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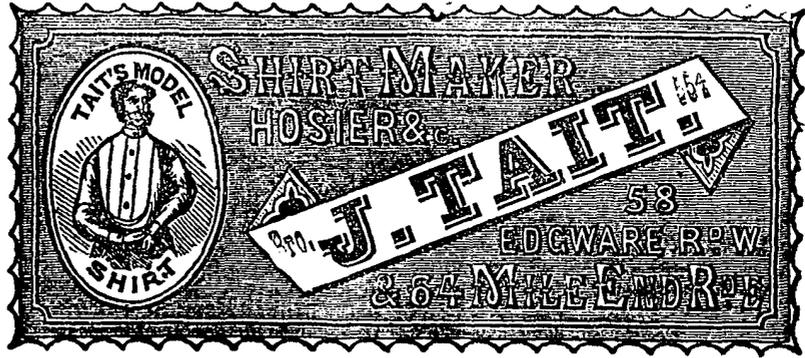
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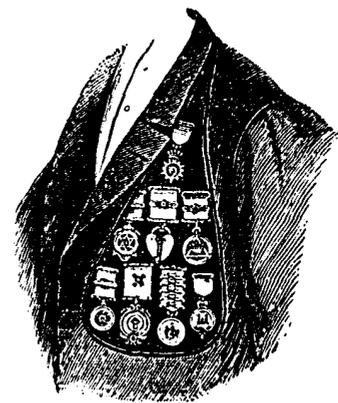
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192.)—This lodge held its last meeting at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. Bro. Geo. Abbott, W.M., in the chair. The officers present were Bros. Geo. Newman, S.W.; Thos. Cohu, J.W.; J. G. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; Charles Arkell, S.D.; E. Jones, J.D.; H. Legge, I.G.; and Bros. F. Trott; E. King; E. Roberts; and Geo. Kenning, P.M.'s. The following gentlemen were initiated into the Order: Messrs. V. Hibbins; T. B. Charlesworth; and G. H. Gillam. Bro. Geo. Newman was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing, and Bro. W. Goodyer, Treasurer. The members sat down to an excellent repast, served in Bro. Spencer's usual good style, which gave general satisfaction. Bro. Geo. Abbott, W.M., presided at the banquet-table, and proposed the several toasts with great zest, and in reply to the toast of the W.M. he took the opportunity of thanking the officers and brethren for the courtesy and kindness which has always been shown him throughout his year of office, particularly for the warm support he received from them in representing the lodge at the last festival of the Girls' School, when by their liberality he was enabled to present the largest list that had been sent to any of the charities, viz., upwards of one hundred pounds. An exceedingly pleasant evening terminated the proceedings. We noticed that a gold P.M.'s jewel was proposed to be given to the late W.M. (Bro. Abbott) for the very efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties during the present year. Amongst the members the following were present, Bros. F. Fellowes; G. Tayler; E. Tayler; C. Cann; J. G. Dunn; W. Ramsay; T. Fisher; W. Waring; H. Davis; Jno. Curle; S. Edwards; R. E. Bright; S. Haynes; W. Smale; E. J. Kellaway; W. Alfatt; H. A. Pratt; W. Medwin; J. T. Lucas; J. G. Chillingworth; Geo. Parker; Geo. Hall; G. T. Smith; J. Fuller; R. H. Goddard; T. Barker; S. Spencer; J. Kent; and others. Visitors, Bros. R. Gunner, (733); P. Munfin, (229); C. R. Jardine, (56); G. Allison, (1298); E. Clark, (1329); W. Johnson, (147); C. Clarke, (177); J. Oxenden, (700).

WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst., under the presidency of the W.M. Prov., G. W. Dixon. The following brethren were present:—Bros. J. Wilson, P.M. (acting) S.W.; J. O. Carter, J.W.; Pullin, P.M. Treasurer; J. Strange, P.M. Secretary; W. R. Denne, S.D.; G. Cauvin, I.G.; R. Roberts, S.; E. Schiemann, S.; J. H. S. Reid, I.P.M., Bryett, P.M., Prov. Grand Steward Berks and Bucks; T. R. McMillham, P.M., P.P. G.O. Middlesex; Hiscock, Andrews, A. Wilson, Whomes, &c. Visitors: Bros. Grisebrook, P.M. 771; Powell, P.M. 771; Cantrell, 771; Carter, 771; Richards, P.M. 865; P.P. J.G.W., Middlesex, P.G.S.; Needham, P.M. 865; Baker (Cinque Ports), &c. The minutes of the pre-

vious meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Woods, of Kneller Hall, and on being declared by the W.M. to be unanimous, he was initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Mc. Illwham, P.M. The W.M. then passed Bro. Andrews to the second degree, and raised Bro. Whomes to the degree of M.M. The next business of importance was electing the W.M. for the ensuing year. The choice of the brethren fell upon the J.W., Bro. J. O. Carter, Bro. Bladon, S.W., having declined the honour, or he would, without a doubt, have been elected unanimously. Bro. Pullin, P.M., was again elected as Treasurer, and Bro. Case Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M. for his valuable services in the chair during his successful year of office. The brethren voted a sum of £5 5s. to be added to the list of Bro. J. O. Carter, J.W., on his serving the office of Steward of the Benevolent Institution. After some routine business had been disposed of the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel for refreshment.

BERKLEY.—Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship (No. 270).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Monday evening, 7th inst., at the Berkeley Arms Hotel. Bros. D. Besley, W.M.; John Gamble, S.W.; Wm. Smith, J.W.; Thos. Morse, S.D.; I. Iles, J.D.; Wm. Fairley, I.G.; W. P. Hadley, D.C.; Capt. A. Bloxsome, Treas. and Sec.; Joseph Merrett, Tyler; J. Pinnell, P.M.; E. Gregory, Past S.W.; J. Bloxsome; Moses Eyles; Fredk. Godwin; I. Wetmore; Thos. Handley; &c. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. C. H. Pawson and Thomas Neale, who, both being present, were initiated into the ancient mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., the charge having been delivered by Bro. Capt. Bloxsome in a most impressive and effective manner, the explanation of the working tools being given by Bro. J. Bloxsome. The next business on the agenda paper was the ballot for the W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year, when Bro. John Gamble was unanimously elected W.M. and Bro. Capt. A. Bloxsome, Treasurer. The lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where the evening was spent in harmony and brotherly love.

LEEDS.—Fidelity Lodge (No. 289).—On Thursday, Dec. 3rd, Dr. Spark, Organist of the Leeds Town Hall, was installed Worshipful Master of the Fidelity Lodge, Leeds. The lodge was opened by Bro. H. Inchbold, P.M. The Installing Master was Bro. Mason, P.M. of the Philanthropic Lodge, 304, who performed his duties in an impressive manner. There were present, besides about 40 members of the lodge, and visiting brethren from Leeds, Bro. Bentley Shaw, D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire; Bro. H. Smith, Prov. G. Sec.; Bro. the Hon. and Rev. P. Yorke Saville, P.P.G. Chaplain; Bro. Colonel Wilkinson, of Stockport, P.M.; and several Masters and Past Masters. The D.P.G.M. congratulated the lodge on the election of Dr. Spark as W.M., remarking that he was an honour to Masonry and to the town in which he resided. The banquet was attended by a goodly number of Masons, and the whole proceedings were of a very pleasing character, Masonic music, selected from the *Freemasons' Liber Musicus* (edited by Dr. Spark), was performed during the evening.

HAVANT.—Carnarvon Lodge (No. 804).—The last meeting of this lodge which will be held at the Black Dog Inn, Havant, took place on Monday, 5th inst., and was numerously attended. After the regular work, consisting of the raising of Bro. Burr, the passing of Bros. Burton and Southwood, and the initiation of Mr. Liddell, had been transacted, a short but effective speech was made by Bro. Hillman, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B. Hants and J.W., expressing the gratitude of the brethren for the prosperity with which the lodge had met and the harmony which had prevailed amongst its members during the past fifteen years, and their hope that such prosperity and harmony would continue for many years to come. The brethren then sat down to a banquet under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Harrison, whose zeal for Freemasonry is proverbial, and after the usual loyal

toasts had been given, the health of the Prov. G.M. for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) and the Prov. Grand Officers present and past was drunk, and was acknowledged by Bro. Trigg, P.M., Prov. G. Supt. Works, and Bro. H. Martin Green, P.M., P. Prov. G. Purst., the latter of whom took occasion to call attention to the subscription for the widow of the late well-known and much regretted Bro. J. R. Stebbing, D. Prov. G.M. of Hants and I.W. A private collection was afterwards set on foot by Bro. Francis, I.P.M., and happily realized a considerable sum to be added to the fund. In responding to the toast of "The Newly Initiated Members" Bro. Liddell made some excellent remarks, in the course of which he introduced an apposite quotation from Cicero to the effect that "the happiest moment of a man's life is when he emerges from a state of anxiety and uncertainty to clearness of light and knowledge." The health of Bro. Kirkman, P.M., P. Prov. G. J. W., the father of the lodge, was afterwards given, in the course of his reply to which Bro. Kirkman strongly deprecated the mercenary feelings which unfortunately too often prompt the actions of brethren after their admission, and most emphatically condemned the reprehensible practice, prevailing in many lodges meeting at an hotel, of brethren leaving the lodge-room during labour for the purpose of obtaining refreshment. The Tyler's toast ended a most enjoyable evening; but this account must not be closed before the Worshipful Master is congratulated on the fact that his next lodge will be held at the Town Hall of Havant, a building which, independent of its non-connection with any hotel or tavern, possesses rooms well calculated to enhance the beauties of our ceremonies, and to promote the comfort of the brethren.

EXETER.—Semper Fidelis Lodge (No. 1254).—The sixth annual festival of this lodge, was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the W.M. Bro. J. H. Warren, presiding. After the preliminary business was transacted, Bro. W. Cann, P. Prov. G.S.W., proceeded to instal the W.M. Elect, Bro. F. Horspool, in the Master's chair for the ensuing twelve months. The ceremony, as usual, was gone through in the most impressive manner by Bro. W. Cann, and then the newly installed Master selected and invested the following brethren as his officers for the current year: B. Barber, S.W.; G. Huxham, J.W.; H. W. Hooper, Treas.; W. Brodie, Sec.; W. Pidsley, S.D.; E. T. Fulford, J.D.; A. Hamlin, C.; F. Sanders, D.C.; W. A. Gregory, I.G.; W. Peters, O.; W. R. Cummings, S.S.; F. T. Bonter, J.S. Bro. Gregory was appointed Tyler, and Bro. Blanchard, Assistant Tyler. After the appointment of the above officers, the gratifying presentation of a Past Master's Jewel was made to the I.P.M., Bro. J. H. Warren, by the newly installed Master. The jewel was unanimously voted by the members of the lodge, and its presentation was the signal for hearty applause, in approval of the conduct of the recipient during his year of office. The jewel was a solid gold square, and bore the name of the lodge in raised gold letters, on a gold ribbon. Bro. Warren heartily thanked the members of the lodge for their highly appreciated presentation, and assured them that the possession of such a valuable memento of his year of office could not fail to remind him of his Masonic duties, nor of his deep obligation, to one and all, for the respect at all times exhibited towards him, and the great kindness received at their hands. The brethren then unanimously voted the sum of ten guineas towards the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. On the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to Bro. Langdon's, Globe Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served, and ample justice done to the excellent viands so bountifully provided. Bro. Horspool occupied the chair, and Bro. Barber the vice-chair. The following brethren were present:—F. Horspool, W.M.; J. Warren, I.P.M.; W. Cann, P. Prov. G.S.W.; C. R. N. Lyne, P.P.G.C.; H. L. Brewster, P.P.G.R.; H. W. Hooper, P.P.G.R.; S. Jones, P. Prov. G.S.D.; W. F. Quicke, P.M.; J. Page, P.M. 151; W. Shears, P.M. 372; R. Anning, R. Southcott, W. Brodie, W. Pidsley, J. Littlejohns, W. R. Commings, F. J. Williams,

G. Sarcombe, Quarter-Master Sergeant W. Dixon, 1,000; Sergeant J. Linington, 31; B. Barber, S. H. Culley, F. Neebe, F. Sanders, R. W. Pyne, M. Hooper, J. Stocker, G. Huxham, E. T. Fulford, H. Stocker, J. Algar, W. A. Gregory, A. Hamlin, P. L. Blanchard and others. The room was gaily decorated with loyal and other mottoes and evergreens, and festooned and hung with flags and banners, by an enthusiastic and respected brother. The tables were nicely set out, the floral decorations, distributed in handsome vases, &c., together with a bunch of sweet-scented violets placed in front of each brother, were fully appreciated and favourably commented on. The banquet over a well selected and ample dessert was placed on the tables, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were severally given, in appropriate terms, from the chair, most of the toasts being followed with glees and songs having reference thereto. It is no small inducement for those connected with the Craft to attend the banquet of Semper Fidelis to hear the excellent musical abilities that is prominent at this annual gathering. The following brethren formed the choir: Bros. F. Horspool, W.M.; B. Barber, S.W.; G. Huxham, J.W.; W. A. Gregory, I.G.; assisted by Bros. J. Algar, and H. Stocker, of St. John's Lodge, No. 39. A vote of thanks to the host and hostess was duly proposed and carried. A most harmonious and happy evening was spent, and "God save the Queen" brought the Masonic year of Semper Fidelis Lodge to an agreeable close.

GREENWICH.—*Star Lodge* (No. 1275).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday December 4th. Punctually at four o'clock (the time specified for the meeting), Bro. George Pym, W.M. (P.M. 749, P.M. 1310), opened the lodge. He was supported by Bros. J. J. Limebeer, S.W.; H. J. Green, J.W.; J. Smith, P.G.P.; P.M. Treas.; F. Walters, P.G.P. Midx., P.M. Secy. Rev. Colles, P.P.G.C. Oxon, Chaplain; R. W. Williams, S.D.; C. W. Williams, J.D.; W. Bell, I.G.; W. B. Woodman, M.C.; Waugh, P.G.P., P.M.; H. Keeble, P.M.; T. R. Dawke, P.M.; J. Ellis; A. C. Woodward, W. E. Williams, H. W. Elmer, J. Finch, W. Hardman, G. S. Elliott, Ole Jacobsen, W. P. Tong, J. T. C. Brooks, W. Ripps, E. H. Rands, J. Fox, E. Lane, W. Brough, with others. Amongst a large number of visitors were Bros. C. H. Cobbett, W.M. 190, H. Jager, P.M. 453, C. G. C. Stahl, P.M. 1309, A. Thomas, 1446, J. Anerley, 177, T. W. Martin 1257, A. H. Edwards 1257, &c. The minutes were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of all the candidates for initiation. The work, most ably, correctly, and impressively done, was the initiation separately of Messrs. E. W. Chetwynd, E. H. Rand, J. T. C. Brooks, and Captain A. Jacobsen. After which, Bro. W. Hardman was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, Bro. W. E. Williams presented the lodge with a splendid floor cloth for use in Third Degree, for which he received a vote of thanks, and the same to be entered on the lodge minute book. The usual large number of propositions for initiation were recorded. Bro. W. Bell, I.G., made an eloquent appeal on behalf of the Royal Benevolent Institution, and for which he is the Steward representing this lodge. The lodge was duly closed, the banquet was served, the regular toasts being received and responded to.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The last meeting for the year of this lodge was held at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 1st inst. The lodge was opened at 4.30 p.m. by Bro. Koch, W.M., assisted by Bro. Higgins, acting S.W.; Gardner, J.W.; Walls, acting S.D.; Painter, J.D.; Reeves, I.G.; Webb, W.S.; Heyward, A.D.C.; Stuart, P.M. and Sec. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., assisted by his officers, raised Bros. Bolton, Speedy, Poole, W. Ellis, and W. A. Ellis to the sublime degree of M.M.'s. He then passed Bros. Cruse and Gibson as F.C.'s. The ceremonies of both degrees were satisfactorily carried out. Bro. Walls then addressed the lodge at length upon the advisability of passing a vote of thanks to Bro. Pope, the manager of the club-

house, who had catered for the lodge since its foundation. He spoke of him as being a brother whose urbanity, courtesy, and obliging conduct had won for him an excellent name in all lodges of the Craft, and said that he personally felt that he could not let the opportunity pass of recording in open lodge his Masonic opinion of him. He felt sorry that circumstances had occurred which would soon sever his connection with them as host, and he trusted Bro. Pope would be long spared to continue a career of usefulness to the Craft, and that he would be equally successful elsewhere in obtaining the good opinion of all classes of the community. He also spoke of him as having encouraged and managed to the extent of his power those old English sports and pastimes which had made the Surrey Oval the envy of kindred establishments and famous throughout the world. In conclusion he trusted that it would be many years ere Bro. Pope relaxed his exertions towards the Craft, of which he was so distinguished an ornament, and before King Death should ring down the curtain on his labours, and he, in common with them all, should make his final bow and exit from the stage of life. A vote of thanks was then unanimously passed to Bro. Pope, P.M. of the Faith Lodge, &c., &c. The lodge having been closed in due form the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Among the visitors present were Bros. Hopwood, P.M. 147, and S.W. of 1512; Wasenbergh, Acacia Lodge; Fullagar, Robert Burns. The loyal toasts in connection with the Craft were given and honoured, Bro. Walls contributing the "National Anthem" and "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The other Craft and lodge toasts were given in rapid succession. Bro. Stokes sang "Pretty Jane" and Bro. Walls "Tom Bowling," during the intervals, admirably accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. W. A. Ellis. The business of the lodge having been very long and arduous, the banquet did not take place till late in the evening, and consequently the proceedings of the latter were considerably abridged.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, and was numerously attended, both by its members and visitors. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Nathan B. Headon, who was supported by the whole of his officers, viz.:—Bros. J. H. Townend, S.W.; John Seex, J.W.; James Stevens, I.P.M.; J. Freeman, Treasurer; E. Moody, Secretary; R. Stanway, S.D.; G. Blackie, J.D.; T. Preston, D.C.; W. H. Hook, Organist; W. Catchpole, I.G.; C. Taylor, Steward; and W. Steedman, Tyler. Amongst the other members present were Bros. H. Thompson, P.M.; C. S. Barker, jun., Boulton, Jenkins, Portway, Browne, Colmer, Hooker, Kibble, Rolfe, Middleton, Archer, Cox, Hugo, Bumpus, Owen Bowen, Moore, Hannaford, J. Thompson, Frederick, Lewis Lewis, Phillips, Keeble, and Hartley; and also the following visitors:—Charles Horsley, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Middlesex; W. E. Gompertz, P.M., P.P.G.P. Herts; Fredk. Kent, C.C., W.M. 177; R. N. Field, W.M. 902; W. Worrell, P.M. 766; C. Fountain, T. Harper, B. B. Joy, 1216; S. Spencer, 292; J. Lord, 25; J. Allen, S.W. 1297; and Bro. Stone, 65. Bros. Phillips and Keeble were raised; Bros. Rolfe, Bumpus, J. Thompson, Cox and Moore, were passed; and, after a successful ballot for nine candidates for initiation, Messrs. F. W. Potter, C. Burrows, James Gray, and E. H. Davis, were admitted to the first degree. The admirable manner in which the work was performed by the W.M. and his officers, called forth the warmest expressions of commendation from all the brethren assembled. Bros. E. Moody, Secretary, and J. Freeman, Treasurer, respectively moved and seconded, or rather, gave notice of motion, "That the sum of fifty guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of the W.M., who has consented to act as Steward at the ensuing festival of the Institution." The lodge business having been completed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper in the Pillar Room, after five hours pleasant labour in the lodge. As this repast was one of the "informal" banquets in which the Great City Lodge

delights, not much time was lost before the removal of the cloth and the circulation of the loving cup, and then with modest refreshment before them, the company settled down under the genial sway of the justly popular W.M., to enjoy the remainder of the evening. The usual leading Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. James Stevens, the P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," whose many merits, and whose labours on behalf of the lodge are so well known and appreciated by those over whom he ably ruled, were briefly expounded by the proposer, for the benefit of these who for the first time had honoured the lodge by their presence on this occasion. The termination of Bro. Stevens's remarks elicited much applause, which was renewed when the W.M., in response expressed his determination to uphold and maintain the honourable position which the lodge already held in the estimation of the Masonic Fraternity. To the toast of "The Initiates," the several newly admitted brethren shortly replied, and each of them evidently was pleased with the ceremony he had gone through and the unmistakably cordial reception extended to him. "The Visitors" were pledged amidst "The Great City" honours, and Bro. Charles Horsley, P.P.G. Reg., Middlesex, in his acknowledgment of the toast, favoured the brethren with an admirable speech, to which the most earnest attention was given. In the course of his remarks, he expressed his regret that since the date of the consecration of this lodge, some eighteen months ago, he had been unable to attend a meeting, but the vivid recollection entertained of that memorable occasion, when no less than 50 Past Masters of metropolitan and provincial lodges attended to do honour to the founders, that the first W.M. of the lodge had impelled him at last to make the opportunity he had long desired. The promise of that great first meeting had been fulfilled in his opinion, for although he had, as a matter of course, seen perfect working in many other lodges, he was constrained to say that never before had he seen such thorough order and painstaking attention to every detail as he had that evening witnessed. He had that day been compelled to a long fast, but even the exigencies of hunger had not been able to withdraw him from the lodge during the five mortal hours over which the evening's work had extended. He had noticed that the lodge had not forgotten during the past year the duty of charity, and it delighted him to hear of its intention to still further aid the funds of our Masonic Institution. He trusted, and he had no doubt that the W.M., in his Stewardship this year, would be as thoroughly supported by his brethren as was his predecessor last year. He congratulated the lodge most earnestly on all its appointments; the efficiency of its officers, the increase of its strength, and its well-deserved repute; and, for himself, desired to assure his hearers that, in the course of his Masonic career, he had never so thoroughly enjoyed the intellectual feast in the lodge-room, and probably in part due to the "long fast" he had before spoken of, the substantial refreshment of which he had just partaken. With hearty thanks to all for the compliment the lodge had paid him, and with best wishes for its prosperity, Bro. Horsley concluded his excellent address, amidst great cheering. Bros. Gompertz, Kent, Field, Worrell, and other visitors, shortly supplemented Bro. Horsley's remarks, and endorsed his statements and hearty good wishes. The remaining toasts—"The I.P.M., Bro. James Stevens," "The Officers" (coupled with the name of Bro. Preston), were drunk and responded to, and the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close. The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent songs by professional and amateur members of the lodge.

MANCHESTER.—*Lodge of Truth* (No. 1458).—This young but flourishing lodge held its festival of St. John, on Saturday, the 5th Dec., at the Royal Archer Hotel, Dale-street, Manchester. The lodge was opened at two o'clock by the W.M., Bro. John W. Turner. After the reading and confirming the minutes of the previous meeting, the ballot was taken for Mr. D. L. Brooke, it proving favourable, he was initiated into the mysteries of Masonry by the W.M. The lodge was then opened in the

second degree, when Bro. Robert Caldwell, P.M., took the chair of King Solomon for the purpose of installing Bro. Henry Smith, W.M. elect, which he did in that able manner for which he is so justly noted. Bro. Jas Batcheldor (whose Masonic song we reviewed a few weeks ago) presided at the harmonium, he being the Organist of the lodge. The officers being invested and the business of the meeting completed, the W.M. closed the lodge in the three degrees. The brethren and visitors, amongst whom were many distinguished Masons, then sat down to a most sumptuous banquet, provided by the worthy host, Bro. Potts. The I.P. Master, in proposing the health of the W.M., congratulated the brethren on the happy selection they had made in appointing Bro. Smith to the highest honour they could bestow on him, and trusted the officers would rally round and give him their support, both in the ceremonies and by a punctual attendance on their duties. Knowing the W.M. was worthy of their support he hoped they would not be found wanting, but render to Bro. Smith that kindness and good will which, he was happy to say, had been accorded to himself, and which he took that opportunity to thank them for. The W.M. in proposing the health of the I.P.M., said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was to present to Bro. J. W. Turner a handsome Past Master's Jewel, from the officers and brethren of the lodge. The I.P.M. responded in suitable terms. The other toasts having been duly honoured, the brethren separated, after spending a most enjoyable evening. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bros. Batcheldor and Dunville, and gave great satisfaction.

HALLIFORD.—*The Thames Valley Lodge* (No. 1460).—The last regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Halliford, Middlesex, on the 5th inst; Bro. Colonel James Peters, W.M., in the chair, and ably supported by his officers as follows:—Bro. the Rev. Dr. Brette, S.W.; Bro. Lieut. C. B. Elliott, R.N., J.W.; Bro. W. Paas (P.M. 28), Treasurer; Bro. J. G. Marsh (P.M. 28), Secretary; Bro. J. L. Jones, S.D.; Bro. W. J. Howe, J.D.; Bro. W. Le Hunte Doyle, Steward. The lodge having been duly opened, the following gentlemen were initiated into Freemasonry:—Lieut. Charles Semple (93rd Highlanders), Joseph Davis, Robert Stone, and H. H. Blyth. The following brethren were also received as joining members:—Bro. Charles V. Lockwood, 478, P.P.G.D., Oxford; Bro. Charles H. Muir, P.M. 297; Bro. W. E. Windus, 26; Bro. J. A. Magee, 22 and 134; Bro. H. Kerr, 73—Ireland; and Bro. T. B. Yeoman, 715. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Brette was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing; and Bro. Paas re-elected Treasurer.

HAMPTON HILL.—*Francis Burdett Lodge* (No. 1503).—A meeting of this recently established, but flourishing lodge was held at the King's Arms, Hampton Hill, on the 9th inst., and was well attended. The W.M., Bro. Col. Wigginton, presided, assisted by Bros. Saunders, S.W.; Tomlinson, J.W.; Cox, S.D.; Deekes, J.D.; Walls, I.G.; Knaggs, Treasurer. It was reported that an emergency meeting had been held on the previous Thursday, when the W.M. with the aid of Bros. Tomlinson, acting S.W.; Walls, acting J.W.; Deekes, acting S.D.; Knaggs, acting J.D.; Jenkins acting I.G., initiated Messrs. Rogers and Lovett, into the mysteries of the Craft. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., in an excellent manner, passed Bro. Knaggs to the F.C. degree, and initiated Messrs. Saunders, T. F. Mitchell, and Clarke. The ballot was then taken for Bro. T. C. Walls (Kennington), and Bro. Honeywell (Dobie), as joining members, which was unanimous. Among the visitors present were Bro. Hammond, P.M. and W.M. of No. 1512, Bro. Adlard, P.M. (No. 7), and Bro. Richards, (103). The W.M. appointed Bro. Walls to the office of I.G. The lodge having been closed in due form the brethren partook of an excellent cold collation. The usual royal and Craft toasts were given by the W.M. with brevity, but with great spirit. The S.W. and the I.G. sang one verse each of the National Anthem, and God Bless the Prince of Wales. Bro. Adlard proposed the health of the W.M. in a telling speech, wherein he spoke highly of the

Masonic abilities of Bro. Wigginton, and congratulated the lodge upon possessing so able a representative in the chair of K.S. The W.M. having replied, proposed the toast of the evening, viz., "The Initiates," which was duly honoured, and severally replied to by Bros. Saunders, Mitchell, and Clarke. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and was replied to by Bros. Adlard and Richards. The former stated that he had been connected with the Craft 40 years and had been a P.M. upwards of 36 years, and that his interest was still unabated in Freemasonry and that he should continue to support the Order in every way as long as his health would permit him so to do, and in conclusion he said that considering the short time the Francis Burdett Lodge had been established he was surprised but exceedingly pleased at the admirable manner in which the working had been carried out by the officers. The W.M. then gave "The Officers," coupling with the toast the names of the S.W. and the I.G. Bro. Saunders replied, and in the course of his speech expressed his intention of devoting his best energies to further the interest of the lodge, and he hoped in time it would equal any lodge in Middlesex. The W.M. proposed the health of the joining brethren, Bros. Walls and Honeywell, and requested the first-named to reply, who said he felt very proud that evening at having to reply, not only as a joining brother but as an officer of the lodge. During his remarks he stated as an incentive to the initiates that from the first moment of joining Freemasonry he was so impressed with the usefulness and power of the Craft that he came to the conclusion to persevere in its workings until he had mastered them, and he hoped to be spared, that some day he might be elected to fulfil the arduous duties which had been so excellently carried out by their W.M. that evening. In conclusion he thanked Bro. Wigginton for the mark of his esteem and confidence in appointing him to the honourable position of I.G., which he trusted he should discharge to his satisfaction and to the approval of the lodge. The Tyler's toast having been given, Bro. Walls sang "I don't mean to tell you her name" and the proceedings, which were eminently successful, terminated.

Royal Arch.

SOUTHAMPTON.—*Chapter of Concord* (No. 394).—On Thursday, 1st inst., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre was installed First Principal of the Chapter of Concord, No. 394, which, under his auspices, promises to increase in numbers, as it has done for some time past. There was a large gathering on the occasion, the members of the Gloucester Chapter having been invited to be present at the ceremony of installation, which was performed by Bro. Booth—Bro. F. F. Hare being appointed Second Principal; J. Blount Thomas, Third Principal; J. R. Weston, S.E.; R. Sharpe, S.N.; W. Bemister, P.S.; C. W. A. Jellicoe and C. A. Dyer, A.S.; and H. Abraham, Treasurer. Immediately after the installation, the First Principal exalted a brother, and the work of the chapter was done in a very creditable manner. A banquet followed, at which the usual Masonic and other toasts were given, and a fraternal interchange of sentiment took place.

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SOUTHAMPTON.—*St. Andrew's Lodge* (No. 63).—At the celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew by this lodge, the following officers were installed for the ensuing year, the duties of Installing Master being ably performed by Worshipful Bro. P.M. Sheppard, P.P.G.J.W., assisted by Worshipful Bro. P.M. Hickman, D.P.G.M., Bros. P.M. Abraham, Payne, Le Feuvre, and Emanuel:—S.W., Bro. S. S. Pearce; J.W., Bro. C. A. Dyer; Treasurer, Bro. P.M. Abraham; M.O., Bro. G. Cross; S.O., Bro. W. J. Hickman; J.O., Bro. J. Blount Thomas; Secretary, Bro. W. C. Austen; Registrar, Bro. J. C. Stroud; D.C., Bro. Bemister; Organist,

Bro. Wolff; S.D., Bro. Symon; J.D., Bro. Tilling; I.G., Bro. Withers; Tyler, Bro. Biggs. This lodge was constituted but five years ago, and is already the largest in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. No less than twenty have joined or been advanced during the Mastership of the outgoing Master, Bro. Le Feuvre.

LIVERPOOL.—*Walton Lodge* (No. 161).—The regular meeting of this thriving young lodge was held in St. Lawrence's Schoolroom, Kirkdale, on the evening of Tuesday, the 1st inst. when there were present Bros. Thomas Chesworth, W.M.; Joseph Charles Lant, Pro Grand Mark J.D., S.W.; Thomas Ashmore, J.W.; Rev. C. R. Hyde, L.L.D., Pro Grand Mark Chaplain; Jesse Banning, M.O.; J. Jones, as J.O.; G. E. Hanmer, Secretary; W. E. Quayle S.D.; W. G. Sharpe, and others. The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Three candidates were balloted for and duly elected. Bro. W. Archer, P.M., P.Z., being present, was advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. Three other candidates for advancement were then proposed for the next meeting. Nothing further appearing for the good of M.M.M. in general, or this lodge in particular, the business was closed in ancient and solemn form. The brethren subsequently sat down to a sumptuous repast, prepared in Bro. Casey's best style.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.

LODGE CLYDESDALE (No. 556).—The meeting of this lodge for election and installation of office-bearers for the ensuing year, was held in their hall, at the Crown-street Assembly Rooms, on Monday, 7th inst, the R.W.M., Bro. William Phillips, presiding. The minutes of last meeting having been read and passed, a candidate received the sublime degree of Master Mason, at the hands of Bro. Thos. Halkett, P.M. 102, St. Mark. Thereafter the chairman announced that he had received for signing, the lease for the new and eligible premises, to which it was their intention shortly to remove, and that Bro. Geo. McNaught has drawn out plans for the requisite alterations of the same. The rent was to be £27 a year, and they could enter on possession as soon as they liked. The chairman then said that as there had been no opposition to the list of office-bearers duly proposed and seconded, he thereby declared the same to be duly elected; and the installation was proceeded with, Bro. Halkett officiating in a masterly manner. The R.W.M. having been first installed by himself, appointed by Bro. Dr. Russell as his D.M.; and the remaining office-bearers were then installed together. The following is the list:—Bros. W. Phillips, R.W.M.; Dr. Russell, D.M.; John McNaught, S.M.; John B. McNaught, S.W.; John Howie, J.W.; T. B. Neill, Treasurer; Jos. Strang, Secretary; John Webster, Chaplain; John Frew, S.D.; J. Weir, S. Steward; John Doid, B.B.; H. Weir, Standard-Bearer; Chas. Lee, D. of Ceremonies; Henry W. Jackson, Architect; W. J. E. Dobson, P.G.S.; Wm. Graham, Tyler. The ceremony having been concluded, the R.W.M. thanked the brethren for re-electing him to the important office of Master, which he had accepted with the full resolve that there should be nothing wanting on his part to attain for Lodge Clydesdale a locus standi, equal to anything in the province. The lodge was shortly thereafter called to refreshment, when, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, there were given the health of the newly re-elected R.W.M., Bro. Phillips, by Bro. G. H. McNaught, P.M. 275 (Shamrock and Thistle); "The Visiting Brethren," by the S.W., coupled with the name of Bro. Malcolm Stark, D.M. 553 (St. Vincent); the health of Bro. James Banks McNeil, 262 (St. Clair), the famous Glasgow swimmer, who has in his time rescued from a watery grave no fewer than 69 lives; "The Wardens," Bros. McNaught and Howie, and others. The lodge having been recalled to labour, Bros. J. B. McNeil, 362, and M. Stark, 553, were duly affiliated as members of 556, after which it was closed in due form.

LODGE ATHOLE (No. 413).—This lodge met in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday evening, 8th inst.; the R.W.M., Bro. John Wallace, in the chair. The lodge having been opened in the E.A. Degree, the minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The ceremony of installation of office-bearers was then proceeded with, the work being performed by P.M. Bro. John Miller in a style by which all and sundry, but especially brethren from other lodges present, must have been much and most favourably impressed. The following is the list as re-arranged:—John Wallace, R.W.M.; Jas. Loutitt, D.M.; Walter Neilson, S.M.; Colin M'Kenzie, S.W.; Daniel Leeds, J.W.; Peter Agnew, Treasurer; J. W. Stevenson, Secretary; John Baikie, Chaplain; William Loutitt, S.D.; Robert M'Leish, J.D.; Wm. O'Brien, P. of S.; Jno. Davidson, S. Steward; J. C. Galloway, J. Steward; Charles Thornton, and John Harrower, Stewards; Andrew Holmes, I.G.; and Robert Gardner, O.G.; Robert Lauder, and Robert Sloan, Auditors. At the close of the installation, the R.W.M. begged to thank Bro. Miller for the very kind way in which he had come forward and assisted them so ably that evening. It had only, however, added another to many favours for which they had been indebted to him, and he was sure it was the wish of every brother that he might be long spared to go in and out among them and assist others as he had assisted them, and as he was always willing to do. He (the Chairman) had also to thank the lodge for re-appointing him as their Master. Whatever might have been his failings during the last twelve months, it showed that they had not thought them such as should debar him from being re-elected. The retiring office-bearers he desired to thank for their co-operation in the past, while, from his knowledge of those just elected, he felt sure that they would be as harmonious in the future. The Chairman concluded by bespeaking the support of the lodge generally during the year ensuing, and specially urged upon them the importance of regular attendance at all meetings, and of punctuality to the hour for which these were called. Bro. Miller, in briefly acknowledging the chairman's remarks bearing reference to himself, said it had given him great pleasure to be there and instal the new office-bearers of his mother lodge. He had no doubt whatever that they would get on well with those to-night appointed, and he wished the lodge every success in this next year. The lodge thereafter adjourned from labour to refreshment. After the customary opening toasts had been duly honoured, as also that of the office-bearers who had been made for the first time (coupled with the name of the J.W., Bro. Leeds), the chairman called upon Bro. John C. Burne, who was seated on the dais, to speak. Bro. Burne, in response, said he had now a very pleasing duty to perform—one that he felt proud of. Pleasure, indeed, was too weak a word to express what he felt; he should rather say profound gratification. The cause of his being there that evening was to offer to their esteemed friend and brother beside him, Bro. Miller, a small token of the respect which he (Bro. Burne) entertained to their Past Master for his worth as a friend, and his zeal in matters Masonic. It was not a rich gift; but with truth it could be said that it was given by a hand with a heart in it. Referring to the testimonial (a portrait of Bro. Miller, which stood covered in front of the dais), the speaker said that the picture before them represented their worthy brother in those robes Masonic which he had worn with dignity to himself, and honour to his confrères. He (the speaker) hoped it might stimulate others to go on as Bro. Miller had done, and endeavour to raise themselves to the station of honour in their respective lodges. It had been said that every French soldier carried a Marshal's baton in his knapsack, and, similarly, every Freemason carried in his apron-pocket a Master's mallet. As Long-fellow had said, in his Psalm of Life:—

“Let us, then, be up and doing
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labour and to wait.”

In conclusion, Bro. Burne said it now devolved

upon him to ask Bro. Miller's acceptance of the picture. He was a brother who was esteemed not only by himself (the speaker) and those present, but by every Mason in the West of Scotland. The picture was then uncovered, and an opportunity given to the brethren round to examine it individually. It is a highly-finished production, in oil-colours, and alike as a resemblance and as a work of art, is simply admirable. Bro. Miller, in acknowledging the gift, said he appreciated the compliment paid him very highly; in fact, so much so, that he could not express what he thought about it. It would be cherished in his family, and he should never look upon it without thinking of its kind donor, Bro. Burne. Several other toasts followed, and the proceedings at refreshment were agreeably enlivened by two or three excellent songs and recitations from Bros. Miller, R. Fraser, Burne, Perston, and others.

GREENOCK.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 175).—It is a considerable time since such a large Masonic gathering took place in the lodge room, of Lodge Greenock, St. John's, No. 175, on the evening of Wednesday, 2nd inst., for the double purpose of installing into office the newly elected R.W.M. and office-bearers, for the ensuing twelve months, and the presentation of valuable tokens of respect to Bro. Charles Grey, on the occasion of his vacating the R.W.M.'s chair. The following report of both proceedings fully explain, what took place; but Bro. Gray, having long filled the honourable position of Master of the lodge, we think we are only performing our duty, both to the Craft and the readers of the *Freemason*, when we bear testimony (on the authority of many brethren) as to the admirable way in which he has worked the lodge. The task of presiding over such a lodge as Greenock, St. John's, was not a light one, as will be seen from what follows, nor was the position of the W.M. altogether easy. Brethren will know that it is upon the wise and judicious exercise of the high functions committed to him that the satisfactory progress of the business of Masonry depends. They look to him, too, for counsel and advice, and during the time Bro. Gray had been in the chair, his help had always been readily given to any brethren who sought it, and as he was a much experienced Mason, the advice was always valuable. His fairness and impartiality fully impressed the brethren, while the admirable way in which he did the work of the lodge was beyond praise. A better Master never presided over a lodge, and if his successors followed in his footsteps, and copied his example, the future success of Greenock St. John's could not, but, as hitherto, be a great success. The handsome present made to him on this occasion, will serve to remind him that his efforts were appreciated, and his name cannot fail to be associated with the lodge as long as it lasts. The lodge being duly constituted in the Apprentice Degree, by Bro. Charles Gray, R.W.M., Alexander McMaster, the new W.M., was performed in the most impressive and efficient manner by Bro. Robert Urie, who was afterwards appointed his Depute Master. Thereafter the office-bearers who were elected a week previous, were installed by D.M., Bro. Robert Urie, the proceedings being conducted in accordance with the ancient customs and usages of the Craft. The following is a list of their names:—McMaster, R.W. Master; Robert Urie, Depute Master; Chas. Grey, Past Master; Andw. Boag, Old Master; Donald Anderson, do.; D. McIntyre, Junior Warden; Wm. Wright, junr., Secretary; James Roger, Treasurer; John McQuarrie, S.D.; James Scott, J.D.; James McBride, 1st Senior Steward; John Fleming, 2nd do.; David Anderson, 1st Junior do.; Stephenson Stewart, Inner Guard; Alexander Cruden, Tyler. The offices of Senior Warden, Chaplain, and 2nd Junior Steward are to be filled up at a meeting called for the purpose. After the transaction of some routine business, the brethren were called from labour to refreshment. Bro. Alex. McMaster, R.W.M., presided. The formal Masonic toasts, including the Grand Master of Scotland, Bro. Sir Michael Robert Shaw Stewart, were proposed and responded to in true Masonic style.

Bro. M'Master, R.W.M., then rose and inti-

ated that he had a very pleasing duty to perform, namely, to present their Right Worshipful Master, esteemed Bro. Grey, with a token of the consideration in which his office-bearers had held him. It afforded him (the R.W.M.) much gratification that so great an honour had been placed upon him as to be in the occupancy of the chair on that occasion. He was, however, very sorry that the circumstances in which their valued brother was placed were among the reasons why this presentation was made. Bro. Grey had been overtaken by infirmity, which had left very lamentable effects, especially as regarded his eyesight, which had been, for the time at least, taken away. Were it otherwise, the present event would be unmingled with anything in the least to be regretted. As it was, they were happy that cheerfulness of mind, as well as a measure of health of body, were present. In looking back to the past they had nothing but pleasant recollections of what had occurred in that Lodge under the Mastership of Bro. Grey. Prosperity, unanimity, and real Masonic fraternity had manifested themselves throughout the whole course of the last four years, and he was sure that all who were present that night would feel with him and bear him out in the observations he was making. He would now, in the name of the office-bearers, present Bro. Grey with a medallion containing the portrait of that Brother, and those of all the office-bearers, with the kindest feelings and the fond anticipation that it might yet be possible for him to look upon the picture so as to recognize its contents. After some other remarks of an appropriate character, the Right Worshipful Master handed to Bro. Grey a medallion, executed by Bro. Urie, containing the portraits, as has been stated. The medallion is in a gilt moulded frame by Messrs. Lawrie and Fleming, and measures two feet and a half by two feet. The portraits are beautifully executed in colours, each having the Masonic insignia and jewels, and the whole is a very valuable gift. The following is the inscription:—“Charles Grey, Esq, R.W.M., with the fraternal regard of his office-bearers—Lodge Greenock, St. John, No. 175; Nov. 1874.”

One of the brethren having sung an appropriate lyric,

Bro. Grey, in accepting the presentation, said he did so with feelings of peculiar satisfaction. It was true that he had suffered a painful deprivation, but he was thankful that he had been gifted with resignation from the Giver of all Good, and that he was not without hope that in perhaps the immediate future he might be privileged to look upon the familiar faces which he knew were strikingly portrayed in the gift before him. Whether this might be the case or not, he was extremely pleased to be there that night and to receive at the hands of the R.W.M. a presentation of so valuable a kind as that containing likeness of so many friends. While accepting it, he knew he was only receiving one more testimony of the considerateness of a body of brethren who thus put the topstone of a series of acts of fraternity towards himself that had attained a great altitude. During the period he had occupied the chair in Greenock St. John he had never the slightest cause of complaint to make as to the disposition of the brethren as evinced to each other and to himself. On the contrary, he had every reason to congratulate the lodge on the order, the peace, the prosperity, and the fraternity that had been characteristic of their entire proceedings. When the deputation waited upon him to request his acceptance of the honourable position of Master in the lodge, he was overcome with a sense of the great dignity that they proposed to confer, at the same time recollecting how unfit he was in himself for the high position; but he was persuaded that he would receive every assistance in discharging his duties from the very gentlemen who now had increased the weight of his obligations to them by their thoughtful and cheering gift. He was struck with the singularity of the circumstances attending his experience at the time referred to. He had retired from the Greenock Town Council with the view of making room for Bro. Donald Anderson, who now ably represented the First Ward in Council; and, as it seems, almost by way of compensation, Bro. Anderson vacated the chair in the lodge to make

room for him. This had come about, so far as he knew, without being purposely arranged, but it exhibited one of the reasons for which he had cause for gratification. But he had many other reasons, the principal being the fine feeling which had prevailed among the brethren during his term of office. Bro. Grey proceeded to make a number of most suitable remarks, to the delight of those present, and said that he retired from the chair with the greatest confidence, as he knew that his worthy successor would discharge his functions with great credit to himself and much credit to the lodge. He resumed his seat amid great applause. Bro. D. M. Urie said that, having acted as Depute to such a Master as Bro. Grey, they would perhaps kindly allow him to say a word or two on that very interesting occasion. When Bro. Grey was first mentioned as one who would fill the chair, he (Bro. Urie) felt quite confident that, if the deputation who were appointed to wait upon him were only successful in persuading him to enlist his sympathy, they would secure a Master who would govern the lodge in the true spirit of Masonic brotherly love and kind forbearance. The unprecedented success which they had experienced during these four years afforded them ample proof that they had selected the right man for the right place. Addressing Bro. Grey, he said:—I am very happy to say, Bro. Grey, that your reign in office has been characterised by many good and noble works. The kind-hearted manner in which you have at all times presided over the lodge has been the means of building up that loving brotherly feeling which has always existed between the brethren and yourself. During the period you have so acceptably filled the chair the meetings have been so well attended that on many occasions there has been great difficulty in providing accommodation for the brethren. Of the intrants added to our lengthy roll-book, no less than 405 have passed through your hands, including some of the most influential members of our good old town, and it is a tale well worth being told that during this long period of faithful devotion not one harsh word has been known to escape your lips, nor can a single unkind action be laid to your charge. On the contrary the lodge has been ruled in the true spirit of Masonry—love, and brotherly kindness—and I may state here that I speak the sentiments of every Brother, both present or absent, when I state that the remembrance of the many happy and profitable nights spent in this lodge with you, will long live in the memory of the brethren, and we are not without hope that the kind, loving, Christian words of encouragement, addressed especially to the young brethren, may be of untold value to them and to all of us in the hour of trial and danger. It is with great pleasure that I have witnessed the presentation of this medallion, a fitting token of their brotherly love; but it grieves us all that you are no longer permitted to look upon the things of this world with the outward eye, and that you are unable to see the faces of brethren surrounding you in this picture, yet we feel convinced that the remembrance of their features will long live in your memory; and, as you have been the means of bringing many to see the light of Masonry, we sincerely trust that, with faith in the unseen Jehovah, you may be enabled to walk in the light of the love of the Blessed Saviour, who alone can clear your vision in the hour of your affliction; and, as you have often said to others, we would now affectionately say to you, "He who putteth his trust in God need fear no evil." I have now to ask you, Bro. Grey, on retiring from the chair, to accept of this small mark of regard and esteem from the members of our lodge—a remembrance not possessing any great intrinsic value, but given with loving and fraternal regard, with the hope that God may long spare you to enjoy the society of many loving and affectionate friends. Bro. Urie then handed to Bro. Grey a valuable and handsome silver claret jug, and bearing this inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Charles Grey, Esq., R.W.M., by the brethren of Lodge Greenock St. John, No. 175, as a mark of their regard on the occasion of his retiring from the chair, Greenock, November, 1874."

Bro. Grey again rose to acknowledge the

liberality of his friends, and in doing so expressed himself at a loss to find words suitable to his situation. He accepted the presentation made by his dear Bro. Urie with feelings of deep emotion. He knew that what he had just listened to were the sentiments, not only of the speaker, but of those in whose names the words were spoken; and he might be permitted to say he had long felt that not only a fraternal but almost a paternal and filial connection existed between himself and the brethren of the Lodge. Such had been the nature of the relationship subsisting for years back, and he hoped he might be forgiven if in speaking thus he should seem to speak without due warrant. So far as he was concerned, those relations were as he had described, and he believed his feelings were reciprocated. Still, the honour done exceeded any merit of his own, and he must attribute the act just performed to excess of kindness in the members of the lodge. They might permit him to remark that in looking back he called to recollection the time when he was exalted to the Royal Arch Chapter. On the occasion the number admitted, along with himself, was exactly the same as that of the chapter, namely, 17. Another coincidence he would mention with their leave. When he had the honour and privilege of making a presentation to Bro. Urie in the name of the lodge, the number of brethren whom he had up to that period initiated during his Mastership was just the number of Lodge Greenock St. John—that is to say, 175. These were more curious than important, and they were suggested by Bro. Urie's statistical reference; but they were interesting to himself, and perhaps to others. In the course of further remarks, Bro. Grey offered some excellent observations calculated to benefit his hearers, and after again thanking his kind friends for their appreciation of his services, sat down, amidst great applause. Bro. A. Boag proposed "The R.W.M.," in suitable terms, and Bro. M'Master as suitably replied. The R.W.M. next proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. A. H. Finlay for his gift to the lodge, on that occasion, of an abundant supply of choice wines, to which Bro. Finlay responded. Bro. D.M. Urie proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. James M'Bryde, First Senior Steward, for the arrangements made and carried out in connection with the tables. Bro. M'Bryde replied.

During the evening, various brethren contributed songs and recitations, and a most brotherly and harmonious evening was spent. Many members of the lodge being present to testify their respect and esteem for Bro. Gray, who, we believe, had not been so late out of their homes for years.

KILWINNING LODGE (No. 12).—The annual general meeting of this lodge was held in the Council Chamber on Monday night, 30th ult., Bro. D. Cunningham, the retiring Right Worshipful Master, in the chair. The lodge having been opened in due form, the Treasurer submitted the annual statement, showing the lodge to be in a prosperous state; after which the following office-bearers were elected:—Right Worshipful Master, James Newton; Depute Master, Edward Blackmore; Past Master, Duncan Cunningham; Substitute Master, John R. Allison; Senior Warden, John P. Fyfe; Junior Warden, John Agnew; Treasurer, John D. Walton; Secretary, Jas. D. Macdonald; Chaplain, Rev. W. W. Tulloch, B.D.; Director of Music, Daniel Middleton; Assistant Director of Music, George T. Poulter; Architect, A. Roxburgh; Senior Deacon, Robert Allan; Junior Deacon, Hugh Rodgers Neill; 1st Senior Steward, Alexander Smith; 2nd Senior Steward, John M. Burgess; 1st Junior Steward, Alex. I. Gillanders; 2nd Junior Steward, John Teulon; Inner Guard, John W. Macdonald; Tyler, Abel Tucker. There being no other business of importance the lodge was closed.

PORT GLASGOW.

LODGE DORIC KILWINNING (No. 68).—The annual general meeting of the Lodge Doric Kilwinning, No. 68, was held in their hall, Church-street, Port-Glasgow, on Thursday, 3rd inst., Dr. John William Taylor in the chair. The following brethren were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—Dr. John William Tay-

lor, R.W.M.; Jas. Kelly, P.M.; Robt. Frame, D.M.; Thomas Davidson, S.M.; Duguld Brown, S.W.; Thos. Ballingall, J.W.; Rev. Geo. Durno, Chaplain; James Sloan, Treasurer; Thomas Clark, Secretary; Wm. Wallace, S.D.; Thos. M'Millan, J.D.; Hugh Orr, Architect; Stewart Lamont, Jeweller; Peter Crookston, B.B.; John Felfer, S.B.; Thomas Pollock, 1st Steward; James Leek, 2nd do.; Matthew Paton, 3rd do.; David Kirk, 4th do.; Thomas Marshall, I.G.; John Weir, Tyler. The lodge was then closed.

DALKEITH.

LODGE KILWINNING (No. 10).—This lodge met on the 30th ult. to celebrate the festival of St. Andrew. The lodge was opened in due and ancient form, the R.W.M. in the chair. The nomination of the R.W.M., Treasurer, and Secretary for the ensuing year took place. Bro. Richard Wilson was nominated for the chair, Bro. R. Bennett for Treasurer, Bro. G. Garnock for Secretary. The lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. After song and sentiment went round, and harmony and fraternal regard prevailed amongst the brethren, at high twelve the lodge was duly closed by the R.W.M.

DUNFERMLINE.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 26).—The annual meeting for the nomination of office-bearers for the ensuing year, took place in their lodge room, Maygate-street, on Monday evening, 29th ult., when the following brethren were nominated:—Bros. Robt. Lindsey, R.W.M.; Robt. Blyth, S.M.; Wm. Hunter, S. Warden; John Steele, J. W.; Robt. Wilson, Treas.; Wm. Mitchell, Sec. Wm. McDonald, Chaplain; D. Blair, S. Deacon; Thos. Burt, J. do.; G. Hamilton, R.R.; G. Allan, B.R.; J. Burt, P.L.; C. Boag, S. Steward; A. Whitehead, J. do.; R. Drysdale, Outer Guard. The eight Senior Office Bearers, of the lodge, together with seven members chosen by the brethren, viz.: Bros. Alex. Graunt, Robt. Paterson, Wm. Donald, G. McPherson, G. Salisbury, G. Allan, R. Flockart. No other business being before the brethren, the lodge was duly closed, when the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment, to Bro. Blyth, Guildhall-street, when the rest of the evening was spent in song and sentiment by the brethren present.

BRIDGE OF ALLAN.

LODGE ABERCROMBY (No. 351).—The brethren of this thriving young lodge met on Wednesday, 2nd inst., for the purpose of nominating Office Bearers for the next year. The following were nominated:—Wm. Cousine, R.W.M.; G. Miller, P.M.; J. Carmichael, D.M.; W. McCowan, S.M.; R. Philp, Proxy M.; W. Henderson, Treas.; J. Drysdale, S.W.; J. Simpson, J.W.; Rev. J. Reid, Chaplain; P. Jaffray, S.D.; C. Raeburn, J.D.; A. Anderson, Steward; J. Cramb, Asst. do.; Wm. McGregor, F.G.; L. McKinnon, Tyler. The election and installation of the new office-bearers will take place on the 28th inst., when the festival of St. John will be celebrated in due Masonic style.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.—The quarterly convocation of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the West of Scotland, of the ancient Order of H.R.M. of Kilwinning and R.S.V.C.S., was held in St. Mark's Hall, Glasgow, on the 3rd inst. Applications for advancement were received from Bros. John Love, Johnstone, Renfrewshire, M.M. of No. 242 of Scotland, and companion of R.A.C. No. 109, of Scotland, and John Stewart, Hillhead, Glasgow, M.M. of No. 195 of Scotland and companion of R.A.C. No. 73 of Scotland. The Prov. Grand Master and Comp. A. Barrow duly advanced and promoted these brethren, assisted by D.P.G.M. J. D. Porteous, Wm. Mather acting P.G. J.W., Wm. Smith, P.G. Secy., A. MacTaggart, M.A., acting P.C.S.B., John Fraser acting P.G. Mareschal, and James Balfour, acting P.G. Grand Guarder. After the P.G.M. had filled up a number of vacant offices in the P.G. Lodge, the convocation was closed in due and ancient form.

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H. Wetherell, Constantinople	17/4
G. F. Newmarch, Naseby, Otago, N.Z.	13/0
John Tait, Lukkur, East Indies	13/0

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BRO. WARREN'S LETTER.

We print in another column a long and able letter from Bro. H. G. Warren, and we are glad to welcome so familiar a name in our Masonic and friendly discussions. We are always ready to ventilate any topic which seems to have a claim upon our space, subject of course to the supreme consideration of the welfare of the Craft, and as Bro. Warren is of opinion that he has a constitutional basis of objection to certain proceedings of Grand Lodge, we readily afford him the asked-for space. Much may and possibly will be said on both sides of the question, but we deem it right to state, as the questions have been raised in our columns what our view of the matter is, in all of good-will and friendly regard to Bro. Warren. It is an undoubted fact, as Bro. Warren says, that no mention is made of "resignation" in the Book of Constitutions, and Bro. Warren also contends that no provision is made for the occasion of a vacancy by any other cause than death. Hence his position is that the Grand Master cannot "resign,"

that there was no "vacation" of the office, and that the Deputy Grand Master was constitutionally the ruler of the Craft, until the next annual installation. According to Bro. Warren's argument, Lord Ripon's resignation ought only to have been recorded, not accepted, and no application to the Past Grand Master need have been made. This is, as we understand, his explanation of the Book of Constitutions, and he has supported his views and argument with his customary ability. But though we admit that the word "resignation" does not occur, yet we venture to think that our distinguished brother, the Grand Registrar was right in advising the course which Grand Lodge has pursued. Common sense certainly is with the Grand Registrar, and the convenience of Grand Lodge is equally upheld by his views. Were Bro. Warren's proposition to hold good, a Grand Master might virtually resign after six months, and whether Grand Lodge liked it or not, the D.G.M. must rule the Craft for the second half of the year. Now we think that the words "when a vacancy occurs" cover somewhat more than a mere vacancy by death, and may include a vacancy by resignation. Be this as it may, the Book of Constitutions positively prohibits the course which our good Bro. Warren considers the correct one to follow in the event of the death of the G.M. The Book of Constitutions orders that when a vacancy in the Grand Mastership occurs, "if there be a Pro Grand Master he shall forthwith act as Grand Master until a new election at the usual period, but if there be no Pro Grand Master or Past Grand Master willing to act, then a day shall be fixed for the Grand Lodge to be summoned to elect a Grand Master for the remainder of the year." Under no circumstances is the Deputy Grand Master to rule the Grand Lodge for the remainder of the year, and the reason for this is clear. The Deputy Grand Master is the creation and substitute of the Grand Master. During the Grand Master's rule he exists, but he passes away with him, and hence Bro. Warren's illustration of an early precedent is not exactly to the point. Bro. Ward could act as Deputy Grand Master, during Lord Weymouth's year of office, because appointed by him, and Lord Weymouth having been installed, and still actually Grand Master, though never subsequently present, at the quarterly communications of Grand Lodge. There is, however, no evidence that he resigned the Grand Mastership. The Deputy Grand Master has all the privileges of the Grand Master, during the Grand Master's year of office, or during his continuance as Grand Master. If the Grand Master dies, the Deputy Grand Master, we apprehend, requires to be re-instated by the new Grand Master, as it is a personal appointment, though the Deputy Grand Master is authorised to convene a Grand Lodge to record the death of a Grand Master, and to nominate a new Grand Master. But the question comes in here—Can a Grand Master resign? Bro. Warren bases his objection to the resignation of a Grand Master on the fact that a Worshipful Master cannot resign. But though the word "resign" is equally not found in the regulations affecting Masters, yet the words "or be incapable of discharging the duties of his

office" have been held to apply to a removal from the town by circumstances over which the W.M. had no control, to a military or a naval brother, for instance, called away on active service. In Lord Ripon's case, he, by his joining the Roman Catholic communion, became, in his own opinion, "incapable of discharging the duties of his office," because opposed to his conscience, and we apprehend, under these circumstances Grand Lodge was perfectly justified in treating the resignation as a death vacancy. On the whole we think that our able Bro. McIntyre's legal opinion, always valuable, was perfectly correct, both as to the letter and the spirit of the Book of Constitutions. We have said nothing of the point that the Grand Master is not bound by the laws affecting the W.M. or other officers, as we think, with all due submission to Bro. Warren, that fact arises "ex necessitate rei," and from the position and prerogatives of the Grand Master himself. We confess that we do not quite see how the Committee erred in doing what they did do. They seem to have acted strictly according to the Book of Constitutions. They invited the Past Grand Master to act as Grand Master, which was virtually the offer to our Royal Brother of the actual Grand Mastership of the Order. If Bro. Warren's contention be correct that Lord Ripon could not resign, and that the Deputy Grand Master could rule the Craft, then, of course, such an invitation was unnecessary, as the contemplated vacancy had not arisen. Something perhaps, might be said, after Lord Weymouth's precedent, of the Deputy Grand Master ruling the Craft during the Grand Master's tenure of office, though never present at the Quarterly Communications. But as Lord Ripon clearly intended to sever his connection with our Order at once and for ever, in obedience to his new spiritual directors, we apprehend that his direct resignation of his office caused him to "become incapable to discharge the duties of his office;" and, in that case, the "vacancy" had arisen provided for in the Book of Constitutions. Of the wisdom of the course pursued by the Grand Lodge we have no doubt, of its importance for the best interests of the Craft we are certain. We believe that all reflecting Masons will, with us, be of one mind. We think, however, that discussion is salutary, within proper limits; and we are always glad to afford an opportunity to our brethren to express their opinions on passing Masonic events in a spirit of moderation and good feeling, and fair reasoning.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

A somewhat important question was asked in our last impression, relative to the status of a non-subscribing P.M. It seems that a P.M. senior P.M. too, of a country lodge, for two years, intermitted from his lodge subscriptions, but at the expiration of that term he again became a joining member of the lodge. The question is asked us, what is the effect upon him, of his two years' resignation and two years' non-payment of subscription. It is quite clear that he had lost his lodge membership, supposing that the bye-laws so laid it down, and losing his lodge membership he lost, necessarily too, his qualification for Grand Lodge. Then what is his position on re

joining the lodge? It appears to us, we speak deferentially, that on his rejoining his lodge, he resumed his position as a P.M., but lost his status of Senior P.M. And for this reason. A has subscribed in all up to the present time—eight years, except two, during which he intermitted. B has subscribed eight years without intermission, and became therefore Senior P.M. A clearly cannot jump over B's head on rejoining the lodge, and B, not A, continues to be Senior P.M. A requires to be again installed as Master, to regain his seat in Grand Lodge; but A is clearly a P.M. of the lodge, and in the lodge, though no longer Senior P.M. Any other rule or ruling would lead to endless controversies and hopeless anomalies in our lodge system, and our Grand Lodge qualification. As we said before, we speak subject to correction, but we believe that what we have now laid down is entirely in accordance with the letter and the spirit of the Book of Constitutions.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having been refused a hearing at Grand Lodge last Wednesday by the acting Grand Master, Bro. Sandeman, on the ruling of Bro. McIntyre, G. Reg., and Bro. Havers, P.G.W., I claim your indulgence whilst I briefly draw attention through your columns to the point which I wished to raise, in no hostile mood, but purely to raise a discussion on the power of the Grand Master to resign, and the influence such a right might have on the privileges of the brethren.

I do not wish to accuse the late Grand Master, of whom I desire to speak with every respect, or those who advised him, of having designedly taken the brethren by surprise, and having thus deprived them of the opportunity of maturely considering the results of his resignation; but most assuredly that was the result of his letter of resignation being addressed to the Grand Secretary only the day before the holding of Grand Lodge in September. Had that letter been forwarded a month, or only a fortnight earlier, it might have been communicated to the Craft with the summonses calling Grand Lodge, and ample time would have been given to the brethren to consider what might be its effects on the Craft, and the proper course to pursue under the circumstances. Owing to the alteration of the hour of meeting of Grand Lodge, I have, from the nature of my business avocations, been compelled to absent myself for some time past from Grand Lodge; but had I known so important a question was coming before it, I would have, at no matter what amount of inconvenience, been present to take my share in the discussion. As it is, I cannot but think that the Grand Registrar and those who acted with him arrived at too hasty a conclusion in recommending that the resignation be accepted. I maintain that although there is no actual law in the Book of Constitutions on the subject, that it is part of our unwritten law that the Grand Master cannot resign during his year of office; and the very silence of our Constitutions upon the subject, I contend, proves my position. The Grand Master possesses the undoubted right once in every year to decline being again put in nomination for the office, and in that sense I hold, notwithstanding its phraseology, the letter of the Earl of Ripon should have been read; and it was this I wished to bring before Grand Lodge. I was, however, stopped in my argument by Bro. McIntyre telling me that the Grand Master took no obligation, and might therefore resign when-

ever he liked. To this I reply that it has always been held, and over and over again ruled in Grand Lodge by the Duke of Sussex and the Earl of Zetland, that where there is no rule for the government of the proceedings, or officers of the Grand Lodge, they are governed by the regulations of private lodges, and in this ruling they were guided and advised by those eminent members of the Craft, Bros. Henderson, P. Dobie, P.G. Regs., and, if I mistake not, even by Bro. McIntyre himself. Now it is a rule in private lodges that a Master cannot resign, and he takes an obligation on his installation not only to fulfil his duties during his year of office, but until a successor shall have been regularly elected and installed in his stead. And so rigorous is this rule that notwithstanding a lodge is forbidden to elect the same Master more than two years in succession, Dr. Oliver lays it down in his Masonic Jurisprudence that "supposing an extreme and perhaps an improbable case, that the Wardens have not served their entire year, and that the lodge contains no other person qualified for the office at the expiration of that period, (i.e. the two years), the Worshipful Master must perforce continue to act until a dispensation is granted, and the contingency removed." Indeed, the Master of a lodge is punishable by the loss of his seat in Grand Lodge if he neglects his duty without valid excuse, such as sickness, or unavoidable business calling him from home. "For," says Dr. Oliver, "if no such valid excuses for non-attendance exist, and he spontaneously resigns the office by leaving the chair unoccupied before the expiration of his term, he will forfeit these rights and be incapable of attending the Grand Lodge as a legitimate member." I am perfectly aware that no penalty attaches to the Grand Master for the non-performance of his duty, but I would ask what is the use of a Deputy Grand Master if he is not to undertake the duty of the Grand Master when he is unable or unwilling to perform it. Indeed we are told that in 1735, Lord Weymouth, the Grand Master, "never honoured any of the communications with his presence," "but his omission was the less noticed on account of the vigilance and attention of his deputy, John Ward, Esq., afterwards Lord Viscount Dudley and Ward, who applied with the utmost diligence to promote the interest and prosperity of the Society," and I have no reason to suppose that the Earl of Carnarvon would not as well have performed the duties of the office in 1874, as John Ward, Esq., in 1735.

I am further strengthened in my view of the law by the fact that the Book of Constitutions provides for what shall be done in the case of the death of the Grand Master, but not one word is said about resignation, clearly showing that no such power existed, as if it had the words of the law instead of being "Should the Grand Master die during his Mastership," would have been, "Should the Grand Master die or resign," and as I have before stated the resolution acknowledging the letter of the Earl of Ripon should have been worded so as to express regret at the noble lord declining to allow his name to be again put in nomination for the office of Grand Master. I therefore intended to propose on Wednesday last to substitute for the resolution carried in September, on the motion of Bro. McIntyre, "That the resignation of the M.W. Grand Master be accepted with the deepest feelings of regret, and in the hope that in his retirement the Grand Lodge will still be enabled to regard him, as in years gone by, as a bright ornament of this Craft over which he presided;" what I should have proposed had I been present at the meeting at which that resolution was passed, viz.: "That the members of this Grand Lodge have heard with the deepest regret that the M.W. Grand Master wishing to retire, declines to be again put in nomination for office, and hopes that in his retirement Grand Lodge will still be enabled to regard him as a bright ornament of this great Craft over which he presided." I admit, as I did in Grand Lodge, that my amendment was one more in form than in substance, as under either case the services of the noble Earl were lost to the Craft; but by the acceptance of the resignation a dangerous precedent is set, and one which I contend may hereafter seriously restrict the privileges and independence

of the members of Grand Lodge and indirectly the interests of the Craft. Dr. Oliver tells us that one of the privileges of the members of Grand Lodge is freedom of speech, but that freedom is gone if whenever anything is said or any resolution is carried displeasing to a Grand Master, he has a right to turn round upon the brethren and send in his resignation. We have lately been reminded by a P.G.W., who I suppose nobody who has ever visited Grand Lodge will fail to identify, that the Masonic year runs from April to April, and during that period the Grand Master, according to my reading of the Book of Constitutions, and according to our general laws, has no power of divesting himself of office. I shall not attempt to argue the question whether the Grand Master is obligated to fulfil his duties or not, there being in all well regulated institutions a code of honour, more binding than the most solemn of obligations. I was present at the installation of the Marquis of Ripon, but at too great a distance to follow closely the proceedings, nor do I know whether the Earl of Carnarvon took any obligation as Deputy Grand Master; but this I do know, that when the late Earl of Dalhousie was appointed Deputy G. Master by the M.W. the Earl of Zetland, an obligation was administered by Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, P.G.D., in which the noble earl undertook to perform the duties of the office until his successor was appointed.

I could pursue this subject at much greater length were it not that I know from experience that the space at the disposal of an editor is limited, and that there is a difficulty in deciding what to admit and what to reject of matter offered. I shall therefore come at once to the real objection to hear me on Wednesday last, which was tersely stated by Bro. Havers, that "what had now been done could not be undone," and here I may ask, what had been done? The reply at once suggests itself that a Committee appointed to do one thing had done another in excess of the authority with which it had been entrusted. Acting on the assumption that the words "death" and "resignation" are synonymous, which I am not going further to dispute, Grand Lodge in September, in the terms of the Book of Constitutions, appointed Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, D.G.M., Bro. Jno. Havers, P.G.W., and Bro. Æ. J. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, "to communicate with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and request him to undertake the duties of M.W. Grand Master until the next annual period of installation," his Royal Highness standing, in right of a vote of Grand Lodge constituting him a P.G.M., in the position of last preceding Grand Master. Now this would be exactly analogous to asking a P.M. in a private lodge to perform the duties of a deceased Master until the next election or installation, but the committee, taking their cue perhaps from the Earl of Carnarvon, who, in a letter dated Sept. 1st, stated that the duty of governing the Craft would devolve upon his Royal Highness if he would "accept the office" construed the words *duties* and *office* as though they were convertible terms, and in the business paper it was announced that the second business would be to receive the "report of the members of Grand Lodge appointed at the last Quarterly Communication to offer the Grand Mastership of the Order to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., Past Grand Master, in accordance with the Book of Constitutions, in consequence of the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon." Now neither the resolution of Grand Lodge nor the Book of Constitutions gave any such power as that claimed and exercised by the committee, no doubt in an excess of zeal, owing to the novelty of the position in which the members were placed, and accordingly, as Bro. Havers truly said, "what had been done could not be undone," and it certainly would have been most ungracious to raise any objection to accepting H.R.H. as Grand Master, and Grand Lodge having ratified the proceedings of the committee, I, as in duty bound, loyally accept the decision, rejoicing that H.R.H. has been put in nomination, without opposition, for the coming year, and that in April next our new Grand Master will be legally installed into his office, which I trust, with God's blessing, he will fill for many years to come, alike to his own

satisfaction and the interest of the Craft. But even here I must protest that the G. Officers exceeded their duty in describing H.R.H. on the official papers, as M.W.G.M., before the selection of the Committee had been confirmed by Grand Lodge.

I have to apologize for trespassing at so great a length on your space, but I trust that my excuse will be found in the fact that I have felt bound to protest against the ease with which the authorities have driven a coach-and-six through the laws of our institutions, whilst those regulations are found sufficiently close in their meshes to entangle some unfortunate brother who is led into an unimportant irregularity, through not having sufficiently studied the Book of Constitutions.

I deeply regret that pressure of business compelled me to leave Grand Lodge on Wednesday last before the Earl of Carnarvon assumed the chair, and I have the honour to remain, Dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,

HENRY G. WARREN, P.G. Std.
Dartmouth Park, Forest Hill,
Dec. 7th. 1874.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your opinion is solicited on the following case:—

"At a regular meeting of Lodge —, Bro. A gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would propose a certain resolution. This notice and proposed resolution were inserted in the summonses for the next regular meeting, at which the resolution was, in due course, proposed and seconded, and, after a short discussion, passed unanimously.

Can Bro. B., who, from some good cause, was not present at the meeting, oppose the confirmation of the minutes, and, if supported by a majority, expunge such resolution at that meeting?

Fraternally yours,
W. C. HOWARD.
Queenstown, Cape of Good Hope,
Nov. 3rd, 1874.

[The whole question of the confirmation of the minutes is a very difficult one. There are two opposing views on the subject, and, as far as we know, no authoritative decision. We are of opinion that it is competent on the vote for confirmation to non-confirm any portion of the minutes read. We think that Bro. B. can do as he suggests; but some contend that the minutes are only read for correction, and can only be non-confirmed for incorrectness. This is an old view, but, we venture to think, constitutionally untenable.—ED.]

THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Those who attended Grand Lodge on Wednesday last, and witnessed the crowd assembled, must be convinced of the necessity of obtaining a much larger hall than our own when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is installed as our Most Worshipful Grand Master.

May I venture to suggest the possibility of obtaining the Guildhall. The Lord Mayor of London is a member of the Craft, and has already shown his willingness to further the interests of our charities, having consented to preside at the next Festival of the Girls' School. A large number of the Common Council hold important offices in the Craft, and no doubt they would generously consent to the building being used for so important an event.

Kindly ventilate the subject in the pages of the *Freemason*, so that some decided action may be taken to accommodate our country friends to do honour to our Royal Brother on his installation.

Yours truly and fraternally,
W. S.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Perusing in your last issue an account of the election meeting of the Egyptian Lodge (27), held on the 3rd inst., I observe that Bro. H. G. Buss, P.M., in responding for the Masonic Charities, gave an admirably designed brief sketch of the history of each of the institutions; from the time they were founded, of what their work has been, and how large a return they furnished for the support which the lodges extended to them." Being about to represent my lodge at the next festival of the Benevolent Institution I should esteem it a great favour if Bro. Buss would kindly inform me where I can procure the history he gave, as I have not been supplied with any particulars, and have hitherto always felt unable to give a detailed account of work done, or show any return for the support I have appealed for, and which the brethren have always so heartily and cheerfully given.

Apologizing for troubling you, I am, dear Sir, yours fraternally,

HARRY J. MOXON.
229, New Kent Road, London,
Dec. 14, 1874.

MASONIC PORTRAITS.

To the Editor of The *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother.

I quite agree with the suggestion of T.P.C. in last week's issue, as to giving a portrait of some distinguished brother or brethren, or some other picture equally valuable, every week in the *Freemason*, and also monthly in the "Masonic Magazine." Paper covers for the *Freemason* would be also an improvement, for as a rule they are not nicely folded. I am sure the portraits would be highly appreciated by the Craft.

The "Voice of Masonry," Chicago, is about to adopt the same plan; and why not the *Freemason* and "Masonic Magazine." I see by an advertisement that Bro. Kenning has nearly 100 portraits of celebrated brethren to commence with. It would be unnecessary to ask the brethren whose portraits appear to defray the expenses of engraving, &c., as suggested by T.P.C., as I am persuaded, if these suggestions were carried out, the increase in circulation will meet the extra expense. I will undertake to get 20 extra subscribers. What say our brethren to follow this example?

I do not hesitate to say the *Freemason* would be the best weekly Masonic paper in the world. If it were published and printed so as to keep the advertisements distinct from the literary matter. As it is now, many complain, and with reason, at the arrangements.

I am, yours fraternally,
J.C., 450.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

BRO. YOUNGHUSBAND'S M.S.

Reading over the *Freemasons' Magazine* of Sept. 25th, 1869, I find a notice of a M.S. in the possession of Bro. Younghusband.

Would it be possible for me to see it?

In the number of the *Freemasons' Magazine* of November 28th, 1868, appears a quotation from a curious little work, which had formerly been in the possession of J. Bristow, W.M. 446, having been presented to him by the Secretary of Harmony and Fidelity, 438, Bro. Beaumont, and was sent by Bro. Bristow to the editor.

Where is that work now?

I have seen Bro. Hughan's interesting letter about the Chronicles at Mr. Quaritch's, but, I fear that as my time is very precious just now, I cannot offer to collate the MSS., &c.

I do not myself see that much could come of it, as the metrical chronicle is genealogical mainly and the others I have seen, and do not remember any analogy.

Such, however, still may exist, as I have never looked at them for the sake of comparison or collation. We are more likely to find "parallel passages" in the old rhyming monastic exhortation to morals, manners, and religious duty.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

THE GRAND MASTER, AND THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

The ceremony of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Patron of the Ancient and Accepted Rite of Freemasonry, took place at the Masonic Hall in Golden-square on the afternoon of Saturday last.

The assemblage of Freemasons was necessarily small, as members of the Thirty-third degree only could be present; it need, however, be scarcely added that none of those few were absent on so important an occasion. With proverbial royal punctuality, the Prince drove up to the hall to the very minute, and was met at the entrance by Ill. Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon and C. J. Vigne, the Sovereign and Past Sovereign of the Order, who at once conducted his Royal Highness to the Council Chamber, where were assembled Ill. Bros. Capt. N. G. Philips; Major Gen. W. Clerk; I. M. P. Montagu, Major Shadwell Clerke; Robert Hamilton, M.D.; Sir Michael Costa, Lieut. Col. Alexander W. Adair; and Hugh D. Sandeman, members of the Council, with Ill. Bros. Henry C. Vernon, Lieut. Col. George A. Vernon, Albert H. Royds, and Lieut. Col. John G. Sandeman, Past Members.

These brethren having been severally introduced to His Royal Highness, repaired with him, after certain preliminary forms, to the Hall, where the remaining members of the 33rd Degree were assembled, and where they conferred the degree in extenso on the illustrious brother, who was then formally proclaimed and saluted as Patron of the Order. The members of the degree, not in the Council, were then severally honoured with an introduction to His Royal Highness, after which the Council was closed. The brethren then presented were Ill. Bros. Charles J. Banister, T. H. Coombes, Lieutenant-General H. E. Doherty, C.B.; Raphael Costa, Samuel Rawson, and Edward T. Leith, of the A. and A. Kite of England; also Ill. Bros. Maxwell Close, of Ireland, and E. H. Shaw, of the Southern Jurisdiction U.S. of America, each representing his own Council; and W. Hyde Pullen, Assistant Secretary.

The ceremony of installation was ably and impressively performed by Ill. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, assisted by Capt. Philips, and the whole proceedings are spoken of as having been attended with complete success. It has now pleased the Prince of Wales to associate himself with Freemasonry in every important branch of the Order, and we hail with infinite satisfaction the circumstance of thus having at our head a brother who, apart from his illustrious position, evinces an amount of active interest in the affairs of the brotherhood which may serve as a praiseworthy example to every member of the Craft.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DOWN.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the County of Down held a meeting on the 24th ult., at Downpatrick, in the lodge-room of No. 86.

In the unavoidable absence of the R.W.P.G.M., Colonel Forde, of Seaforde, the lodge was opened in due and ancient form by the R.W.P. G.S.W., Bro. Major Thompson, Bro. the Rev. Mr. Brown, R.W.M. of Lodge 86, acting as P.G.S.W.

The lodges of the county were well represented by their officers.

The principal business before the lodge was to receive a deputation from the Belfast brethren in reference to the establishment of a Widows' Fund in connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge. In Belfast, where such a fund already exists, the brethren are doing much good to widows and families of deceased friends; and Bros. John Harma and the Rev. E. McClure, urged the desirability of such a fund strongly. Bro. Wm. Johnston, of Ballykilbeg, also spoke strongly in its favour, and an influential committee was appointed to take in hand preliminaries.

We cannot omit to mention here the business-like way, and kind and brotherly manner, in

which Bro. Finnigan, the P.G. Secretary, conducted the work of his office.

An address of condolence to the Marchioness of Downshire, beautifully illuminated with Masonic emblems on vellum, and in a richly gilt cover, was shown to the brethren previous to being handed over to the marchioness. This address, costing upwards of £15, has been paid for by voluntary subscription, Lodge Caledonian Railway (No 354) of Glasgow, through Bro. Schmidt, being the only outside contributor. Further business, of a private nature, and election of office-bearers, then took place, Lord Arthur Hill, brother to the late Marquis of Downshire, being elected in his brother's place as P.G. Steward.

The brethren were then, by order of the R.W.P.G.M., called to refreshment, which, in the shape of a handsome dinner, was served up in the Market House Saloon, Bro. the Rev. M. Brown occupying the chair, and Bro. Boyd, of Ballydangan, acting as croupier. After a first-class dinner had been discussed, and the cloth drawn, the Chairman proposed the following toasts:—

"The Queen and Rest of Royal Family," "The Grand Masters of England, Scotland, and Ireland," "The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Connty Down," "The Visiting Brethren," and "The Poorer Brethren," all of which were duly honoured.

With the second toast, the Chairman remarked that they were at present in an unprecedented position, all the kingdoms having, practically, no Grand Master at present, though, de jure, there always was one.

To the next toast, Bros. Boyd and Finnigan responded.

To the next toast, Bro. the Rev. Dr. Porter, of Belfast, responded, in one of his noble, heartfelt little speeches, which, coming from the heart, seem to go straight to the hearts of the hearers, carrying them with him.

To the next toast Bro. Schmidt (Cal. Rail. 354) responded, giving some good insight into the ways poorer brethren may be helped without taking their independent feeling away; and he also referred to the brethren who are now in Spain and France undergoing hardships.

After grace being said, the brethren, all still in their insignia, went to the large school-room, where a large and distinguished audience had already assembled.

Bro. the Rev. Professor Porte then gave a lecture on his "Recent Wanderings in Moab and Ammon,"—a lecture full of interest, remarkably well delivered, and proving, without flaw, not alone the prophecies of the Holy Bible, as being true, but also that Freemasonry must have existed at a time long before Christ. The proceeds of this lecture, amounting to some £20, go towards the Masonic Orphan Schools.

We never spent a more pleasant, agreeable day than we did in the old city of Downpatrick. The lodge-room, almost new, is splendidly fitted up in every respect; the clothing new, and as good as possible; in fact, the brethren of Downpatrick Lodge, No. 86, can be justly proud of their noble work; and they and their brethren of Lodge 367 deserve all credit and thanks for every and all arrangements made, which left nothing to be desired.

May God give them his help in their new undertaking of love—the formation of a Widows' Fund.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

An event, very interesting to the Craft in that portion of New Zealand, took place at Grey-mouth, W.C., on July 11th, viz., the constitution and consecrating of a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, a Conclave of the Red Cross Rome and Constantine, and a Sanctuary of K.H.S. by G. Bulmer, Esq., M.D., acting in the matter of the first-mentioned, as Prov. G.M. for N.Z., under the Grand Mark Masters' Lodge of England and Wales, and in re the other degrees as Grand Intendant General for N.Z., under the Grand Council of Red Cross R. and C. Our west coast brethren should be well provided for in "high grade" Masonry.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Otago, E.C., took place on Monday, Aug. 31st, the Most Worshipful Prov. G. Master, Bro. Hyde Harris, Esq. presiding, the principal business of the evening being the investment of officers, and report of the Treasurer. After some routine business the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

A large number of the Craft assembled at the Masonic Hall, Dunedin, on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, to do honour to the installation of Bro. John Hislop, Esq., as Prov. G.M. for N.Z., E.C., it being estimated that upwards of 300 brethren were present. Shortly after the lodge was opened, the Prov. Grand Lodge was announced and received with the usual honors, the installation ceremony was performed by the P. Prov. G.M., Bro. Vincent Pyke, the several officers being invested by the P.D.G.M., and the Masters of various Dunedin Lodges. Bro. Launseigne, R. W.M., Otago Kilwinning, acting as Grand Director of Ceremonies. During the evening the anthem "Behold how good and joyful," was beautifully rendered by a most efficient choir, as also a very excellent musical programme. After the usual salutation, &c., Bro. Hyde Harris, Esq. Prov. G.M., Otago, E.C., made some very earnest congratulatory remarks, and together with his officers withdrew. On the Provincial Grand Lodge being closed, the brethren repaired to banquet in the Lower Hall when the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

DEDICATION OF THE HOBART TOWN FREEMASONS' HALL.

This splendid hall, erected by the Freemasons' Hall Company, consisting of Masons only, was, in the presence of his Excellency the Governor, Bro. Charles Du Cane, Esq., formally opened and dedicated on Wednesday, the 26th Sept.

The building was commenced in 1873; and on March 20th, 1873, his Excellency laid the foundation-stone, the architect being Henry Hunter, Esq., and the builder Mr. J. Gregory. To these gentlemen great credit is due for the perfect manner in which the edifice is completed.

The lodge room is a fine apartment; its dimensions are 43ft. long, 24ft. wide, and 20ft. high. At the east end of the room is a dais 6ft. wide, extending the width of the room, and some 3ft. above the level of the floor. In the centre of the dais is a niche formed by two Ionic pillars supporting an entablature, under which is placed the Worshipful Master's chair. At the west end of the room is the niche formed by Doric pillars, under which is placed the Senior Warden's chair, and another niche in the south of the room, bearing the Corinthian column under which is placed the Junior Warden's chair.

At six o'clock the brethren were seen arriving in great numbers, and at 6.30 his Excellency the Governor was announced, and was met by the Marshal of the procession, Bro. C. Toby, and the Worshipful Masters of the respective lodges. In the lodge-room there were about 80 ladies present, admitted by tickets. There were about 135 brethren, consisting of members of the Hobart Town lodges, and many visiting officers and brothers from various parts of the colony. The whole affair was a decided success, owing no doubt to the admirable management of the committee, and great praise is due to Bro. Charles Toby for the perfect arrangements made by him in marshalling the procession; also to Bro. J. Clark for his able assistance. The choir was under the leadership of Bro. W. H. Chapman, assisted by Bros. W. A. Guesdon and Scholes, the various pieces of sacred music during the ceremony being well performed.

A lodge was opened in form, at 7 o'clock sharp, the W.M. of Lodge 801, the Rev. R. D. Poulett-Harris as W.M.; the W.M. of 536, Bro. W. H. Burgess, as Senior Warden; the W.M. of 347, Bro. S. Smith, as Junior Warden; and then called off to perform the ceremony of dedication.

On entering the lodge-room the Masonic Anthem was sung by the choir;

To Heaven's high Architect, all praise,
All praise, all gratitude be given, &c.

Chorus—

Sound aloud the great Jehovah's praise,
To Him the dome, the temple raise.

The W. Masters ordered the procession to move three times round the hall.

Solemn music played.

After the First Circuit, the brethren sang,

"Let there be light!" the Almighty spoke,
Refulgent streams from chaos broke, &c.

After the Second Circuit, the brethren sang,

Parent of light, accept our praise;
Who shedd'st on us Thy brightest rays, &c.

After Third Circuit, the brethren sang,

The widow's tear—the orphan's cry—
All wants—our ready hands supply, &c.

The cushion with the three great lights was then placed on the pedestal.

The lodge was then placed in front of the pedestal and the ewers, with the corn, wine, and oil deposited thereon, with the Warrant and Book of Constitutions, and covered with white satin, and the three lesser lights placed round.

The W. Masters, P. Masters, officers and visitors of distinction then repaired to places prepared for their reception: the brethren still standing. The Builder then said:

May it please your Excellency, Worshipful Masters, and Brothers:

Having been entrusted with the construction of this noble edifice, and having completed the work assigned to me to the best of my ability, I beg now to return thanks for the honour conferred on me by the appointment, and to surrender up the implements and plants that were committed to my care when the chief cornerstone was laid, and venture to hope that my exertions may be crowned with your approbation, and that of the Craft generally.

To which his excellency then replied:—

The Director of Ceremonies informs the W. Masters that it is the desire of the directors and shareholders of the hall, and the fraternity generally, to have the hall solemnly dedicated in ancient form.

The W. Masters then requested the officers and brethren to assist in the ceremony.

The ladies then retired, the lodge was tyled, and the business of Masonry resumed.

Consecration Prayer—By a Chaplain.

After prayer the brethren answered:

Glory be to God on high, on earth peace, goodwill towards men.

The honours were then given.

The procession was then formed, headed by the W. Masters, and made one circuit round the lodge, the brethren singing—

Hail! Masonry divine!
Glory of ages, shine, &c.

When the W. Masters arrived at the east music ceased, and one of the W. Masters said:

In the name of the Supreme and Eternal God the Great Architect of heaven and earth, to whom be all honour and glory, I dedicate this hall to Freemasonry.

A Chaplain then strewed corn over the lodge.

Response.—Glory be to God on high, on earth peace, goodwill towards men.

The honours were then given.

The second circuit was made, and the procession moved round the lodge, and the brethren sang—

Great fabrics still arise,
And grace the azure skies! &c.

When the W. Masters arrived in the east the music ceased, and one of the W. Masters said:

In the name of the Supreme and Eternal God, the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth, to whom be all glory, I dedicate this hall to Virtue and Science.

A Chaplain then poured wine on the lodge.

Response.—Glory be to God on high, on earth peace, goodwill towards men.

The honours were then given.

The third circuit was made, the brethren singing—

Hiram, the Architect,
Did all the Craft direct, &c.

When the W. Masters arrived in the east, the music ceased, and one of the W. Masters said :

In the name of the Supreme and Eternal God, the Great Architect of heaven and earth, to whom be all honour and glory, I dedicate this Temple to Universal Benevolence.

A Chaplain then dipped his finger in the oil, and sprinkled it over the lodge.

Response.—Glory be to God on high, on earth peace, goodwill towards men.

The honours were then given.

A Chaplain then delivered the Invocation.

Response by the brethren—"The Lord is gracious, His mercy endureth for ever.

A Chaplain then pronounced the blessing.

Response by the brethren—"Glory be to God on high, on earth peace, goodwill towards men."

The Masters, Officers, and Brethren then retired to their places.

The Lodge was then covered.

Address by a W. Master.

After which the following anthem was sung:—

Behold! how pleasant and how good,
For brethren such as we, &c.

For there the Lord of Light and Love
A blessing sent with power, &c.

The lodge was then closed, and passed out of the hall for refreshment.

Ireland.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.

The following address has been presented to Rev. M. A. Holden, M.A., Chaplain 219, on his appointment as Rector of Milltown.

"Dear Sir and Brother.

"We, the Master, Wardens, and brethren of your lodge, take this opportunity of offering you our hearty congratulations on this well-merited recognition of your worth as a Minister of the Gospel. We have long felt, and been much profited by your gentlemanly, Masonic, and, Christian example; and feel that your influence has been eminently calculated to promote that brotherly love, peace, and harmony, which are among the chief characteristics of our ancient Order. Your untiring zeal, and continued efforts in promoting the cause of Masonry, have won for you the admiration and esteem of your brethren, and they have unfeigned pleasure in giving expression to the feeling of delight with which they have heard of the favour and distinction which has been conferred on you.

"We ask your acceptance of this apron and jewel as a small token of the fraternal regard in which you are held by the brethren of this, your mother lodge; and wish you every prosperity in your new sphere of labour.

"We pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may bless your efforts in promoting His glory on earth; and,

"When in the Western sky the signs bid you prepare,

To gather up your working tools and be tried upon the square,"

May you be found of Him a perfect stone, fit for a place "in the House not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

"Signed, on behalf of the lodge,

"Matthew Wilson, W.M.,

"Samuell Connell, S.W.,

"J. T. Pentland, J.W.,

"Wm. Bright, Sec."

Bro. Holden made the following reply, "To the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of Masonic Lodge, 219, Portadown.

"Dear Sirs and Brethren,

"Although unable to reply in suitable terms to the kindly address which has been presented to me, the difficulty is lessened, I may say removed, by the recollection that we are now assembled in a building where, in the truest sense of the word, "Brotherly love continues" and abounds. And, although I am fully persuaded that the opinion which you so kindly entertain with regard to me, is far too high, nevertheless, I must say for myself that I have endeavoured to do all that which you so generously have given me credit for actually performing. And this I

did not from a desire to excel you, but from an honest and heartfelt desire to prove myself worthy of you. For, although as Masons it is not in our power to reveal its secrets, or to disclose its mysteries to the uninitiated, it is in our power to show by example that the fraternity to which we belong is calculated to enlarge the mind—calculated to take a man out of self, and to cause him, when he looks around upon others, to say truly we are brethren. To you, brothers, my best thanks are due for the prayer which you have so heartily offered up for me, now that I am about to enter upon a new sphere of duty. And let me also add that the beautiful jewel and apron which you have so kindly presented to me shall be ever esteemed, inasmuch as they are the insignia of our Order, and the gift of Free and Accepted Brethren.

"Praying that the blessing of Heaven may rest upon you and all regular Masons, that brotherly love may prevail, and every moral and social virtue may unite and cement us.

"I remain, dear Brothers, fraternally, yours,
"M. A. HOLDEN,
"Chaplain of Lodge 219."

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER ON GYMNAS-
TIC TRAINING.—On Thursday evening, the 10th inst., Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, R.W.P.G.M. for West Lancashire, presided [at an assault-at-arms at the Liverpool Gymnasium, Hardman-street, where there was a very large and fashionable gathering of ladies and gentlemen. His lordship was accompanied by Lady Skelmersdale. During an interval in the exercises, which were very cleverly performed under the direction of Mr. Shrapnell, the conductor, his lordship said it gave him immense gratification to preside at that assault-at-arms, because it showed him how much muscle there was in the good old town of Liverpool. (Cheers.) It showed him that the young men of Liverpool bore in mind the important motto, "Mens sana in corpore sano." (Applause.) They knew how to value that saying, and they fully appreciated the fact that by exercising their muscles they gave themselves health and strength, instead of wasting away all health and strength in hot, stuffy billiard-rooms and such like. (Cheers.) As long as young men would only take this lesson to heart, they would be equal to any call that was made either upon their brain or muscle. It was an extraordinary thing for him to remember that in his young days so little was thought about gymnastics. In his Oxford experiences, the room devoted to athletic exercises contained only about thirty feet of space. Now there was a grand gymnasium there—not as good as the Liverpool one, for there were few in the world to come up to it. Gymnastics were, at the present day, gradually making their way all over the country, not only among civilians, but in the army. And what was the result? Why, that they had young men who were trained so as to fit them for any calling in which active service was required. It would be invidious to single out any person for commendation, as everything seemed so excellently done that evening, but he was sure they would all agree with him that there was no person to whom they owed so large a debt of gratitude as to Mr. Shrapnell. (Loud cheering.) They had seen what his adult pupils could do, and he could speak from his own experience how admirable was his training of still younger pupils, for members of his own family had been in his gymnasium, and had profited much from his tuition. (Cheers.) He knew how to call out the muscle when required, and to temper down the weak—to bring them out gradually—so as not to overstrain them; and he might say that such a course of training was a great achievement. (Cheers.) On the motion of Dr. Turnbull, seconded by Mr. A. Holt, a very cordial vote of thanks was given to his lordship for presiding.

We felicitate Bro. A. J. Wheeler, editor of the *Masonic Jewel* (Memphis), upon his election to the distinguished office of Grand Master of Masons of Tennessee, on Nov. 12th. The Press is no longer looking up, but is rather looked up to. So it ought to be.

Masonic Tidings.

Bro. the Rev. Canon Baynes has been elected W.M. of Trinity Lodge, Coventry, No. 254, for the year ensuing. The Installation will take place on Jan. 21st. Bro. Canon Baynes was P.G. Chaplain for Warwickshire last year.

The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury, Prov. Grand Master, Staffordshire, has been appointed to the Captaincy of the Hon. Corps of Gentlemen at Arms, in the room of the Marquis of Exeter.

A Grand Lodge of Sorrow, in memory of the Past Grand Master, Samuel McManus, of Tennessee, was held at Nashville, Tenn., on Nov. 11th ult. Bro. A. J. Wheeler delivered an eloquent eulogium upon the life of Bro. McManus.

NON-MASONIC NOTES.

All London has been startled with the loss of Lady Dudley's valuable jewels. It seems that on Saturday evening, Lord and Lady Dudley were at the Paddington Station en route to Worcester-shire. The dressing-case containing this valuable property, worth about £25,000, was in the charge of a lady's-maid. She put the box down and her foot upon it, and unfortunately lifting her foot for one moment, the box was gone. Lord Dudley has advertized in the *Times*, and the *Times* of Wednesday has favoured the world with a dissertation on the matter, and a lecture to Lord and Lady Dudley. We venture to think the dissertation worthless and the lecture impertinent. The writer in the *Times* has been "mal inspiré," his law and his argument are equally unsound. Lord Dudley is clearly "dans son droit" in offering a reward for lost property. Until that the police can safely say the box has been stolen, and that the property is in concealment, and the diamonds "intact," and in the hands of a "fence," Lord Dudley is clearly right in treating the matter as a loss, not a robbery. The objection to Lord Dudley's course is, that it might lead to a "compounding of a felony;" but there can be no compounding without a felony to start with, and until that is proved, the matter is a loss, not a felony. There are many things in the world we may believe—we may feel, as we say, morally sure of—and yet we cannot prove. We may believe an associate to be worthless—a friend to be faithless—an employé to be a thief—and yet, as we cannot prove it, we must treat them, one and all, as respectable, and their errors as accidental. We hope sincerely that Lord and Lady Dudley may regain their property; but there are so many conflicting elements just now in our metropolis and our streets, that the absent person who has taken Lady Dudley's dressing-case by mistake may not be able, perhaps, to restore the property to its lawful owner.

MASONRY VERSUS CURSES.

Like the rising sun in th' eastern sky,
Like the star-lit firmament on high,
Like a broad-flowing stream in noonday sun,
Like the mind at rest when labour is done;
Such is truth in fairest array:
Such is the world's Freemasonry.

Like the pitiful wretch with hopes forlorn,
Like the seagull's cry when mocking the storm,

Like a petulant child weary of play,
Like the howl of the wind fleeing away;
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