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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

BOLTON.—*Anchor and Hope Lodge* (No. 37).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Bolton, on January 4th, and amongst those present were Bros. Wm. Slater, Prov. S.G. Deacon, W.M.; James Walker, S.W.; E. Ainsworth, Secretary; R. K. Freeman, S.D.; Jas. Brown, J.D.; F. W. Pacey, Organist; Samuel Crowthor, Inner Guard; Thos. Glaister, P.M., Prov. S.G. Warden; Saml. Isherwood, P.M., Prov. G. Treasurer; G. P. Brockbank, P.M., P. Prov. S.G. Deacon; Jas. McAdam, P.M., Prov. G. Deacon, Derbyshire; Jas. Newton, P.M., Prov. G. Steward; Jno. Rutter, Prov. G. Steward; Frank Ainsworth, Prov. G. Steward; R. W. Knowles, P.M.; Jas. Pilkington, P.M.; also visiting brethren—Saml. Cheetham, P.M. 815, P. Prov. G. Treasurer; Robt. Whittaker, P.M. 678, Prov. G. D.C.; Jno. Taylor, P.M. 221, Prov. G. Organist; W. H. J. Jones, W.M. 221; H. Stead, 221; Milne, 1253; and others. The lodge being opened in form, and the minutes confirmed, the W.M. elect, (Bro. James Walker) was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. James Newton, P.M., Prov. G. Steward. The following brethren were appointed and invested as officers for the ensuing year: W. H. Horrocks, S.W.; R. K. Freeman, J.W.; E. Ainsworth, Treasurer, (elected); Frank F. W. Pacey, Organist; Rooke Pennington, I.G.; Chas. Walker, Tyler. A candidate for initiation was proposed, and the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

FALMOUTH.—*Lodge of Love and Honour* (No. 75).—At a meeting of this, the mother Lodge of the County of Cornwall, held in the Masonic Hall at Falmouth, Bro. W. H. Dunstan, P.M., was elected W.M., for the ensuing year, and Bro. P.M. W. F. Newman, was re-elected Treasurer. The installation of the Worshipful Master took place on the 29th of December.

STOCKPORT.—*Lodge of St. John* (No. 104).—The annual festival of this lodge was held Monday, Dec. 14, at Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport, when Bro. Herbert Finch was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. J. Beresford, P.P.G.D., and Bro. W. Goodacre, P.P.G.P., assisted by the other Past Masters of the lodge. The musical portion of the ceremony was under the direction of Bro. Henry Collier, Organist, and was very satisfactorily rendered, the lodge choir adding very materially to the impressiveness of the ritual. The Worshipful Master appointed the following brethren as officers of the lodge for the ensuing year, and they were duly installed with the insignia of their offices:—Bro. W. H. Wakefield, I.P.M.; Bro. C. Cooke, S.W.; Bro. G. Shaw, J.W.; Bro. W. Goodacre, P.P.G.P., Treasurer; Bro. Jas. Kirk, Sec.; Bro. G. Barber, S.D.; Bro. G. Armitage, J.D.; Bro. J. Beresford, P.P.G.D., Director of Ceremonies; Bro. H. Collier, Organist; Bro. J. H. Duffill, I.G.; Bros. G. Rodgers, W. M. Jones, T. B. Birch, and W. Booth, Stewards; Bro. G. Turner, P.M., 287 Tyler. After the installation, the lodge was closed, according to ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room of the lodge at Ashton House, where a banquet was served in excellent style to about 70 brethren, by Bro. Minshall, the proprietor of Ashton House. Amongst the visiting brethren present on the occasion were Bros. Col. Wilkinson, P.P.G.D.; E. G. Simpson, P.P.G.D.; R. Taylor, P.M. 287; J. Scott, P.M. 322; J. Chetham, W.M. 322; J. Hill, J.W. 322; G. Roy, W.M. Elect 323; W. Banks, 287; W. Shepherd, J.W. 287; A. Graham, W.M. 287; R. Johnson, P.M. 1052; J. Andrews, W.M. 1319; Rev. H. B. Jones, J.W. 1387; W. Kidding, 152; E. Beswick, Organist 1134; W. H. Pratt, P.M. 1009; J. Foster, Secy. 1054; F. Hepton, W.M. 1009; Jabez Clayton, 322; J. H. Robinson, 1126. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Wakefield, I.P.M., proposed the health of the Worshipful Master in a highly complimentary speech, to which Bro. Finch suitably responded. The Worshipful Master then presented to Bro. Wakefield a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been subscribed for by the members of the lodge; and after spending a very pleasant evening, the Tyler's Toast, "All poor and distressed Masons," was given, and the brethren separated.

SOUTHAMPTON.—*Royal Gloucester Lodge* (No. 130).—The festival of St. John was celebrated on Tuesday last at Freemasons' Hall, Southampton, when Bro. Morris Miles was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance of Past Masters and brethren, including a goodly number of visitors from the sister lodges. The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by W.

Bro. P. M. Payne, after which the newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. J. Hickman, S.W.; R. Sharpe, Prov. G.O., J.W.; Abraham, Treas.; Le Feuvre, P.P.G. Sec.; Sec.; Rev. W. W. Perrin, Chaplain; H. M. Pike, Organist; C. W. A. Jellicoe, S.D.; W. E. Manby, J.D.; J. Cole, I.G. The W.M. evinced his ability, by initiating a brother in such a manner as to call forth the warmest expressions of approval. In the evening, the brethren sat down to a banquet served in Bro. Dartnall's best style, and the after proceedings were of a most agreeable kind.

WARRINGTON.—*Lodge of Lights* (No. 148).—The installation of the W.M. elect and the one hundred and tenth anniversary banquet of the above lodge, was held on Monday, Dec. 28th, at the Masonic Hall, Warrington. The W.M., Bro. John Harding, occupied the chair, and was supported by the following brethren—Bros. W. Pollitt, P.M., as S.W.; D. W. Finney, P.M., as J.W.; John Pierpoint, W. H. Robinson, D. Wilkins, Thos. Tunstall, Thos. Jones, T. Mee Pattison, A. H. Young, J. R. Young, C. E. Hindley, W. Morris, P.M., Prov. G. Stew.; C. Ekkert., J. S. Patten, John Bowes, P. Prov. G. Reg., Cumberland and Westmoreland; John Dimelow, Thos. Jones, Thos. Morris, W. Richardson, P.M.; Peter Jones, Walter Milner, W. Crompton, Jno. Armstrong, Robt. Gibbon, J. J. Thompson, W. Sharp, P.M.; Jas. Bayley, Thos. Grime, Thos. Gartside, Dr. Spinks, W. Dooley, C. W. Savage, J. G. Hughes, R. Hooper, J. Taylor, Jas. Hannah, R. G. Stringer, P.M. Visitors—Bros. Rev. J. H. Bluck, P.M.; P. Prov. G. Chap. Shropshire, Robt. Wylie, P.M. 155, 292; P. Prov. G.S.D.; John W. Turley, P.M. 1035, Prov. G.J.D.; Dr. Gornall, L. R. Barnes, W.M. 113; P. J. Edleston, W.M. 1134; Robt. Brierley, W.M. 1250; W. S. Hawkins, P.M. 1250; Thos. Crompton, 484, &c. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, when the chair of K.S. was assumed by W. Bro. Robert Wylie, P.M., as Installing Master, and the W.M. elect, Bro. John Bowes, P.M. &c., was presented by Bros. Harding and J. W. Turley. The usual preliminaries having been gone through, all brethren below the chair retired. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. John Bowes was, according to ancient custom, installed into the chair of K.S. as W.M. for the ensuing year. In due course the other brethren were admitted, and the new W.M. having been proclaimed, greeted, and saluted in the three degrees, the appointment and investiture of officers then took place as follows—Bros. John Harding, I.P.M.; W. H. Robinson, S.W.; Thos. Tunstall, J.W.; Rev. J. P. Stedman, Chaplain; W. Sharp, P.M., Treas.; David Wilkins, Sec.; Jos. Pickthall, S.D.; J. Rymer Young, J.D.; T. Mee Pattison, Org.; C. E. Hindley, I.G.; and Jas. Hannah, Tyler. Bro. J. W. Turley then proceeded with the remainder of the ceremony, and was assisted by the Rev. J. H. Bluck. The whole ceremony was rendered in an able manner and was acknowledged by a special vote of thanks, which was ordered to be entered on the minutes of the lodge. The new W.M. then addressed Bro. Harding, I.P.M. and said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to present him with a gold P.M. jewel, as a recognition of his services and a token of sincere esteem. Bro. Harding feelingly acknowledged the handsome gift, which he said he should value very highly as a special mark of kindness and he should wear it with pleasure for the rest of his life. The auditors now presented their report which, together with an abstract of the Treasurer's accounts, was ordered to be printed and circulated among the members. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was furnished in Bro. J. G. Hughes's best style; it embraced everything in season and was of a bountiful description. The cloth having been withdrawn, the W.M. gave briefly the usual loyal toasts. The W.M. then gave the health of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," which he did with peculiar pleasure. It was nearly 85 years since the ancient and honourable fraternity was presided over by a Prince of Wales. It was in the year 1790 that George, Prince of Wales, afterwards George IV, was installed Grand Master of the Order, and singularly enough it was in the same year that the Duke of Kent, the present Royal Grand Master's maternal grandfather, was initiated. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm. The W.M. then proposed the health of "The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers." He said that those of their number who were present a few years ago in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, when the Pro Grand Master installed the Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire, would not soon forget the eloquent manner in which the ceremony was rendered. That their own Prov. Grand Master was selected by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, for the important position of Deputy Grand Master, was a proof of the estimation in which that nobleman was held in high quarters. The rest of the Grand Officers were worthy of every confidence, and he gave the toast in confident anticipation that it would be warmly received. Drunk with applause. The W.M. said the next toast he had the honour to propose was "The Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Prov. G.M.; the Hon. F. Stanley, M.P., D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers." He then dilated at length on the merits of these brethren, and mentioned a long train of Warrington brethren, who had held offices of various degrees in the Provincial Grand Lodge. The toast was warmly received, and responded to, by Bros. R. Wylie, J. W. Turley, and W. Monop. Bro. R. Wylie proposed the next toast, "The Provincial Grand Masters of the neighbouring provinces," which was responded to at length by Bro. the Rev. J. H. Bluck, P.M., P. Prov. G. Chap., Shropshire and North Wales. Bro. John Harding said: It is my privilege as the I.P.M., to propose the next toast, which is "The health of our W.M." I am sure it does not require a long speech from me to extol the good qualities of our W.M., as he is well known

to us all as a good and worthy Mason, and one who has taken great interest in this lodge, and in Masonry in general. I may say that it was at the request of a large number of the members of this lodge that he consented again to take the office. Personally, it has been a source of great pleasure to me to see him placed in the position he now so worthily fills, as I am sure the lodge will prosper in his hands. The W.M. in responding, said that night, eleven years ago, he occupied the same position in relation to the lodge; since then he had worked hard and continuously, and he hoped, for the good of the Craft in general, and of that portion of it located in Warrington in particular. He should be animated by one single principle, the promotion of the genuine tenets of the Order. It was a matter of deep regret to him that they had no past Warden who aspired to the position of W.M., and as such was the case, he of course had no alternative but to accept the honour, and he assured them he appreciated very highly that renewal of their kindness. He would much rather have seen Bro. Harding re-elected, but that brother headed the deputation that waited upon him, and manifested the utmost anxiety in the matter, so that he, the W.M., felt that it was his duty to yield to the wishes of the brethren. He thanked them most heartily. The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters and Officers of No. 148," and in doing so said that he felt proud of his officers, because they were able, and he was sure, willing to do credit to the various offices to which they had that day been appointed. Before he referred more at length to the qualifications of those brethren who had consented to help him in the conduct of the lodge, he must say a word about the Past Masters. Some were present, others unavoidably absent. Of those present he wished particularly to mention the oldest and the youngest, Bros. Stringer and Harding. The estimation in which those brethren were held was acknowledged on all sides. As men and as Masons, they all esteemed them, and trusted they might long be spared to be ornaments to their mother lodge. Of his officers, as he said before, he was proud. Few W.M.s had the good fortune to be able to select brethren to fill the Wardens' chair, who could work the ceremonies as well as himself. Such, however, was his good fortune. Then, the Deacons were brethren who would most assuredly rise to the chair. Indeed, in each case there was no doubt that the brethren appointed to office that day would in due time succeed him as W.M. The toast was drunk very heartily. Bros. Stringer, Richardson, Harding, Robinson, T. Tunstall, D. Wilkins, J. Rymer Young, and Hindley severally responded, and assured the W.M. and brethren that they would prove their appreciation of the consideration shown them by a regular and punctual attendance at the lodge, and a careful performance of the duties of their respective offices. The W.M. next proposed "The W.M., Wardens and Members of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge, No. 1250," and, in doing so, expressed his deep regret that the Senior Past Master of that lodge—the distinguished brother after whom the lodge is named—Bro. Gilbert Greenall, M.P., was absent through indisposition. They had, however, the present W.M. with them, as well as some of the Past Masters, and he need not tell them that the parent lodge was happy to hold out the right hand of fellowship to them and to rejoice at their prosperity as a lodge. They all knew the interest he took in the formation of No. 1250, and how long and regularly he attended to watch their interests and to give them a helping hand whenever needed, and he assured them that they still had his best wishes. The old lodge was glad to welcome her offspring, and he gave the toast with extreme pleasure. Drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Robt. Brierley, W.M., No. 1250, responded at great length, and in an able manner. He thanked the W.M. for his many kind utterances, and assured him, and the brethren seated around those tables, that he and the members of No. 1250 were deeply obliged to both him and them. With respect to their W.M., Bro. Bowes, he would like to say a good deal, but as he was present, he would only say that certainly no one in Warrington had done so much for the real welfare of the Craft as that brother. Long before he was admitted to the light of the Order he was made aware of Bro. Bowes's exertions, and since he had been privileged to be numbered among them. He had witnessed Bro. Bowes's efforts for the good of the Craft, and the benefit of its members. Personally, he rejoiced that Bro. Bowes had consented to take the position of W.M. again, because it would give Masonry a fresh impetus in Warrington, and benefit thereby both lodges and chapter. Bro. W. Pollitt, I.P.M., No. 1250, said he could not refrain from endorsing the remarks of Bro. Brierley. The members of No. 1250 were greatly indebted to Bro. Bowes. He was their first Acting Master, and, until they could "run alone," performed all their ceremonies. He considered the members of No. 148 had done themselves credit by again seeking the services of one ever ready and always willing to benefit the Craft. The W.M. proposed "The Visiting Brethren," and expressed the pleasure it afforded them to entertain those who did them the honour of visiting them. He was proud to have on his left hand the W.M. of the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 113, Preston, Bro. L. R. Barnes, because in another way he was connected with No. 148, being the nephew of their S.D., Bro. Pickthall. He was also glad to welcome Bro. Crompton of the Lodge of Faith, No. 484, Ashton-in-Makerfield. Time was, so he found in the old minute books, when the Ashton brethren came in a body to assist them, and surely it was desirable that such should be done. Then there was his old and valued friend, Dr. Gornall, whom they all, equally with himself, rejoiced to see and welcome. Then again they were favoured with the presence of the W.M. of No. 1134, East Lancashire; who, although resident in Warrington, had earned a reputation in the adjoining Province. To one and all the visitors he gave a hearty welcome, and he was sure their healths would be drunk most cordially. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Barnes responded, and referred to the great advantages to be derived

from visiting neighbouring lodges. He was not a stranger to them, but he must say that their hospitality and welcome was as fresh and hearty as it was on the occasion of his first visit. He wished the W.M. every prosperity during his year of office, and he rejoiced to find that the brethren had been so fortunate as to secure the services of so able an exponent of the Masonic Ritual. Bro. Rev. J. H. Bluck also responded, and as a Mason of 30 years standing, gave all assembled some good advice; and at the same time he acknowledged his great obligations for the splendid hospitality they had dispensed that evening. Bro. Dr. Gornall said he need not tell the brethren around him how much he rejoiced to see his old friend again in the position of W.M. He was sure the brethren, and indeed the whole Craft in Warrington, would benefit by the administrative ability of the new W.M. Bro. Crompton also acknowledged his indebtedness for the kindness shown him on that occasion, and he should not fail to report to the brethren of his lodge the hearty welcome he had received. Bro. P. J. Edelsten, W.M. No. 1134, also responded. The W.M. then called upon Bro. W. Morris, P.M. No. 1250, Prov. G. Steward, to propose "The Masonic Charities," which that brother did at great length and in an able manner. The W.M. then called upon Bro. James Hannah to propose the Tyler's Toast, which brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren separated soon after nine in perfect harmony. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. T. Mee Pattison, Organist of the Lodge, who was ably assisted by Bro. Tunstall, Peter Jones, Thos. Crompton, C. W. Savage, &c., &c.

JOPPA LODGE (No. 188).—This lodge met on Monday, at the Albion, for the installation of the W.M., and other business. Bro. Obed Roberts, W.M., presided, and raised Bro. Isaacs, besides passing Bros. S. and I. Botibol and Clarke; Bro. Hunt, P.M., initiated W. Skinner; Bro. Roberts afterwards installed Bro. S. L. Hickman as W.M. for the present year, performing the ceremony, as he has performed all the ceremonies during his year of office, admirably. The brethren invested as officers for the year were Bros. O. Roberts, I.P.M.; Dodson, S.W.; L. Lazarus, J.W.; L. Auerhaan, Treasurer; E. P. Albert, P.M. Secretary; Miller, S.D.; Cook, J.D.; A. Auerhaan, I.G.; H. Hyman, D.C.; Borgen, Steward; P. E. Van Noorden, Organist; and Woodstock, T. The ceremony was then completed, and lodge was called off to refreshment, when 136 brethren sat down to a splendid repast, provided by Bro. Jennings, the manager of the Albion Tavern. At the conclusion of the banquet, grace having been said, the room was cleared and prepared for dessert, and on the re-admission of the brethren, the toasts were honoured, under the direction of Bro. Van Noorden. A choice selection of music was performed at intervals by Miss Matilda Scott, Miss Clara Wollaston, Mr. Alfred Mori, and Mr. Prenton, greatly to the satisfaction of the brethren. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., in responding to the toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, &c.," after congratulating the brethren on the sumptuous entertainment they had partaken of, expressed his gratification at the working he had witnessed in the lodge. The Grand Officers were always ready to assist any lodge which required a brother to perform the installation, but such was the vitality of the Joppa Lodge, that it stood in need of no assistance in that ceremony. As long as Masonry was carried out in the same way, the Order would flourish, not only in this country, but over the whole face of the earth. "The Joppa Benevolent Fund" was the next toast proposed, and Bro. B. W. Aaron, the President, before replying, called on Bro. E. P. Albert to read the balance sheet. Bro. Albert complied, and announced to the brethren that the balance in hand was £1158 3s. 11d. (Cheers.) Bro. B. W. Aaron rose to respond, and read a list of donations of that evening, amounting to £17 17s. (Applause.) He then thanked the brethren for supporting the fund, which he said was raised to relieve any brother, or family of a brother of the lodge who might be in want. He recommended other lodges to do the same, and said that if this system were adopted, it would greatly assist Grand Lodge of Benevolence. Joppa Lodge never sent a member there whilst it could relieve him. (Hear, Hear.) Bro. Roberts proposed "The W.M.," who replied, and in his turn proposed "The I.P.M.," presenting, at the same time, a handsome P.M. jewel and locket to Bro. Roberts, as a slight token of the respect and esteem in which he was held by his brethren. Bro. Roberts having acknowledged the gift, the toast of "The Visitors, Initiates, and Officers" was given, and the brethren shortly afterwards closed the lodge and separated.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—An Emergency Meeting of this Lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street, on Monday the 4th inst., Bro. Geo. Abbott, W.M., in the chair.—Bro. C. J. Benson (of Lodge 1185) was raised to the 3rd Degree. The following brethren were passed to the degree of F.C.; Bros. H. A. Pratt, W. Medwin, E. Burch, J. T. Belfrage, S. Crawford, V. Hibbins, T. B. Charlesworth, and G. H. Gillam; Messrs. A. T. Honeywill and R. Stubington were initiated into the Order. The W.M. who is now about to retire from the chair, worked the ceremonies in his usual characteristic good style. Amongst the brethren present were the following: Bro. Geo. Newman, S.W. and Master Elect; Bro. T. Cohn, J.W.; Bro. J. G. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; Bro. Charles Arkell, S.D.; Bro. E. Jones, J.D.; Bro. H. Legge, I.G.; Bros. George Kenning and F. Trott, P.M.'s; also Bros. W. Donne, W. R. Baker, W. Albatt, B. Jenkins, E. J. Kearsley, S. Edwards, S. Haynes, R. E. Bright, J. Curle, F. Fellowes, W. T. Rickwood, A. J. Manks, Geo. Hall, and others.—Thursday (the 7th inst.), being the day for the installation of Bro. Newman, the Master Elect, there was no repast.

BOSNIX.—One and All Lodge (No. 330).—On Wednesday, 30th ult., the annual meeting for the installation of the Worshipful Master and festival of St. John was held

in the spacious and beautiful hall dedicated by the Right Honourable the Earl of Mount Edgecumbe, Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall, and his officers, at the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge in July last. There was present at the annual meeting of the lodge a great number of brethren, among whom were Capt. Colvill, P.M., P.S.G. Cornwall, W.M.; Rich, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Beswitherick, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Collins, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Cummins, P.G.R.; Hele, P.P.G.O.; Sandoe, P.M.; Crang (Mayor of Bodmin), S.W.; Hawkin, J.W.; Rowe, S.D. Also visiting brethren, Solomon, P.P.G.S.W.; Rev. A. H. Ferris, P.G.C.; Dyke, P.P.G.O.; Large, W.M.; Truscott, I.P.M.; Lukes, Matthews, and Higman, of 496 St. Austell; and Hooper of Lodge 510, Liskeard. The lodge was opened in due form, and after the preliminary business, the W.M. elect, Bro. Hele, P.P.G. Organist, was duly installed in the chair of King Solomon by Bro. Captain Colvill, W.M., in a solemn and impressive manner, which called forth high eulogiums from the Past Masters and brethren present. The W.M. having been duly proclaimed, appointed and invested the following as his officers. Bros. Colvill, I.P.M. and Treasurer; Rich, P.M., Secretary; Hawkins, S.W.; Rowe, J.W.; Rev. J. D. Hawksley, Chaplain; Hon. E. Alger Robartes, S.D.; Beacock, J.D.; Treval, M.C.; Vincent and J. Hawke, Stewards; O'Neil, I.G.; Carrol, P.P.G.T., Tyler. The lodge being called off from labour to refreshment, about fifty brethren repaired to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Sandoe, P.M., at the Royal Hotel, when a pleasant evening was spent.

TAVERNE.—Phoenix Lodge of Honour and Prudence (No. 331).—At a meeting of this lodge, on Tuesday evening, Bro. T. Oliver, who has been S.W. for the past year, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. J. O. Mayne, elected Treasurer, and Bro. Rookes re-elected Tyler. A letter was ordered to be prepared to be sent to Bro. Ferguson, who is about to leave for India, expressing fraternal regret at his leaving and well wishes for the future. The members afterwards enjoyed a good repast provided by Bro. Rookes, and several accessions were made to the lodge.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 359).—The W.M., Bro. G. H. Burtenshaw, to meet him at his last time of presiding over the lodge, had nearly sixty brethren present, including the W.M.'s and officers of the other two lodges in the town, and the W.M.'s elect of the same lodges. After two initiations and a raising, the ceremonies being performed in an able manner, a vote of condolence was passed to the family of P.M. William Bemister, who died at a ripe old age this week, after many years service in Craft and the other degrees in Masonry. He was the "father" of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, which celebrated its centenary a few years since. The Lodge of Peace and Harmony, large as it was, has made considerable additions to its members during the Mastership of Bro. Burtenshaw.

NORTHAMPTON.—Pomfret Lodge (No. 360).—The brethren of the above lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John in their lodge room, George Hotel, on the 28th ult. Bro. Val. Thos. Barford was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being very ably and satisfactorily performed by Bro. Hinton (of London, son of an old P.M. of the Pomfret Lodge). In the absence of the I.P.M., Bro. E. Cox (P.M. of the Canonbury Lodge, London), who was unfortunately unable to be present, Bro. J. T. Green, P.M., was appointed S.W.; Bro. Winter, J.W.; Bro. G. Robinson, P.M., Sec.; Bro. B. Wilkins, P.M., Treas.; Bro. Lator S.D.; Bro. F. Gadsby, J.D.; Bro. H. W. Parker, I.G.; Bros. Stanton, P.M., and T. R. Wood, Stewards; and Bros. Dean and Troup, Tylers. Amongst the visitors at the banquet were Bros. Neall, Hinton, Matthews (London), Bro. Buckle (Prov. G. Sec., Norths and Hunts); Bro. Griffin (W.M. elect of St. Peter's Lodge, Peterborough), and others, and although the attendance was not so numerous as usual, owing to the inclemency of the weather, the evening was spent in a very pleasant manner, harmony being contributed by Bros. Buckle, Hinton, Stanton, Winter, Wood, and others. In the course of the evening, Bro. Buckle alluded in a brotherly manner to the loss the province had sustained in the death of the late Prov. D.G.M., Bro. S. Inns, and expressed the pleasure he felt that so worthy a successor had been found in Bro. Butley Wilkins, a member of the Pomfret Lodge. Bro. W. B. Gates, P.M., P. Prov. G. Treas., accepted the office of Steward of one of the Masonic charities.

HALIFAX.—St. James's Lodge (No. 448).—The festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated by this lodge at the Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, at their annual meeting. After the ordinary lodge business, the W.M. elect, Bro. Fredk. Whitaker, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., was duly installed W.M. of St. James's Lodge, by Bro. Waddington, P.M., and Bro. Normanton, P.M. The following were then invested officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. T. Wheelhouse, S.W.; C. T. Rhodes, J.W.; W. F. Wilkinson, P.M., Treasurer; J. Charneck, P.M., Secretary; N. W. Scholefield, S.D.; J. S. Lambert, J.D.; F. Whiteley, D.C.; Geo. Taylor, Organist; J. Hamney, I.G. Stewards, Bros. C. F. Hudson, and G. H. Brooks; John Greenwood, Tyler. At the banquet the W.M. was surrounded by Bros. Bentley Shaw, Deputy Secretary; T. Hill, P.P.J.G.W.; Smith, P.G. Secretary; J. J. Schaeppi, P.P.G.D.; Dewhirst, W.M. 1284; Wells, W.M., Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge; Walker, Leeds; W. H. Hartley, 307, Hebden Bridge; J. Whitaker, S.W. 1302; Asquith, W.M. 1302; from Probity, 61, Bros. Perkinson, P.M., Tasker, P.M., J. Gaukroger, Leeming, Menzies, W.M. elect of Probity, J. Waterhouse, Wm. Gaukroger; from De Warren Bros. Patchett, Barrett, J. Seed, Cooke, Thos. Nicholl, Geo. Normanton, J. Hayes; Three Graces: Bros. Ogden, W.M., Fly Dyson, and Terrell; Dr. Hartley, Todmorden; Bros. Ward, P.M., Trafalgar, 971; Blakey, Nelson of the Nile, 264, Batley; Ryburn: Bros. Stansfield, Greenwood, and Sutcliffe. Letters of apology were read from Bro. M. Rhodes, Bradford, and from Bro. Underwood, who

said that as the railway companies had started so early slaughtering her Majesty's bipeds, and the weather being so seasonable and favourable for killing, he feared he could not possibly undertake the journey from Manchester. The W.M. proposed the loyal and patriotic toasts, "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces" being replied to by Bro. Morley, Bro. Leeming, 4th W.Y.V.; Bro. Whitaker, 8th W.Y.A.; Bros. Hayes, 2nd W.Y.Y. "The W. Deputy P.G.M. of West York, and P.G. Officers," was proposed by the W.M. To this toast Bro. B. Shaw replied early in the evening, as he was compelled to leave before the proceedings terminated. He said that he trusted that very soon the Prince of Wales would appoint a Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, as, at present, they were without a head. Bro. Knowles proposed the toast of "The Newly-Installed W.M. of St. James's Lodge," and hoped that the fact of Bro. Whitaker being elected to that office would mean a year of success and peace to St. James's Lodge. Bro. Whitaker replied, and promised to use every effort in his power to promote the goodwill of the lodge, and, in carrying out that object, he looked with confidence to the active co-operation of his officers. The toast was received and responded to with much enthusiasm. The W.M. then proposed "The Installing Officers—Bros. Waddington and Normanton." This toast having been replied to by the installing officers, the W.M. proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which was replied to by Bro. Savile Crowther in a song—"The Anchor's weighed;" also by Bro. Schaeppi, of Bradford, who stated that the fame of St. James's Lodge had been spoken of in terms of the highest praise for many years; and by Bro. Hill and others, including Bro. Binns, of Probity, Bro. Wells, of Ryburn Lodge, Bro. J. Dewhirst, of the Savile Lodge, Elland, Bro. Dr. Hartley, Todmorden, and Bro. Terry. The W.M. proposed the toast of the officers of "St. James's Lodge," which was replied to by Bro. T. Wheelhouse, S.W.; Bro. C. T. Rhodes, J.W.; and Bro. W. F. Wilkinson. The W.M. then proposed the Past Masters and Officers of St. James's Lodge, and in doing so remarked how much he regretted the absence of two of the oldest Past Masters of St. James's Lodge, who were prevented attending by the severity of the weather—Bro. Waddington, P.M.; Bro. E. Walshaw, P.M.; and Bro. Normanton, P.M., replied. The "Officers of Probity, No. 61," was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Menzies, W.M. elect. Bro. E. Walshaw proposed the "De Warren Lodge," the response being given by Bro. Asquith, W.M. The toast of the "Masonic Charities" was duly honoured, and elicited from the J.W. (Bro. C. T. Rhodes), that he had made himself a "life governor" of the Boys' School. The chairman spoke of this benevolent institution as one of the most deserving, and hoped to see during his year of office many of the brethren become contributors to its funds. "Mrs. Bentley Shaw and the ladies" was proposed by Bro. Whiteley, D.C.; and the proceedings terminated with "Go all poor and distressed Masons." During the evening several songs and recitations were given by various brethren, and the festive occasion was very joyously spent. The room was neatly decorated, and the banquet, which was supplied by Bro. Swift, of the Plummet Line Inn, was exceedingly well served, and the tables were beautifully adorned with candelabras, flowers, fruits, &c. During the lodge ceremony, the Immediate Past Master was presented with a Masonic jewel, in recognition of his services, by Bro. Bentley Shaw, in the name of a few brethren.

HERTFORD.—Hertford Lodge (No. 603).—On the 24th ult. the usual meeting was held at the Shire Hall. There was a large attendance of brethren, the principal business being the installation of Bro. Thomas Stalkart Carter, who had been duly elected Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the year ensuing. The Provincial Grand Master (Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P.) having intimated his intention to be present and to act as Installing Master on the occasion, a number of Provincial Grand Masters attended, and many brethren from the various lodges in the country were also present. The Worshipful Master (Bro. Orlando Wagner) took the chair about three o'clock and opened the lodge. After some routine business had been gone through the Provincial Grand Master was introduced in due form, and was received by the large number of brethren present with every mark of respect and enthusiasm. Having been conducted to the chair, which was vacated by Bro. Wagner, he proceeded to install Bro. Carter. The ceremony was admirably and impressively performed by Bro. Halsey, and elicited a general expression of thanks from the brethren. Bro. Carter, having taken the chair, proceeded to appoint and invest the officers of the lodge. The remainder of the business having been gone through, the lodge was closed. At six o'clock the banquet took place in the Assembly Room. There were 64 brethren present, amongst whom were—The R. W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P.; V. W. Bro. O. H. Wagner, P.M. Prov. G. S. Warden; V. W. Bro. W. Wilson, P.M. (Berkhamstead Lodge), Prov. G. J. Warden; V. W. Bro. T. S. Carter, Prov. G. S. Deacon; V. W. Bro. Rev. Lewis Deedes, Prov. Grand Chaplain; V. W. Bro. Malcolm Heywood, Prov. Grand Organist; Bros. H. Campkin, J. E. Cussans, and E. R. P. Francis, Prov. G. Stewards; V. W. Bro. H. B. Hodges, P.M. P. Prov. G. S. Warden; Bro. J. R. Cocks, P.M. and Bro. Andrews, P.M. P. Prov. G. J. Wardens; V. W. Bro. Stephen Austin, P.M., and Bro. J. Boatwright, P. Prov. G. Supts. Wks.; V. W. Bros. C. Drummond, P.M. and W. H. Rowe, P. Prov. G.S.B.; V. W. Bro. J. W. Carr, P.M., and P. G. Sec., Essex; V. W. Bro. Buss, P. Prov. Treasurer, Middlesex; V. W. Bro. Glass, P. Prov. G.S.B., Essex; Bro. J. Lowthian, W.M. 1479; Bro. W. Curbush, W.M. 1385; Bro. Maller, W.M. 754; Bro. Cunningham, P.M. 754; and V. W. Bro. J. Terry, P.M. and Prov. Dir. Cers., who very ably performed the oracular duties of his office. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Heywood. There were no less than twenty-two Past Masters present.

WHITEHAVEN.—*Lewis Lodge* (No. 872).—On Tuesday, Dec. 29th, the brethren of this lodge assembled in great force for the purpose of installing a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and to celebrate the festival of St. John. Among those present were Bros. C. Morton, P.P.G.S.W.; J. S. Pittall, P.P.G.D.W.; W. Gill, P.M. of 1872, and P.G.D.C.; S. Atkinson, P.G.S.; Gibson, P.M. of 119, and P.G.S.; T. Brown, P.G.W.; E. Ablitt, P.S.W.; Cooper, P.R.G.O. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. J. Huddleston, W.M. elect, was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon by Bro. C. Murton, who conducted the ceremony in that able and impressive manner only peculiar to long experience. This being completed the newly installed W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bro. S. Atkinson, I.P.M.; J. Robinson, S.W.; E. Rose, J.W.; R. Twentymann, Sec.; Labarte, Chaplain; J. Cowman, S.D.; J. Bell, J.D.; J. S. Braithwaite, I.G.; Cooper, M. of C. Bros. Nicholson and Hodgson, Stewards. Bro. J. Spittall was unanimously elected Treas., and Bro. Salisbury, Tyler. The business being concluded, the brethren retired to the banqueting-room, where a cold collation awaited them. The room was tastefully decorated, and the viands everything that could be desired, to which full justice was done. The cloths having been removed, the usual loyal, patriotic and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, being interspersed with songs given in their best style by Bros. Gibson, Rose, Bell, Younghusband, Hodgson and others, which contributed materially to the enjoyment of the proceedings. The brethren separated at an early hour well pleased with the entire proceedings.

SALTASH.—*Zetland Lodge* (No. 1071).—Bro. Stephen John Goodman has been installed as W.M. of Lodge Zetland of Freemasons (No. 1071), Saltash, and the following were appointed officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Thomas Hatherly, I.P.M.; Edwin P. Gilbert, S.W.; George Hawke, J.W.; William Foxwell, P.M., Treasurer; John G. Richards, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., Secretary; William H. L. Clark, S.D.; Robert G. Carpenter, J.D.; Joseph Rawling, I.G.; John Deeble, P.M., Tyler; and W. W. Harvey and R. Pearce, Stewards. The banquet was afterwards held at Carpenter's Commercial Inn.

TIVERTON.—*St. Peter's Lodge* (1125).—The annual installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, December 30, Bro. T. B. Patterson, the W.M., presiding. Bro. Thomas Parkhouse, W.M. elect, was duly presented and installed, the ceremony being most ably performed by the retiring W.M. The following officers were appointed and invested:—Bro. T. B. Patterson, I.P.M.; C. A. W. Troyle, S.W.; W. H. Reed, jun., J.W.; Rev. John Dickinson, P.P.G.C., Chaplain; H. S. Gill, Treasurer; James Mills, P.M., P.G.O. Secretary; G. W. Cockram, S.D.; Wm. Bartlett, J.D.; Thos. F. Mead, I.G.; J. B. Crabb, M.C.; A. Andrews, Organist; I. Searle and I. Melhuish, Stewards; John Patey, Tyler; F. J. Reed, Assistant Tyler; Thomas Parkhouse, W.M., Representative on Committee of Petitions. After the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to banquet at Bro. Wood's, White Ball Hotel. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Parkhouse, in responding to the toast—"The W.M. of St. Peter's Lodge"—(proposed by Bro. Patterson, I.P.M.), after expressing in the warmest manner his sense of the high honour conferred on him by the lodge, and his reliance on the support of both officers and brethren, said it especially behoved Freemasons at the present time, not only here, but far and wide, to stand by the ancient landmarks of the Order, and to manifest their esteem for its principles and practices. It had long been regarded by some with suspicion and dislike, and these feelings had lately again broken out into open and violent denunciation. It appeared strange that an institution which, whilst reverencing religion, attacks no man's creed, which inculcates obedience to lawfully-constituted authority, and meddles not with party politics, which enforces the exercise of charity and benevolence, should be the subject of such hostility. Our secrecy covered no foul deeds, but enabled us, with confidence in the recesses of the lodge, to practice that ancient and peculiar manner of work which had been handed down to us, and to preserve the means of testing each link of our universal chain of brotherhood. Having made some remarks on the duties and privileges of Freemasons in general, he concluded by saying that he hoped his own conduct would justify their choice. The W.M. then proposed, in terms of well-merited eulogy, the toast of "The I.P.M.," whose admirable rendering of the installation service had, he said, helped to produce an impression on his mind which he hoped would not be lost. He coupled with the toast that of the officers of the lodge for the past year. The toast was duly acknowledged. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Masonic Hall, Basinghall-street, on Tuesday, 5th inst. There were present:—Bros. T. B. Yeoman, W.M.; Brette, J.W.; George Kenning, I.P.M., as S.W.; Charles Horsley, M.O.; H. Dubois, S.O.; Theilay, J.O.; Holden, Chaplain; Little, Secretary; Cubitt, P.M., I.G.; Boyd, Marsh, P.M.; Church, P.M.; R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, Colonel Francis Burdett, Southwell; and others. Bro. Levander, P.M., was absent, he being in Winchester attending the funeral of the late Bro. Sherry. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved, and the following brethren were ballotted for, approved, and advanced to the degree of Mark Master:—Bros. Robert Gresley Hall, 1347, and William Henry Whiteway Wilkinson, 145. There being no further business before the brethren, the lodge was closed. The usual banquet followed, the evening being enlivened by a recitation and songs, ably given by Bros. Holden, Horsley, and Marsh.

SOUTH MOLTON.—*Portescue Lodge* (No. 9).—This old lodge held its annual meeting at the Masonic Hall on Monday week, for the purpose of installing Bro. R. S. Bryant (the W.M. elect) W.M. for the ensuing year, which ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. Major John Tanner Davy, the Prov. G.M. for Devon. This being done, the W.M. invested Bro. T. Sanders, I.P.M., and appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the year ensuing. Bros. R. L. Riccard, S.W.; J. T. Shapland, J.W.; I. Galliford, M.O.; Widgery, S.O.; Wood, J.O.; J. Galliford, Treas.; James E. Galliford, Sec.; J. T. Widgery, Registrar of Marks, James E. Galliford, S.D.; Huxtable, J.D.; Cole, I.G.; and R. Kingdon, Tyler. The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent refreshment, provided by Bro. Cole, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

LEICESTER.—*Fowke Lodge* (No. 19).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on December 22nd, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. J. M. McAlister, Prov. G. Mark, Sec., who was supported by a good attendance of officers and brethren. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Weare, I.P.M.; S. S. Partridge, P.M., Prov. Mark J.G.W.; G. Toller, jun., S.W.; Clement Stretton, (Past Grand Steward), J.W.; W. Sculthorpe, M.O.; R. A. Barber, S.O.; W. T. Rowlett, J.O.; Garnar, Treas.; F. J. Baines, Sec.; G. W. Statham, S.D.; T. A. Wykes, J.D.; Thorp; Young; Mason; Edmunds; and others. The ballot was taken for Bro. Robert Brewin, an old and much respected Past Master of the lodge, as an honorary member, he having gone to reside at a considerable distance from Leicester, and he was unanimously elected. Two other brothers were also elected upon the ballot as candidates for advancement, one of whom, Bro. Henry Meadows, M.D., being present, was regularly made a Mark Man, and afterwards advanced to the degree of Mark Master, the ceremonies being conducted by Bro. MacAlister, W.M., in the able, impressive, and complete manner which always marks his work. The new tracing board was used in the lodge for the first time, and the brethren expressed themselves much pleased with the style in which it had been got up.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PORTSMOUTH.—*Naval and Military Conclave* (No. 35).—The fourth anniversary of this conclave was held on Thursday, the 17th ult. The M.P.S. elect, Sir Knt. J. Clark, was duly enthroned &c., by the outgoing M.P.S. Sir Knt. J. Clay, assisted by the only two P.S. of the conclave at hand, viz.: Sir Knts. Green and Robinson. Sir Knt. Clark installed Sir Knt. W. Sharp as Eus.; R. J. Rastick, S.G.; B. Sinister, J.G.; C. Groom, H.P.; J. Clay, Treasurer, (fifth time); A. R. Robinson, Recorder; H. M. Green, Orator; W. Crofton, Prefect; J. Harrison, Standard Bearer; J. Penny, Herald; &c. This was considered a favourable opportunity of shewing the appreciation of the Sir Knts. of the continuous services of the E.M. Sir Knt. J. Clay, as Treasurer from the commencement of the conclave; they therefore presented him with an elegant and tasteful Past Treasurer's Jewel (by Sir Knt. Geo. Kenning). Sir Knt. Clay suitably acknowledged the presentation in a few well chosen remarks. Bro. Dr. Charles Knott, of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342, was installed and proclaimed a Sir Knt. of the Order. A most excellent banquet was supplied by the host, Mr. Smith, in his very excellent style.

Scotland.

MOTHER KILWINNING.—The annual festival of this most ancient lodge was held on Monday, 28th ult. The brethren assembled in their hall at high twelve for the work of initiation, and at five o'clock for the despatch of business and the election of office-bearers. The chair was occupied by the R.W.M. and P.G. Master for Ayrshire—Bro. Colonel Mure, M.P. The Ayrshire Masonic Fund was submitted, and shown to be in a very satisfactory condition. The Bursary Trust Deed, prepared by the R.W.M., Bro. McCosh, of Blair Dalry, was then signed by the Provincial Grand office-bearers, and it was agreed to offer a bursary of not less than £20 annually, tenable for four years, for competition among the sons of Ayrshire Freemasons entering the art classes at Glasgow University next session. The Secretary, Bro. Wylie, on account of the severe indisposition of their worthy Treasurer, Bro. Whinton, next presented his accounts, giving a very favourable report of the state of the Lodge funds, from which a sum of £10 was voted to be distributed among the resident deserving poor of the parish. After the election of office-bearers the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Eglinton Arms and partook of a substantial dinner. At half-past seven the lodge was again opened by Bro. Colonel Mure, assisted by his Wardens, Bros. Johnstone and Gibson. On the platform were the Rev. Bros. Ker and Inglis, Chaplains; Bro. Roger Montgomery, M.P., Proxy Master; and Bros. Ferguson and Tweed, Senior and Junior Proxy Wardens; J. G. Halket, Substitute Master; and R. Wylie, Secretary. Deputations were present from the following lodges in the Province, viz.: St. John (Kilwinning) Kilmarnock, 22, headed by Bro. Lees; Irvine St. Andrew's, 149, headed by Bro. McJannet; Beith (Kilwinning) St. John's, 157, headed by Bro. Patrick, of Trearne; Stevenston Thistle and Rose, 169, headed by Bro. Park; St. Clement's (Riccarton) Kilmarnock, 202, headed by Bro. Hodge; Blair Dalry, 290, headed by Bro. McCosh; Neptune (Kilwinning) Ardrossan, 442, headed by Bro. Robertson; and the Lodge St. Matthew (Kilwinning) Dreggorn, 549, headed by Bro. Gillies. The usual Masonic toasts were given, and heartily responded to, particularly that of the R.W.M. of Mother Kilwinning, Bro. Colonel Mure, who replied in suitable and eloquent terms. Several of the brethren contributed to the

harmony of the evening by singing some excellent songs. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent, and when the J.W. announced it was low twelve in the S., the lodge was closed according to ancient form.

MILLPORT.

LODGE KELBURNE (No. 459), Isle of Cumbræ, held their annual festival on Monday, 28th ult., being St. John's Day. They marched through the village by torchlight, preceded by the Artillery Band, although the streets were one mass of ice, and very difficult to walk upon. After the procession, the brethren sat down to dinner in the Cumbræ Hotel—Bro. Swan, R.W.M., in the chair, supported on his right by Bro. Ross, and on his left by Bro. Richardson. Songs were sung and recitations given by several of the brethren, and, altogether, a very happy evening was spent.

HAMILTON.

KILWINNING LODGE, No. 7.—The usual election took place on 29th ult., with the following result:—Bros. James Mackie, R.W.M.; Colin Spalding, D.M., Dr. Robertson, S.M.; Thomas Thomson, S.W.; John Brown, J.W.; Wm. Dunlop, Sec.; Archd. Taylor, Treas.; George Turner, Architect; Alex. Kellar, Chaplain and Bible-bearer; Charles McGhee, S.D.; Robert Millar, J.D.; Thomas Minto, G.S.; James Scott, S.S.; Geo. Roger, J.S.; Jas. Annan, Organist. After the election, the brethren dined together under the presidency of the newly elected R.W.M., Bro. Mackie, and spent some hours in pleasant fraternal intercourse.

GLASGOW.

CATHEDRAL CHAPTER (No. 67) met in the Masonic Hall, 22, Struthers-street, on 22nd ult. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened, Bro. J. Duthie in the chair. Present:—Bros. Ronaldson, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; Miller, Z., Chapter 50; and a number of qualified Mark Masters to constitute and hold the same. The minutes of previous meeting having then been read and confirmed, an application was received for admitting into the Order Bro. Campbell, of Lodge 275. There being no objection, and Bro. Campbell being duly prepared, was led into the lodge and received the degree. Bro. J. Miller officiated in a masterly manner; and there being no further business on this degree, the M.M. Lodge was closed in due and ancient form. The Excellent Master Lodge was then opened by the same office-bearers, and Bro. Campbell received that degree from Bro. J. Duthie. There being no further business in that degree the lodge was closed. The Holy Royal Arch Chapter being formed, Comps. Duthie, Z.; Wood, H.; Taylor, J.; Ronald, 1st Soj.; Nagle, 2nd Soj.; Deckie, 3rd Soj.; and a competent number of companions were present, all standing to order. The chapter was opened by the three Principals, Bro. Campbell was then received into the chapter, instructed into the mysteries, and exalted to the degree of a Royal Arch Companion by the M.E.Z. The being no further business before the chapter, it was closed in due and ancient form by the three Principals, all companions standing to order as Royal Arch Masons.

MOTHERWELL.

DALZIEL ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 406).—The annual supper and festival of this lodge took place on Monday, 28th ult., in the Masons' Hall. There was a full attendance of the lodge, and a large number of strangers present—Bro. Archd. King, R.W.M., presiding, and Bro. Evans acted as Croupier. Deputations from the following lodges were present, and took part in the proceedings:—No. 19, St. John's, Cupar Life; No. 31, St. Mary's, Coltness; No. 73, Thistle and Rose, Glasgow; No. 102, St. Mark's, Glasgow; No. 233, Hamilton; No. 233, St. John's, Wilsontown; No. 305, St. John's, Woodhall; and No. 419, Neptune Lodge, Glasgow. After the performance of the customary preliminaries peculiar to the Craft, a happy evening was enjoyed by the brethren.

CROSSHILL.

LODGE MARIE STUART (No. 541).—A meeting of instruction, being the first of a series of three, was held at this lodge on the evening of Monday, 21st December. After ascertaining that only brethren were present, the R.W.M. delivered the following short address explanatory of the objects of the meeting:—Brethren, before proceeding to open the lodge, I desire to make a few observations. I had intended paying you the compliment and myself the honour of bestowing some little pains upon the address, for which my name stands upon the programme of to-night, but I have been so exclusively engaged with other matters having a prior claim upon my attention, during the past week, that it has been quite out of my power to do so. I have to ask you, therefore, to excuse me if I merely indicate, in a brief manner, the object of these meetings. It has been truly observed that in all regular assemblies of men the business of the assembly is accompanied with some form or ceremonial. In every country of the world, the practice prevails. It can be traced back to the most ancient times, and it still exists to the present day. Freemasonry being, as it is very beautifully described, a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, not only conforms to this general practice, but necessarily goes much further and higher in its ceremonial observances—approaching, in fact, to a science of symbolism. The most profound lessons of divine truth are sought to be conveyed to the mind, and the whole duty of man to his God, to his neighbour and to himself, is constantly kept in view through all the ceremonials of Freemasonry. But brethren, I think, will agree with me when I say that, in order to render these ceremonials with proper effect, and to fulfil the high purpose for which they are intended, it is necessary not only that they should be conducted with ready fluency of speech combined with reverence and propriety of manner, but also with a true and intelligent appreciation of their moral teachings. That being so, it will require but little argument on my part to convince you that the acquisition of a thorough knowledge of, and practice in, the working of a lodge is a legitimate object of ambition to every good Mason, and that

no body of Masons could find a more congenial or profitable employment than in the mutual study of, and instruction in, these beautiful ceremonials. This, then, is the object of these meetings; and in calling them "Instruction Meetings," the Lodge Marie Stuart does not desire to assume the position of instructor, but rather the promoter of, and participator in, a scheme of mutual instruction. It is true we have given some little time and study to the rituals of the Order, and are constant in our efforts to bring them up to a high standard, always keeping the ancient landmarks in view; but we are sensible that our work is anything but perfect, and it is within the objects of these meetings for any brother to suggest amendments or improvements, as it will be for us to afford any information or advice in our power. One great means of beautifying our ceremonials and increasing the power and effect of the symbolism, is the employment of music. This we are attempting to introduce on a scale worthy of the subject we seek to adorn, and although we have not yet got that branch of the work up to anything like a satisfactory pitch, I have no doubt that, with the assistance of our musical brethren, we shall be able to do so shortly, and to make a fair beginning at next meeting. Another matter which I shall just touch upon is that we intend to have, at all our meetings, whether we have initiations or not, a voluntary collection. You must be aware, brethren, that nothing can be done now-a-days without money, and the organisation of these meetings is no exception to the rule. It is hoped, therefore, that, in putting your contributions into the box, you will be as liberal as you can. This practice we purpose to observe at all our meetings, public and private, and we hope, before this time next year, to have as much money from this source as will enable us to do some practical act of charity—something by which we hope to show that Freemasonry is something more than a name. The lodge was then opened in the first degree, and Bro. Alexander, of Lodge 33, became an affiliated member, after which a candidate received the E. A. Degree at the hands of Bro. Julius Brode, S.M., in a most impressive manner. The proceedings, which reflect great credit on the R.W.M., J. D. Porteous, for the care and attention bestowed on them, were then brought to a close with a few remarks from the R.W.M. regarding the several duties of the S.W., the J.W., the S.D., and the J.D., and a discussion elicited on several points in Freemasonry. We observe, from a circular issued by the lodge, that the next meetings for instruction will be held on the 11th January and 22nd February, at the Hall, Queen's Park Rooms, Crosshill.

ISLAY.

KILDALTON LODGE (No. 552).—The brethren of this lodge, established in March last, held its first festival on the evening of Wednesday, the 23rd Dec., in Port Ellen. A lodge meeting was held at four o'clock to elect the office-bearers for the year 1875, the following being the return:—Bros. A. Johnstone Hodge, (H.M.'s Inland Revenue) R.W.M.; Capt. Lachlan McCuaig (A.A.V.), S.W.; Donald Campbell, J.W.; Duncan McArthur, J.D.; Francis Kean, I.G.; Peter McDougall, O.G.; John Murphy, Sec.; and Dougald Johnston, Laphroaig, Treas. At five o'clock the brethren marched by torchlight through the village to the time-honoured strains of "The Merry Masons" and "A Man's a Man for a' that," played by a flute band. Although the night was raw and gusty the procession had a most imposing appearance, the office-bearers carrying the insignia of their offices, and wearing their jewels. In the memory of that venerable individual, "the oldest inhabitant," there never had been such a turn out of the people of Port Ellen. Old and young turned out to see the first demonstration of the kind ever witnessed in the island. At six o'clock the brethren with their lady friends, to the number of about fifty, sat down to a splendid dinner in a granary of Bro. McCuaig's, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, a string band being in attendance. Bro. A. Johnstone Hodge, R.W.M., in the chair, was faced by Bro. Allan McDougall, S.W., and Bro. Lachlan McCuaig, J.W. Ample justice having been done to the dinner, the chairman gave the first toast, "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, may God bless her, and cause the light of His countenance to shine upon her, and give her peace." Air "National Anthem." The chairman gave the next toast, "The Craft," and spoke as follows:—"In my position to-night a duty devolves upon me which I could wish had fallen to abler hands. When I think of the many eminent and highly cultivated brethren of our Order who have at different times discharged the same duty, I feel, almost to a painful degree, my inability to follow in their footsteps; but when, on the other hand, I remember the kind indulgence with which my brethren have invariably received my feeble efforts in the path which duty has marked out for me in "The Kildalton," I feel encouraged on this, the first public occasion which has offered, to explain, in a few brief remarks, as far as I dare, what Freemasonry is and what it is not. It is simply a peculiar system of "Ethics," a system of moral philosophy in which truth, honour, and virtue are held up to view in their most beautiful and alluring forms, while falsehood, dishonour, and vice of every kind are continually exhibited as worthy of the most unmitigated scorn and contempt. The earnest and intelligent Mason must place his heart under such a course of moral training as will result in the expulsion therefrom of all longings after immorality and vice, and the fostering and cherishing therein of every aspiration after moral excellence and virtue. To assist him in this labour of peace and goodwill to his fellow men, he is furnished with a rich and beautiful symbolism, the whole essence and bearing of which are of the purest and most refined description. While the garden of the heart is thus to be cleared of all noxious weeds, and planted with flowers of choicest perfume, that of the intellect is not to be neglected. The liberal arts and sciences must be studied and cultivated, and to stimulate the student to exertion in this direction, examples of the most

brilliant character are continually before him, and reasons of the strongest kind urge him to perseverance. To assist him, his work is portioned into seven courses, so that he may pursue knowledge methodically, little progress being attainable in any other manner. Freemasonry takes but little to do with politics, yet she insists on the most exemplary discharge of their duties as citizens by her sons. She also inculcates the purest principles of patriotism. In social and domestic science however she takes an active interest, and places a high standard of merit before her sons. Kindness, forbearance and purity of life are forcibly inculcated. Indeed, a worthy Mason is by virtue of his tenure, a kind father, a faithful husband, and a trustworthy friend. It has been asserted by some that Freemasonry has no religion, and, curiously enough, others of her assailants accuse her of pretending to be in herself a system of religion. Such accusations as these are utterly false and slanderous. No man knows better than a Mason that there is a divine being, who is the supreme ruler and governor of the universe, which is indeed his temple. "That wisdom, strength, and beauty are about His throne as pillars of His works; for His wisdom is infinite, His strength is omnipotent, and beauty shines through the whole of His creation. In symmetry and order the heavens He has stretched forth as a canopy; the earth He has planted as His footstool; he crowns His temple with stars as with a diadem, and His hands extend their power and glory; the sun and the moon are the messengers of His will, and all His law is concord." The Bible is His revealed will, and is accepted as such by every Christian Mason. But Freemasonry belongs to no particular nation, people, or tongue. Wherever men are found, there she can be traced, hence her unsectarian character is her glory, and at the same time, the secret of her vitality. Freemasonry, then, has many forms of one religion. She does not pretend to be a religion, but she opens wide her arms and embraces in her brotherhood worshippers of every kind of religious persuasion, on the sole condition that the object of their adoration is the eternal God. Every Mason, however, is at perfect liberty to worship according to his own faith. The idea of a brotherhood such as this, is too grand and is associated with a philosophy too refined to be within the grasp of any narrow sectarianism which looks complacently upon itself as the keeper of the door of heaven. Freemasonry, then, does not pretend that her light is the light that guides to heaven. On the contrary, she holds forth her light as symbolic of that great light, and as a beacon that shines across the dark waters, helping to guide the earnest seeker after truth to that great light which is in truth the light and the life of the world. He who assumes more than this for Freemasonry, is either an ignorant pretender, or an enemy; and it is the duty of every worthy Mason to disown and condemn all such assumptions. It may also safely be assumed that the very men who advance such dogmas are themselves less under the influence of Freemasonry than any others. It is almost needless here to examine our noble science by its results. Suffice it to say that many noble monuments of her benevolence and charity are to be seen in our own and in other lands. Wherever a Mason may wander on the surface of our earth, he can find a brother to greet him and take him to his bosom, and time after time our sailors and our soldiers, as well as the pioneers of our civilisation have had reason to remember, with feelings of gratitude, that particular moment when they first beheld the light of Masonry. Kings, princes, and the great of every civilised land we always have amongst us, but what are we to conclude from this? Surely we may conclude that they find it to their advantage. Peace, concord, and love are emblazoned on our banners, and under turmoil and war Masonry always languishes. Let us hope then that she will continue to flourish until brotherly love, relief, and truth, will be as widely disseminated as they might be in the good time coming. In that time, when "man's inhumanity to man shall cease to make countless thousands mourn," Bro. Allan McDougall gave the next toast, "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason of Scotland," air, "Scots wha hae;" Bro. Lachlan McCuaig gave "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason of England," air, "God bless the Prince of Wales;" Bro. Colin Hay gave "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason of Ireland," air, "St. Patrick's Day." Then followed from the chair "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," air, "Rule Britannia," acknowledged by Bro. John Murphy; "The Clergy," by Bro. Duncan McArthur, air, "Old 100th;" "The Ladies," by Bro. William Morison, air, "Here's a health to all good lasses," acknowledged by Bro. A. W. Duig. Bro. Colin Hay, in his happiest manner, gave the "Kildalton Lodge," air, "The Highland Laddie," acknowledged by the Chairman; "Poor and distressed brethren, wherever scattered," by Bro. John Kirk, air, "Here's a health to them that's awa';" Bro. F. Kean gave "The Tyler," air, "He's a jolly good fellow." After a short interval the stirring strains of the quadrille band inviting to the dance announced the opening of the assembly. Dancing was carried on with great spirit till morning was far advanced, when the happy company dispersed, highly delighted with their entertainment. We should have mentioned that Bro. Alex. Nisbet, of Glasgow, is to represent "the Kildalton" in the Grand Lodge during the year 1875.

GREENOCK.

The brethren of the Masonic Craft here, according to use and wont, celebrated the time-honoured festival of St. John the Evangelist, in a manner reflecting the highest credit on all concerned, on Monday. The lodges had large and most enthusiastic meetings, and the proceedings cannot fail to interest both the Craft in general and absent brethren in particular.

GREENOCK KILWINNING (No. 12).—This lodge met in the Council Chambers, James Newton, Esq. R.W.M., occupied the chair. After an excellent dinner had been

partaken of, purveyed by Mr. T. Mackay, the chairman proposed the usual loyal toasts. Mr. Fyfe (Lewis and Fyfe), proposed the "Navy, Army, and Volunteers." The toast was coupled with the names of Mr. J. Carnon, of H.M.S. Aurora, and Captain Leitch, and was drunk with all the honours. In proposing "Her Majesty's Ministers," Mr. J. D. McDonald paid a high compliment to the Prime Minister, and the able body of gentlemen who constituted the Cabinet. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and the meeting separated with "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again." The brethren again met at eight o'clock for friendly intercourse, to receive deputations from other lodges, and reciprocate the compliment, &c., and spent a most pleasant evening.

LODGE GREENOCK ST. JOHN (No. 175).—The brethren and friends of this lodge met in the White Hart Hotel, at four o'clock, when a large company sat down to a very excellent and well-served dinner, where nothing desirable was wanting. The chair was occupied by Mr. Alexander McMaster, R.W.M. of the lodge, who was supported on the right by Messrs. Charles Grey, Renton M'Ar, Andw. Boag, Robert Morison, Wm. Wright, jun., Simon H. Miller, &c.; and on the left by the Rev. J. A. Campbell, Dean of Guild, Anderson, Messrs. James Rodger, John Clapperton, James M'Lea, Kenneth M'Caskill, James Auld, D. M. Simpson, Gilbert M'Coll, &c. Mr. John M. Pollock, was croupier and was supported by Messrs. Duncan M'Intyre, Neil Brown, Jas. Scott, Gair, Samuel Durham, V.S., John M'Quarrie, James M'Bride, Alexander M'Laren, John M'Laren, &c. Blessing was asked by the Rev. J. A. Campbell, and after the *menu* had been done full justice to, and thanks returned by the same rev. gentleman, the Secretary (Bro. W. Wright, jun.), read letters of apology for absence from Sir Michael Robert Shaw Stewart, Bart., the Rev. Dr. McCulloch, J. J. Grieve, Esq., M.P., and Provost Neill, who were all prevented through indisposition from being present. A letter of apology from Mr. A. H. Finlay was also read. The Right Worshipful Master then introduced the toast list by proposing "Her Majesty the Queen," and "The Prince and Princess of Wales." Both toasts were cordially responded to. The Croupier next proposed "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," and said that Greenock stood in the proud position of being the town in Scotland which was at the head of that movement. He wished to couple the toast with the name of Bro. M'Intyre. Bro. M'Intyre made a suitable reply. Bro. Morison, Leith, had much pleasure in proposing "Her Majesty's Ministers." The only wrong thing the present Government had done was in abolishing the sugar duty. If they had not done so, it would have been better for Greenock. Ex-Bailie Grey said that the toast which had been entrusted to him to propose was that of the "Lord Lieutenant of the County, Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Bart." Sir Michael's honours hung upon him most gracefully indeed, and when he was appointed R.W.M. for Scotland in succession to the Earl of Rosslyn, he (Bro. G.) could assure the company that a gentleman who was better qualified to fill that important office could not have been chosen. Sir Michael was a Mason out and out. He was a loving husband, a kind father, and, so far as he had ever heard, a kind and agreeable landlord. He supposed that they were all aware Sir Michael had been appointed Lord Lieutenant of Renfrewshire by a Whig Government, and that said a good deal for the respect in which he was held by his political opponents, and he had discharged his duties in a manner satisfactory not only to the Government but to all who were interested in the county. Bro. J. Clapperton gave "The Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council." Mr. Anderson, Dean of Guild, returned thanks, and said that while other towns were going ahead it was not for Greenock to stand back, and he hoped that the authorities would see fit to launch out in a plucky manner with a scheme for harbour extension, so that the railway communications might open up connections between Greenock and all the mineral fields in the country. Mr. Andrew Boag proposed the "Members for the Town and County." Bro. Grieve had proved himself an able and persevering Member of Parliament, well fitted to represent a large commercial town like Greenock, and well deserved the honour conferred upon him, and he hoped the hon. gentleman would long live to enjoy it. They had not had much experience of the member for the county, but he (Bro. Boag) had no doubt when tried Colonel Mure would prove himself a good representative. Dean of Guild Anderson gave the "Clergy," and coupled the toast with the name of Rev. J. A. Campbell, whom (he said) they were glad to see among them, and who, although not a member of the Craft, had kindly consented to be one of their guests. The toast having been duly received, the Rev. Mr. Campbell returned thanks, and subsequently proposed "Lodge Greenock St. John," and made a few appropriate and complimentary remarks in regard to the charitable objects of Freemasonry, praising specially the laudable efforts that were made in that way by the St. John's Lodge of Greenock. The Chairman suitably replied. He felt very grateful to Mr. Campbell for the flattering way in which he had referred to Freemasonry in general, and to the efforts of the lodge with which they were more particularly connected. When he said that their motto was "Faith, Hope, and Charity," he had somewhat flattered them, as they had only hitherto been able to give to a—he was about to say a few—many public institutions of a charitable character; but he was happy to tell Mr. Campbell that, at a recent meeting of a committee of the lodge, it was agreed, if at all within their reach, not only to continue their charitable work, but to increase their subscriptions to every deserving institution in the town. Commissioner Brown said he had attended many of the annual meetings of this lodge, but this was the first occasion on which he was taken unawares. He was not aware that his name was down to propose a toast until a gentleman pointed it out—he might rather say Mr. Bain "detected" it—on the card. He was at first inclined to be angry, but when he discovered

that the toast was "The Town and Trade of Greenock," he felt more reconciled, as it was a matter in which all were interested, and should be overlooked. The trade of the town had increased for many years past, and he hoped it would continue to increase for many years to come. It was a good sign when so many persons were so desirous of taking the management of the affairs of the town in hand, when they had men coming forward so patriotic and self-denying in the interests of the town as to give all their energies to the work, and the time they could not spare, surely Greenock would prosper. He jocularly complained that Dean of Guild Anderson, in stating that the prosperity of the town depended upon the exertions put forth by the Town Council, forgot the time that was put off in the Police Commission discussing public questions. He did not, in the least, wish to be egotistical, but if they read the reports that appeared in the *Telegraph* the day after their monthly meeting, and it would be next to impossible to find the same number of men who talked more at one sitting than the Police Commissioners. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. McCaskill. Bro. McCaskill made a most humorous reply. Bro. McIntyre said that year after year the members of St. John's Lodge had been favoured with the company at the festive dinner of gentlemen who were neither brothers of the Craft nor members of this lodge, and in proposing "Friends" he was very happy to observe that so many had taken advantage of the invitation to attend. He had much pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of Commissioner Brown. Commissioner Brown felt great pleasure in acknowledging the toast, and thanked the brethren for the kind and hospitable manner in which he and the other "friends" invited had been entertained. The remaining toasts were "The Press," "The Ladies," given by Bro. Guir, and responded to by Bro. Morrison; "The Chairman," by Dean of Guild Anderson, and acknowledged by Mr. McMaster; and "The Croupier," by the Chairman, replied to by Mr. J. M. Pollock. A hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Buchanan, for the "sumptuous dinner," was, on the motion of Mr. Grey, accorded, after which the brethren and their friends separated. Mr. R. J. Adams' band from Glasgow, was present and discoursed some excellent music during the dinner and after each toast. At eight o'clock the brethren met in their lodge-room, Exchange Buildings, which was most tastefully and suitably decorated, to celebrate the Festival of the Evangelist. There was a large attendance of the brethren, and a goodly number of visitors. The newly-installed office-bearers were received in due form, and took their respective places in the lodge, which was opened at once in the E.A. degree. The brethren having been called from labour to refreshment, Bro. Alexander McMaster, R.W.M., who presided with much urbanity and ability, and with a firmness and kindly feeling which was highly commendable, gave in succession "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince and Princess of Wales," "The Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland," "The Grand Masters," &c., which toasts were duly honoured, the names of the Prince of Wales and Sir M. R. Shaw Stewart being received with excellent "fire." A number of Masonic toasts were afterwards given by Bros. Anderson, P.M.; A. Boag, P.M.; J. M. Pollock, S.W.; Duncan McIntyre, J.W.; Jas. Rodger, Treas.; Peacock, &c., which were honoured after the manner of the Craft, and a good deal of time was devoted to social intercourse, agreeably interspersed with jests and songs, by Bros. Fraser, Barr, (who rendered with fine effect "Annie on the banks o' Dee,") Anderson, Galbraith, D. M. Simpson, James McBryde, James McKenzie, &c., also a very amusing recitation by Bro. Turner (Dunoon Argyle). After each toast music was introduced, to enliven the company, by Bro. Adams' band. In the course of the evening the ancient and honoured custom of sending deputations to other Lodges and receiving deputations in return was punctiliously carried out, and many good wishes were thus sent round, and mutual congratulations exchanged among the brethren. Deputations visited the following lodges: Greenock Kilwinning, No. 12; Doric Kilwinning (Port-Glasgow), No. 68; St. Mirrens (Paisley), No. 129; and Renfrew County Kilwinning, No. 370. Each of these lodges returned the compliment by sending deputations to visit Greenock, St. John, No. 275. As an instance of the fraternal feeling that prevails among the brethren in the district, it is worthy of special notice that, notwithstanding the inclement state of the weather, a deputation was also present from Lodge Dunoon Argyle, No. 335, having ferried their way across.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—We have received from Bro. Terry the list of Stewards for the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, but, being full up, we cannot publish it until our next issue.

THE TRANSIT OF VENUS.—Bro. Lord Lindsay's Expedition.—A few days ago Lady Lindsay telegraphed to the Mayor of Wigan:—"Lord Lindsay has telegraphed from the Mauritius that he has observed the last half satisfactorily. Taken good position, measure, and time determinations. Altogether well satisfied." Many in West Lancashire and other Masonic divisions will learn with extreme satisfaction that our distinguished brother has been so successful in his pursuit after the hidden mysteries of nature and science.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS have been used freely by millions of human beings of both sexes and all ages in every part of the world, and while the public press has teemed with authenticated cases of extraordinary cures of a vast variety of diseases (such as indigestion, scorbutic eruptions, and liver complaints), there is not on public record a single case in which their use has been attended with bad effect. None, when using Holloway's Ointment and Pills, need suffer the loss of cure to be counterbalanced by the fear of injury; they cannot do harm, they must do good. They may be taken by the weakest persons as beneficially as by the most robust. They never fail to expel impurities and induce perfect regular action.—**ADVT.**

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PICART'S "CEREMONIES ET COUTUMES RELIGIEUSES," &c., 1723-43.

The money value of Picart's "Ceremonies" has much increased of late, and at the present time, complete and clean copies of the original edition are worth at least from £10 to £12 each. Their especial value, in a Masonic point of view, has been greatly exaggerated, though of course the work is of considerable interest to Masonic students generally. The title page of first volume is as follows:—"Ceremonies et Coutumes Religieuses de tous les Peuples du Monde, représentées par des Figures dessinées de la main de Bernard Picart, avec une Explication Historique, et quelques Dissertations curieuses."—"à Amsterdam, chez J. F. Bernard, M.D.CCXXIII."

Bro. Angelo J. Lewis, M.A., some time since kindly examined the complete work, in the British Museum, and informed me that there are seven volumes on the "Religious Ceremonies and Customs of the Nations of the World," and two or three volumes (forming No. 7 and 8) entitled "Ceremonies et Coutumes religieuses des peuples idolâtres," bearing the date 1723 and 1728. Vol. I. of the work is dated 1723, and the last volume is of the year 1737. Of Picart's work, Bro. Matthew Cooke, P.M., &c., has observed, that "Sir Richard Steele's portrait is given at the head of the sheet depicting the names and places of the ancient Masons' lodges and meetings." Bro. M. Cooke also stated that "Sir Richard Steele was a Freemason of the York Rite, or ancient Masons" (*Freemason Magazine*, Feb. 26th, 1870, p. 165). This statement drew the attention of Masonic students to the book, and was doubtless the cause of its being so eagerly sought after by the brethren.

Our brother, Matthew Cooke, is well versed in Masonic literature, and it will readily be seen that if the assertion is correct, the volumes are most valuable, for in such case they would contain a list of York lodges of about 1730, of which, hitherto, none but the "old lodges at York city" had been known, and about which not one word is said in the *Records of the "Grand Lodge of all England,"* held at York (i.e., the "old lodge at York city," prior to A.D. 1725). The list of lodges (on examining vol. 4, page 251) turns out to be a copy of the engraved list of lodges by J. Pine, Old Bond Street, London, which was issued the same year as this fourth volume was published, viz. 1735, and is so acknowledged by B. Picart. Bro. Pine was the engraver to the Grand Lodge of England, held in London, (not York) and published this list annually, copies of several being still preserved. Hence it is clear that Picart simply gives a list of the Lodges under the Grand Lodge of England held in London, and therefore has no connection with York Masonry whatever. That this is so, is abundantly proved by reference—not only to Picart's history, but also to the places of meeting of the Lodges. Numbers 1 to 24, all met in London; 25 at Greenwich; 28 at Bath; 29 at Bristol; 30 at Norwich; 31 at Chichester; 32 and 33 at Chester; 34 at Carmarthen; 35 at Gosport; 36 at Congleton; 48 at Salford, &c., &c.

At present we have no evidence that Sir Richard Steele was a York Mason, and so far it appears otherwise, inasmuch as no allusion is made to him beyond his name being placed under his portrait, and above the list is Lord Weymouth's coat of arms. This nobleman was Grand Master of the London Grand Lodge, A.D. 1735, the year when the volume of Picart's History, and Pine's List of Lodges was published.

In a note upon the article on the Labadistes, B. Picart quotes from "Masonry Dissected" as to the Society of Freemasons having existed from 1691, but so confuses the assertion, that it reads as if all the Lodges in the List by Pine had been founded A.D. 1691, and continued to work down to 1735. In the list occurs the Lodge at Boston, New England (U.S.A.), and some of our American brethren have fancied that the work proved that Masonry existed at Boston so early as 1691, which is contrary to fact. All these points have tended to enhance the monetary value of the History in question, though, on a careful examination, they will be found to be erroneous estimates of the contents of the History.

Any brethren interested in the subject, and who have not readers' tickets for the British Museum, can consult a fine copy in the valuable Library of the "Supreme Grand Council 33° of Freemasonry, 33, Golden Square, London, by obtaining permission from the honorary and most obliging Librarian, Captain N. G. Phillips (P.S.G. Commander 33°), to whom we have often been indebted for the sight and perusal of several rare old books so carefully treasured by him.

We believe also that the Masonic Archaeologist, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., possesses a complete set of Picart's "Ceremonies," and would doubtless be pleased to answer any queries on the subject under the Masonic Bibliographical Department.

In the last catalogue published by Mr. Quaritch, lots 525 526 are two editions of the work, the first being "8 vols. in 9, 1723-43," and *Superstitions Anciennes et Modernes*, 2 vols., 1733-36 together, 11 vols., royal folio, with 265 fine engravings, old impressions, old calf, £12; and the second, "a large folio, and large paper edition, with first impressions of the numerous beautiful engravings; a very fine copy, the first 7 vols., red morocco extra, gilt edges, by Devorne, and the last 4 bound to match by Clarke and Bedford, £68."

Messrs. Henry Sotheran & Co. also issue a catalogue this month in which, No. 523, is an English translation of Picart's "Ceremonies," &c. 6 vols., royal folio, old russia, price 7 guineas. These copies ought to be secured for Grand Lodge Libraries, for, year by year, they become more valuable, and from their character they must always possess a peculiar importance in the eyes of Masons.

W. J. HUGHAN.

* Supplement.

GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

His Grace the Duke of Abercorn was, on Jan. 6, installed Grand Master of the Freemasons of Ireland, an office held for over 50 years by the late Duke of Leinster. The ceremonial was held in the Masonic Hall, Molesworth-street, and was invested with all the pomp and pageantry which the Order could impart to it. All the Grand Officers and a numerous host of Masters and Past Masters of Lodges, including many representing the provinces, were present in full Masonic costume, with the decorations of the several ranks, and formed a brilliant assemblage. On the arrival of his Grace from the Vice-regal Lodge, he was conducted by the Deputy Grand Master (Bro. Shekleton) and the Grand Officers, to the small lodge-room, where he was formally installed as Master of the Grand Master's Lodge. They then proceeded to the Grand Lodge-room, where the lodge was opened in due form, and the Grand Master elect was inducted to the dais, while a Masonic march was played on the organ.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, his Grace knelt, and the obligation of his office having been administered to him, he was invested by the Deputy Grand Master with the official insignia, and conducted to the throne, while the Duke of Connaught's Grand March was played on the organ. A selection was also sung from a Masonic ode especially composed for the occasion. The Director of the Ceremonies, Bro. St. George, then proclaimed his Grace, amid a flourish of trumpets, declaring, with impressive formality, all his titles, and, last of all, that of Grand Master of the Ancient and Honourable Order of Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland. The proclamation was followed by the enthusiastic cheers of the Assembly, and Bro. Shekleton, Deputy Grand Master, on the part of the Order, congratulated his Grace on his acceptance of the office. In the course of his address, he said:—

"It was a matter of great satisfaction to us that your Grace was enabled to accept the office for which you were selected by the numerous and enthusiastic suffrages of your Irish brethren; selected not from any political motives—for all who hear me know that when we cross the portals of this building we Masons discard considerations of party, and remember only that we are members of a brotherhood, linked together by ties of universal charity and love, knowing no distinction of class or creed,—but selected as an Irish nobleman, who has been neither ashamed nor afraid to reside among us, and who both in private life and while discharging high and responsible functions has obtained the respect and esteem not merely of those who entertain the same religious and political views as your Grace, but of those who are most diametrically opposed to them. To be called upon in such a way as your Grace has been to preside over a society so widely diffused and so influential as the Masonic body, is unquestionably an honour of which any one, no matter how exalted in rank, might well be proud. Your Grace has been elected in succession to one whose memory is, and will, I trust, be ever cherished among us—one who for a period exceeding the span of most men's lives ruled over our Order with mild and courteous sway. We cannot, in the course of nature, anticipate so prolonged a tenure of office for your Grace, but we most fervently trust that the bond of union which has this day been cemented between your Grace and the Masons of Ireland may not soon be severed, and we can assure your Grace that though the office of Grand Master is an annually elected one, so long as your Grace is willing to preside over us you need not apprehend any desire for change on the part of your constituents."

His Grace was saluted according to ancient usage, amid the cheering of the whole Assembly, with great enthusiasm.

The Grand Master, in returning thanks for the honour conferred upon him, expressed his sense of the responsibility which it involved, especially when he recalled the memory of the late Grand Master, to whose loss he referred in terms of the deepest regret, warmly eulogizing his administration of the office and his distinguished character. His Grace said it would be his earnest desire to follow the example so worthily set by his predecessor, and to use every endeavour in his power to maintain the dignity of the Grand Lodge and to advance the great and important influence which Freemasonry exercised towards mankind. His connection with the Order was of no recent date. It was now 43 years since he was admitted into the Apollo University Lodge in Oxford, and the course upon which he then entered as a novice culminated in the honour now conferred upon him. His Grace then added:—

"It has not needed that long experience to teach me what you all know, and what has been so well expressed to-night—the great objects of Freemasonry. We know that its objects are not political (hear, hear); that they are not confined to any denomination or to any sect (hear, hear); but that, as a widely-spread community for the extension of human sympathy and human brotherhood, it has been the means of embracing myriads of men of all nations and of all creeds in one common bond of amity. (Hear, hear, and applause.) Brethren, it is not necessary for me in this place to remind you that the name of your illustrious Patron, the Prince of Wales ("hear, hear," and applause) is a sure guarantee that loyalty to the Sovereign is our true and sterling watchword (cheers); and we have the experience of 3,000 years to know that charity to mankind and love to the brethren are and have been the leading and guiding principles of our noble Craft, and the great and ultimate aims of our Association. ("Hear, hear," and applause.) Brethren, I thank you again most truly and most gratefully for the honour you have conferred upon me, as well as for the most cordial and flattering reception which you have given me."

His Grace re-instated Bro. Shekleton as Deputy Grand Master; and the Marquis of Headfort having been installed Senior Grand Warden, and Lord Dunboyne, Junior Grand Warden, the Grand Lodge was closed with the usual form. [From the Times.]

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A full report of the Humber Lodge (No. 57) Installation Meeting will appear next week.

The following communications stand over:—Lodge 1381, Kennington; 418, Halifax; 374, Newbury; 556, Clydesdale. Letter from Bro. Wigginton, and "Pedigree Wheat."

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1875.

IS THE POPE A FREEMASON?

This question, which has attracted from various causes lately, much attention, is, we venture to think, completely answered by the *Philadelphia Keystone* of November 21st. This article will be published in the "Masonic Magazine" in February, and we recommend all our readers carefully to peruse it. The able editor of that paper, Bro. Clifford P. McCalla, distinctly says that no such lodge as "Figli de Hiram" ever existed in Philadelphia, under any American Grand Lodge. If there was such a lodge, it was a surreptitious one, unknown and unrecognised. Consequently, the story of the Pope being initiated there while a Nuncio, is clearly unreliable. Bro. McCalla does not believe in the Havannah initiation referring to the Pope, neither do we, and whoever those two Ferrettis may be, they are not, we believe, either Pio Nono or his brother. There is no other evidence of the Pope's Masonic affiliation that can stand any sifting that we are aware of, and therefore, as English Freemasons, honest and impartial, true and tolerant, lovers of right, and haters of falsehood, we feel bound to say, that in our opinion the allegations of the Italian Freemasons are so far utterly unproved. If there be the slightest truth in the story of Pio Nono's admission into Freemasonry, it probably has originated in the fact that in his youth the Sovereign Pontiff showed considerable liberal proclivities, and we believe was well acquainted with Mazzini. If so, it is just possible that he may have joined one or other of those Italian secret societies, which based their organization on Freemasonry. Beyond this, pace our good Bro. A. Gallico, we know of no reliable evidence of the Pope's Masonic admission, and as we said before, we do not believe it. We regret that the Italian Freemasons should have put forth this renewed statement on the same testimony which was produced some fourteen years ago, and was then enquired into carefully, and found to be untrustworthy. It is a great mistake on the part of the Italian Freemasons to give our Ultramontane adversaries, always active, vigilant, and implacable, any advantage by ill-founded accusations and unverified assertions. We wonder that our many able brethren in Italy do not see at once the utter absurdity, remembering the traditions and teachings of the Roman Catholic "Curia," of a statement which rests the Pope's membership on his admission and

visits to lodges while acting as a Papal Nuncio. It is simply, as it appears to us, hopeless and impossible to suppose or to contend, that, while acting as a Nuncio, either at Philadelphia or Madrid, Pio Nono was "made a Mason," or was a "visiting brother." Neither can we lay any store by the photogram. We have heard of two copies, and many others, we are told, abound, and they are all clearly factitious—that is to say, they are not original photograms of the Pope in Masonic clothing; but the Masonic scarf is painted on a photographic card, and from this "prepared negative" the copies are struck, one of which Bro. Laurie sent us from Constantinople, and another of which is mentioned by Bro. Hodges in our impression of December 26. We therefore repeat that, looking at the matter merely as a question of evidence, we feel bound to say that, in our humble opinion, the Italian statements are not substantiated. We always think it a great pity, in our Masonic discussions, if we are ever tempted, for any cause, to depart from the straight and narrow path of historical evidential truth. The end never does justify the means, we are not to do evil that good may come; and not only do we not see the importance of the statement in itself, but we are not very anxious either to prove or even disprove the fact. From our point of view it is a matter of entire indifference to us as Freemasons. If it be so, it would only convict the Infallible Pontiff of another inconsistency, alike in his teachings and dogmas. If it be not so, it is not creditable to Freemasons anywhere to state as a fact, what, after, all is a fiction, or to pass a ridiculous sentence of expulsion on a non-Mason, an act which can only tend to render Freemasonry ridiculous in Italy, and to bring discredit on our Order generally. We have every sympathy for all our Italian brethren, who seek to carry out truly the intent and principles of Freemasonry. But we do deprecate greatly that apparent alliance with political coteries, and that intermingling in questions outside Freemasonry, which hinder, in our opinion, the active development of true Freemasonry in that interesting land, and which will be, as long as they are persisted in by the Italian Freemasons, to them, whether in their Grand Lodges or private lodges, "a mockery, a delusion, and a snare."

BRO. BINCKES'S LETTER.

We published the week before last a letter from Bro. Binckes, in reply to some remarks of ours relative to the Pro Grand Master's wise suggestion to him at the last Quarterly Communication. We are truly concerned if our observations have, in any way, disturbed our good brother's wonted equanimity, though we fear that we have done so, by the tone and temper of his recent communication. But we wish, in all friendly Masonic feeling, to point out to Bro. Binckes that he has entirely failed to discern the real gist of our "deliverance," and that, up to the present time, he is apparently still unable or unwilling to realize the "point" of our argument. Our good brother doubts our logic; we forgive him the doubt, as we feel perfectly satisfied ourselves alike with the soundness of our premise and the propriety of our conclusion. For what is the point we are contending for? It is simply this: That, in such a discussion, the brethren and the Grand Lodge are perfectly competent to decide such an important question on an independent report like that of Bro. Clabon's. We confess that we think Bro. Binckes' appearance on the scene inopportune and questionable alike in tact and taste, just as we should have deprecated Bro. Little's appeal to Grand Lodge on the same subject. Bro. Binckes says, and says quite truly, that the Secretaries of the Institutions are, of all persons the best qualified to give information and express an opinion on such a subject. So, of course, "virtute officii" they are, and in any matter of fact or detail we should always, in the first place, consult them. But here is a question appealing alike to the common experience of all Masons who interest themselves either in the Craft or the charities, and yet one in which, necessarily, it is most important not to introduce "sentiment" in the

discussion, but to appeal simply to the "reason of things," and the hard reality of figures. There is no difficulty, as far as we are aware, in estimating pretty correctly what are the present needs of our great Institutions, or what are likely to be their future requirements. No doubt, in one sense, the Secretaries have certain statistical details as to applications and applicants which come to them in their official capacity, and which are very valuable for consideration and information. But we deny that there is any reason why the "Secretariat" should be supposed to know more about the matter, or to be able to come to a sounder conclusion, than the many intelligent rulers of our Order who constitute Grand Lodge. We ourselves are always glad and ready to listen to and acknowledge any information which our good brethren, the Secretaries of our metropolitan Institutions, will favour us with; but, after a fair experience, we think, as we have said before, that it is just on this one point that the Craft may feel that "silence," for once, is not "golden." For, as a rule, we do not, in our humble opinion, receive sufficient information as to the proceedings and details and wants of the charities. But, to return. We fancy that in what we said originally, and which has drawn forth Bro. Binckes' letter, we expressed the feeling of a very large number of brethren, alike metropolitan and provincial, who were quite prepared to discuss the whole subject on general and independent grounds. But Bro. Binckes fails, apparently, to see that our objection was not to Bro. Binckes, quâ Bro. Binckes, but as Bro. "Secretary" Binckes, appealing to the Grand Lodge on a subject which required no appeal, no eloquence, no argument "ad misericordiam," but demanded calm consideration, and serious reflection. It may be that the time has come when Grand Lodge may vote an annual grant to the Girls' and Boys' School, but, if it is voted, it must be done after a good deal of debate and deliberation. For two points press upon us! 1. Can the Fund of Benevolence afford it? 2. Will it be in the interests of the Charities to accept a grant from Grand Lodge? It is a little remarkable that the surplus of 1873 is considerably less than the surplus of 1872; as if, despite our great prosperity, we had greater demands upon our benevolence. And we fear that though ours are increasing numbers admittedly, yet that, those very numbers almost naturally bring upon us additional claims. If these claims increase, the disposable surplus of the Fund of Benevolence will become very small indeed. Would it be wise, without clear and sufficient data, to mortgage futurity? We think not. Again, would such a course benefit the Boys' and Girls' Schools? We equally venture to say, in our opinion, no. These two charities have lived, so to say, on the spontaneous liberality of the Order, and in their admitted worth, their increasing need to the Masonic body, we feel convinced they will still be cheered on from year to year by liberal hands and willing hearts. Indeed, we think, that if ever there could be a distinct manifestation of the value of the adage "quieta non movere," it is as regards our great educational institutions. It is impossible, we apprehend, to estimate what effect an increased grant from the Lodge of Benevolence annually might have on the freewill offerings of the Craft to those two excellent schools, which are a blessing to their inmates, and a credit to the brotherhood. We hope Bro. Binckes will perceive, from what we have said, that we had some little reason for putting forward our views, thinking as we do, and that he will kindly admit, that while our words were dictated by a sense of duty, as we deemed, to the Order, and to the institutions themselves, they were not meant to bear, as they do not bear, the slightest colouring of personal criticism. Bro. Binckes does not apparently see, though we think we do, the difference between his speech in Grand Lodge and a letter in our columns. Clearly there is an intense distinction. Bro. Binckes has an undoubted claim, which we are amongst the first to recognize, to lay his views before the Order, in fair and open discussion, but we still adhere to our opinion, that while not denying Bro. Binckes's abstract right to speak in Grand Lodge, we think that such a discussion should proceed on its merits alone, and that the institutions themselves, through their officers, should

be, if we may so say, passive and silent in the matter. We may be wrong in our opinion, but it is our opinion, and we feel bound to lay it before our readers, as in this as in all other matters, eschewing personalities altogether, and looking only to first principles and the good of Freemasonry, we both say what we mean and mean what we say.

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 INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master offers a rare opportunity for a demonstration that shall be without parallel in the history of Freemasonry.

As a Welshman, I call upon my brethren in the provinces of Wales to be there to a man.

Already I know that arrangements are being made in many lodges in this province to be present. I am sure I shall not appeal in vain to my brethren if I ask every Worshipful Master to bring the matter forward at his next lodge earnestly and warmly, and let intimation be given to the Grand Secretary from every lodge of the number of officers who will attend.

Nothing could be better than the suggestion of your correspondent "P.M. 186," that Grand Lodge should be held in the Albert Hall.

Yours fraternally,

"Y DDRAIG GOCH A DDYRY GYCHWYN."

THE OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your last issue, a correspondent (H. Martin Green) contends that a Master may render himself incapable of discharging the duties of his office by resigning his membership of his lodge, and so keep within the letter of the Book of Constitutions, which does not allow for the resignation of a Master. A fair objection to this position seems to be that while the Constitutions do not contemplate the resignation either of a Grand Master or a Master during his year of office, and are consequently silent on the subject, there is this wide distinction between the two cases; in the one, nothing can absolve a Master from his promise to discharge his duties to the best of his skill and ability during the ensuing twelve months, or until a successor shall be appointed and installed in his stead.

A Grand Master takes no such obligations, and is therefore bound by no promise, and although the spirit of the law may be against him, yet the resignation of a Grand Master is so extremely exceptional, that it seems in every way advisable and politic to treat the late instance, as the Grand Lodge evidently desire to do, with a respectful silence.

BUSY BEE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly allow me (as one present at both of our late quarterly Communications) to add a few supplementary words to your admirable article on Bro. Warren's letter, in your issue of Dec. 19th?

It has been laid down in Grand Lodge (and that recently) that "a brother's resignation must take effect from the moment of its being made."

Lord Ripon, by the act of becoming (I do not say being) a Roman Catholic, virtually resigned all connection with the Craft.

If, upon this, Lord Ripon had not resigned the M.W. Grand Mastership, or, if the brethren had refused, or even delayed to have accepted his resignation, they would have been in the anomalous position of having as M. W. Grand Master a man who was (so far as he could make himself so) a non-Mason.

Apart from all these considerations, Lord Ripon having penned his resignation, it was thereupon a *fait accompli*—the office was absolutely void, and there was no M. W. Grand Master.

Therefore there was no Deputy Grand Master.

The only thing then remaining to be done was to do exactly what Grand Lodge did, and this not only according to the "unwritten," but to the "written" law of the Craft, for although our Constitutions (1871) give directions only in the case of the death of the M. W. Grand Master (v. pp. 29-30, s. 2), yet the General Regulations of 1721 (upon which our Constitutions are based) direct (s. xxi.)—"If the Grand Master shall die during his Mastership; or by sickness, or by being beyond sea, or in any other way should be rendered incapable of discharging his office, the Deputy, or, in his absence, the Junior, or, in his absence, any there present, Masters of lodges, shall join to congregate the Grand Lodge immediately, to advise together upon that emergency, and to send two of their number to invite the last Grand Master to resume his office, which now in course reverts to him; or, if he refuse, then the next last, and so backward; but if no former Grand Master can be found, then the Deputy shall act as principal until another is chosen; or if there be no Deputy, then the oldest Master."

This regulation, as it seems to me, entirely takes in the

present case, the "any other" covering; certainly, such a change of faith as prevents the occupant of the office, not from exercising its functions, but from holding it at all; and further, with such modifications as have been made to it in the Constitutions, it lays down a law of procedure which Grand Lodge and its Committee fulfilled to the very letter. The office "reverting in course" to H. R. H. the Past Grand Master, he was rightly described at once as "M. W. Grand Master."

I remain,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally Yours,

WM. TENNIS,

W.M. 285, and P.P. Grand Chaplain, Somerset.

UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Sir and Brother,—

The usual December meeting of the Great Priory was held, I presume, on the 11th ult, and I have looked in vain in your columns for an account of the meeting, which promised to be of more than usual interest.

Why did it not appear? Every other body connected nearly or remotely with Masonry, including the Rosicrucian Society (which, I understand, is not Masonic, but admits only Masons to its mysteries), is represented, and rightly in the columns of the *Freemason*, the only representative of the Craft in England.

There are large numbers of your readers Knights Templar, and we are always anxious to know what goes on in our little parliament, and we naturally look to you to furnish us with the requisite information.

Is it possible the chiefs at head-quarters are so blind to their own interests as to try to ignore your widely-read organ, or are they so determined to divorce the Templar Degree from Masonry as to lose no opportunity of stamping out any effort to keep the connection alive through your columns?

Whilst Masons, and Masons only, can become Templars, it seems suicidal policy to prevent Templar meetings being reported in your paper, where they would be most widely read by Masons.

Like Brutus, "I pause for a reply."

Yours,

P. E. C.

[We have received no report, or we should immediately have published it.—Ed.]

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the letter of E.F. in your last number, as to the privilege of a P.M. who has omitted two years payment of Grand Lodge dues, by ceasing to subscribe to some lodge, the Book of Constitutions is clear enough—that a P.M. cannot regain Grand Lodge privileges until he has been again installed a Master. It is true that Wardens of lodges have the privilege of attending Grand Lodge, but it is quite evident, from the wording of the Book of Constitutions, that the P.M. in question, and any in his position, cannot regain their privileges by being elected Wardens. He must wait until he has been again installed a W.M.

With respect to his status in his own lodge, that is a right, not a privilege, to be recognised as a P.M., and he must be the Senior Past Master. That fact has nothing to do with subscription, but refers to the date he passed the chair. On being re-elected in his lodge, he will take his place in the lodge, according to the date of his passing the chair.

MAGNUS OHREN, P.M. and P.Z.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with considerable interest the correspondence that has appeared in your columns, as well as your own sub-editor, on the status of a re-joining Past Master, so far as his seniority in the lodge is concerned. This very question has arisen in the lodge of which I have recently had the honour of being installed Worshipful Master, and it falls to my lot to arrange our list of Past Masters in their proper order. I may just add, by way of explanation, that the list appears regularly on our monthly circular. The question, as you remark, is an important one, as the precedence of Past Masters in the lodge, at the festive board, or at public ceremonies hinges upon it.

It appears to me that your own dictum, as to placing the re-joining Past Master at the bottom of the list, is unjustly harsh. That a Past Master—suppose, for example, he is Senior Past Master in an old lodge—should, by reason of his not continuing a subscribing member of his lodge for a short time, forfeit his position and privileges entirely, and place himself in the position of Junior to all the other Past Masters, is, in my opinion, a view of the case that is hardly tenable. On the other hand, there can be no question, I think, that a Past Master who resigns, and afterwards re-joins his lodge is not entitled to the position he previously occupied; for if this were the case, a Past Master—say that he becomes Senior by the resignation of the oldest Past Master—might, after occupying the position for ten or a dozen years, be called upon to make way for the Past Master who was his former Senior, such Past Master perhaps having been a subscribing member of the lodge for only a year or two as a Past Master.

It appears to me that the true solution of the question lies rather between the two proposals of making the re-joining Past Master, Junior, and of re-installing him in his former position. What I propose to do is this. I take the list of Past Masters, seriatim, and place after each the

number of years that has elapsed since he concluded his Mastership. From the re-joining Past Master I deduct the time during which he was not a member of the lodge, and this enables me to re-arrange the list according to length of service as Past Master. This appears to me to be a just and equitable arrangement, as it is based upon the principle of seniority by merit, which is consistent with the spirit of our constitutions.

Faithfully yours,

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SCOTTISH MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The new year has now commenced. Can any one of us, whether Freemasons or non-Masons, look back on the past year and our past lives, and viewing mentally our shortcomings, as regards our duty towards God, our neighbour and ourselves, say that we have fully discharged those duties? Are there not long arrears of good that we might and ought to have done? And many things we have done that we ought not to have done? Have we honestly and to the best of our abilities exercised that greatest of our virtues—"Charity?"

Brethren of the Scottish Craft, I appeal to you.

"What is Charity?"

"It is the incarnation of, and comprises every virtue moral and social."

In its full sense it means,—charity of mind,—charity of feeling,—charity of character,—and charity of action. Charity of mind—by thinking well of all men so long as they deserve it by their actions; charity of feeling—by maintaining the character of a brother in his absence as well as in his presence; charity of character and purpose,—by never maligning him, ever upholding him so long as he acts conscientiously to ourselves and others; charity of action—by a practical exemplification of the whole—by doing unto your neighbour as you would wish him to do to you—by relieving the distressed, soothing the sick, helping the aged, and assisting in all good works.

Brethren, I ask you to consider this duty (so thoroughly Masonic) fully and earnestly. We see in other countries, schools for children of aged, deceased and distressed Masons; men who have led, as far as we can see, blameless lives; schools wherein the children not only receive good education, but are also maintained, fed and clothed, till able of themselves to battle with the world. We see asylums and homes of refuge for those worthy brethren, who, from no fault of their own, are plunged in their old age, in the deepest distress. England, Ireland, America, Sweden, and other countries, aye, even provinces, viz.: Lancashire, have nobly done their duty in this respect. Shall it be said then of us who are brethren of the Craft in Scotland, a country full of benevolent institutions, rich in its general unity of purpose (clanship, if I may so call it), shall it be said of us, I ask, that we alone have failed in our duty! Nay, rather refuse to exercise that great virtue that we all profess to admire.

Brethren, let not this be said of us; though we come late into the field, let us show by our redoubled energy and zeal that we fully appreciate this great virtue. Let our maxim be, "Scotland and the Craft expects every brother to do his duty." In furtherance of this design, we, the promoters, publicly bring before your notice, and the public at large, "The Scottish Masonic Benevolent Institution," a scheme that has been devised to supply the want already felt. Our aims are, 1st, to establish schools for children (boys and girls) of aged, deceased, and distressed Freemasons of good character.

To maintain, clothe and feed said children.

To find halls at the universities, for older children, wherein students may be maintained, clothed, and educated, their university and professor's fees paid, as well as pecuniary assistance given.

2nd. To find homes and asylums for aged and distressed Masons of good character, and widows of Masons.

To maintain, clothe, and support them therein, or to grant annual sums for their maintenance.

It depends on you, brethren, how far we can carry out these high aims: if you respond freely to this appeal, we may shortly have an institution equal to any existing. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Every Masonic body in Scotland has already received circulars, prospectuses, of the undertaking, as well as every brother of wealth and eminence, so far as we have been able to find out that they belong to the Craft. If any brother has been accidentally omitted, we shall be glad to forward copies on application. Copies of circulars are now sent to every newspaper in Scotland, together with this appeal. A list of representatives is also appended.

No money will be called for till after the first General Court of Donors and Subscribers has been held, on which occasion a Treasurer and Secretary will be appointed.

No General Court can be held till a sufficient quorum of donors (large and small), and annual subscribers has been obtained.

Brethren of the Craft, you are earnestly requested to send in your names and amounts of donations or subscriptions to myself, the interim Secretary, Bro. J. Laurie, Grand Secretary of Scotland, or the nearest representative as per list. Any brother who may wish to act as a representative is requested to apply to me. Representatives are particularly required in Dundee, Kirkcaldy, Ayrshire, Perth, and Inverness.

Brethren, need I say more. You who are able, give of your abundance. You, my poorer brethren, give your Committee, either individually or collectively. The scale of donations will be found in short Prospectus.

I am, Sir and Brother,

Yours Fraternally,

GEO. R. HARRIOTT, of Killienord, Provincial Grand Master of Wigtown, and Kirkcudbright. Promoter and Originator of the Scheme.

Bro. Spencer, Masonic Depot, 26, Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, the publisher of Prospectuses and Circulars; and Bro. Kenning, proprietor of the *Freemason*, will furnish any further particulars.

BRO. CONSTABLE'S HISTORY OF THE LODGE OF TRANQUILLITY.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very pleased to see your appreciative review of Bro. Constable's capital History of the Lodge of Tranquillity, for it is, as you say, "a well planned and well executed work . . . also a very interesting and readable volume."

Will you kindly permit me to draw attention to a special feature of the work, viz., two excellent reduced facsimiles of valuable documents, alike important to the members of the lodge, and to those interested in Masonic Archaeology. The frontispiece is a facsimile of the warrant still preserved by the lodge, which is a perfect work of art, and the original of which is dated 20th day of December, 1787, and in the body of the History is the second reproduction of scarce documents, consisting of the "Rules and Orders" for the "Year of Masonry 5771." (A.D. 1771) Order and Secrecy being represented in a figurative manner on two grand pillars, and within the same occurs the list of Grand Officers, and opposite is the Introduction to the printed set of Bye Laws (forwarded for adoption) to the "Ancient" Lodges towards the end of last century.

We hope that many brethren will forward five shillings each (or six shillings, if from the United States) to Bro. John Constable, 13, Sise Lane, London, E.C., for copies of the History of the Lodge of Tranquillity, so that the enterprise may prove a success, and be the means of inducing other competent brethren to write the history of the old lodges to which they belong, for we are persuaded that the Editor of the *Freemason* is right in expecting considerably more, light from the archives of the ancient ateliers in Great Britain and Ireland, and particularly in England,

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, P.S.G.D.

Truro, 2nd January, 1875.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Hughan has written to me pointing out some mistakes in the oration you printed—page 833—December 26, 1874, in your paper. I am most happy to receive correction from such a brother, and thank him most fraternally. He says:—

"You are in error about my list of lodges being 339 at the 'Union.' The number, then (1814 calendar), of the two G. L.'s united was 647. In 1832, these had dwindled down to 424, and, in 1863, to 339, the number you quote for the 'Union.' Also, 'H.R.H. the Duke of Kent was G.M. of the Ancients 'London,' not York. The York G. L. had died out." Also, "I thought my copy to you had, in the second column, 'removal of their Grand Master and Past Grand Master.'"

Yours fraternally,

AUGUSTUS A. BAGSHAW, P.P.G.C. and P.P.S.G.W., Derbyshire, I.P.M. 1235.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In my letter of December 21st, 1874, which you have been kind enough to insert in your paper, the *Freemason*, of January 2nd, 1875, at page 7, the following corrections are necessary—viz., in the 3rd query, for the word "or," in the first line, read "if so." And, in the last query, for the letters "S.C.," in the first line, read "E.C." I may observe that the part of your paper devoted to original correspondence, or notes and queries, I consider extremely interesting, and that is the part I always read first, on account of the many interesting facts brought out from time to time.

Thanking you for your kindness in inserting my letter, I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
JOHN SMITH, 1257 E.C., 91 S.C.

Reviews.

THE ERA ALMANAC.—By Bro. Edward Ledger.

We have had our attention called by Bro. Ledger to this useful and interesting almanac. To all members of the theatrical profession this almanac will forcibly appeal, and to many of the public it will be alike a source of amusement and gratification, for in it we encounter some of those interesting and mysterious personages who appeal alike to our sentiment and our sympathies, our love of the sensational, our sensibility for the romantic, our appreciation of the risible, our state of (not "pas") "de fascination." We sometimes think that the world is very hard on actors. They are often the cherished idols of an hour, those whom we greet with smiles and applause, and intense excitement, and odoriferous bouquets—they pass from us, and we forget them as if they had never been. Some of us may recall how we saw Charles Matthews in his glory, and Mrs. Nibbet in her grace, how we laughed at Tyrone Power, approved of Harley, applauded old Farren, wept with Helen Faucit, were made sentimental by Ellen Tree, were kept in awe and yet amusement by Mrs. Glover. Our memories can go back to Mrs. Keely as Jack Sheppard, and to Keely in his quiet fun, to Paul Bedford and Mr. Webster, to Miss Woolgar and Madame Celeste, and

Shakesperian Phelps. And those of us who are still young, and like still to loiter amid "Thespian groves," may be prepared to name many of those effective actors and "pleasant dames" who shed a tinge of brilliancy to the English stage. Now Bro. Ledger introduces us this year to many of these favourites, and probably next year will introduce us to more, and we hear their sentiments and behold their autographs. As the Frenchman said, "C'est quelque chose." We are still much gratified to be able to discern Charles Matthews's neat hand-writing which puts the scrawl of this self-sufficient generation to shame; but we are sorry to learn that "it does make" the excellent Toole, of laugh-compelling memory, "so wild." With Emmett, we are inclined to ask, "Is das so?" With Mr. Terry we admit much value in an "if," we sympathize with Mr. Clarke as "A Poor Player;" and we quite appreciate Mr. Honey's question, "Why didn't you say so at once?" Of Captain Cattle we have the highest admiration, and of Mr. Emery's quotation. We don't, however, agree with Mr. Bancroft in his mournful view of things; we are quite sure Mrs. Bancroft does not, nor the habitudes of the Prince of Wales Theatre, though we echo Mr. Warner's truism, believing that "It is never too late to mend." With Lord Dundreary's sapient adage we beg to express our entire concurrence, and we greatly admire Mr. Buckstone's energetic address to the Haymarket company; may they, as we do not doubt they will, applaud and attend to it. And what shall we say of the ladies? He must be a very uninquisitive mortal who does not wish to know a little more about Miss Pattie Laverne's question; he must be a cold-hearted one who does not sympathize with Mrs. Stirling's cheery assertion. We feel that everybody will allow Miss Farren to "say one word"—we should be willing to allow her to say a good many; and we trust that Miss Wallis may have her legitimate aspirations fulfilled. It is pleasant to be informed that Miss Neilson will "come again," and that Miss Eleanor Bufton is always ready to "answer the call." We are very much impressed with the poetical quotations of Miss Cavendish, Mrs. Rousby, Miss Maggie Brennan, Miss Amy Roselle, Miss Arabella Addison, and many more; and we congratulate Bro. Ledger on his original idea and his pleasant almanac. We commend his "aide memoire" to our readers, on the ground that it makes us familiar with the handwriting of those who play such important parts on "Earth's Mimic Stage."

Some one has said that you may know a good deal of a person by his or her handwriting, and certainly we feel that we know more of those of whom, if we have not seen, we have heard so much, when we read for ourselves their customary calligraphy, and see how like our own, after all, it is. Remembering, in one sense, that the world is ever only "a stage," and "men and women only actors," we feel how much of sympathy we ought to have for those who lend such a brilliancy to many a fading scene, and give us in their faithful representations, a true facsimile of that strange life of ours, which passes on, hour by hour, and year by year. Whether in its joys or sorrows, its greatness or its meanness, its good or its evil, its honour or its shame, its truth or its hypocrisy, its loyalty or its treachery, it is often, we venture to say, to the "poor player" that we have to look even now, for its most effective illustration and its most speaking moral.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

On Tuesday last a Christmas and New Year's entertainment was given to the inmates of the Masonic Benevolent Institution Asylum at Croydon, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. A small party of the friends of the institution, among whom were Dr. Strong and Mrs. Strong, Bro. J. G. Stevens, Bro. R. H. Halford, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. Halford, Mrs. and the Misses and Master Terry, Mr. Mabbs, Mr. Terry, sen., were received by the Secretary. Bros. James Terry, W. Lane, and Jones, early in the afternoon were conducted, together with the aged Freemasons and widows, to an excellent banquet laid for them in the pretty hall of the asylum. To this, as well as the other entertainments of the day, several of the brethren contributed, and the whole expense was borne by voluntary subscription.

Bro. Carr, of St. Clement Danes Lodge (King's Head, Strand), sent the beef and turkeys, Bro. W. Hall, of Drury Lane, sent the wine and liquors, Bro. R. H. Halford, and Mr. Bonner furnished the dissolving views and magic lantern in the evening; while the ladies, who are always foremost in good works, performed the music.

Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Cooksey, the Misses Terry and Strong, played the piano and sang, and Dr. Strong played the violin.

Masters Terry and Strong decorated the apartments with "Welcomes," "Merry Christmases," and "Happy New Years," and Miss Morris, daughter of Bro. Morris, Warden, attended to the wants and comforts of visitors and inmates. Dr. Strong presided at the banquet, Bro. Terry taking the vice-chair, a second vice-chair being occupied by Bro. J. G. Stevens. When the banquet was concluded, a few toasts were given, the chairman proposing the time honoured leading toast of "The Queen and the Craft." Bro. Morris, Warden, then proposed "The Health of Bro. Terry," and after thanking him for his kindness and brotherly feeling towards all the inmates of the asylum, and the annuitants generally, presented him, in the name of the inmates, with a handsome silver inkstand, which had been subscribed for solely by them, as a mark of their universal respect and esteem for him. The presentation was made in very feeling terms, and elicited the warmest applause from all present. Bro. James Terry, in replying, informed the subscribers that he should always look upon the testimonial as of the utmost worth, showing, as it did, that his efforts to minister to the comfort of all committed to his charge had a high value set upon

them by those brethren and widows who were being entertained that day. Bro. Stevens proposed "The Health of the Chairman," who, having replied, proposed "The brethren who had contributed towards the dinner."

Bro. Stevens responded, and assured the old people that it gave him great pleasure to see the many happy faces around him, and that this alone would be an ample reward for any little contribution which those who were blessed with means might bestow. Bro. Cooke, one of the inmates, proposed "The Ladies, and Mrs. Terry," for whom Bro. Terry replied. In the course of his remarks, he said that Mrs. Terry took great interest in the institution, and, indeed, she had as great an interest in it as himself. She was always thinking as much of it as he was himself, and if ever anything should by chance slip his memory he was always reminded of it by his wife. The company then had a short respite, the inmates preferring to retire to their own abodes for tea. Those who were unwell, and unable to sit down with the rest of the company, had their dinner supplied to them in their apartments, and each female inmate was presented with half a pound of tea, and each male inmate with half a pound of tobacco.

At six o'clock the dissolving views were produced, and Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. Strong, and her daughters, and the Misses Terry enlivened the scenes and descriptions with some very charming music and singing, all of which were thoroughly enjoyed. These having lasted for nearly three hours, refreshments were again partaken of, and before separating Bro. Terry proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Halford and Mr. Bonner for defraying the expenses of the magic lantern. Bro. Halford, in acknowledging the compliment, said how heartily he was delighted at being able to contribute even his small share to the enjoyment of the evening which he had participated in as much as any one present. At any future time that he could be of similar service he should be glad to be called upon. The inmates then separately shook hands with the visitors, and bade them a happy new year. The London visitors shortly afterwards returned to town.

It may be as well to remind our brethren of what this Institution is, and does, and for this purpose we quote a paragraph which appeared in *The Standard* of Wednesday.

"The institution, which was established in 1842, has 33 separate sets of apartments in its asylum, which are occupied partly by married couples, partly by Freemasons who are widowers, and partly by the widows of Freemasons.

"It allows £36 a year to the old men, and £28 a year to the old women, and provides them also with coals. In addition to this, it grants annuities of the same amounts to indigent Freemasons and widows living out of the asylum, and it has altogether on its books no less than 230 annuitants. The amount spent in annuities in the course of every year is nearly £7,000, and with the expenses of management and collection, the annual draught on the Craft is nearly £8,000. This is raised almost entirely by the voluntary subscriptions of individual Freemasons and lodges and chapters, and an annual festival is held at Freemasons' Tavern, when an appeal is made to the Masonic Order for support. Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter assist the object of the charity by making contributions towards the general fund, and towards the supply of coals. But the bulk of the subscriptions are obtained by the bounty of the Craft, and this they always bestow with no niggard hand. The festival, by the permission of the Grand Master, is held on the last Wednesday in January, and, at the next festival, which will be held on the 27th inst., the Earl of Shrewsbury, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, will take the chair."

To this we may add that there are already 160 Stewards for the festival, and it is expected to be a great success. The Stewards cannot do better than pay a visit to the asylum, as, after seeing the comfort and happiness it is providing for the aged and needy—many of whom have walked in the upper ranks of life—they will be the better able to plead the cause of the institution in their lodges and chapters.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The meeting of the General Committee of this school was held on the last day of the old year, in the library, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.A.G.D.C., presided, and there were also present Bros. W. Hale, Jesse Turner, W. Stephens, John Symonds, Thos. F. Peacock, Griffiths Smith, J. A. Rucker, Robt. B. Webster, F. Binckes, J. M. E. Snow, H. Massey (*Freemason*), James Terry, Richard Spencer, and R. Wentworth Little, Secretary.

On the motion of Bro. Rucker, seconded by Bro. W. Hale, the Rev. Edwin Thompson, D.D., of the Vicarage, Wandsworth, was unanimously appointed honorary Chaplain of the school.

Bro. John Symonds gave notice of the following motion:—"Every Steward at the annual festival who shall procure donors or subscribers to the extent of 100 guineas or more, and shall collect and pay over the amount (exclusive of his personal donation) to the funds of the institution, shall receive, if such amount be not less than 100 guineas, one additional vote; 150 guineas, two votes; 200 guineas, three votes; and a further extra vote for every additional sum of not less than 50 guineas, so collected and paid over."

Bro. Rucker proposed, and Bro. W. Hale seconded, a recommendation to the next Quarterly Court, that the number of girls in the school be increased from 145 to 148, which was adopted by the Committee.

Eleven petitions were read, one of which was deferred. The rest were passed, and the Committee adjourned after sitting more than two hours.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held last Saturday in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. There was a good attendance of members. Bro. W. Roebuck took the chair, and among other brethren present were Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, Jesse Turner, Benj. Mallam, S. Rosenthal, J. G. Chancellor, Walter Hopekirk, W. Hughes, Benj. Head, H. Browne, F. Adlard, W. F. C. Moutrie, W. H. Saunders, John Symonds, James Winter, Hyde Pullen, George Snow, G. J. Palmer, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and F. Binckes, Secretary. The minutes of meetings of the Committee and of the House Committee were read and confirmed. In the latter were included the records of the resignations of the Head and Second Masters, and their acceptance. The letters containing the resignations were read to the Committee.

Eleven petitions for placing boys on the list for election were read and passed, and the list was settled, there being 48 cases and 8 vacancies.

On the motion of Bro. John Symonds, a vote expressive of the regret of the Institution at the loss of Bro. Benj. Bond Cabbell, one of the Trustees, was unanimously agreed to.

Bro. Symonds gave notice of the same motion for the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School on the 18th, as he gave for the Girls' to increase the privileges of the Stewards for the festivals, and the Committee shortly afterwards adjourned.

DINNER OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE DOMATIC LODGE.

The above dinner took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday last, the 2nd inst; Bro. Frederick Kent, C.C., the Master of the lodge, being in the chair, and Bro. Everett, the W.M. elect, in the vice-chair, supported by Bro. J. Fortescue Harrison, M.P., and other brethren. The result of the audit disclosed a balance of £53 6s. 6d. to the credit of the lodge, besides a payment to Grand Lodge of £66 3s. for dues.

After the loyal toasts, the W.M. proposed "The House of Commons," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Harrison, M.P. for Kilmarnock. The Hon. brother, in reply, stated that he was an old English Mason, and thoroughly devoted to the interests of the Craft. Strange to say, although representing a Scotch burgh, he had not seen much of Scotch Masonry, but if every lodge bore such a reputation as the Domatic, Masonry, with all its true and noble principles, must flourish. He had come there to spend a pleasant evening with Bro. Kent, their W.M., whom he learned in the course of the evening was about shortly to quit the chair; he could only say that he wished him all happiness in the future.

The toasts of the Audit Committee, the W.M., the W.M. elect, and the Past Masters, followed.

Bro. Kent, in responding to his own health, said:—Brethren, the Master of a lodge is always anxious about his audit, and for myself I can say that the result is to me most gratifying; after all our pleasures, to have so large a surplus as £53 6s. 6d., shows that we have been merry and wise, and have not forgotten charity. The Master made some amusing allusions to bread-and-cheese banquets, describing them as unreal, if given for ostentation and display, but praiseworthy, if from pure motives. He was happy to say that, in the Domatic Lodge, there was no occasion for bread-and-cheese banquets.

To the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bro. Joseph Smith, P.M., &c., and Bro. Willing, severally replied, the former speaking of the prosperity of the lodge under Bro. Kent, and the latter expressing his intention to do all he could to promote its prosperity.

The concluding toast, i.e., "The Pretty Maids, Handsome Wives, and Buxom Widows of the Domatic Lodge," was given by the Master in happy terms, and most facetiously acknowledged by Bro. Ferguson.

Masonic Tidings.

MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.—The approaching ball in Liverpool on Tuesday next (of which an advertisement appears in another column) promises to be one of a highly successful kind, and there is no doubt that the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, on behalf of which the annual festival is held, will reap a substantial benefit from the gathering. The arrangements are in a very forward condition, and our numerous readers will find a full report of the successful gathering in the *Freemason* in due course.

Our distinguished Bro., the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, David Henry Stone, P.M., No. 1 P.Z., will preside at the Girl's School Anniversary in May next. He left London on a state visit to the French metropolis, accompanied by the Sheriffs, and reached Paris at midnight. He was received by the Minister of Police, the Prefect of the Seine, and other officials. He was present at the opening of the New Opera House, where a special box was reserved for him, having been previously presented to Marshal MacMahon.

The second of the series of five concerts in aid of the organ fund of the new Masonic Hall, Liverpool, took place in the large dining hall of the building on Wednesday week, when there was a good attendance. The concert was highly successful in a musical point of view, much of the credit being due to Bro. Walter Barnet, who efficiently fulfilled the duties of conductor and accompanist.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, on Thursday evening, January 28th 1875, at 6.30 precisely, at No. 111, Cheapside (the London Warehousemen's Association). Bro. Jas. Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, I.P.M. 1426 will preside. Brethren are invited to attend.

CONSECRATION OF A CHAPTER IN NEW ZEALAND.

It may be interesting to many of our readers to learn that in the fast-progressing colony of New Zealand, "the Britain of the South," Masonry flourishes and is respected. We have just received from a correspondent the following report of the consecration and the opening of the Trafalgar Royal Arch Chapter of Nelson, S.C.

In that confessedly delightful and serene spot—"the garden of New Zealand"—the Southern Star Lodge, No. 735, E.C., has been established about twenty years, and it is out of that strong and well-established lodge that has sprung the chapter just inaugurated.

On Thursday, the 8th of October, three M.E. Principals from the Canterbury Kilwinning R.A. Chapter arrived in Nelson Haven, on their fraternal mission, after a four day's voyage in the New Zealand Coasting Steamer, Wellington, from Lyttelton, for the purpose of opening the chapter. These gentlemen were the guests of the Nelson Masons for nine days, a great portion of which time was occupied in their Masonic duties.

On the afternoon of their arrival, the M.E. Comps. F. W. Thiel, Z.J.; Booth, H.; and Arthur A. Dobbs, J.; met the brethren in the Masonic Hall, where afterwards, assisted by other companions resident in Nelson, they formed the chapter. In the evening of the same day, the Mark Master's Lodge was opened, and a considerable number of the brethren advanced to that degree. On the Friday afternoon, the Lodge of Excellent Masters was formed, and the brethren passed through the veils, and, in the evening, the exaltations into the Royal Arch degree were given. On the Saturday a Royal Ark Mariner's Lodge was formed among those Royal Arch companions qualified to take the degree. On Monday afternoon there were more exaltations, and, in the evening, the office-bearers were installed and invested by M.E. Comp. Thiel.

The ceremony was exceedingly impressive, and during the evening Comp. Dobbs, of Christchurch, acting J., delivered an address, a slight sketch of which, as taken by our correspondent, we give.

Comp. Dobbs said: On first entering into Masonry our attention was, in an especial manner, directed to the volume of the Sacred Law as our sole guide in all things, whether relating to our civil, social, or domestic duties.

In the second degree we were encouraged to cultivate the understanding by a study of the liberal arts and sciences, and in the third degree not only was our higher intelligence to be exercised, but we were enjoined to the study of our own nature, and our higher aspirations were directed to the source of all good in the universe, and to that immortality, the instinct of which has been implanted within every soul. But at the close of this degree we are, in terms equally strong, directed to God's Holy Word, and especially with his dealings with His creatures. The certainty of a national punishment following national sin, and the equal certainty, but more immediate sequence, of pardon on national repentance, is strongly shown in God's dealing with His rebellious people—showing His character, as revealed by Himself, as a God who sits in His seat to administer mercy, but who comes out of His place in executing punishment which is His strange work.

Next we have a dramatic scene, enacted in the visits of the Sojourners to the vaults, which, although it may not be an exact representation of a real or historical occurrence, yet undoubtedly represents a fact—the discovery of the secret vault of King Solomon erected by him, directed by the providence of God to preserve the precious deposits there from the ruin that he prophetically foresaw would overtake Jerusalem. We had there, in the decorations of the chamber, an evidence of the advanced position of science, cultivated by Masons, in the Zodiacal signs, and it is remarkable also that the names of the twelve tribes are actually lost to human knowledge, although we know that most surely will the promises of God to His ancient people be fulfilled to the letter, and but for the preservation of the Sacred histories and for these prophetic precautions, the very names of these tribes would have been lost. We come now to the climax or key-stone of the R.A., in the discovery of the genuine secrets of Masonry, and especially of the grand mysterious name of the Deity and the manner in which it should be pronounced.

From the singular care taken by the Jews to prevent an irreverent use of the sacred name, manifested in so many ways, and so uniformly, we should learn an important lesson, and the Arch-Mason who uses the ordinary name of God irreverently on light or trivial occasions is peculiarly inconsistent in his conduct.

The veteran companion in the foregoing address was listened to with marked attention.

The following companions were severally invested as office-bearers of the Trafalgar Royal Arch Chapter of Nelson, by M. E. Comp. F. W. Thiel, by authority of the Provincial Grand Superintendent, W. B. Sealy, Z.; W. Westbroke Squires, H.; R. Burn, J.; Wm. M. Stanton, E.; A. M. K. Wit, N.; W. Lightfoot, Treasurer; William Holmes, J. Hounsell, and Leonard G. Boor, Sojourners.

On the next evening, the Southern Star Lodge met (by emergency) to afford their Canterbury brethren the opportunity of visiting. A brother was raised to the third degree by W.M. Maclean, and the visitors were pleased to express their gratification at the order and good working of the lodge.

THE BANQUET.

The Craft Lodge joined with the Chapter to do honour to their guests and brethren, by inviting M.E. Comps. Thiel, Booth, and Dobbs to a banquet, which was accordingly given in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday evening, the 14th Oct.

The companions and brethren dined in regalia, and the gallery was open for an hour, to ladies, being members of the families of Masons.

The following toasts were given, the first four from the

chair, which was ably filled by M.E. Comp. Sealy,— "The Queen and the Craft;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W., First Grand Principal for England;" (this toast called for special remark, from the recently arrived telegraphic intelligence of the defection of the late Noble Grand Principal, and was drunk with enthusiasm) "The Grand Principals of Scotland and Ireland;" and "The Earl of Carnarvon, Deputy G.M. for England;" and "The Grand Officers." M.E. Comp. Dobbs gave "The three Principals of the Trafalgar R.A. Chapter of Nelson," responded to by M.E. Comp. Sealy, who, after some songs, proposed the toast of the occasion—"The Installing Officers," which was most cordially and heartily drunk.

M. E. Comp. Thiel, for himself and fellow principals, very kindly responded, and gave "The healths of E. Comps. Stanton and Holmes," who, he said, had been instrumental in the formation of the Chapter whose opening was at that moment being so well celebrated. He was responded to by the former.

M.E. Comp. Sealy then gave "The Worshipful Master, the Wardens, and Officers of the Southern Star Lodge," to which W.M. Charles L. Maclean responded. To the toast of "The Visiting Brethren," Bro. T. M. Foy responded. "The Newly Elected Companions" was responded to by Comp. A. J. Richmond, and "The Canterbury Kilwinning Chapter," by Comp. Booth. Comp. Burn proposed the health of M.E. Comp. and Bro. Squires, whose zealous care in fostering Freemasonry in Nelson, at a time when such guardianship was so much required, he highly eulogized.

Comp. Dobbs, in a humorous speech, proposed "The Ladies," responded to by Bro. Deacon. "The W.M. and officers of the Forest Lodge," "The health of Host Toejca," with a well-deserved compliment for his providing so excellently, and "To all poor and distressed Masons" were duly drunk, and the evening passed away pleasantly with agreeable speeches and good music, among which was the following original song.

THE MASON'S TEMPLE.

"A Temple not made with hands."

Written by E. Comp. W. M. Stanton, to music by Bro. Charles Bonnington, and sung by Comp. C. A. Deacon.

E. Comp. Stanton accompanied on the pianoforte.

Fill the rosy cup to the brim! to the brim!

Raise the cheerful song and joyous hymn!

Every Mason's heart rejoices

At the work this day begun,

And as jubilant our voices,

Be our hearts and souls as one;

We have left behind our labours

With the setting of the sun.

So around the festive table be banish'd every care,

As we meet upon the level and part upon the square.

The temple we are building is sublime! is sublime!

Its pillars are eternal! beyond time!

In Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty

Our grand Architect Divine

Has traced each Craftsman's duty

To the true Masonic line;

Then let brother aid each brother,

Love and labour thus combine:

Cheerfully, untiring, let us build our temple fair,

Meeting on the level—parting on the square.

Then forward with the structure! let it rise! let it rise!

Rear up its lofty arches to the skies!

Ply the chisel and the gavel,

Till the ashlar square become,

Lay a true and perfect level,

Fix a true and upright plumb,

Then pile up the glorious temple,

The perfect Mason's home,

And adorn the sacred building—that palace bright

and rare,

Where we meet upon the level, to part upon the square.

The delay of two days in the departure of the steamer, enabled the Masons to shew their guests the suburban districts, and to explore with them the sunny gardens and the green hills and valleys with their shady walks and pleasant drives, surrounded by pretty cottages and elegant villas embosomed in trees. The weather was most favourable to the enjoyment of the charming spring-time, until at noon on Saturday, the 17th, with a calm sea and a cloudless sky, their guests re-embarked in the Wellington for home, carrying with them high respect and hearty good wishes. No less than fifty Masons, without any previous arrangement, came together on the pier, during the morning, to take leave of their Christchurch brethren.

The Trafalgar Chapter already numbers thirty-five Companions.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, January 16, 1875.

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

Saturday, January 9.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, at 12.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 176, Cavendish, Westminster Palace Hotel.

" 1323, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

" 1426, The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 1457, Bagshaw, Bald-Faced Stag, Buckhurst Hill. Chap. 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

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

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

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor. Monday, January 11.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, at 12.

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

" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.

" 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate.

Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.

" 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

Mark Lodge 173, Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney.

Red Cross Conclave 2, Plantagenet, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.

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

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

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

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

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

British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, January 12.

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

" 166, Union, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

" 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.

" 193, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 211, St. Michael, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

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

" 235, Nine Muses, Queen's Hotel, Cork-street, Bond-street, W.

" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

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

" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.

St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.

Wednesday, January 13.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at 3.

Lodge 9, Albion, Regent's Masonic Hall, Regent-street.

" 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.

" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.

" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.

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

" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 781, Merchant Navy, Tavern, Burdett-road, Lime-house.

" 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.

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

Chap. 1260, Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1305, St. Marylebone, British Stores, New-street, St. John's Wood.

Precep. 129, Holy Palestine, Regent's Masonic Hall, Regent-street.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.

Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

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

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.

Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.

Thursday, January 14.

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

" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.

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

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

" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.

" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock.

" 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N.

" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill.

" 1425, Hyde Park, Westbourne Hotel, 1, Craven-rd., W.

" 1471, Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.

Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

" 140, St. George's, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.

" 619, Beadon, Mason's Hall, Mason's Avenue, Basinghall-street.

St. George's Rose Croix Chapter, 33, Golden-square.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

Friday, January 15.

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

" 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.

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

Mark Lodge 176, Era, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.

Preceptory 48, Kemys Tynte, 33, Golden-square.

Rose Croix Chap. Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-square.

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

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

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354 Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

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

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

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

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, January 16, 1875.

Monday, January 11.

Lodge 292, Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 4.

" 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, January 12.

Lodge 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.

Chap. 241, Merchants', Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, January 13.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.

" 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday, January 14.

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

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

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

" 786, Croxeth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

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

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

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

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

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

Friday, January 15.

Lodge 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Encampment of Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 4.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, January 16, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, January 11.

Lodge 219, Star, 12, Trongate.

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

Tuesday, January 12.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.

" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st., Kingston.

" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.

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

Wednesday, January 13.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.

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

Thursday, January 14.

Lodge 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.

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

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 16, 1875.

Monday, January 11.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen, Masonic Hall, Writer's-court, High-street, at 8.

Tuesday, January 12.

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

Wednesday, January 13.

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

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

Thursday, January 14.

Lodge 8, Journeymen, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st., at 8.

Friday, January 15.

Chap. 83, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.