them, being only a Past Provincial Grand Officer. Of the Earl of Carnarvon, he must say, he was certain he would do everything he could to further the interests of the Order, and the whole of the Grand Officers were doing the same. Meet-

ing after meeting of the Masonic charities they were supporting them, and exerting themselves to the utmost to obtain the assistance of the lodges in the same course. In this they were successful, and it would be seen by looking at the lists that the Grand Officers were always foremost in bringing to the front the cause of the institutions. With regard to himself, he would only express his thanks to the W.M. and brethren for the very kind way in which he had been remembered. It was highly gratifying to him to come among the brethren, and in this Lodge of Tranquillity especially so, as the large increase that had taken place in the number of its members, and in their quality, proved that the lodge was in the right track, and that with such Freemasons the Masonic Institutions would never ask in vain for assistance. The next toast, "The Initiates," was emphatically declared by the W.M. to be the toast of the evening, for without such accessions to the Order, they could do nothing. Bro. Lazarus had referred to the increase in the number of the lodge's members, and also to their high quality. He (the W.M.) hoped this course would continue, for an addition to their number would be nothing, unless the quality was also good. The brethren they had initiated that evening, he was proud to say, were of the best class, and by their known respectability and high social position, would reflect honour on the body which they had just joined. He trusted their future conduct would justify the brethren's confidence in them. Bro. Jauralde, who was the first to reply, said it was with some diffidence he undertook this task, but at the same time as the other brethren who had that evening gone with him through the ceremony of initiation had asked him to reply for them, he would give the first proof he had an opportunity of giving of displaying the brotherly feeling which had lately been inculcated. The flattering terms in which the W.M. had referred to the initiates filled him with greater diffidence than he should otherwise have felt. To him it was a great compliment that he should be allowed to join the Order, and enter such a distinguished lodge as the Lodge of Tranquillity. For this he was extremely grateful, and not for himself only, but for his brother initiates also, he would say they would do their best to be good Masons. This would be proved by time. Loud calls being given for Bro. Christie, that brother also responded to the toast, and after expressing the same sentiments as Bro. Jauralde, said that respecting the compliment paid to the initiates by the W.M., in which he approved of the quality of the initiates, that if the W.M. did not grumble the initiates would not. He could only reiterate that he hoped the whole of the initiates would in a short time be as highly appreciated by their brethren in the lodge as the W.M. himself was. (Cheers.) The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," a body of brethren they were always glad to see, and who carried away from the lodge a recollection of pleasant associations. It was to them in a great measure they owed the high character the lodge bore. That evening they had the pleasure of having as a visitor a former member of the lodge, Bro. Martinis, who was raised to the 3rd degree at the same time as he (the W.M.) was raised. Since that time Bro. Martinis had traversed a considerable portion of the globe, but at his (the W.M.'s) solicitation he was among his old lodge that night. The lodge gave him a hearty welcome, and wished him prosperity and happiness on the journey he was resuming the following day. The next was Bro. Lazarus, whom they had had the pleasure of listening to; and the next, Bro. Massey, whom he would call on also to respond, because he should make this a double toast, by coupling with it "The Masonic Press," as he represented that excellent paper the *Freemason*. There was also Bro. Hill, the J.D. of 1228, Burdett Coutts Lodge, which associated itself with the objects of Freemasonry. Then there were Bro. Naperean, Bro. Frost, and Bro. Brodie, the last of whom was proposed by Bro. Gluckstein as a member of that lodge. Bro. Martinis, in acknowledging the toast, said that whereas the W.M. had, in his opening remarks that evening, given two reasons for making short speeches, there was yet another reason

that the good cheer they had partaken of rendered it impossible to make a long speech. However, it would not prevent him uttering his true sentiments that he was proud to be a Mason, when he found he was so appreciated in the Lodge of Tranquility. Four years ago he left England for the south of America. The Lodge of Tranquility had then but few members in comparison with its present number, and he thought that this was in no small measure due to the W.M., who at present filled King Solomon's chair. True, the W.M. was raised at the same time as he, but the W.M. had far outstripped him, and had gone on, while he (Bro. Martinis) was in the background. Unfortunately, in St. Thomas's and in the Southern Republics, while Masonry was carried out with great fervour and zeal in the lodges and the rooms were beautifully decorated, there was no peace, no "Tranquility" there, and therefore he, though a visitor to those lodges, had never belonged to them. They had heard a good deal that evening of the publication of the W.M.'s history of the Lodge of Tranquility, and he trusted that although he was going away the next day he would receive a copy of it. He thought all the members of the lodge should take one; as a past member he certainly should; but if he might be allowed to make a suggestion, he would say that he trusted that when it was recording the past of the lodge it would not neglect also to record the prosperity the lodge enjoyed under its present W.M. Bro. Massey replied for the *Freemason*. The W.M. next gave "The Tranquility Benevolent Fund," and called upon Bro. Saul Solomon, its treasurer, to respond. Bro. Saul Solomon said that after the many times the brethren had been put to the annoyance of hearing him—"No, no"—return thanks on behalf of the Benevolent Fund, and upon all of which occasions he had assured them that he had been pleased and delighted at having his name associated with that fund, he was sure they would believe him when he told them that he was again honoured and pleased by their recognition of him in that character. It was true he was one of the oldest members of this lodge. His brother and he were initiated together twenty-three or twenty-four years ago in this lodge, and he had been a member of it ever since. He trusted also, as long as at all events he had means, he should still belong to it, and when he had not, he hoped they would admit him as an honorary member. With regard to this fund it was initiated by some members of the lodge who had closed long since their career in this world, both as regarded Masonry and every other matter with which they were connected; but he was certain that in their last moments it was a matter of solace and happiness to them that they had been the means of causing relief to be given to very many of the brethren in distress who had been from time to time associated with them round the festive board of this lodge. He was equally certain that the members of this lodge also enjoyed the like feeling by the fact which was patent to them all, that this fund had for its object the relief of those members who had in times of joy and harmony, conviviality and good fellowship, been associated with them. He was pleased to inform them that at the present moment the fund amounted to upwards of £600, and although they had no immediate notice of its being at all diminished, they could not tell from day to day, or from hour to hour, when the next call would be made upon it. The last one was only a few short months ago, when they were happy to have it in their power to give £100 to a member once among them, and they hoped it would be the means of restoring him, if not to the same position in which he had formerly stood, at least to a position of prosperity, comfort and happiness,—as near that position as possible. The subscriptions to the fund were limited entirely to members of the lodge; brethren who honoured the lodge with their presence as visitors are not allowed to subscribe, inasmuch as they had no chance of being at any time recipients of its benefits. He would appeal to the brethren who had just joined the Order for their support. Had it not been for this fund, many members of the lodge would have shrunk into absolute indigence, and never have shown

their faces to those whom they had known in their days of prosperity. He hoped in all sincerity, and he was sure he would be joined in that wish by every member present and every member of the Craft, that this lodge might continue to flourish and go on for ever; but he might safely say, that if this fund should fail, the Lodge of Tranquility would be extinguished with it. Therefore it was for every member of the lodge to keep the fund up, and he was sure that every member who had the interest of the lodge at heart would do so. The lodge and the Benevolent Fund ran together; that they might do so, he was sure was the paramount wish of every one of the members. The following subscriptions were then announced:—Bro. Bamberger, £1 1s.; Bro. Christie, (Initiate) £2 2s.; Bro. Magnin, (Initiate) £1 1s.; Bro. Jauralde, (Initiate) £1. 1s. Bro. Moss, I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M." and referred to the excellent administration of the lodge's affairs, which had characterized his possession of the emblem of power. He was pleased to number the W.M. among his very intimate friends. He was likewise pleased to say that the W.M. had devoted much of his time to the lodge and to the Charities; but even this had not prevented him from giving a large share of his time to writing a history of the Lodge of Tranquility. It would give them all a vast amount of pleasure to render him the assistance he so richly deserved in the publication of that history. He (Bro. Moss) had not the power to dilate on the W.M.'s excellent qualities as they deserved, but he should call on the brethren to supply his deficiency by responding most cordially to his call. The W.M., after thanking the brethren, said there was an old adage, "What man has done man can do," and that he had endeavoured to follow. If he had succeeded at all to their wish he was indeed gratified. This course he intended pursuing, and he hoped still to obtain their hearty applause. He had the cause of the Tranquility Lodge at heart, otherwise he should not have acted as he had. He then proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s, Bros. Bloomfield, Holbrook, Harfeld, G. E. Moss, Nathan Moss, Saul Solomon, and Major Harris." Bro. Harris in a very few words replied; but Bro. Saul Solomon said that even the lateness of the hour would not prevent him saying that the P.M.'s should not let the opportunity go by of showing the members of the lodge their willingness to render assistance. He thought it right to say that he was pleased with the conduct of the W.M., and with the increase in the number of members of the lodge,—going on as it had it would be a crack lodge in the Craft, and with the help of the W.M. and his confederates, who sat around him in the shape of the officers of the lodge, they would by-and-bye succeed, and this lodge would so ever retain the highest position on the roll of lodges. The W.M. next proposed the "Treasurer and Secretary," Bros. Peartree and Levy, who worked most harmoniously together, and without whom the lodge could not get on. In saying this he thought he combined everything which regarded the efficiency of the lodge. Bros. Peartree and Levy having responded, the W.M. gave "The Officers of the Lodge," and the S.W. having replied the brethren separated, after having spent a delightful evening.

BRADFORD.—*Lodge of Hope* (No. 302).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Godwin-street. In the absence of the W.M. Bro. Manoah Rhodes, P.M., P. Prov. G.W. (the Mayor of Bradford) presided, surrounded by Bros. W. W. Barlow, I.P.M.; W. Ibbetson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; I. I. Shaepi, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Hen. Smith, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; G. H. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Beanland, P.M.; A. O. Mawson, P.M.; J. Ward, P.M. 1018; J. Aprons, P.M. 600; Thos. Riley, 601; C. Brook, P.M. 600; S. Barsdorf, P.M. 600; S. B. Walmsley, P.M. 974; John Ambler, P.M. 874; J. Beanland, P.M. 1018; J. Dewhurst, P.M. 1018; F. Rounsfeldt, P.M. 1018; Geo. Alsing, Unanimity, 113; Ch. Fieldmann, Merchants, 241; and numerous other brethren, who spent a most pleasurable evening together, after the working in the lodge was over. We exceedingly regret that we are not able to

give a full report of the proceedings which had been prepared, but which, unfortunately, has been lost. Suffice it to say that His Worship, although it is many years since he has had to practice the Ritual, performed his task in a masterly manner, and the entire proceedings afforded much instruction and gratification to the brethren, who mustered in great force.

LEICESTER.—*John of Gaunt Lodge* (No. 523).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, Oct. 15th, at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.G. Sec., and amongst those present were Bros. F. J. Baines, J. A. Garnac, B. Smith, W. Scuthorpe, J. Johnson, and G. Toller, jun., Thos. C. Stretton, P.M. 279; R. Waite, P.M. 1391; Thorpe, S.W. and many others, including amongst the visitors Bros. Davies, 141, Bullen, &c., &c. Bro. Nicholson was passed to the degree of F.C., and Bros. J. and W. Church, having been approved on the ballot, were severally initiated into Masonry. The ceremonies were performed by the W.M. in a manner which left nothing to be desired, showing that the honourable reputation of the lodge for good working will not suffer under his rule. After supper the enjoyment of the evening was much enhanced by Bro. Nicholson's beautiful playing on the flute. We should not omit to mention that the J.D., Bro. Taylor, (now in America), had sent home for the lodge a series of very interesting photographic views of the New Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, U.S., and for which donation the thanks of the lodge were accorded.

HAVANT.—*Carnarvon Lodge* (No. 804).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Black Dog Inn, on Monday, the 5th inst., when there was a good attendance of the brethren, the W.M., Bro. J. Harrison, being well supported by his officers, there being only one unavoidable absentee, the I.G. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed; and we are pleased to say that the unanimous consent of the brethren is secured for removing the lodge to the Town Hall, that we hope by the new year to be in possession of the above building, which is a spacious one, with ante-rooms attached, and will supply a want which has long been required by the members of this lodge. The ballot box was then sent round for the election of Mr. C. U. Burr, which proved unanimous; the work of the evening consisted of two initiations, one passing, and one raising, the three ceremonies being ably performed by the W.M. The notice of motion given at the last lodge, of voting two guineas annually to the widow of a deceased brother of this province, was then briefly alluded to, and proposed by Bro. G. A. Gale, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., and seconded by Bro. Weekes, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.S.B. It was put for confirmation and carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Dolphin Hotel, where Bro. Purnell, P.M., catered in his usual style.

MCDONALD LODGE (No. 1216).—This lodge met at the head-quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, at Camberwell, on the 8th inst., when there was a large attendance of members and visitors to support the new W.M., Bro. J. Messenger. Bro. G. Waterall occupied the S.W. chair in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Hastie. There were also present Bros. Newington Bridges, the I.P.M.; and Past Masters James Stevens (W.M. 1426), and S. H. Wagstaffe, M. S. Larlham, J. W.; C. Hammond, S.D.; T. W. Carnell, J.D.; J. J. Curtis, Secretary; B. Joy, I.G.; W. Gray, Steward; E. Bowen, A. Youngman; N. J. Basnet, P. Clay, T. Day, T. Harper, G. Allen, H. Jarman, A. Bradley, H. Puckle, Dr. Eugene Cronin, J. D. Challoner, H. A. Ross, T. Wilkins, T. Nevill, E. Clark, P.P.G.S.W., P.M., 1194, and 1329, John Oliver, 1328, J. H. Carter, 304, and A. Thomas, 1446. After the opening of the lodge and the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, a ballot was taken for the election of Bro. Herbert Puckle as re-joining member, which proving unanimous, that brother entered the lodge and was received with much cordiality. Bros. Fitzer and Jarman were severally raised to the third degree by the W.M. in an equally efficient manner as his predecessors. On the

closing down of the lodge to the first degree, Bro. Dr. J. Cronin was presented with a handsome Past Treasurer's jewel in recognition of several years' valuable services. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., in conjunction with Bro. Bridges, the I.P.M., brought forward a most deserving case for assistance, and the lodge at once voted the sum of £5 from their benevolent fund in aid thereof. The particulars of this case are so sad and their truth is so thoroughly vouched for by the two brothers above-named that we do not hesitate to express the hope that contributions from other sources may be forthcoming, and that the object sought to be obtained of placing the widow of a most deserving brother in a position to secure a respectable living will be ensured. Bro. Harper presided at the harmonium throughout the evening, and the lodge was closed with full musical service.

WALTHAM NEW TOWN (HERTS). — *King Harold Lodge* (No. 1337). — The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town, Herts, on Tuesday, October 20th. The lodge met at two o'clock, when the chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. J. K. King, supported by his officers. Amongst those present were Bro. Chas. Lacey, P.M., P.G.J.D., Herts, W.M. elect; Bro. E. West, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Bro. James Terry, P.G.D.C.; Herts, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Bro. O. H. Wagner, W.M. 403, P.S.G.W. Herts. Bro. Jas. Gaskell, P.M. 1076; Bro. Mugliston, W.M. 1421; Bro. Joseph Tydeman, W.M. 1437; Bro. J. J. Wilson, P.M., P.G.J.W. Essex; Bro. E. Parker, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Bro. E. Parvy, P.M.; Bro. Williams, (*Freemason*) and many others. After the confirmation of the minutes of the preceding meeting and the presentation of the report of the Audit Committee, Bro. Charles Lacey was presented to Bro. West for installation, and, having taken the customary obligation, a board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Lacey was installed into the chair of K.S., and, after the brethren had been re-admitted to the lodge, he was proclaimed and saluted in the usual manner. The Installing Master gave the customary address in an admirable manner, and performed the ceremony in such a way that it will not soon be forgotten. The Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Terry, discharged his duties in such an able manner that gives great credit to that distinguished brother. The new W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: — S.W., Bro. W. Gilbert; J.W., Bro. T. Reilly; Treasurer, Bro. Barwick; Secretary, Bro. Malcolm; S.D., Bro. J. Tydeman; J.D., Bro. W. Holmes; I.G., Bro. W.M. Soul; D.C., Bro. J. Terry; Organist, Bro. W. Pritchett; Tyler, Bro. W. Steedman. A vote of thanks was then presented to Bro. West, who on rising to return thanks said: — I thank you kindly for the kind manner in which you have received me this day. It gives me a deal of pleasure to be with you to day. I trust the new W.M. will live many years to rule over this lodge. I think he has this day attained a very high honour, for it is one of the highest a man can aspire to, again I thank you. The W.M.: I have now a very important duty to perform, it is to decorate the breast of our I.P.M., Bro. Young. It has been most satisfactory to all the brethren who have attended this lodge, to see the very able manner in which our brother has carried out his duties. In placing it on your breast, Bro. Young, I trust you will live long to wear it. Bro. Young rose to return thanks and said, Worshipful Master and Brethren all, I feel myself incompetent to thank you sufficiently for the very kind way in which you have presented me with this jewel. You have, I am sure, amply rewarded me for my humble efforts in acting as W.M. of this lodge. I can scarcely express myself when I see that all the brethren are unanimous in responding. It has always been my study to benefit this lodge. Again I thank you. I have great pleasure to inform you all that our Bro. West has kindly consented to act as Steward in the coming year to the Aged Freemasons' Benevolent Institution. The W.M.: I have a second jewel in my hands, which I hold with very great pleasure, it is for Bro. Barnes, who is now in Canada. He was appointed the second W.M. of this lodge, but for causes unknown to us, he left for a foreign country. I entrust it in the keeping of Bro. Young, who will forward it

on to Bro. Barnes. I am sure Bro. Barnes has all our good wishes, and he must feel gratified to know that he has our esteem after two years absence, and I trust he may wear it many years. Bro. Young responded for Bro. Barnes, promising to forward it on as soon as possible. The business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren afterwards re-assembled at the banqueting table, and sat down to a sumptuous repast, served by Bro. Sheldon. Bro. Lacey presided, supported by Bros. West, Major Young and others. On the removal of the cloth, the toasts were then proposed. Bro. Lacey in proposing the "Queen and the Craft," said the name of the Queen is always received by Masons with pleasure, and she has the good feeling of us all, therefore I ask you to drink "The Queen and the Craft." The toast was highly honoured. In proposing the health of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, P.M.W.G.M.", Bro. Lacey said: This toast is very gratifying to you all, as it is that of the Acting Grand Master H.R.H. His name is so frequently used in respect to his having accepted the office of G.M. It will be quite needless for me to repeat it to-night. It shows that he takes great interest in Masonry, and from the manner in which he has conducted the affairs of Masonry in the past bestows great credit on him, and has shown more than evidence that his heart and soul was in Masonry. I am sure he has now given us proof of it when he has come forward to fill the position he has now accepted, and I sincerely trust we shall see him installed in that high position. I therefore ask you to drink the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, P.M.W.G.M. The toast was enthusiastically received. Bro. Lacey: I next give you "The Earl of Carnarvon and the rest of the Grand Officers." The Earl of Carnarvon has taken an earnest interest in the progress of Masonry. As D.G.M. he has discharged his duties in a most satisfactory manner, and has won the good feeling of every good Mason. With regard to the rest of the Grand Officers it is unnecessary for me to speak of them, you being well aware they have discharged their duties to the extreme satisfaction of all. The toast was drank with high honours. Bro. Lacey: I have now pleasure in proposing the P.G.M. of Herts. This toast is one which we are more immediately concerned with. I remember Bro. Halsey was once spoken of as the coming man, and I am sure he has distinguished himself, and his appointment as P.G.M. must have given great satisfaction, as he has discharged his duties ably. I therefore ask you to drink the health of our worthy Bro. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. of Herts. The toast was drank with the highest honours. Bro. Lacey: I must propose the Deputy P.G.M. and the rest of the P.G. Officers. It gives me very great pleasure to propose the toast. We have our excellent Bro. Terry here, and I feel delighted to know that we have one of the Grand Officers who is holding a minor office in the King Harold Lodge. Our Bro. Parker, who is also the P.P.G.P., we have, who has ably distinguished himself, and I congratulate you all on having our Bro. Wagner, P.G.S.W., amongst us. I therefore ask you to drink the healths of the P.G.M. and the rest of the P.G. Officers, and I couple with that toast the name of Bros. Wagner, West, Terry, and Parker. The toast was highly honoured. Bro. Wagner: I thank you very much for the honour you have given the P.G. Officers. The P.G.M., I know, wished to be present, but business has prevented. I heard him say he wished to be at every installation throughout the Province. Again I thank you. Bro. Young: I suppose when you hear the sound from this part you know it is to propose the health of our new W.M. I trust you will all respond to the toast I propose. He is respected highly by us all, and I am sure you will all give him your hearty support. I therefore ask you to drink heartily the health of our new W.M. The toast was drank amidst loud cheering. Bro. Lacey, in returning thanks said: I thank you all sincerely for the kind compliment you have just paid me. I feel it is my bounden duty to do all that I can for Masonry, and I will do all that I can for the benefit of this lodge. I feel greatly indebted for the kindness I have received from you. Again permit me to thank you sincerely. Bro. Lacey: I next propose "The Visitors." It

is a great principle in Masonry to entertain those brethren who are visitors, and I trust you will give them all hearty good cheers. Bro. Wilson has had a number of honours conferred upon him, Dr. Mugliston I am quite pleased to see, and my Bro. Gaskell is well known to all of you, I therefore ask you to drink heartily the health of our distinguished brethren. The toast was enthusiastically drank. Bro. Wilson in returning thanks spoke of the great hospitality that had been shown that day, and of the good working of the lodge, which working was everything that could be desired. Bro. Dr. Mugliston: I thank you all for the kind manner you have responded to the toast, I think when you visit a lodge you can learn something. I have to-day. The working of this day has been admirably done. Again I thank you. Bro. Gaskell thanked the brethren all in appropriate terms. Bro. Lacey: I now propose the "P.M.'s." This toast is one that comes home to us, for it is those brethren we have to look up to for the working of the lodge, and more especially to our I.P.M., Bro. Young. In him we have had one who have discharged his duties in a satisfactory manner, and has proved himself fully acquainted with the principles of the Order. Our Bro. West has distinguished himself this day. Bro. Parker has given great satisfaction in the lodge, and in proposing the health of these brethren I feel myself justified in mentioning Bro. Terry as a P.M. I therefore give you Bros. Terry, West, Levy and Parker. Bro. Young: As I.P.M., I tender you my sincere thanks. I thought at first my services were very imperfect, but the cordial manner in which my health has been drank, makes me feel that my labour has been compensated. I thank you all. Bro. Parker: I can only reiterate the words first spoken by Bro. Young, and I am sorry our Bro. West has had to leave, for I think there is no P.M. more worthy than him. I thank you all sincerely. Bro. Terry on rising to respond to the toast said: I feel a great pleasure, and I feel proud to be invested with this blue collar, as Director of Ceremonies of the Harold Lodge, in the Province of Herts. After commenting on the progress of the lodge, Bro. Terry alluded to the charities, and felt proud to know that Bro. West would act as Steward to the Aged Freemasons' Benevolent Institution, and trusted the brethren would support Bro. West in the work he has undertaken to do. He said an act of self denial on your part will do much in the cause of charity. We have in our Boys' School 176 boys, who are educated so that they are able to undertake almost any situation. Then we have about 145 girls who are well cared for, and we have another asylum, where 220 men and women are receiving bounty in the decline of life. You must know that when it costs £26,000 per annum to support these unions, it is useless to go to sleep, but to bestir ourselves. You must make known the claims and merits of these Institutions. Do all that you can to contribute to this good work. After some other remarks on the merits of the lodge, he (Bro. Terry) again urged the brethren to do all they could for the charities. Bro. Peckham then gave "We meet upon the level and part upon the square." Bro. Lacey: I now propose "The Treasurer and Secretary." The toast being duly honoured, Bro. Malcolm thanked the W.M. and brethren all for their toast, and assured them it was a source of gratification to him to hold the office of Secretary. I delight to be a fellow worker with you, and I thank you on behalf of the Treasurer, who is absent. Again I thank you all, and trust I shall discharge my duties with satisfaction. Bro. Lacey: I now propose the "Officers of the Lodge." I am sure they will all discharge their duties faithfully and earnestly. The toast being honoured, the S.W., Bro. Gilbert, then thanked the brethren, trusting he would discharge his duties to the satisfaction of all, and felt determined to do his duty satisfactory to all connected with the lodge. The J.W., Bro. Reilly: I feel very grateful to the W.M. and brethren all for placing me in this place. I will do all in my power to support him and the officers as far as my humble duties will allow me. I thank you sincerely. The S.D., Bro. Tydeman, responded in suitable terms, promising to do the utmost to carry out the duties that were devolved upon him. The J.D., Bro. Holmes, thanked the

brethren all in appropriate terms. The Organist next responded, followed by the I.G., Bro. Saul. A vote of thanks was then presented to Bro. Sheldon and his wife for the able manner in which everything for the comfort of the brethren had been carried out. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren separated after having spent a very happy evening.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381.) — This young and prosperous lodge resumed its meetings, after the summer vacation, on the 6th inst., at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Kock, assisted by Bro. Higgins, S.W.; Bro. Gardner, J.W.; Bro. Painter, S.D.; Bro. Hayward, J.D.; Bro. Reeves, I.G.; Bro. Stuart, Secretary; Bro. Page, P.M., Treasurer. Bro. Catchpole was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., and Messrs. Speedy, Poole, Cruse, W. Ellis, and W. A. Ellis duly initiated. The working was ably carried out by the W.M. A resolution was passed that a vote of condolence should be forwarded by the Secretary to the widow of Bro. Hales, a highly respected member of the lodge. The subject of forming a Benevolent Fund in connection with the lodge was brought forward by the W.M., but upon the motion of P.M. Mann the matter was postponed until next Monday. It was also unanimously agreed that a Lodge of Instruction should be held on Friday evenings, and that the Secretary should be directed to obtain permission for the same to be held at the Surrey Club House. The lodge was closed in due form and the brethren partook of a very excellent repast, catered for by Bro. Pope, P.M. The usual Royal and Masonic toasts were given, and the National Anthem and "God bless the Prince of Wales," sung by Bro. T. C. Walls, accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. W. A. Ellis. The toast of "The Visiting Brothers" was duly honoured and ably responded to by the numerous visitors among whom were Bro. Ede, P.M. from the country, and Bro. Arnold, P.M. of the Strong Man Lodge. The initiates were toasted and each replied briefly for the honour accorded. Bros. Walls, Philpot, Webb, and Gardner contributed some vocal effusions and the proceedings, which were throughout of an agreeable nature, terminated at an early hour,

ATHENÆUM LODGE (No. 1491).—The fifth meeting of this flourishing young scion of the Craft, was held on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst., in the lodge room, situate within the handsome building in the Camden-road, Holloway, that gives its name to the lodge. The business being very heavy, was commenced by the W.M., Bro. Samuel Poynter, P.M., and Treasurer Burgoine, No. 902, at a few minutes after five o'clock. No initiate's names appeared on the agenda, but no less than seven brethren, viz.—Bros. Bridgewater, No. 1150, Buckingham and Chandos (by special permission of Bro. Dobbs-will of that lodge) Heaton, Hamer, Waterlow, Weiss, Shirley and Summey were raised to the sublime degree of a M.M., by the W.M. The ceremony in each instance was performed in its integrity, including the traditional history and the explanation of the tracing board. The effect was considerably enhanced by the solemn and dirge like tones of the harmonium, discoursing appropriate music, under the skilful touch of Bro. Thomas, of this and of the St. Clement Danes Lodge, No. 1351, Organist of St. George's, Tufnell Park, in the immediate vicinity, Inner Guard to the lodge. After a brief interval the W.M. resumed work, and passed to the second degree Bros. Dodds, Smiles and Wyman, after which numerous propositions for joining or initiation in this popular lodge brought the Masonic labours of the evening to a close, and the brethren proceeded to refreshment in the great hall of the building, where the W.M. presided over an elegant collation, and afterwards proposed the usual toasts, which were received with the greatest warmth and acclamation. Alluding to the recent "sensation" event in the Craft, the W.M. took occasion to observe that to his mind there was no reason for discouragement in the unhappy secession over which they must nevertheless mourn. Its real result was, on the contrary, eminently cheering when they beheld the dropped sceptre grasped again with no nerveless fingers, and when the challenge given by

their avowed foes had been readily and cheerfully accepted by "the Prince of all the land," in the stirring words of Campbell, "and the Prince of all the land led them on." These remarks appeared to elicit the cordial approbation of all the brethren. The toast of the "Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. Joseph Smith, P.C.P., who took occasion to eulogise the constant attendance of the W.M., at the various Masonic boards of which he is a member, and spoke in warm terms of his (the W.M.'s) assiduous labour in every department of the Craft. Bro. Foster Green, P.M. No. 475, St. John the Baptist, Luton, and also a member of this lodge, who had ably officiated as Past Master in the preceding ceremonies, in proposing the health of "The W.M." glowingly panegyrised the working they had been privileged to behold that evening. The W.M. in responding, said that it was his ambition to do his Masonic work thoroughly, so that every brother who entered the Craft under his auspices might make himself master of its mysteries as a science, and be able at all times during his Masonic career to give a reason for the faith that is in him. Bro. Brown, P.M. Neptune No. 22, in responding to the toast of the "Visitors," spoke in high terms of the working, and took occasion to endorse the W.M.'s remarks on the recent remarkable occurrence. The proceedings at the social board were enlivened by several songs and recitations, admirably given by some of the brethren, while the able performance of Bro. Thomas at the pianoforte contributed another element to the enjoyment of a thoroughly successful and agreeable meeting. The brethren separated at about eleven in perfect harmony. The next meeting will, D.V., be held on the first Wednesday in November, when there appears every prospect of the W.M. being called upon to perform all three ceremonies. Among the visitors present, in addition to those already named, we observed Bro. the Rev. O. J. S. Perrett, M.A., Head Master of the Boys' School, and Bros. Thompson, (Maybury) No. 969, Zambia, Marsh Ray, Bullen (Buckingham and Chandos) No. 1150, Emanuel, and several others.

Mark Masonry.

LANCASTER.—*County Palatine Lodge* (No. 156).—The members of the County Palatine of Lancaster Lodge held their annual meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Monday evening last. This lodge, which was constituted two years ago by our R.W.P.G.M.M.M., Bro. William Romaine Calender, M.P., for Provincial Officers only, with the object of bringing the leading brethren of Lancashire, Yorkshire, and Cheshire into closer communion, has been wonderfully successful. At this meeting the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Richard Newhouse, Prov. Grand Secretary for Cheshire and North Wales, was gone through, and most beautifully rendered by Bro. J. Gibb Smith, P.G.J.W., after which the W.M. appointed and invested the following officers:—Bros. John Chadwick, P.G. Sec., I.P.M.; Wm. Ormrod Walker, P.P.G.M.O. and P.G.D., S.W.; W. H. Prince, P.P.G.S.D. and P.G.D., J.W.; George Mellor, P.P.G.S.W. and G.S.O., M.O.; William Roberts, P.P.G.S.D., S.O.; Robert Butterworth, P.P.G.D.C., J.O.; John Duffield, P.G.T., Secretary and Treasurer; and other business transacted, the lodge was closed at 5.30.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LEICESTER.—*Byzantine Conclave* (No. 44).—The regular assembly of this flourishing conclave took place at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Monday, October 12th, when there were present Sir Knts. C. Stretton, M.P.S.; W. Kelly, Int. Gen.; G. Toller, jun., G. Councilor; S. S. Partridge, K.G.C., and Rev. W. Langley, P. Sov.; Dr. Hunt and J. C. Duncombe, V.E.s, and several other officers and members. From various causes none of the five candidates on the summons were able to be present. The Mount Hermon Sanctuary of K.H.S. was therefore opened under the Int. Gen. as P. Pr., and Sir Knt. J. Tomlin was duly installed as a Knight of the Order. Owing

to want of time it was found necessary to postpone the working of the Degree of St. John. The conclave having been resumed and the formal business disposed of, an adjournment to the banquet took place, and a very pleasant evening was spent, under the presidency of the M.P.S.

Scutland.

GLASGOW.

SCOTIA LODGE (No. 178) held their monthly meeting in the Hall, 170, Buchanan Street, on Wednesday, Oct. 14th, Bro. John Miller, R.W.M., presiding, Bro. J. Matthison, I.P.M., as S.W.; Bro. Laught, J.W.; Bro. J. Renfrew, Sec. The lodge having been duly opened, and Bros. Gilmour and Miller being duly qualified as Fellow Crafts to be raised to the sublime Degree, Bro. Joseph Singleton, P.M., officiated in raising them to the degree of Master Masons. There was a large attendance of members, with a good many visiting brethren.

LODGE STAR (No. 219) held their regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 12th. In consequence of the R.W.M. attending the Funeral Lodge at Edinburgh, the chair was taken by Bro. Alston, D.M., the Wardens being in their proper places. There was one candidate for initiation, and Bro. Bain, P.M. 103, performed the ceremony in his usual precise and careful style. The R.W.M., Bro. J. Wilson, returned from Edinburgh in time to close the lodge.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE (No. 465) met in their own Hall at Garngad-road on Thursday, Oct. 15th, the R.W.M., D. Reid, in the chair. J. McLeish, D.M.; Bro. Clark, S.W.; J. Yuill, J.W. There were two initiations, one passing, and one raising, all of which were performed by the R.W.M. in excellent style.

LODGE ATHOL (No. 413) held their Quarterly Harmony Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13, in St. Mark's Hall, Bro. John Wallace, R.W.M., in the chair. Jas. Leuttit, S.W.; Wm. Neilson, J.W.; C. McKenzie, S.D.; J. Dunn, Sec.; Agnew, T.; and a large attendance of visitors, as well as members. The lodge having been opened, and there being one candidate in attendance, Bro. Wm. Dolby, P.M., of St. Clair 362, initiated him in first-class style. The lodge was then placed under the care of the J.W., and two very happy hours were spent in harmony, to which Bro. Miller, the I.P.M. of the lodge, and P.G.D.M., with an efficient choir, materially contributed. There was a large delegation from St. John's present, and that lodge being proposed, Bro. Nelson, D.M., returned thanks. The S.W. gave Bro. Dobbie, who had so kindly initiated their candidate. Bro. Dobbie suitably acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Fletcher, R.W.M. of St. John's, replied for the visitors. The Master gave "The Initiate," who replied in a few terse sentences expressive of the pleasure he felt, not only at his initiation, but in this after festivity. Bro. Wm. Bell, D.M., proposed the R.W.M., and Bro. Lamb, S.W. 360, proposed the health of those who had contributed to the harmony of the evening. A Brother replied, stating he was the oldest member of the lodge, but he was very glad to be still able to contribute his mite towards their enjoyment. The Master then gave the final toast, after which he proceeded to close the lodge, all having been well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360) held their election meeting in their own hall, on Friday, Oct. 16th. The R.W.M., Dr. A. Morton, having declined to accede to the wish of the lodge to hold the chair for another year, and having nominated his Depute Master, to whose excellent working he had been much indebted during his own term of office, Bro. John Munro was unanimously elected as the R.W.M. for the ensuing year, each of the other nominations was unanimous, and the following were declared to be elected as the officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. Munro, R.W.M.; Dr. A. Morton, I.P.M.; D. Lamb, D.M.; John Ure, S.M.; Jas. M. Oliver, S.W.; Jas. Craig, J.W.; Wm. Failay, Treas.; W. H. Bickerton, Sec.; Wm. Sloan, B.B.; Jas. McCosh, D.C.; and Robert Brodie, D. of M. The offices of S.D., J.D., and Chaplain were left open till the next meeting. The lodgewas then closed in peace and harmony.

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER (No. 69), held their monthly meeting on Tuesday 13th, T. D. Humphries, Dr. Ph., Z., presiding, assisted by Comps. Wheeler, Z. of 73, as H.; D. B. Fleming, J.; J. M. Oliver, S.E.; Wm. Thomas, Treas.; J. Blackwood, 1st Sec. At the request of the officers of Chapter 73, Comp. Jas. Balfour, P.Z. 73, and P.G. 1st S., installed Comp. J. Tweed as H. of 73, as he was unable to be present on the installation night. The Auditors then presented their report, showing the funds were in a healthy state. A vote of thanks was then moved to Dr. T. D. Humphries, Z.; for having advanced a considerable sum, three years ago, to the chapter, to supply it with clothing, and for having let it remain over till the present time. The 1st Principal Z., in acknowledging the kindness of the companions, said he had only been carrying out his Masonic obligations and fulfilling the scriptural injunction to clothe the naked, for that was literally their condition at the time when he took the chair; he should never have asked them for repayment, but was glorying to think that under his reign they were in a position to offer it. The chapter was then closed in due form.

PALÆOLOGUS.

There are some topics so fairly embarrassing that one does not well know how to approach them in the ordinary style of proper composition. Who could Palæologus of Turin have been? Perhaps some cousin of the Army Surgeon whose pretensions were so embarrassing at the War Office, where the study of Gibbon has never been much encouraged, or some long-expected Barbadian, or some grim captain, undreamt of for the last two hundred years, from the depths of a Cornish mine; or was he the dark insinuation of the *Daily News*, or the prudent conjecture of the "matronly" *Standard*, or merely the weird shadow that flitted across the flowery path of the *Telegraph*; the raven that perched on its wires in the gloaming, and caused the vibration which awakened that leader from his Byzantine dreams?

But these conjectures are entirely unnecessary. We have not far to go in order to discover the identity of the personage whose recent demise at Turin has created so great a sensation, caused such a flutter amongst our contemporaries, and produced such a diversity of speculation. In fine, Prince John Anthony Lascaris Palæologus was simply the only and illegitimate son of his Royal Highness the Prince Francis Ducas-Palæologus-Rhodocanakis, of Scio, of the Byzantine House of Ducas. The deceased was for many years known as Prince Lascaris, and his adopted [11 Feb., 1869] daughter, Maria Maillet, assumed in consequence the same name, to which was afterwards added that of the renowned Palæologi—a noble dynasty that fell with their people and empire, through the overt hostility of the Papacy, which sacrificed an independent Christian power to its domineering jealousy, and preferred the crescent of the infidel to the cross which did not own its usurped authority.

The miserable result is daily brought before the notice of Christendom, until Turkey, an intruder in Europe, is now only known by her disorders and her loans, each reacting on the other; and while we consider the vicissitudes of the descendants of the great Byzantine Houses, as interesting subjects for archaeological essays, we scramble with avidity to prop up, while literally fleecing, "the sick man," and allow a splendid country to be possessed entirely by "things rank and gross in nature." But the decrees of fate or Providence are infallible, and though long delayed the moment must come when this "abomination of desolation" must be swept into Asia Minor, and the scandal of Christendom for ever removed.

Ultimately a time may come when the liberal spirit of Protestantism will be adopted by the even now tolerant Greek Church, and a federation of Greek States made possible, if not a restoration of the Empire of the Palæologi.

[Some of the ideas of this writer appear to trench on the forbidden domain of politics.—ED.]

UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND MALTA.

The following circular has been forwarded to us:

In respect to the memory of the late Grand Prior of Ireland, Sir Knight His Grace the Duke of Leinster, who departed this life on the 10th of October inst., all Knights meeting in their Preceptorships, Great Priories, or Convent General, are requested to wear mourning for the space of three months.

The Arch-Chancellor of the Order has directed that the Knights of the United Orders should be apprised that in consequence of the very recent death of the late Grand Prior of Ireland, the banquet intended to be given after the meeting of the Convent General on 30th October instant will not take place. The Arch-Chancellor trusts that the good feeling of the brethren of the Order will excuse and approve the step which he has thus felt bound to take in the absence of his Royal Highness the Grand Master.

By Order, J. LAMBERT SIM,
Sub-Marshall.
London, Oct., 1874.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice President as President; Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice President, as Senior Vice President, and Bro. John Savage as Junior Vice President. There were also present Bros. John Boyd, Joseph Smith, F. Binckes, C. A. Cotterbrune, T. Bartlett, W. Mann, E. Gotthiel, J. Willing, W. Smith, Herbert Dicketts, T. Bull, Thos. Cubitt, Levy, F. Kent, W. Stephens, G. Godson, C. Atkins, H. Massey (*Freemason*), B. H. Swallow, T. Scott, A. A. Pendlebury, Thomas R. Darke, W. Waghorn, John Hervey, G. Secretary, H. G. Buss. The grants of last meeting, amounting to £195, were confirmed, and new grants were made to the extent of £535. The brethren then adjourned.

THE EASTERN STAR.

The report of the inauguration of the "Victoria Chapter, No. 1," which appeared in the *Freemason* of 10th October, contains statements to the effect, that this chapter is the first that has been established in Great Britain; and that its Patron is the first-appointed Patron of the Order in Scotland. This is incorrect. The Order of the Eastern Star was introduced into Scotland by the late Capt. Thompson Wilson, of London, Canada, in 1861, acting under special powers granted him by the then head of the Order, Bro. Dr. Rob Morris, Past Grand Master of Kentucky, who is expected to visit this country early in January next. Captain Wilson having conferred the degree upon several brethren belonging to the Ayr lodges, and a number of ladies, he appointed Major Charles Edmund Thornton, then Commander of the Ayr Priory of Knights Templar, as Grand Superintendent of the Order in Scotland, and at the same time commissioned some half dozen Patrons to aid in spreading the degree throughout the country. These appointments were afterwards confirmed by the Grand Patron, Dr. Morris, who forwarded several copies of the ritual, instructions for forming chapters, etc.; and on Major Thornton's subsequent removal to England, Dr. Morris named a Deputy Grand Patron. An Ayr Chapter was formed, and many brethren and females possessing the necessary qualification were initiated. From a disinclination on the part of the Deputy Grand Patron to devote time to the working of the Order, this chapter has for several years been in abeyance. Seeing, however, that the Glasgow Chapter styles itself "No. 1," the Ayr Chapter, should it revive, may, like Mother Kilwinning, find it convenient to take "No. o."

In noticing the introduction of the Eastern Star into Scotland by Capt. Wilson, the *Freemasons' Magazine* (London, Nov. 10th, 1861) adds "We trust that the nonsense will not be allowed to extend to England—though we have heard of the degree being conferred in Fleet-street."

D. MURRAY LYON.

Masonic Tidings.

Bro. Hughan's interesting work will, we are informed, appear next week. Bro. Hughan has been too busy to send circulars.

The "Masonic Magazine" of August, September, and October, 1873, being out of print, copies will be thankfully received by the publisher, at 198, Fleet-street, London.

The "Cosmopolitan Calendar" is now ready, price 2s., post free, 2s. 2d. To America, post free, 2s. 6d. We shall call attention to it next week.

The installation ceremony will be worked by Bro. Beckett, P.M., at the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, on Monday next, the 24th inst., at the Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell-green.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, Cannon-street, E.C., on Wednesday, October 28th, at 6.30 p.m., by Bro. G. Gottheil, P.M., W.M.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Thursday, November 19th, 7 p.m., at the Salisbury Lodge, King's Head Tavern, Compton-street, Soho, by the St. James's Union Lodge, presided over by Bro. Stacey, P.M., 18°.

IRELAND.—No appointment has yet been made to the Masonic Grand Mastership, and it is understood that Bro. Shekleton will discharge the duties during the interregnum.

It is stated in Masonic circles in Ireland that the Duke of Connaught cannot accept, nor, indeed, be asked to accept, the office of Grand Master of the Freemasons in Ireland, as he does not belong to an Irish lodge; and the Duke of Abercorn, it is said, is barred from the office by reason of the political appointment which he holds. The Marquis of Headford's name is mentioned for the vacant post.

We have much pleasure in drawing the attention of our readers to a very valuable improvement in lamps, patented by Messrs. Dietz and Co., of Carter-lane, St. Paul's, and from a recent visit which we paid to their extensive warehouses and show rooms, we were perfectly convinced of their superiority over any other lamps that have come under our notice. Amongst the several which were submitted to our inspection we can give our cordial approval to that termed the "Paragon." The improvements chiefly consist in so introducing the currents of cold air that, after passing through a triple series of small openings in the air chamber which surrounds the wick holder, they are impinged upon the flame in a partially heated state, the result being that the oxygen of the atmosphere, and the carbon of the oil are burnt together, producing an intense white flame. The combustion being so perfect, there is no evolution of superfluous products of carbon or noxious gases, in fact, neither smoke, smell or danger, and we are informed it consumes one third less than most of the other lamps which are prominently brought before the public, is perfectly applicable for all kinds of lighting, and the Paragon burner being made in four sizes, is adapted to all wants and requirements, whether in small hand lamps, or highly ornamented table lamps, chandeliers, &c., It is also used in their new heating stoves for greenhouses and miniature kitcheners, which will cook a chop or boil a kettle in a few minutes at a cost of less than a fathoming. Another article of their manufacture, the "Hurricane Lamp," is so very ingenious that it is perfectly ineffectual in the wildest gale, is quite air tight, and oil tight, can be tossed about in any direction without extinguishing the light, and for out door purposes cannot be surpassed.

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EXCELLENT KEY.—Your letter cannot be printed, owing to the resolution arrived at with reference to such a discussion. See second leader.

The following stand over—Letters from "Progress," "The Wife of an Apprentice," R.F.A., "Another Country P.M." Report of Lodge 1101, Reading ; 1331, Aldershot.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1874.

THE "CHURCH HERALD."

Our contemporary, the *Church Herald*, in its impression of the 14th inst., gravely informs its readers that it had recently inserted an article on Freemasonry, which has "received," it adds, "as we know, very great attention." (See p. 591.)

There are always a good many people in the world who are pleased with small things, and grateful for small blessings. Our contemporary is evidently endowed with one of those happy dispositions, and we both admire and envy the possession of such contented equanimity. Indeed, he very much resembles the person who once told a friend that he had had the privilege of being addressed by "Le Grand Monarque." "What were his words?" inquired his friend. "Oh, well, he said to me when he saw me, get out of my way, you dirty rascal!" We are always reluctant to disturb any one's self-satisfaction, or to deprive him of any pleasure arising from the facile exercise of self-laudation. But we fear that if any attention has really been paid by

any one to that recent and memorable article in the *Church Herald*, in re Freemasonry, it arises from another cause, and not from either approval or sympathy with its tone and arguments. It is just possible that in its merely sensational utterances it may have attracted a moment's attention, but when we have said that, we have said all. It would, indeed, constitute, in our humble opinion, a very great reflection both on the intellect, and good feeling, and common sense of the readers of the *Church Herald*, lay or clerical, could we for a moment believe that they were really in any way affected by one of the most vulgar and worthless diatribes against our unoffending Order that we have ever had the misfortune to peruse. To say nothing of the childish perversity which to-day repeats the inane strictures of last century, we find, alas! the "animus mendacii" most strongly represented in that article from first to last. And not only this, but how can we fitly characterize those unblushing falsehoods—we might even term, in our good old Saxon vernacular, "lies"—with which that silly writer closes his attack on Freemasonry? All we can say is, that we do not fear such insinuations, or regard such incriminations in the slightest degree, for our belief still is most strongly that, in respect of Freemasonry, as of many other things in this world, "magna est veritas et prævalabit." We shall, therefore take no more notice of our contemporary, but relegate him to the glories of those "feeble forcibles"—so many now-a-days—who have adopted for their controversial efforts that motto which so well always represents both their wish and anxiety for truth "aut inveniam, aut faciam." Of such assailants, Freemasonry has no dread, and to such slanderers it cares not to make any reply, leaving both its professions and its practice, in all humble confidence, to the calm consideration and approval of the fair, the truthful, and the tolerant. Our contemporary, the *Church Herald*, prints the speech of an able brother of ours, (Bro. J. C. Parkinson), recently delivered by him to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire, and states that the "outcome" of it simply is, "our readers can need nothing further than the above to show that no Christian, much less a Catholic, can possibly have anything to do with such an organisation," and that "its practice has been too faithfully painted by one of its own official lights." We are not concerned in defending all that Bro. Parkinson then said, firstly, because he is quite able, if need be to defend himself, and, secondly, because we confess that we do not quite take his view as regards the Roman Catholic position in respect of Freemasonry. We think that the less is said of the Roman Catholic Church, quâ the Roman Catholic Church, the better, except purely by way of defence, as Freemasonry knows nothing officially, so to say, of the peculiar doctrines or the religious position of any denominational body. Freemasonry ignores alike all questions, whether affecting religion dogmas, or political principles. But we quite agree with Bro. Parkinson in his lucid explanation and reasonable assertion of the Universality of Freemasonry, and we thank him for defending what the *Church Herald* so loudly condemns, inasmuch as that very Universal principle of reception and to-

leration constitutes, in our humble opinion, the greatness, and the utility, and the glory of Freemasonry.

A FEW WORDS OF CAUTION.

We have published lately several letters relative to Lord Ripon's secession to the Church of Rome, and also one or two, especially last week, which seem to have a tendency to evoke a purely religious controversy. We therefore have come to the conclusion not to allow in our pages the appearance of any more similar letters, whether in tone or substance, either as regards Lord Ripon, or the Roman Catholic Church. We are of opinion that the best way of treating Lord Ripon's resignation is by a respectful silence, though we may feel heartily sorry for our noble brother. Freemasonry is not a controversial institution, and we have no right to allow a spirit of sectarian bitterness to be imported into our peaceful fraternity, or to appear in the columns of the only Masonic journal. As Freemasons, we have nothing to do with the special opinions or doctrines held by any religious body whatever, per se, except when, as lately, we are unwarrantably attacked and insulted, and then we have a right to state, clearly and temperately, how ignorant of our true principles are all such assailants, and how worthless and unfounded are all such attacks. But, as our readers will note, some of the recent letters speak of the Church of Rome from a purely religious point of view, or from political considerations, with which we have equally, as Freemasons, nothing to do. Having allowed, then, such discussion to proceed, as far as we thought it could with safety do, we now beg to decline to insert any more letters on the subject, on either side, and to call the attention [of our many readers] to the fact that we in no way profess to agree with, or to be responsible for the personal opinion and idiosyncrasies of our various correspondents.

"VERBUM SAT SAPIENTI."

With reference to the letter under this signature, which appeared in our columns on the 3rd October, we think it to be our duty to state to-day that we are fully satisfied that the assertions and insinuations made in it were and are utterly untrue. We much regret that by an oversight we allowed the letter to appear in our pages at all, as we have no intention of permitting the *Freemason* to be used for the purpose of propagating slander against any brother.

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.*]

ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND MALTA.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Does not Sir Knt. W. Davies misapprehend the position and status of a Preceptor under the new regime. As I read the statutes a Knight once installed a Preceptor is ever after a Preceptor, so long as he continues to subscribe to a preceptory, and is so qualified to attend, speak and vote in Convent General and Great

Priory, (see Statutes of Convent, p. 12, and Statutes of Great Priory, p. 8, par. 3.) Under these statutes there are no Past Preceptors. There must be a new title, that of Presiding Preceptor, to denote the actual head of the Preceptory, and notwithstanding the statutes of Great Priory, p. 43, Article 110, those who, under the old customs, would have been Past Commanders must be styled Preceptors only.

With regard to Sir Knt. J. H. Woodworth's complaint. I contend that a Knight, who is a past officer under the old regime, is not, in the "proper costume of his rank in the order," as laid down by Article 94, English Great Priory statutes, 73 Irish, unless the statute of the Convent General is complied with, and he wears "the insignia which" he was entitled to wear before the "making of those statutes" (see statutes of Convent General, p. 19, Article, Rank, and Precedence, last par., p. 20), and that a Knight so clothed cannot be excluded from Convent General or Great Priory.

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To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The complaint of your correspondent, "W. Davies, Preceptor," in your last issue is, I think, so far as it relates to his status in the Order, under a misapprehension. It is not easy to see the hardships which he appears to feel so strongly. Having been (I will assume) regularly elected and installed as Preceptor, so long as he is a subscribing member of any registered Preceptory he will take rank as a Preceptor, and be a member of the Great Priory (see Statutes of Great Priory, No. 3). In fact he will enjoy all the privileges he had under the old Statutes. The only difference made by the new Statutes of the Convent General and Great Priory in his case appears to be, that whereas he was instituted "Knight Commander," that title is now taken away from him and appropriated to a select body of Knights of the rank of Preceptors, whom the Grand Master may nominate to that honour. This being so it is difficult to understand what is meant by the assertion that "this office [Preceptor] does not carry past rank." I trust this explanation will tend to restore comfort and peace of mind to your correspondent.

Yours fraternally,
J. C. G. L.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Herewith I hand you extracts from the Statutes, and shall be glad if you will give the same a place in the *Freemason* of Saturday next, and at the same time give us your opinion thereon, and also answer the following questions; for when those in authority, who ought to know, differ as to the intent and effect of the Statutes, there is some excuse for the uninstructed asking the question :

Statutes of Convent General, page 11, reads, "All Great Priors, Great Officers, Sub Priors, Provincial Priors, National Great Officers, Grand Crosses, Commanders, and Preceptors, shall be qualified to attend, speak, and vote in the Convent General." Again at page 12, "A Preceptor shall be taken to mean, a Knight who shall have been duly installed to preside over a lawfully constituted Preceptory, and is on the roll of a lawfully constituted working Preceptory; and again at page 19, "In consideration of the introduction of the Dignities of Knights Grand Cross and Commander, no person in future, having served a dignified office, shall claim or receive any rank or precedence in virtue thereof, after having ceased to hold his office; and no status analogous to that heretofore designated as Past Rank shall be recognised nor allowed, nor any insignia thereof borne." From the above it is quite clear that past rank is entirely abolished; but, what follows, with some Sir Knights completely upsets the above construction. Great Priory Statute, page 8, sec. 3, reads: "Every Knight regularly elected and installed Preceptor of a Preceptory, registered under the Convent General shall, so long as he

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is a subscribing member to any Preceptory registered under the Great Priory of England and Wales, rank as a Preceptor and be a member of the Great Priory." By this it would appear that he virtually has past rank, retains his membership of, and has a right to vote on all matters in, the Great Priory.

The questions I wish to ask are,—1st, can any or all of the officers referred to claim to add "past" to the office they have held, or take part in the proceedings of, and vote on any and all questions submitted to, the Convent General and Great Priory? 2nd. Can Sir Knights who have served the office of Preceptor and obtained a diploma to that effect claim to attend, speak, and vote in the Convent General or Great Priory after he has retired from that office? As I have already stated, there is a difference of opinion on the question amongst those who are expected to know what is or was intended by the framers of the Statutes.

W. A.

IS THE POPE A MASON?

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Could you or any of your readers inform me, through the medium of the *Freemason*, if it is correct that the present Pope was in his youth initiated into the Craft, and where.

Yours fraternally,
JUNIOR WARDEN.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

A discussion has arisen between some eminent members of this club, as to whether the Pope was a Freemason and priest at the same time.

I suggested a reference to you on the subject. Would you kindly send me what particulars you can on the subject, and oblige.

Yours fraternally,
C. A.

[In answer to these letters, we beg to say that it is averred by some of the Italian Freemasons that the Pope, when a young man, was initiated into Freemasonry in a lodge in Italy. But we are not aware of any actual or trustworthy evidence on the subject. Some Italian lodges profess to believe this statement, and have, on the faith of it, passed sentence of expulsion.—ED.]

ROYAL VISIT TO PLYMOUTH.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the numerous letters constantly, week after week, appearing in your columns, and your editorial remarks thereon, I beg as a brother to state, I can vouch that there are "many precedents of non-commissioned officer brethren appearing in uniform, with Masonic clothing" in England, and especially in India. I have marched with dozens of non-commissioned officers in their uniform with the usual Masonic badges of this Order, and felt proud of so doing. As to the case being "referred to the Duke of Cambridge for his approval," he is not only the "soldier's friend," but especially is cognisant that the Queen's Regulation does not bring the Order of Masonry under the head of political meetings or discussions, which Masonry at all times forbids, as you are aware. Whatever led to the cause of the Committee of Management debarring the members (military) attending in the procession at Plymouth is inexcusable, and the Order demands an ample apology, or we are not brother Masons. Is it not another little hole for our enemies the Roman Catholics to injure our good and religious reputation?

Yours fraternally,
K. R. C.

York, October 13th, 1874.

ROYAL PATRONAGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to your correspondent "Reviresco" in your last issue, I beg to state that the *Masonic News* is under the distinguished patronage of the following princes and noblemen:—Bro. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Arthur, Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Lord Rosslyn, Past Grand Master of Scotland, Lord Ripon, Grand Master Mason of England, &c.

The proprietor of the *Masonic Record of Western India* has simply misplaced my advertisements, which mistake I immediately corrected.

I am, Sir and Brother,
Yours fraternally,
JOHN BASSETT.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

From Italy as well as from Buenos Ayres I have received letters, complaining that for a long time they have received no *Freemason* newspapers. Be kind enough to look into it.

St. James's Union Lodge, 180, has opened the season the 13th inst. with *éclat* and success, and attended by over 85 brethren, amongst whom many distinguished visitors and the V.W. Bro. Hervey, Grand Sec. Two brethren have been initiated in the mysteries of the noble Order; the ceremonies of Third and First Degree have been performed by

Yours fraternally,
A. GALLICO.

[We are informed in the office that the *Freemason* has been duly posted to our one subscriber in Buenos Ayres, and to our two or three subscribers in Italy.—ED.]

FUNERAL OF BRO. DENIS MOORE.

The funeral of the late much-respected Town Clerk of Exeter, Bro. W. Denis Moore, took place at the New Cemetery on Saturday, and was accompanied by a somewhat imposing demonstration of public respect. Most of the shops in the principal streets were partially closed, and the funeral was attended by the Mayor and Corporation, in mourning state, and by the Freemasons, amongst whom the deceased gentleman at one time held the distinguished office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Devon, whilst the local volunteers decided also to pay a last tribute of respect to one of whose body the deceased may be said to be the originator, and amongst whom, until a recent date, he held the rank of Major. The funeral *cortège* left the deceased's residence, Portland Villa, Pennsylvania, soon after eleven, and the Mayor and Corporation, the Freemasons, and the Volunteers having previously assembled at the Guildhall, the Royal Public Rooms, and the Castle-yard, respectively, marched to the London Inn Square, where they joined in the procession, which proceeded to the cemetery in the following order:—

The Volunteers.
Lodges of Freemasons.
Mayor and Corporation.
Citizens.

Hearse and Mourning Coaches.

The Volunteers were under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel the Earl of Devon, and the muster comprised Captain and Adjutant Courtenay, Major Rodway, Captain Richards, Captain Wilcocks, Lieuts. Fulford, Peyton, Mortimer, and Davy, Assistant-Surgeon Harris, Sergeant-Major Hellier, Colour-Sergeants Bowden and Sanders, Sergeants Rippon, Peardon, Herbert, and Elmore, two buglers, and about seventy rank and file. Following these were Lieutenant Hayward of the Engineers, and Captain Brock, Lieutenant Edmonds, Lieutenant Turner, Lieutenant Sharp, and Lieutenant Fulford of the local Volunteer Artillery batteries. The Freemasons wore their Masonic clothing, with black crape rosettes on their aprons and collars, and white gloves, and amongst them were:—Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. Rev. John

Huyshe, M.A., P.G.C., P.G.M.; Samuel Jones, P.P.S.G.D., P.M. 112; W. Cann, P.P.S.G.W., P.M. 112; Major Woods, P.P.J.G.W.; Henry W. Hooper, P.P.G.R., P.M. 1254, W.M. 444; H. L. Brewster, P.P.G.R., P.M. 39, and 1254; T. W. Gray, P.P.G.R., P.M. 112; John Pope, P.P.G.R., P.M. 112; R. Robertson Rodd, P.P.G.R., P.M. 189; the Rev. William Langley Pope, D.D., P.P.G.C.; the Rev. C. R. N. Lyne, P.P.G.C., S.W. 39; John Heath, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 710; William Easton, P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 39; J. C. Yelland, P.G.A.D.C., P.M. 39; Thomas Dand, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. 39; A. Soper Hexter, P.P.G.O., P.M. 112; John Gould, P.G. Sd., P.M. 444; and James Gregory, P.G.T. St. George's Lodge (Exeter), 112.—Brothers Sidney Hooper, W.M.; Dr. Shaw, P.M.; Edgar Tozer, J.W.; Alfred S. Perkins, S.D.; Alfred F. Luke, S.W.; C. Lewis, and Henry Willey. St. John the Baptist Lodge (Exeter), 390.—Bros. A. Thompson, W.M.; W. F. Quicke, P.M.; Alfred Bodly, I.P.M.; J. F. Stone, J.W.; John Stocker, Secretary; Charles Adams, S.D.; Henry Stocker, Organist; James Jerman, jun., S.S.; John Algar, G. W. P. Webber, Geo. Jury, Geo. Sercombe, and G. Curzon. Semper Fidelis Lodge (Exeter), No. 1254.—Bros. J. H. Warren, W.M.; Jethro A. F. Tucker, P.M.; Frederick Horspool, S.W.; Benjamin Barber, J.W.; Charles C. Kendrick, Secretary; William Brodie, J.D.; George Huxham, Treasurer; Wm. Pidsley, I.G.; Ed. Thomas Fulford, Steward; and Robert Nobbs. Lodge of Union (Starcross), No. 444.—Bros. Joseph Chadwick, P.M.; Montgomery Hooper, Secretary; and P. S. Blanchard, Tyler. Brent Lodge (Topsham), No. 1284.—Bros. Thomas Lascelles, W.M.; Samuel Hodder, P.M.; Henry J. Yelland, J.W.; F. Pollard, S.D.; Alfred H. Wills, J.D.; Thomas Hutchings, William Godolphin, James M. Blanchard, and W. H. Boon. Visiting brethren.—James Westhead, S.W., Lodge No. 710; F. H. H. Orchard, Lodge No. 372; J. Bishop, Lodge No. 6 (Canada); Uriah Evans and F. Thomas, Lodge No. 106 (Exmouth); and James Northam, Lodge No. 710 (Totnes). The Mace-bearers and the Sword-bearers, who preceded the Mayor and Corporation, wore crape around their hats, and the maces and the sword were covered with the same material. The mourning coaches were three in number, the first containing Miss Moore, Mrs. Hirtzel, Mr. L. Kennaway, Mr. G. Mirtzel, and Major Hogg; the second, Mrs. Hogg, Mr. Harris, Dr. Cook, Mr. F. Hirtzel, and Mr. George Shorto; and the third the servants of the deceased. A detachment of about twenty police, under the command of the Chief-Constable (Captain Bent) attended as a body guard, and did great service in keeping the roadway clear. Several hundred persons were assembled in the neighbourhood of the London Inn-square as the mournful procession moved off, and the streets were lined with spectators as far as the Blackboy turnpike-gate. On arriving at the Cemetery, where also a large crowd had congregated, the Volunteers and Freemasons formed in line on either side of the path, allowing the Mayor and Corporation, the general public, and mourners to pass up the centre. The corpse was met at the entrance by the Rev. C. C. Turner, Rector of St. Mary Major, and the Rev. J. L. Kitchin, Curate of St. James, and borne into the chapel, the first-named clergyman officiating in the chapel, and the Rev. J. L. Kitchin conducting that part of the service which is performed by the grave. The service having been concluded, the deceased's relatives deposited bouquets of flowers on the coffin, and the Provincial Grand Master of Devon (Brother J. Huyshe) afterwards performed the usual Masonic ceremony of dropping a sprig of acacia into the grave, which act was also performed by each of the brethren present. The coffin was of polished oak, with black mediæval mountings. On the breast plate—a silver-plated shield—was the following inscription:—

"W. Denis Moore,
"Born 27th October, 1804.
"Died 21st September, 1874."

and two Masonic emblems were placed on the lid, namely, a double triangle over the shield, and under the same the square and compass. The

arrangements for the funeral were satisfactorily carried out by Mr. S. R. Force, of St. Sidwell's. The state mourning for the Mayor and Corporation was supplied by Messrs. Colson and Gates, of High-street, and the hearse and mourning coaches by Messrs. Pedrick and West.

After the funeral the Masonic brethren returned to the Royal Public Rooms, where they had previously assembled as a lodge of emergency, and before closing the same, a resolution was unanimously passed authorising a committee of the Worshipful Masters of the three Exeter Lodges, and of the sister Lodges of Starcross and Topsham, to draw up a vote of condolence to be presented to the bereaved family.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

The ceremony of the installation into office of the Worshipful Master and officers, for the ensuing twelve months, of the Greymouth Masonic Lodge, 1233, E.C., took place at the Masonic Hall, Mackay-street, on July 9th. The brethren of other lodges, as well as Freemasons generally, were invited to attend, and by two o'clock in the afternoon there was a considerable muster of the Craft, about fifty being present, of whom a fair proportion were from the country districts. At five o'clock precisely the Deputy District Grand Master of Westland, Bro. G. W. Harvey, arrived at the lodge, and was received with the usual honours by the W.M. and the W.M. elect, with their officers. The ceremony of installing the new W.M., Bro. Rev. G. T. N. Watkins, was performed in the most impressive and efficient manner by the Deputy Grand Master, the proceedings being conducted strictly in accordance with the ancient customs and usages of the Craft, the choir rendering with good effect the musical portions of the service at the proper intervals. When the new Master was duly installed in the chair and proclaimed, P.M. Ancher, by direction of the Deputy Grand Master, invested the following officers with the insignia of their respective offices, at the same time delivering an appropriate charge to each, according to his rank and duty in the lodge, viz., Bros. J. J. May, Senior Warden; W. H. Revell, Junior Warden; J. C. Moore, Secretary, J. G. Thomas, Treasurer; T. Woods, Senior Deacon; J. M'Kinney, Junior Deacon; J. Sewell and J. A. Dissenhardt, Stewards;—Suisted, Inner Guard; and E. B. Fox, Tyler. The concluding parts of the ceremony were of a most imposing character, the Deputy Grand Master, during the delivery of his final charge and invocation being surrounded on the dais by an unusually numerous gathering of past officers of rank in the Order, among whom were Past Masters Hindmarsh, Kerr, Ancher, and Blackmore of the English rite, and R.W.M. Arnott of the Greymouth St. Andrew's Lodge, S.C. Before the final closing of the lodge, the W.M. moved a vote of thanks by the brethren present and the fraternity generally to the Deputy District Grand Master, who, at great personal inconvenience had come among them to give the installation observances a due solemnity and impressiveness. The vote was unanimously assented to in orthodox form. Bro. Harvey returned thanks, and explained that the delay in making an appearance at an earlier hour in the day was caused by detention at the Ahaura until midday on unavoidable business. After the transaction of some routine business, the lodge was closed in due form and the brethren dispersed, to prepare for the banquet, which took place in the evening, another time-honoured custom observed in connection with Masonic ceremonies.

A number of the brethren of the Masonic lodges of Greymouth assembled at the Masonic Hall, Mackay-street, in the same evening, to a banquet given on the occasion of the inauguration of the new Worshipful Masters and officers of the Greymouth Lodge, E.C., for the next twelve months. The chair was taken by the newly-installed W.M., Bro. the Rev. G. T. N. Watkins, supported on the right hand by the D.D.G.M. of Westland, Bro. G. W. Harvey. Bro. J. Arnott, R.W.M. of the Grey River, St. Andrew Lodge, and P.M. F. Ancher, and on the left by P.M. Hindmarsh, and P.M. J. Kerr. The usual toasts on such occasions were given

and responded to, the Chairman introducing the formal part of the proceedings with that peculiarly happy blending of Masonic and Demosthenic elegance which is characteristic of his style of oratory. After an evening's pleasant enjoyment the company separated at a seasonable hour. The catering was done by Bro. W. Jones in a style which was highly appreciated and commended by those present.

A conclave of the Military and Masonic Order of the Knights of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine was declared opened at Greymouth on Saturday, 11th July. The preliminary arrangements were in course of settlement for some time, and all the indispensable preparations having been made, the Master Masons about to be admitted to the degree assembled at the Masonic Hall, Mackay-street, where the M.I. Sir Knight T. S. Bulmer, Esq., M.D., K.G.C., and Intendant General of the degree, and Grand Representative of the Imperial Grand Council of the Order in England, duly installed the various officers, and formally invested them with the necessary powers for working the conclave by virtue of his authority from the Grand Council. The following Master Masons were appointed to the respective offices to be filled by them: E. Ancher, M.P.S.; G. T. N. Watkins, E.V.; W. H. Revell, S.G.; J. J. May, J.G.; J. J. Blackmore, P.; C. Suisted, Treasurer; H. Young, Recorder; J. A. Eissenhardt, Warden; E. B. Fox, Sentinel. At the same place, afterwards, a Lodge of the degree of Royal Ark Mariners was duly constituted, and the proper officers appointed to act under the control of the Grand Mark Master Mason of England and Wales and the British Colonies. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. Bulmer, the Provincial Grand Mark Master for New Zealand, acting under the letters patent under the hand of Earl Percy, M.W.G.M.M. of the Order in England. Following the above a Sanctuary of K.H.S. degree was inaugurated, and the necessary officers appointed and installed. The ceremonies of each degree were most impressively performed by the Grand Representative. The observances are very solemn and imposing, Freemasons of high rank and good repute and intelligence being eligible for initiation. This especially refers to the K.H.S. degree, portions of the ritual of which being in the Latin and Greek languages, study and preparation are indispensably necessary before any standing in the Order can be arrived at. The Sanctuary inaugurated on Saturday is the first of the Order yet empowered to act in the southern hemisphere. The number of members of each Sanctuary of the rite is limited to ninety-nine, and the number of Sanctuaries now existing is under twenty. Candidates for the degree must be Craft Master Masons, and also Royal Arch Masons, as well as being members of a Conclave of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine. For the Royal Ark Mariner Degree, candidates are required to be Mark Masons, as well as Master Masons of the Craft. The number of members of each Lodge or Conclave of Ark Mariners, and Red Cross, is not limited, but, from the strictness of the examinations and the accuracy required in working, the number will of necessity never be large.—LOCAL PAPER.

Bulletin in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

ROMAN EAGLE LODGE, EDINBURGH.

In response to the invitation of my learned and esteemed Brothers, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford and Dr. Albert G. Mackey, I beg to say that the first six years' minutes of the Lodge Roman Eagle are written in Latin. It is incorrect to say that the lodge was chartered to work in Latin, neither is there, so far as I have learned upon personal inquiry, any trace of a Latin ritual ever having been used in this lodge, although it is highly probable that such was the case, for it is upon record that at meetings of the Royal Medical Society at which he presided Dr. Brown addressed the members in Latin. The original, and a great proportion of the immediately succeeding, members of the Roman Eagle were of the

medical profession, and it was probably with the view of making its identity as a classical lodge more complete that its originator had its earlier records written in Latin. Dr. Brown was a passionate admirer of the language and literature of the ancient Romans: hence the custom to which we have adverted. Even in the designation of his lodge he seems to have been actuated by the same classical enthusiasm. When in Edinburgh a few days ago, I called upon the present Master of the Roman Eagle, Bro. Laing (maternal grand nephew of Dr. Brown), for the purpose of examining the original minute book, but found that it was temporarily in the possession of another member of the lodge, whom I had not time to call upon. Bro. Laing has in course of preparation a lecture on the early history of the Lodge Roman Eagle, which he intends shortly to read to the brethren, and which in all probability will be afterwards published.

D. MURRAY LYON.

Ayr, Oct. 17, 1874.

VALUE OF THE MASON'S MARK.—A man named Neil Steward Ross was convicted by Bailie Howden at the Police Court, Edinburgh, on, Tuesday 13th October, of having stolen some Mason's tools from a house at Johnstone Terrace, in the end of last week. As the prisoner was suspected by a pawnbroker from whom he wished to obtain money on the implements, he was requested to produce a *fac-simile* of the mark stamped upon them, but failed in the attempt. The police were called in, and a case of theft was detected. Sentence of forty days' imprisonment was passed.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, October 30, 1874.

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

Saturday, October 24.

Audit Committee Boys' School at 3.
Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
Red Cross Conclave, 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

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), Marquess of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor

Monday, October 26.

Lodge 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, Angel Hotel, Great Ilford.

Chap. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.

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

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

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, 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 (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

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

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

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, October 27.

Audit Committee, Girls' School at 4.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.

" 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
" 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.
" 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
" 255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.

" 1158, Southern Star, Montpelier Tavern, Walworth.
 " 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.
 " 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-street, Millbank.
 Chap. 7, Royal York Chapter of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), 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 (860), King Edward Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1227, Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, [New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

Wednesday, October 28.

Lodge 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns' Tavern, Kennington-park.
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page-green, Tottenham.
 " 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.
 " 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 753, Prince Frederick William, The Knights of St. John Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 K.T. Preceptory Holy Palestine, Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, at 5.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.
 Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.

Thursday, October 29.

General Committee Girls' School at 4.
 Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, 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.
 The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheapside, at 6.30.

Friday, October 30.

Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 K. T. Preceptory, 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Inn, Richmond.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 3.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, a 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1353), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 United Pilgrims, Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorne-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 High-road, Tottenham.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, October 31, 1874.

Monday, October 19.
 Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
 Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
 Tuesday, October 27.
 Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
 " 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes, near Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1393, Hamer, Clarence Hotel, Everton-road, Liverpool, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.
 Wednesday, October 28.
 Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 3.
 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chapter 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.
 Thursday, October 29.
 " 1313, Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
 Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, October 31, 1874.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, October 26.
 Lodge 102, St. Mark, St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street.
 " 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
 " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robinson-street.
 " 541, Marie Stewart, Watson's Academy, Langside-road.
 Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James-street.
 Tuesday, October 27.
 Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 426, Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Renfrew.
 Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.
 " 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.
 Wednesday, October 28.
 " 505, Burns St. Mary, Hartford.
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.
 Thursday, October 29.
 Lodge 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.
 " 544, Stewart, Freemasons' Hall, Market place, Kilsyth.
 Chap. 117, Govan, Portland Hall, Govan.
 Eastern Star Chapter 1, Victoria, 399¹, Argyle-street.
 Friday, October 30.
 Lodge 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollokshaws.
 " 195, Caledonian St. John's, Lennox Arms, Lennox-town.
 " 347, St. John's, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.
 " 360, Commercial, 30 Hope-street.
 " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.

Saturday, October 31.
 Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.
 " 305, St. John Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.
 " 384, Athole, School Room, Kirkintilloch.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 31st, 1874.

Monday, October 26.
 Lodge 145, St. Stephen, Masonic Hall, Writer's-court at 8.
 " 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, George-st., at 8.
 Tuesday, October 27.
 Lodge 151, Defensive Band, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.
 Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.
 Wednesday, October 28.
 Lodge 112, St. John's, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh, at 8.
 Friday, October 30.
 G. L. Fund of Benevolence, Freemason's Hall, at 2 p.m.
 Grand Committee, Freemasons' Hall, at 3 p.m.
 Lodge 223, Trafalgar, Masonic Hall, Salamander-street, Leith, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN DUBLIN.

For the week ending 31st October.

Monday, October 26.
 Lodge 153, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
 Chap. 25, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
 Tuesday, October 27.
 Lodge 4, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
 " 6, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 4.30.
 Wednesday, October 28.
 Lodge 125, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 7.30.
 Chap. 33, University, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.

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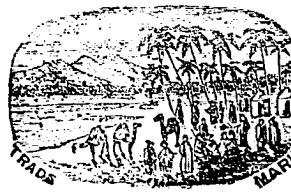
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CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE IN LIVERPOOL.

THE First Masonic Lodge Consecration, after the ceremony of dedicating the new Masonic Hall, Liverpool, of which we gave full particulars last week, took place within its walls on Monday, the 12th inst., and as all the surroundings were of the most interesting and successful character, the gathering was a fitting inauguration of the actual work of the hall. The new lodge is entitled "The Lodge of Israel," numbered 1502 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, and as its name indicates, its principal promoters and supporters are members of the Hebrew persuasion, although there will be nothing like sectarianism in either constitution or working. The brethren of the Jewish religion in Liverpool have long been prominently identified with Masonic charity and benevolence, and there is no doubt that the new lodge which now bears their distinctive name for the first time here will be amongst the best in the provinces. For the auspicious opening of the Lodge of Israel, much credit is due to Bro. Isaac de Frece, who has spared no effort to make even its inauguration successful, and he has been very ably seconded by Bro. Ralph Robinson, the W.M. designate, who is well-known as a spirited and loyal Mason throughout this Masonic division of the country. The new lodge has already a very large membership, and as many of them have already made their mark in masonry, the convention has in it all the elements of successful working.

By appointment of Bro. the Right Honourable Lord Skelmersdale, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, the ceremony was conducted by Bro. Horace S. Alpass, Pro. G. Secretary, assisted by Bro. J. F. Goggin, W.M. 155, P.P.G. Chaplain, and Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D. Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G. Organist, conducted the excellent musical service, the special choral portion of the ceremony being rendered by Bros. D. Saunders, 1299; T. J. Hughes, 216; J. Busfield, 216; W. G. Veale, Org., 1356, 594, &c., and W. Robinson, 203.

The following is a complete list of those present:—

Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; R. Wilson, P.G.S.D.; the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.P.G.C.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; R. Robinson, P.M., 241; A. Levy, P.M.; J. Lazarus, P.M., 1017 and 205; H. Mair, P.M., 211; W. Shortis, P.M., 724; J. Robinson, P.M., 211; J. M'Kune, P.M., 216; W. M. Chudley, W.M., 241; R. Brown, S.W., 241; T. Ashmore, P.M., 823; W. G. Veale, Org., 1356, &c.; J. Frank, J.D., 203; V. M. Myers, S.D., 1017; P. W. Oglesby, S., 823; G. Hutchin, J.W., 241; J. Wood, Treas., 1094; I. de Frece, 594; A. Jones, 1299; J. Moss, 241; H. J. Henochsberg, 724; B. Levy, 241; B. Woolf, 241; D. C. Marks, 241; Meurice de Frece, 241; A. Hart, 724; F. Barnett, 249; S. Schonstadt, 1299; D. L. Marcus, 724; M. Goldstone, 249; S. Jacob, 241; L. Wagner, 220; P. A. Crozier, 370; W. F. Tueski, 613; M. A. Prinslan, 220; J. Torte, 724; M. Hart, 724; M. Parkes, 1182; Lawes Prag, 263; M. Aronsberg, 243; J. Lazarus, 241; L. Fomquinos, 673; J. Lloyd, 249; J. Goldsberg, 241; L. Summons; H. M. Selva, 218; F. Moss, 1299; I. Woolf, 1393; A. Vandyke, 241; W. J. Chapman, 667; D. Saunders, 1299; J. Busfield, 216; and W. L. Bathgate, 241.

The brethren assembled in the lodge room shortly before three o'clock, and after Bro. H. S. Alpass, the presiding officer, had taken the chair, he appointed Bro. W. M. Chudley as his S.W., Bro. J. Lazarus as his J.W., and Bro. R. Brown as the Assistant Secretary, during the consecration ceremony. The lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the brethren of the new lodge were ranged in order, and an opening prayer was offered, followed by Skeaf's chorale "God of life, whose love unceasing." After certain other formulas peculiar to the ceremony, an eloquent and appropriate oration was delivered by the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.P.G. Chaplain. Skeaf's splendid anthem, "Behold how good," was then sung by the choir, and the

first portion of the consecration prayer was offered by the P.G.C. The lodge was then uncovered, and the cornucopia, wine, and oil were borne by Bro. J. M'Kune, P.M., 216; Bro. W. Shortis, P.M., 724; and Bro. H. Mair, P.M., 211; the salt being carried by Bro. R. Brown, Assistant Secretary. After Skeaf's anthem, "Glory to God," had been given, the P.P.G.C. carried the censer round the lodge; the second portion of the consecration ceremony was then offered, and this portion of the solemn proceedings was brought to a close with Bro. Skeaf's anthem, "Hail, universal Lord."

Immediately afterwards Bro. Alpass, P.G., Sec., who had done his work with rare Masonic talent, proceeded with the installation of Bro. Ralph Robinson, P.M. and Preceptor of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, as the Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Israel. The presentation of Bro. Robinson for the benefits or installation was made by Bro. the Rev. J. T. Goggin, P.P.G.C., and Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.S.G.D. After a full board of installed Masters had been held, the brethren were readmitted, and saluted the newly-chaired W.M. in the three degrees. The following were subsequently named and invested as the first officers of the lodge by the W.M.:—Bro. Maurice de Frece, S.W.; Bro. Alfred J. Henochsberg, J.W.; Bro. Professor Prag, Chaplain; Bro. Isaac de Frece, Treasurer; Bro. M. Hart, Secretary; Bro. A. Jones, S.D.; Bro. S. Schonstadt, J.D.; Bro. B. Woolf, I.G.; Bro. W. G. Veale, Org.; Bro. A. I. Crozier, S.S.; Bro. A. Hart, J.S.; and Bro. W. H. Ball, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed there were an extraordinary number of propositions for initiation and joining, and the W.M. gave notice that he would move the first Monday in the month should be the day of meeting of their lodge. After some other business of a purely formal character, the lodge was closed in solemn form.

It should be stated that the clothing, officers' jewels, &c., were supplied from the well-known Masonic establishment of Bro. G. Kenning, of London and Liverpool, and the quality and workmanship of the whole elicited the heartiest commendation and general admiration. Presents to the lodge (also furnished by Bro. Kenning), were made by the Treasurer, the S.W., J.W., Sec., S.D., J.D., and others, and each of the gifts were also worthy of the occasion.

Subsequent to the business proceedings the whole of the brethren sat down in the large dining hall to a magnificent and *recherche* banquet, provided by Messrs. Fisk and Fairhurst, Castle Street. The tables were beautifully decorated, the effect being greatly enhanced by a splendid silver centre-piece, kindly lent by Bro. J. Goldberg, 1502. The menu and toast-card, executed by Bros. Wilson and Jacobs, was a model of exquisite taste, and the front was adorned with portraits of the W.M. and all his officers, taken by Messrs. Vandyke and Brown. After grace, according to the Mosaic ritual, had been recited by Bro. Professor Prag, and dessert-holders placed on the table,

The W.M. gave the toast of "The Queen," speaking of her as a model sovereign, and a lady whose worth and virtues endeared her to the heart of every subject, and to none more than Masons, whose loyalty to the throne was undoubted. (Cheers).

The W.M.: The next toast I have to give you is that of "His Royal Highness Bro. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, M.W.P.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the Rest of the Royal Family." Like the preceding, this toast will at once recommend itself to your notice—as representing the Royal Family it will recommend itself to your notice. But there is one point to which I wish especially to call your attention, and that is the very great gratification and satisfaction which our Royal brother—now the Past Grand Master—would give to the whole brotherhood by accepting the position of Grand Master. (Hear, hear.) If his Royal Highness should be pleased to accept that position it would not only be creditable to himself, but most satisfactory to the Order. (Applause).

The W.M. next gave the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W.D.G.M. of England," and the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., the Hon. F. Stanley, W.D.P.G.M., and the officers of the Past Grand Lodge." In proposing the latter he referred to the very great interest which his lordship and his deputy invariably took in all that concerned the welfare of the Craft in this province. He (Brother Robinson) had that evening much pleasure in welcoming his friend, the youngest P.G. officer, Brother Robert Wilson. He need not say how much they were indebted to Brother Wilson for the large, comfortable, and commodious hall in which they were assembled, as he had been untiring in his efforts in connection with it.

Bro. R. Wilson, P.G.S.D., in acknowledging the toast, said it must be a source of the greatest satisfaction to the P.G. Lodge to find that such a lodge as No. 1502 had been consecrated that day. It was pleasing to find so many recruits of that character, and he trusted that the lodge which had that day been inaugurated would fill and occupy a place second to none in the province, especially with regard to its efforts in connection with their noble charity. He was sure the lodge had been placed under the direction of one than whom none could be more sincere, more active, or more capable, and he wished their W.M. (Bro. Robinson) the greatest prosperity during his mastership. It was now twelve years since he (Bro. Wilson) first met their W.M. in Masonry, and during that time they had gone hand-in-hand, passing through a great many vicissitudes, and therefore he knew how ably and how anxiously their W.M. had worked to secure his high Masonic position—(Hear). They had been placed under the direction of one who was well able to instruct them in Masonry, and who would give lustre to the position which he was called upon to fill—(Applause).

The W.M. then submitted the toast, "The Consecrating Officers," referring to the admirable manner in which the work had been done by Bro. Alpass and his assistants. He (the W.M.) had never felt more deeply impressed by any ceremony in Freemasonry than he had been that day; and therefore their heartiest thanks were due to the consecrating officers for their very valuable services.

Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., returned his sincere thanks for the toast and honourable mention. It had given him the greatest pleasure to be present that day, because he was convinced that the Lodge of Israel would occupy a position alike honourable to itself and creditable to the Craft generally. He wished the lodge every prosperity, and he had no doubt that under the able and careful Mastership of Bro. Robinson, whom he had long known as an admirable Mason, they would prosper. To Hebrews it was scarcely necessary to preach charity, for he believed that as a body they both preached and practised it amongst themselves; but whilst he did that, he would just ask them not to forget their Masonic charities.

Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.S.G.D., also responded.

The W.M. next gave "Prosperity to the Lodge of Israel," speaking of the various gifts which had been made to the lodge, and referring especially to the valuable services rendered by Bro. Isaac de Frece, Treasurer. But for his perseverance and self-sacrifice, he (Bro. Robinson) would not have been there as W.M., as he had, in the face of many difficulties, still persevered in his efforts to establish the lodge.

Bro. I. de Frece, Treasurer, thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him, and assured them that his only motive in seeking to establish the lodge was to give an opportunity to the many young masons to come to the front. If the lodge proved to be successful, he would be amply repaid for all the efforts he had employed on its behalf. He hoped and believed that they would have a lodge equal to any in Liverpool.

Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., then proposed the health of "The Worshipful Master." The brethren, he said, had shown their high opinion of Bro. Robinson by deciding at the preliminary meetings that he should be their first W.M., and that opinion had been cordially endorsed

during the evening by the way in which his name had been received. Bro. Robinson had been a well-known and highly-esteemed mason for many years, and there was no doubt that the lodge would prosper under his reign—(Hear, hear).

Bro. Ralph Robinson, W.M., in responding to the toast, sincerely thanked the brethren for the very kind way in which his name had been received. While he was afraid his merits had been placed on a higher platform than they deserved, he assured the brethren that he would do his very best to promote the welfare and well-working of the lodge. Why had they formed that lodge? Simply because they found the usual dietary laws were opposed to their laws as Jews. They sat with their Christian brethren, drank with them, smoked with them, but they could not partake of what they put before them to eat. All they asked was to see that some watched to see that every thing was cleanly cooked. In all else they were as one in Masonry with their Christian brethren, and he hoped that the idea would not go forth that it was a sectarian lodge because named the Lodge of Israel. That was far from their thoughts, which was clearly shown by the fact that a Christian brother had been appointed to one of the offices. In conclusion, Bro. Robinson proposed "The Officers of the Lodge."

Bro. M. de Freece, S.W., and Bro. A. J. Henocksberg, J.W., responded.

"The Charities," "The Visiting Brethren," "The Musical Brethren," and "All Poor and Distressed Masons," were the remaining toasts on the list.

Excellent music was furnished during the evening by Bros. Saunders, Hughes, Busfield, Robinson, and Veale; Bro. Skeaf presiding at the piano.

Telegrams of a congratulatory kind were received by the W.M. from Bro. A. J. Myers, editor of the *Jewish Chronicle*, and from the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren of the Lodge of Israel, Birmingham.

CONSECRATION OF THE HEMMING LODGE, (No. 1512).

The consecration of the Hemming Lodge, (No. 1512), took place at the Lion Hotel, Hampton, on Thursday, the 15th inst.

About forty brethren were present; amongst those were Bros. W. Hammond, P.M., 201, W.M., 1,326, and P.G.S. Middlesex, W.M. Designate; E. Hopwood, P.M., 141, S.W. Designate; S. Hill, P.M., 157 and 657, J.W. Designate; R. Wentworth Little, P.M.P.G., Secretary, Middlesex, Secretary to the Girls' School, &c.; Thomas W. White, P.M., P.G., Steward of England, &c.; Raynham M. Stewart, P.D.G.M. of Middlesex, S.G.D., &c.; H. G. Bass, P.G., Treasurer, 1293, &c.; R. T. Elsam, P.M. 889, P.P.G., D.C. Surrey; John Boyd, P.G.P. of England; S. B. Oldham, P.M. 4, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary of Ireland, Secretary of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, Ireland; R. T. Stacey, P.M., 209; H. Potter, P.M., 11, &c.; J. Wilson, P.M. 209; B. Platt, P.M. 144; J. W. Ramsey, M.D., W.M. 778; J. Bond, J.W. 889; J. W. Davitt, W.M. 1365; J. W. George, G. Musgrave, and H. D. Martin, all of 1309; R. Limpus, W.M. 1308, P.P., G.O. Middlesex; H. Barrett, 244; J. Williams, 699, (*Freemason*), and others.

The following petitioners, in addition to the principal officers, with others among those named above, D. B. Raw, P.M., 157; H. Jepson, 255; John Hammond, P.M. 201, and of 1326; Thos. Clarke, J. Hurst, W. J. Cox, Thos. Wheeler, R. Getteridge, T. G. Tagg, J. C. Jersert, and W. Fox.

The ceremony of consecration and installation was performed by the W., Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, P.M., P.G., Secretary, (the officer appointed for the purpose by the R.W., Bro. Colonel Burdett, Provincial Grand Master, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland), assisted by W. Bro. Thomas W. White, P.M., P.G., Steward of England, as D.C.

The brethren assembled at half-past three

p.m., and formed in procession, the juniors first, headed by the Director of the Ceremonies. After entering the Lodge room, the Consecrating Officer took the Master's Chair, and appointed the Wardens, who were Bro. H. G. Bass as S.W., and Bro. John Boyd, J.W. The Lodge was then opened in the three degrees. An opening prayer offered. After which a piece of solemn music was played by the P.G.O. The brethren were then addressed on the nature of the meeting, particular reference being made to the late Bro. Dr. Hemming, whose name the Lodge has taken, and who was no less than twelve times W.M. of the Lodge while held at Hampton, before being taken to its present quarters at Richmond, and who was selected by the M.W.G.M. the late Duke of Sussex, as one of the twelve Masters (afterwards increased to fifteen, to agree with the fifteen sections), appointed at the reconciliation. After the petition and warrant was read, and the brethren had signified their approval of the same, the Consecrating Officer delivered an oration upon the nature and principles of the order, which was listened to with the most profound attention by the whole of the assembled brethren. It was adorned throughout with that amount of eloquence which distinguishes our able brother.

Anthem. Bro. R. Limpus, "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard, even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing. Like as the dew of Hermon which fell upon the hill of Sion. For there the Lord promised his blessing, and life for evermore." The Director of Ceremonies then presented the new Master to the Presiding Officer, who placed him on his left, the brethren of the new Lodge arranging themselves on each side of the Lodge Board. The first portion of the Dedication Prayer was then given; the brethren all chant, "So mote it be." Sanctus, "Glory be to Thee, O Lord." After the Scripture Readings, all the brethren turned to the east, whilst the Presiding Officer gave the Invocation. To which the brethren chant, "So mote it be." The Lodge Board was then uncovered, and the W.M. and Wardens carried the consecrating elements, corn, wine, and oil, three times round the Lodge during solemn music. "Glory be to God on High, peace on earth, Good-will towards men." All chanting, "So mote it be." The censer was then taken three times round the Lodge during solemn music, and the Presiding Officer dedicated the Lodge. The second portion of the Dedication Prayer was then offered and the Lodge constituted, the brethren all chanting, "So mote it be." *Anthem*, Haydn.

The spacious firmament on high,
With all the blue, ethereal sky,
And spangled heaven, a shining frame,
Their great original proclaim.
The unweary sun from day to day,
Does his Creator's power display,
And publishes to every land,
The work of an Almighty hand.
What though in solemn silence all
Move round this dark terrestrial ball?
What though no real voice nor sound,
Amid their radiant orbs be found?
In Reason's ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice,
For ever singing as they shine,
The hand that made us is Divine.

After the Patriarchal Benediction, the installation of the W.M. and appointment of officers took place.

The Lodge was then resumed to the second degree, the Director of Ceremonies presenting Bro. Hammond for installation. Lodge was then resumed to the third degree, and all the brethren under the rank of P.M. retired. In their absence a Board of Installed Masters, numbering seventeen in all, was held, and Bro. Hammond was installed as the first W.M. of Hemming Lodge, No. 1512. The brethren, on their re-admission all saluted the new W.M. in the several degrees, and the following brethren were invested officers for the ensuing year: E.

Hopwood, S.W.; S. Hill, J.W.; H. Jepson, Treasurer; J. Hammond, Secretary; R. Limpus, P. Prov. G. Organist; J. Hurst, S.D.; W. J. Cox, J.D.; T. Wheeler, J.G.; R. Getteridge, D.C.; H. Potter, Steward, and J. Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler.

At the close of the installation ceremonies, the Consecrating Officer reminded the officers of the new Lodge that a great trust had been imposed on them. Wishing that brotherly love and perfection would ever prevail amongst them all; at the same time giving each advice and encouragement, to have the one end in view in promoting the happiness of all connected with the Lodge, and assisting the W.M. to carry out his great duties in the advancement of the principles of the order, brotherly love, relief and truth.

The W.M. rose and said: Brethren, I beg to propose that a vote of thanks be presented to Bros. Little and White for the very able manner in which they have performed the ceremonies, which you have all witnessed this evening, and I also propose that those two distinguished brethren be elected honorary members of the Hemming Lodge. The work has been ably performed, and I trust we shall have the pleasure of seeing those brethren frequently at one meeting, and that they may find that the working of our local Lodge proves worthy of this able inauguration.

The proposition having been seconded by the S.W., was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. Little: I speak for myself and Bro. White, and I assure you we thank you heartily for the compliment you have paid us. It has given me very great pleasure in coming down here to-day, and I beg to congratulate you, Worshipful Sir, on your success to-day, and I trust you may not only be spared to act as Master, but to witness the progress of the Hemming Lodge for many years to come. Again we thank you.

Bro. S. B. Oldham: Worshipful Sir, and brethren, and all, I rise with pleasure on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, to congratulate you on the success of the proceedings to-day, and wish you every prosperity.

A letter of apology was then read from Bro. Colonel Burdett, regretting his absence, and wishing them success.

A similar apology was received from the Grand Secretary, as well as from some of the principal members of the Lebanon Lodge, 1326.

The Lodge was closed after the hearty good wishes had been conveyed to the W.M. by several of the representatives of other Lodges. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, where an elegant repast was served. Bro. W. Hammond, W.M. presiding, supported by Bros Little, Stewart, Buss, Oldham, White, Dr. Ramsey, Raw, &c. After the removal of the cloth, and grace being said,

The Chairman, in giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said, We have met to-day for the first time, and dedicated a lodge to benevolence and charity. There is always a very pleasing idea connected with the first toast, but especially so on this occasion, it being that of the Queen and the Craft. The Queen holds a high position, not only here at home, but throughout the world, and has the confidence and good wishes of all.

There is a beautiful connection between the Queen and the Craft—the Queen having the sympathies of the whole nation; the Craft commanding the hearts of the whole fraternity, and both holding a universal dominion. I give you with all earnestness "The Queen and the Craft."

The toast was duly honoured, the brethren singing the National Anthem.

The Chairman: The next toast is one of a most pleasing character indeed, it is that of H.R.H. M.W. Past and Acting Grand Master, the Princess of Wales, and rest of Royal Family.

We all regret losing our Past Grand Master, but great regret I am sure is intense at this end of the Lodge-room, especially to those who are familiar with the working of our late G.M., and have also been intimately connected with him in his official duties. Every Master Mason will, I am

sure, regret losing such a head, but at the same time we may congratulate ourselves in having one who, with his youth, ability, and devotion, will, equally at least, promote the best interests of the Order. I therefore give you H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.P.M.; the Princess of Wales, and rest of Royal Family; nor must we forget to include the young Prince, this very day added to the scions of the House of Hanover, and His Imperial mother, the consort of our sailor Duke.

The toast having been drank, a glee, "The Prince and Princess," was sung heartily.

The Chairman: I have now to propose the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present. I have pleasure in saying we have to-night many officers who appreciate the abilities and zeal of our D.G.M. He is a most practical man, and had not H.R.H. the Prince of Wales accepted the office of G.M., most likely our D.G.M. would have been elected, and his past services show how excellent would have been that choice. I therefore give you the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, coupled with the name of Bro. Boyd.

Bro. Boyd, on rising, said: I think under the peculiar circumstances of my response you will allow me to be very brief. As I have some distance to go, I shall not detain you with a lengthy speech. Permit me on behalf of the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, to thank you sincerely for the very kind manner in which you have drank their healths.

The Chairman: I next propose the health of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Col. Burdett. I sincerely regret not having him amongst us to-day, but from his letter we have heard read to-day, I am sure we have his hearty good wishes. He is a sincerely good man, and I do not know where we could find a P.G.M. so kindly disposed to the interests of the Province as our P.G.M. He has devoted a long life to Masonry. Commencing in India, he returned to this country, and won high honours—honours in Ireland, in addition to that of becoming P.G.M. I give you the health of our worthy brother, the R.W.P.G.M., and Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, Col. Burdett.

The toast was enthusiastically drank.

Song—"Tom Bowling"—Bro. McDavitt.

The Chairman: The next toast is one of great interest, and one which gives me very great pleasure to propose, it being that of the "Visitors." We have a good number here, and I hope among so many good masons we shall make some of them members. We have Bro. Stewart, who is well known in the Province, and whom I claim as having the same mother lodge as myself, No. 201. His goodness of heart and sterling masonic qualities are highly appreciated. Then we have Bro. Buss, who has seen long service and has attained to a prominent position. He is highly respected in the Grand Office, and as far as working masonry is concerned, he is always ready, as we have witnessed this day, to exert his power in promoting it. We have also Bro. Boyd, who is equally well known to those who have any experience of Masonry. He is looked up to in Grand Lodge with great respect. Then our Bro. Dr. Ramsay is progressing in the right direction with firm and steady steps, both in his profession and in the Craft. He is now W.M. of Lodge 778, "The Bard of Avon," and was the great coadjutor with Bro. the D.P.G.M. of Middlesex, in transferring that lodge from the banks of the Avon to this province on the banks of the Thames. Bro. Oldham enjoys a very high position in his native country, Ireland. He is there Assistant Grand Secretary, and also Secretary of the Boys' and Girls' Schools. He has very onerous and honourable duties to perform, duties which he discharges with great zeal and ability. It now gives me very great pleasure in proposing the health of our distinguished brethren and the rest of the visitors.

The toast was duly honoured.

Bro. Buss: I have never felt such a pleasure as I do to-night in returning thanks for the kind manner in which you have used my name. In reference to my duties as a mason, I have always endeavoured to make myself thoroughly ac-

quainted with the principles of Masonry, and am always happy to render all the assistance I can. It has been my pleasing duty, and I trust I shall be able to continue to do so in the future. In reference to the Province of Middlesex, I may say it is one of the youngest, but certainly not the smallest. And it commands at its head one of the most highly esteemed brethren in the Craft. In no province do we find more esteem paid to a G.M. than which is paid to ours. I again beg to thank you for the kind manner in which you have drank my health. (Cheers.)

Bro. Oldham: I feel a very great pride in returning to you on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ireland my sincere thanks, and if ever any of the brethren present should come to Ireland we would endeavour to make you welcome and happy. In reference to our schools you are ahead of us in number. You have about three girls to our one, and the boys even more. We are endeavouring to follow in your footsteps as to the management. But I think we can boast that we give our boys and girls better outfits, and also keep up a more perfect correspondence with them for three or four years, which we find answers admirably. Colonel Burdett is one of my oldest masonic friends, he being the brother who came forward on my initiation and took me by the hand. Again accept my sincere thanks, at the same time I wish you every success.

Bro. Dr. Ramsay: I beg to return you my sincere thanks for the compliment you have just paid me. After some further remarks, our brother again returned thanks, wishing the lodge every success.

Part Song—"When evening's twilight."

Chairman: I now propose the Dep. Pro. Grand Master and rest of Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present. This toast I am sure you will all respond to most heartily. Our D.P.G.M. is well known to you as a brother of great ability. He being on the Continent just now is unable to be present to-day. In him we have a worthy brother. There is something so genial, good and kind in his composition, that we experience an absolute loss in his absence. I shall couple with the toast the name of Bro. Raynham Stewart, Bro. Parkinson's immediate predecessor in office.

The toast was duly honoured.

Song—"Come live with me."—Bro. H. D. Martin.

Bro. Stewart: Worshipful Sir and brethren, I rise with great pleasure to return thanks. The D.P.G.M. is one for whom I know you have very great respect. His desire is to do all that he can to promote Masonry, indeed his marked ability is unceasing in its interests. On behalf of the officers just named, I thank you all, and trust you will, Worshipful Sir, live many years to preside over this lodge as its father. I, as the first deputy Grand Master appointed in this Province, feel great pleasure in seeing the progress of Masonry within its precincts. It is a source of gratification to hear of fresh lodges springing up amongst us, bringing in good Masons, and in no case do I rejoice more sincerely than on the occasion of the inauguration of the Hemming Lodge. My advice is not to have too great a number than from 25 to 40, then each will take an interest in the work. Brethren all, it also affords me great pleasure in saying we have brethren in this province who are able to do such work as we have seen this day. It has been admirable throughout and second to none. Our brothers Little and White did the work beautifully, not a single hitch took place. I am sure you will with me thank them for the able manner in which they consecrated the lodge. Allow me therefore to take this toast out of the hands of the W.M., and ask you to drink the health of the Consecrating Officers.

The toast was enthusiastically drank.

Glee—"Strike the Lyre."

Bro. Little: Worshipful Sir and Brethren all, I thank you sincerely for the kind manner you have responded to the toast. It has given me a great deal of pleasure to come down here to perform the ceremony of consecration. To-day I have been ably assisted by Bros. Buss and White. I have always found kind assistance in

them. For the services of to-day you have recompensed us most nobly. After some further remarks, Bro. Little congratulated the new W.M. and the officers of the lodge, wishing them every success and prosperity. He then proposed the health of the W.M., and success to the Hemming Lodge.

Glee—"By Celia's Harbour."

The W.M. on rising, said: Brethren all, I scarcely know how to thank you for the very kind manner in which my health has been proposed, and in which you have responded in such sincerity, that words fail me to express myself effectively. I am sure my Bro. Wardens will do their utmost in promoting the interests of the lodge. We are an offspring of the Lebanon. That lodge has been in existence about four years; No. of members over 100. This number was greatly beyond the control of any ordinary Master. I felt as the W.M., that as the number was so large, with a fair number of residents in the locality, we ought to have a lodge of our own—a local lodge. We then looked round to find men who could commence. After other arrangements, we decided on naming it the Hemming Lodge, after the late Dr. Hemming, a talented resident in the parish. In 1813 he was appointed by the Duke of Sussex as one of the twelve masters to bring about the reconciliation of the unions. The brethren having signed the petition to the number of 27, nearly all local members of the Lebanon, the warrant was granted, and this day you have seen the result. I thank you heartily for your good wishes, and this brings me to my next pleasing duty, to refer to my officers, and first to propose the health of one of the petitioners, our worthy brother Henry Jepson, who is highly esteemed by us all. He has spent over half a century in this parish, and is much appreciated for his high qualities. I am also proud that he is one of the officers of this lodge. He, as Treasurer, is placed in the most honourable office the lodge can confer, without imposing upon him duties incompatible with his advanced age. The S.W. and J.W. are men well-known in Masonry, and the L.D. and J.D. will, I am sure, in good time prove themselves equal to their duties. Bro. Limpus has also discharged the duties of organist very ably, whilst the rest of the officers have done their work well. From the earnest of this day's successful proceedings, the officers one and all will, I am sure, prove themselves very efficient. (Cheers).

Song—"Hearts of Oak," Bro. Albert Hubbard.

Bro. Hopwood:—I thank you sincerely for the kind manner in which you have drank my health. I shall always endeavour to be at my post.

Bro. Hill returned thanks, in suitable terms.

Glee—"The Mighty Conqueror."

Bro. Jepson in returning thanks said:—It was not my intention to take any practical part in the lodge. I felt I could not fulfil the duties as I ought. If I had the eloquence of Bro. Little, and the qualities of Bro. White that we have witnessed this day, I should feel more able to perform the duties. Our Bro. Little has performed the consecration in a manner that could not be exceeded, and he forcibly reminded me of Dr. Hemming. I knew him well in his best days; no man at that time understood the theory and practice of Masonry better than he. I was made a Mason by him in this room fifty-three years ago, and was also exalted here to the R.A. degree fifty years ago. I commenced my Masonic career in this room, and I must now believe I shall end it here. It affords me very great pleasure in returning to you all my sincere thanks, and I trust I shall be spared to discharge my duties to the satisfaction of you all (Cheers).

Glee—"Sleep, gentle lady."

The rest of the officers then returned thanks in appropriate terms.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

We may add, the whole of the day's programme was carried out with great satisfaction to all present.

The musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. Limpus were carried out with great ability, and gave telling effect to the ceremonies.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

On Sept. 23, this body met in annual communication in the Masonic Chambers, Place d'Armes. There was a good attendance of representatives from the Province. M.W. Bro. J. H. Graham, LL.D., &c., occupied the chair. After ordinary routine business, connected with the perfecting credential of representatives, the members from the lodges recently under Canada, and now affiliating with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, were introduced by the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Dunbar, and cordially welcomed. The Grand Master then read his annual address as follows :—

Brethren,—This day becomes memorable in the annals of Freemasonry in the Province of Quebec. Seven years' discussion of constitutional principles is ended. All differences hitherto existing between the M.W. of the Grand Lodge of Canada and this Grand Body have been happily adjusted. Jurisdiction within our territory has been formally withdrawn, due recognition has been most fraternally extended to us, our Grand Representative, M.W. Bro. T. D. Harrington, has been most honourably and heartily received—the consummation of all which this day, and the honourable and perfect union now most harmoniously effected between the daughter lodges of "Canada" in this jurisdiction, and this Grand Lodge is, I am sure, a source of profound satisfaction and deep, heartfelt joy to every one of you ; and to every true Mason of whatever registry he may, hitherto, have been ; and I am confident that this will prove to be the beginning of a new era of prosperity to the craft throughout the entire Province, and will be a cause of unusual rejoicing throughout the Masonic world.

All thanks are due to the able and prudent brethren in both the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec, who officially or otherwise have so earnestly and efficiently laboured to bring about this most desirable end. May they long live to see the blessed fruits of their good work. May one and all put out of sight and out of mind all past differences, and each strive to excel in that noblest of emulation of who can best work, and best agree, so that our symbolic temple may be erected, harmoniously and successfully, and in the perfection of beauty, to the honour and glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. So mote it be.

Circumstances required me to visit England during the early part of the year. A favouring Providence afforded me the pleasure of reaching London, (that great metropolis of the world,) on the seventy-sixth anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,—one of the oldest and most noteworthy of the great Masonic charities of England, and under the patronage of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, (than whom no better sovereign ever graced a throne). I accepted a most courteous invitation which was immediately extended to me, to attend the anniversary banquet in the evening, at which the Grand Master, the Most Honourable the Marquis of Ripon presided. Some four or five hundred representative brethren from London and all parts of England were present on the occasion. Nothing could exceed the fraternal heartiness of my reception as your representative by his Lordship and many other leading officers and brethren of the Grand Lodge, for which, personally and in your behalf, I improve this opportunity to return most grateful thanks. A noteworthy feature of the occasion was the presence of several hundred ladies at a magnificent entertainment given in the grand hall after the banquet. From this our brethren may be reminded of their own remissness in not having the ladies share in some of our annual festivities. You will doubtless be pleased to have me allude to certain historic reminiscences and associations brought to mind during my recent sojourn to the Mother Country, as relating to the Masonic history of this grand old Province of Quebec. It appears that no other actual Grand Master from either division of old Canada has hitherto visited the Mother Country.

This is not wholly devoid of interest in itself, but serves to call to mind an event of far greater historical importance to the Craft in this Province, namely the departure from Quebec, after a residence of about two-and-a-half years,—just four-score years previous—of the first Grand Master of the Provincial Lodge of Lower Canada, His Royal Highness Prince Edward, Duke of Kent, the illustrious father of our beloved Queen. Those of you who in 1869, aided in the formation of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec, will, I am sure, be delighted ever to remember that you were but reviving the far-seeing Masonic policy of the Mother Grand Lodge of England, when, in 1792, she established the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lower Canada ; and he is indeed highly honoured to whose lot it falls to be a humble successor in the Masonic Government of the same territory, of its first royal and illustrious chief.

It is, moreover, a matter of very deep interest to the craft that the illustrious grandson of our noble brother, the Most Worshipful the Prince of Wales, is now the distinguished Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, and a zealous patron of our order, and also the illustrious chief of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, &c. It is, indeed, a happy omen that now, as of old, Kings and Princes are promoters of the art—that they do not think it derogatory to their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the gavel, to patronise our mysteries, and join our assemblies.

I desire to call the attention of Grand Lodge to what I deem a matter of singular importance ere the Fathers of the craft have passed away, or the records now accessible shall have gone into oblivion. The written history of Freemasonry in this province would be of profound interest and of great importance. Every zealous brother earnestly desires to know more of the Provincial Grand Lodges of Lower Canada, of Quebec and Three Rivers, of Montreal and William Henry, and some of the oldest "daughter" lodges on the American continent. I would, therefore, recommend Grand Lodge to take into consideration the advisability of appointing a Historical Committee composed of at least one eminent and devoted brother from each district, and that Grand Lodge defray the incidental expenses connected therewith.

I improve the present memorable occasion, to communicate to Grand Lodge one or two extracts from ancient documents of no little interest to the Craft in this province. They will explain themselves :—

"In the year of Masonry 580. The most noble Prince John, Duke and Marquis of Athol, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Stratblay, Stratbardsle, Viscount of Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, heritable Captain and Constable of the Castle and Constabulary of Kincleaven, Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, etc., Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, etc.

"These bye-laws printed by order of the Grand Lodge.

"Rules and orders which are to be punctually observed and kept by the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, according to the old constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin of York, in the Year of Our Lord, Nine Hundred Twenty and Six, and in the year of Masonry, Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty and Six.

"In order to prevent all feuds, controversies, illegal arguments, or debates, which might in any sort disturb or make void the true intent and meaning of this our unanimous conjunction,—We, the Master, Wardens, Deacons and Secretary, together with the rest of the members of our Lodge, No. 18 (by and with the approbation and consent of the Grand Lodge) have thought proper to subscribe and establish the following Rules :—

"No. 1. That a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, aforesaid, shall be held at the Town-

ship of Eaton, to sit the Thursday preceding the Full Moon, of each Calendar month, &c., &c."

In the Minutes of this Lodge, I find the names of twenty-seven members recorded.

The above will probably give an unexpected intimation to many brethren of the existence and progress of our Fraternity, even in the remote parts of the Eastern Townships of Lower Canada, in the early part of the present century, and serve to point out the propriety of rescuing from oblivion as far as possible, so interesting a history.

Now that our relations with the Grand Lodge of Canada are so happily and harmoniously adjusted, it is reasonably to be anticipated that our relations to the Imperial Mother Grand Lodges of England and Scotland will in like manner, be most satisfactorily arranged at a very early day, by the affiliation with this Grand Lodge of the few remaining Lodges in this jurisdiction still holding warrants from England and Scotland, and by full and complete recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as the only Sovereign Masonic authority in and for this Province and by the establishment of fraternal communication and correspondence, and the interchange of Grand Representatives.

England, after having for more than a century, aided in establishing and upholding our beloved Order on the continent of North America, will equitably honour herself in this last great act in the historical drama, in the withdrawing of the last vestige of her Masonic jurisdiction, feeling assured that, in accordance with our ancient constitutions so clearly evolved in the entire Masonic history of Grand Lodge organization, and jurisdiction on this continent, she is lawfully and fraternally committing the supreme government of the craft here, to those who as Masons or as men will not prove themselves unworthy of their origin or their destiny. So mote it be.

We are indeed greatly indebted to many eminent brethren abroad for their able advocacy of our cause, and for their kindly, fraternal support extended to this Grand Lodge, which we deem it a pleasure thus formally and gratefully to acknowledge.

I now beg to express my hearty regrets that I have been quite unable during the year to accept the many kind invitations which I have received from brethren to visit lodges, attend festivals, and the like, and I trust that they and all the members of Grand Lodge will bear with my shortcomings when informed that various circumstances have engrossed an unusual amount of my time and attention, and I close my very imperfect address to you on this occasion by uniting with you in the prayer that the Great Architect of the Universe may still continue to vouchsafe His blessing to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and to our beloved Order everywhere throughout the world. So mote it be.

J. H. GRAHAM,
Grand Master.

Ottawa, Ont., 25th Sept., 1874.

M.W. Brother J. H. Graham, 32°, L.L.D, &c., Grand Master Grand Lodge of Quebec.—My dear Grand Master, I telegraphed you to-day. Be so good as to present the "Grand Lodge of Quebec" for me with the two accompanying old jewels :—1st, Square, the gift of H.R.H. Prince Edward, Duke of Kent, father of our Queen ; 2nd, Key, the gift of Prince William Henry Duke of Clarence, and William the Fourth. I intended to present them *in person*, but by mistake waited for next month. I am very sorry. Wishing the "Grand Lodge of Quebec" all prosperity, I remain, M.W. Brother, yours fraternally,

T. D. HARRINGTON, 33°, P.G.M. &c.,
Reve. G.L. Quebec, nr. G.L. of Canada.

Grand Officers for the Current Year.

James Dunbar, Esq., Q.C., G.M. ; James O'Hallaran, Esq., Q.C., D.G.M. ; Danl. Thomas, Esq., N.P., G.S.W. ; Samuel Johnson, Esq., G.J.W. ; H. M. Alexander, Esq., G. Treasurer ; J. H. Isaacson, Esq., N.P., G. Secretary.