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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ROYAL KENT LODGE OF ANTIQUITY (No. 20).—The installation meeting of this ancient lodge was held on Wednesday last at the Sun Hotel, Chatham. The lodge, which was opened on the third Wednesday in December, 1874, and called off, was resumed by Bro. Walter Downing, W.M., and at the resumption a very large body of Freemasons were present, both from this lodge, the Gundulph, and the Brownrigg, besides many Provincial Grand Officers, brethren from the province of Kent and from London. The only work remaining before the lodge was the installation of the W.M., and for the performance of this ceremony Bro. R. C. Burfield, a Past Master of the lodge, took the chair. Bro. Edwards, P.M., presented Bro. Humphrey Wood, S.W. and W.M. elect, and Bro. Burfield immediately proceeded to instal him in the chair. At the board of Installed Masters nearly thirty brethren were present. On the admission of the brethren the customary forms were gone through, and the W.M. then appointed the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. Thornton, S.W.; Gamon, J.W.; Walter Smith, Treasurer; Delacour, Secretary; S. M. Heckford, S.D.; Naylor, J.D.; Bentley, I.G.; A. T. Randall, D.C.; Wilson, S. Steward; Sinclair, J. Steward; Heckford, Organist; Fearn, Tyler. After the delivery of the addresses the W.M. presented Bro. Downing with a valuable Past Master's jewel, and said it was extremely gratifying to him to commence his year of office with such a pleasing duty. Bro. Downing commenced his year under rather melancholy circumstances, a vote of condolence having to be passed to a brother who was suffering from affliction. His year, however, had been a successful one, and the arduous duties had been well performed. But, before being Master, he had discharged the duties of Secretary, and in that position he had succeeded in collecting a vast amount of dues which were owing to the lodge. The hospitality of the lodge had been well sustained during Bro. Downing's Mastership, and for the many services he had rendered to the lodge, the brethren had resolved to present him with a Past Master's jewel, but he was not to look on its intrinsic value as in any way an adequate representation of the estimate which the lodge put upon those services. Bro. Downing having acknowledged the gift, stated that ever since he had joined the lodge he had only been absent from its meetings once, and then it was through illness. He left the W.M. chair with greater pleasure than he entered it, because he knew that a much better Master than himself would occupy it. Nevertheless, he was pleased to find that in whatever post he had been placed in the lodge he had given satisfaction to the brethren. Bro. Edwards, P.M., proposed, and the I.P.M. seconded a vote of thanks to Bro. Burfield for installing the W.M., and Bro. Burfield having returned thanks, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Willis. During the dinner, the band of the Royal Marines played several lively airs. When the dinner was disposed of, the W.M. proposed the toasts. The toast of "The Pro Grand Master" was proposed by Bro. Eastes, D. Prov. G.M. Kent, who repeated the many kind remarks which proposers of his lordship's health have lately made concerning him. The Rev. R. Robinson, Prov. G.S.W., proposed "Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., &c." In the course of his observations he said that the appointments of the Grand Lodge were always directed by the great merit and ability of the brethren who were appointed, and though the brethren could not hope to attain the distinguished position of Lord Skelmersdale, they might be Grand Wardens, Deacons, or Chaplains. The W.M. proposed "Viscount Holmesdale, Prov. G.M. of Kent." The brethren of the Royal Kent Lodge would have been delighted to see his lordship present, but they could hardly expect it, because there were nearly 40 lodges in the province, which made great demands on his time. His lordship honoured them with his presence in the Provincial Grand Lodge two years since, and they then experienced what an active, zealous, and good Mason he was. They also witnessed the great interest he took in the Craft and everything that concerned it, and what large assemblages of Masons he brought together at the Annual Provincial Grand Meetings. The toast was enthusiastically drunk, and the W.M. then proposed "The Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers." The D.P.G.M. had put himself to considerable inconvenience to be present, and had come by a circuitous route from Ashford. Of him he also spoke in high terms as an energetic Mason, a proof of which was his appointment by Lord Holmesdale as his Deputy. If Lord Holmesdale had not known of Bro. Eastes's great personal qualities and abilities as a Mason, he would not have appointed him. The lodge was also favoured with the presence of several

Provincial Grand Officers; so many, indeed, that it was not often a lodge was so highly favoured. It was a source of great gratification to the brethren to have their company. No doubt this lodge being the oldest in the province, was the cause of their coming. The lodge thanked them very earnestly and cordially for the honour thus conferred. Bro. Eastes replied, and on behalf of Lord Holmesdale said the toast which had previously been drunk to him was worthy of being received as it had been. His lordship was heart and soul in Freemasonry, and in the welfare of the Order and the Province of Kent. That was saying a great deal, for his lordship's time was taken up by other duties as well. But he had studied the interests of Masonry, and all the brethren would join in wishing he might rule over the Province of Kent for many years to come. He would leave the other officers to speak for themselves. He would now come to speak of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, which was the very first in the Province of Kent. It could boast of possessing a warrant a century and a half old. Speaking of a Kentish lodge, led him to say there were 38 lodges and 1,800 Masons in the province, and with so many there ought to be a very strong support of the charities of the Order. He did not think they had, as yet, done sufficient in that direction. The charities had a constant claim upon them, and he would urge upon every brother the duty of doing something for the charities. In the language of Byron, "much has been done, yet more remains to do," and he would request them to lay this to heart. No man had done his duty as a Mason unless at the end of the year he could say he had contributed something to the charities of the Order. He then drew attention to some of the leading events in Masonry during 1874; the secession of Lord Ripon; the death of the Grand Master of Ireland, and the accession of the Prince of Wales to the throne of the Craft. The installation of the Duke of Abercorn as Grand Master of Ireland would come into the events of 1875, and the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England would take its place among those events. At that ceremony the Province of Kent ought to take an important position, and he hoped that with no niggard hand the Freemasons of Kent would assist in carrying it out. No doubt every brother would be glad to attend and there would be such a demonstration by the whole of the lodges as had never before been seen. At that most interesting event he hoped to meet all the brethren then before him. The Rev. R. Robinson, P.G.S.W., also responded. Formerly he had been the constant attendant at lodge and chapter, but lately private circumstances had prevented him. It was now with feelings of the utmost possible pleasure he attended to respond to the hearty and fraternal greetings of the brethren. Since he was there last he had been raised to the high and honourable position of P.G.S.W.; and it was with, he thought, pardonable pride he looked upon his rank. They were all pleased to leave the blue and silver for the purple and gold; and he trusted that many of the brethren of this lodge, although some thirty of its Past Masters had already worn the purple, would yet obtain it. He might remind them that when brethren did get it, they were not content to rest from Masonic duties. There were duties connected with the purple, and the brethren were always zealous in performing them. Among their duties was the recommending other brethren to the Prov. G.M. for Grand Office, and this was a very difficult matter, as it required very nice consideration to do justice to all parties. For a just and impartial decision in these matters he hoped the brethren would give the Grand Officers every credit. Bros. W. Page, P.G.J.W., and Bro. Alfred Spencer, P.G.S., also responded, the latter brother remarking that he sat at the hospitable table of the oldest lodge in the province, and Bro. Terry reminded him, the oldest lodge out of the precincts of London. It was not only the oldest provincial lodge in England, but in the world, which was something to know and feel. After some further remarks on the excellence of the lodge's working, and the warmth of its hospitality, he reminded this and all other lodges in the province of the duty they owed of sending in their returns to the Provincial Grand Lodge as quickly and regularly as possible, and, with regard to the Masonic charities, reiterated the observations he made at the Brownrigg Lodge, which appeared in our impression of the 2nd inst. Bro. T. M. Rigg, P.G. Reg., likewise replied. The W.M. gave the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and stated that Bro. James Terry, who was the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, and was present, was obliged to go away by train, and he would at once claim a hearing for him, that he might not suffer any delay. He, the W.M., considered that the three Masonic charities were the three lights of Masonry, scarcely inferior to those of the lodge. It was the duty of Freemasons constantly to support these charities to the greatest extent possible, by which he meant contributing money towards them. He was exceedingly glad to find Bro. Terry present; they were usually also favoured with the company of Bro. Binckes, the representative of the Boys' School, who so ably put before the brethren the requirements of the charities. This year, although Bro. Binckes, through a prior engagement, was not present, they had Bro. Terry, the representative of an institution by which the Province of Kent was benefited. Bro. Terry replied, and informed the brethren that five of the annuitants of the Benevolent Institution were from the Province of Kent, and on that very day, two additional candidates from the same province came before the committee to be placed on the list for election in May. What did this represent? £172 received yearly by the Province of Kent from the Benevolent Institution. At the last Provincial Grand Lodge £160 was voted, certainly a large donation; but he thought the brethren would agree that £172 a year return was a very good one. As the Deputy Prov. G.M. had said, no doubt much had been done by the province for the charities, but still there was more to be done, and he trusted that the members of Kent Lodge of Antiquity, the premier provincial lodge in the world, would liberally support these

charities, which were the pride, the honour, and the key-stone of the whole Masonic structure. Five shilings a year from each Mason, though scarcely one out of every hundred gave that amount, would enable the institution to do an amount of good so enormous that no other institution could compare with them. It was rather a reproach that so few did contribute, and he trusted that in future this reproach would be wiped out. The elections to the three Masonic institutions were in April and May next, and on those occasions the largest known list of candidates would be seen, and the smallest number of vacancies. It rested with the Craft whether they would, in the ensuing year, contribute to the funds and enable the institutions to extend their benefits. The committee did not go about seeking candidates; they came without seeking. He knew that in the Province of Kent he had only to bring these facts before the notice of the brethren to receive the necessary support. There in Chatham, one old woman was experiencing the benefits of his institution, though she was not a Kentish widow. Out of the forthcoming lists fifty candidates would have to be sent away unsuccessful from the Benevolent Institution; the Boys' School could only take 8 out of 48, and the Girls, 13 out of 33 or 34. Would the brethren allow this state of things to continue? He would appeal to the Masons of Kent to do what each could individually. He was last week at Margate, he had £17 or £18 subscribed. A Brother of No. 184 was anxious to swell his list, and the brethren of Chatham had an opportunity now of helping him to do so. They had sympathising hearts, and would help him. The Benevolent Institution had 120 men and 115 widows on the funds; the men received £36 a year, and the women £28. Such an amount of benefit must encourage the brethren to do still more. As a man of Kent himself, he knew he should not appeal in vain. He would say "never forget the boys, never forget the girls," but at the same time look with a feeling of kindness and affection on those who, in times gone by, had borne the burden and heat of the day, and who ought, by reason of age, to be exempt from further toil and trouble. The W.M. announced that he would make himself a life governor, and Bro. Carter, as a Steward, solicited the brethren's assistance. The other toasts followed in due course before the brethren separated. The brethren numbered nearly 100, and among the visitors present were Bros. J. Eastes, D.P.G.M.; Rev. R. Robinson, P.G.S.W.; W. Page, P.G.J.W.; T. M. Rigg, P.G.R.; A. Spencer, P.G. Secretary; Webb, P.Prov.G.J.D.; Ward, P.Prov. G. D. of C.; Windeyer, P.Prov.G.R.; Carter, P.Prov.G.S.D.; Wyles, P.Prov.G.J.D.; Price Edwards, P.Prov.G.J.W.; Ransom, P.G.Org.; Redman, P.Prov. G.Supt. of Works; Penfold, P.Prov.G.Org.; Moore, P.Prov. G.J.D.; J. Lane Notter, M.D., R.A., P.Prov.G.D. of the District Lodge of Malta; and W.M. Pentangle, Lodge 1174; Newton, W.M. 1050; Nicholls, I.P.M. 1050; Fleming, P.M. 174; Fowle, P.M. 20; Burfield, P.M. 20; Colcs, P.M. 20; Wood, W.M. 1273; Burley, W.M. 184; Sergeant Jervis, W.M. 1424; Quarter-Master G. White, R.M., S.W., Pentangle; James Terry, P.P.G.S.B., and P.G.D.C. Herts (Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution); H. Massey (Freemason). The band of the Royal Marines played some excellent music during dinner.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.—Humber Lodge (No. 57).—The installation of Bro. Jonathan West, as W.M. of this lodge for the ensuing year took place last week at the Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, Kingston-upon-Hull. There was a large attendance, especially of Past Masters of the Craft, and the proceedings throughout were of the most interesting description. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Dr. Bell, P.G.D., installed the recently-elected Worshipful Master, Bro. Jonathan West, who subsequently invested his officers for the year as follows:—Henry Preston, Immediate Past Master; Francis Summers, S.W.; Thomas Thompson, J.W.; William Tesseymann, P.M., P.P.G., Superintendent of Works, Chaplain; John Fountain, P. Prov. G.S.B., Treasurer; John Love Seaton, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treasurer of the Benevolent and Pension Fund; P.M. William Banks Hay, M.D., P.S.P.G.D., Treasurer of the Improvement Sinking Fund; P.M. William Day Keyworth, P. Prov. G., Superintendent of Works, Treasurer and Almoner of the Poor Fund; William Henry Wellsted, Secretary; Thomas Hewson, P.M., P.Prov. G.S.B., Lecture Master; Joseph Hindson, S.D.; Thomas Taylor, J.D.; Alfred Whentley Ansell, D.C.; Richard Boggett, Librarian; John William Stephenson, Organist; Edward Kidd, C.S.; Adam Shand, Andrew King, Alfred Loftus, jun., Alfred Milner, and Thomas Middleton, Stewards; John E. Winspear, I.G.; Thomas Crier, Tyler; Isaac Dawson, Assistant Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. John Love Seaton, P.M., presented to the retiring Master (Bro. Henry Preston) a gold P.M. jewel, accompanied by a beautifully illuminated address, with the names of the subscribers, as a mark of respect and appreciation of the able manner in which the affairs of the lodge had been conducted during his year of office. Bro. Preston returned thanks in an appropriate speech. The installation banquet was subsequently held, when there was a large accession to the number of the brethren present. Bro. West, W.M., presided, and was supported in the chair by the installing officer, Bro. J. Pearson Bell, M.D., P.G.D., and Deputy Prov. G.M. of North and East Yorkshire; Bro. Charles Wells, P.M. (the Worshipful the Mayor of Hull); Bro. Henry Preston, P.M.; Bro. J. L. Seaton, P.M. (ex-Mayor of Hull); Bro. Emes, W.M., Minerva Lodge, 250; Bro. Garforth, W.M. Kingston Lodge, 1,010; Bro. Thos. Oates, W.M. Alexandra Lodge, 1,511; Bro. Hardy, P.M.; Bro. Needler, P.M.; Bro. R. Dawson, P.M., Sykes Lodge, Driffild; Bro. Stirling, P.M.; Bro. Jonathan Turner, P.M.; Bro. Vivian, P.M.; Bro. Tesseymann, P.M.; Bro. Hay, P.M.; Bro. Hewson, P.M.; Bro. Hudson, P.M.; Bro. Henry Toozier; Bros. W. H. Wellsted, J. Hutchinson, Middleton, Winspear, Kidd, Shand, Linging, R. Boggett, A. Milner, T. Middleton, J. G. Crier, Dawson, Martin Kemp, P.M.; H. J. Am-

phlett, Wilson, &c., &c. At the conclusion of an excellent repast, the arrangements for which gave unbounded satisfaction, Bro. Alfred Ansell assumed the chair, and the usual toasts were given. "The Queen and the Craft" was followed by "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master," "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Prov. Grand Master," and "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master." The W.M., in giving the latter from the chair, said he thought they might all, as Masons of the present day, feel proud that they had H.R.H. at their head; and they might also congratulate themselves on the fact that the Prince had two such excellent Masons to assist him. The toast of "Our Masonic Rulers" was most loyally received. The W.M. next proposed "The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorks, and the Worthy Bro. John Pearson Bell, M.D., P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G.M. of North and East Yorks, the installing officer. They had, in the present Earl, a most worthy successor to his lamented uncle; and it was a matter of the utmost satisfaction that they had, in the person of their installing officer this evening, so excellent a man, and one whom they all so admired and respected, to assist the noble Earl in his office. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorks, in returning thanks for the compliment paid him, expressed the pleasure and pride he felt at having his name associated with that of the Prov. G.M. of this province. The name of Zetland would never be heard or spoken of by any Mason without the deepest feelings of reverence and respect. He assured them that the late Earl had been succeeded by a very worthy nephew—one who would do credit to the name he bore, and who had Masonry very deeply and thoroughly at heart. They had seen some little of his lordship hitherto; but the more they saw of him the more they would respect and admire him, not only for his Masonic zeal, but also for his private virtues. With respect to himself (the speaker) he could only say he was most desirous of doing his duty to this province; and it was most gratifying to him to find it was in a flourishing condition. A few days ago he had the pleasure of performing the ceremonial of consecration (and installing the W.M., who was now present) of a new lodge at Hornsea; and he trusted the "Alexandra" would be a prosperous lodge. That would much depend upon the assistance rendered to it by the Hull brethren, who, he felt certain, would do their best to support the W.M. during his year of office. With respect to the other portion of the toast, he could only say he had the greatest possible pleasure in undertaking the duty of installation to-day, for it always was to him especially gratifying to attend any ceremonial at this his mother lodge. He had sometimes thought that, at his time of life, he ought to make way for some younger man; but, however desirous he might be of doing so, it would hardly be considered to have been in good taste at the present time. If his services were of any value or assistance to the present Earl, they were gladly at his lordship's disposal; yet, at the same time, if he could do so, he thought he ought to make way for some younger man, whom he should be glad to assist in every way in his power to promote the welfare of the province. In proposing "The Worshipful Master of the Humber Lodge and the newly-appointed Officers," Dr. Bell observed that he was initiated in this lodge 38 years ago, since which time he had seldom missed the opportunity of being present at the installation of officers. Therefore he had had a little practice, and it was with very great pleasure he now proposed the toast which had been entrusted to his hands. The longer he was a Mason the more he was delighted with the Craft; and he felt convinced that if the true principles of Freemasonry were fully carried out, they must all be the better men for being Masons. When he was first initiated, there were very few men of rank connected with the Craft in Hull; and he recollected that, at the time of laying the foundation-stone of the Royal Institution in Albion-street, by Lord Londesborough, a great deal of unpleasant feeling existed respecting Freemasonry. The great supporters of the Craft at that time in Hull were their late honoured and never-to-be-forgotten Bros. Fectam and Stark. At present they were proud to boast of their Mayor, Sheriff, ex-Mayor, and the highest and most respectable men in the town. At the time to which he referred only about 600 or 700 certificates were granted by Grand Lodge, but now there were something like 6,000 or 7,000. It was wonderful how the Craft had increased. With regard to this lodge in particular, he had had the pleasure and honour of seeing before him this evening a long list of W.M.'s, and he believed it so happened that he was now the oldest P.M. of the lodge. But when he recollected this it also brought to his mind that his time, so far as Masonry was concerned, could not be very much longer. He had always taken the greatest interest in his mother lodge, and he had often thought that in a lodge like this, with 280 members, how satisfactory it was to witness the unanimity which existed amongst them. When they considered that there could be but one Master, and that, of course, there were so many men ambitious of being promoted to the chair, he thought this harmony and brotherly feeling was a thing to be admired by all. He gave the toast of the W.M. and Officers, therefore, with peculiar pleasure, feeling assured that Bro. West would have judgment to define, and ability to execute, his duties, and that he would be well and ably supported by his officers. He concluded by wishing the Humber Lodge every prosperity. The W.M., Bro. Jonathan West, who was received with cheers, returned thanks for the honour which had been conferred upon him. He could assure them he felt deeply sensible of the important duties which would devolve upon him in the ensuing year, as Master of this lodge; but when he remembered the unanimity which existed amongst the brethren—and he had had a fair opportunity of testing it during the last

seven years—he felt confident that if he did his duty in all that appertained to the good and welfare of the lodge, he should be well supported in his office. He should endeavour, if possible, to excel even in that good feeling which at present existed in the sister lodges and other lodges in the neighbourhood, feeling that to be one of the duties of the W.M. Then he had no doubt that, at the expiration of his year of office, he might be allowed to glide away in the same honourable manner as Bro. Preston had done, with the assurance of the good wishes of every member of the lodge. Bro. Francis Summers, S.W., also returned thanks for the compliment paid to the newly-appointed officers, and, though he was sensible of many shortcomings, he trusted to be able to do his duty in the honourable position he now filled. His connection with the members of this lodge had been most agreeable at all times, and he did not know any lodge in which there was greater unanimity and good feeling than that which manifested itself in the Humber Lodge. Bro. Thos. Thomson, J.W., also briefly responded to the toast. Bro. Henry Preston, I.P.M., then proposed "The R.W. the Mayor of Hull, Bro. Charles Wells, P.M. and Treas. 250, and P. Prov. G. Warden." In doing so, he said he had the extreme pleasure, during his year of office, of welcoming amongst them his right-hand supporter, Bro. Seaton, P.M., then occupying the civic chair of this borough, as a visitor to this lodge; and he had now equal pleasure in giving the health of the present worthy Mayor, who was so well-known and deservedly respected, and whose presence they held to be a great honour. Bro. C. Wells, P. Prov. G.W., thanked the company for the more than kind way in which they had received the mention of his name. It was exceedingly gratifying to him to have been placed in the highest position which his colleagues in the corporation had at their disposal; and, moreover, he was deeply thankful to his fellow-townsmen generally for the kindness and consideration they had extended to him since he occupied that position. Last year he held the dignified office to which his friend, Bro. Summers, had succeeded; and his elevation to the civic chair was to him an endorsement by his colleagues in the council of their satisfaction of the manner in which he had discharged his duties in the shrievalty. This made the honour doubly dear to him of occupying the civic chair now. He felt he had a somewhat difficult duty to perform in following such an able predecessor as the gentleman who sat at his right hand; but he looked up to those who preceded him for guidance and advice, and he knew he should not look in vain to his Brother Seaton in any matter connected with the governance of this important town. This was not the first time he had to thank Bro. Seaton for the many useful hints he had given him and his invariable readiness to assist him whenever occasion required. Referring to a remark which had fallen from their esteemed Deputy Prov. G.M., relative to the laying the foundation stone of the Royal Institution at Hull, he (the Mayor) remembered that he was Provincial Standard-Bearer there on the occasion; and he confessed he thought there was an immense muster of good men amongst them. Of course, the present time would bear favourable comparison with that; and he rejoiced at the increasingly high standard that had been attained by the Craft in all parts of the country. Alluding to the Masonic charities, he said it afforded him great gratification to have obtained for more than one of their members in Hull the assistance of the benevolent institutions of the Craft. This was a most commendable feature, namely a provision made for the less fortunate brethren in the sore and yellow leaf, when they had become infirm and needed help. In one case a brother from Hull had been secured £36 a year, which was a very handsome annuity. There was a similar institution for the widows of Freemasons, besides schools for the boys and girls, who had been left orphans. In these schools children were enabled to obtain a most superior education; and he mentioned the case of a youth who had been sent up from Hull, who distinguished himself in the school, from which he was afterwards sent to one of the Universities, where he obtained a fellowship and came out fifth wrangler of his year. When it was considered that the Craft expended upwards of £5,000 a year in charities of this kind they must all admit a very great and good work was being done. Bro. Vivian, P.M., next proposed "The Retiring Worshipful Master, and his Officers." In doing so he spoke in felicitous terms of the manner in which Bro. Preston had discharged his onerous duties during the past year; and all who knew anything of Masonry would admit that, in order to have acquitted himself so creditably and successfully, he must have been well supported by his officers. Bro. Henry Preston suitably acknowledged the toast, expressing his thanks for the compliment paid him, supplemented as it had been by a handsome presentation, of which he felt himself unworthy. He had done nothing more than his duty, and this he should continue to do in the future, for the honour and prosperity of the lodge. In conclusion he thanked his officers for the valuable and hearty support they had each and all accorded to him during the past year. Bro. R. Boggett, the retiring S.W., said it had been quite a labour of love to assist the Immediate Past Master in the duties of his office. During the five years of his connection with Masonry he had held four offices in this lodge, and none of them afforded him greater pleasure than that of acting with Bro. Preston. Bro. Henry Toozer and Taylor also briefly responded. Bro. Martin Kemp, P.M., next proposed "The Sheriff of Hull, Bro. F. Summers, S.W. 57." In a few humorous remarks he predicted that it would be summer all the year through in the Humber lodge, for the genial disposition of their S.W. was known to all. He would hand down the silver chain of office with undimmed lustre, and add another to the list of illustrious and honourable men who had discharged the duties of the Shrievalty in this important town. Bro. Summers, S.W., returned thanks for the com-

pliment paid him as the Sheriff of Hull. When the Corporation almost unanimously elected him to that exalted position he felt deeply sensible of the honour, and determined, to the best of his ability, to do his duty. Their worthy Mayor had alluded to his predecessors, and their readiness to accord to him any assistance and advice in carrying out his duties; and he could also look confidently to Bro. Wells for any assistance of which he might feel to be in need. Ever carrying with him a full determination to do his duty satisfactorily to the town, he hoped and firmly believed the Council would never regret having elected him to the honourable position he now filled. With regard to their W.M. it should be his (the speaker's) constant study to make his year a successful one; and he trusted that in this, as in his more public capacity, the office he held should be laid aside at the end of the year having lost none of its lustre by having been conferred upon him. Bro. W. Banks Hay, M.D., then gave the "Past Masters and Founders of the Humber Lodge," the toast being received in silence. Bro. J. L. Seaton (ex-Mayor) in the course of a humorous response said the first part of the toast struck him as partaking rather of "our noble selves;" whilst the second portion reminded him somewhat of the sepulchral tones of Hamlet. However, he always rose with pleasure to return thanks for the Past Masters, and to do his best to keep in their minds the memory of the founders of this lodge. Their deputy P.G.M. had referred to the paucity of interest comparatively which existed with regard to Masonry at the time when the foundation stone of the Royal Institution was laid; and their excellent Mayor had followed by remarking that he was a standard-bearer on that occasion. Let him (Bro. Seaton) remark that he had the honour of carrying the plummet that day, and he felt thoroughly convinced of the gravity of the position, and as firmly convinced that they used the most exact precision in laying that stone, for there had not been the least sign of its going away from its foundation. With respect to other matters he could only say that within the last hour, standing on the stairs, one of the oldest P.M.'s remarked to him how often they had been there, and at each annual issue of the names of the members they found their names swimming to the top of the list, so it called to his mind the observations of Lallah Rookh when crossing the desert, "How many like we have stood beside that fountain, but they are gone, and their souls have departed for ever." So going on for 20 years in this lodge, they must know that in the natural order of things others must come up and take their places, and that they would do so with renewed vigour, and bring fresh life blood into the management of their institutions. But, in speaking of the founders of the Humber Lodge, let him remind them again of the time which had been alluded to by previous speakers, when Bros. Fectam and Stark were giants in Masonry, and worked hardly and assiduously in the cause; and it was because they did so that in the present day they could now rejoice at seeing so glorious and prosperous a lodge as that under the auspices of which they were now assembled. Let them impress upon the world that Masonry was something more than mere attention to the knife-and-fork degree. The principles were such as he admired, and which had been so well set forth by his worthy friend, the present Mayor; and, though by some they might be perverted, he would say, as in "Macbeth,"

"Angels are bright still, though the brightest fell."

And they might rely upon it that if they carried out aright the principles of Masonry they would make them better men, and conduce to form a monument to charity, love, and virtue, more enduring than the monuments of Egypt. Might the memories of the founders and Past Masters ever remain green in the recollection of all present. Bro. Keyworth, P.M., then proposed "The Sister Lodges," for which Bro. Emes, W.M. of the Minerva, and Bro. Garforth, W.M. of the Kingston lodges returned thanks. Bro. Wilson next gave "The Visiting Brethren," the toast being heartily received, and acknowledged by Bro. Thomas Oates, P.G.O., W.M. of the Alexandra Lodge, 1511, (Hornsea); Bro. Groves, P.M. 951; and Bro. Penny, P.M. 80. Bro. Middleton then proposed "The Ladies," for whom Bro. Voight gallantly responded, and this concluded the official list. Bro. Alfred W. Ansell officiated most ably as director of the ceremonies, and the proceedings were characterised by the utmost harmony and good feeling throughout.

SINCE.—Lodge Perseverance (No. 164).—On Wednesday, the 6th inst., the annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, London Hotel, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect. The lodge having been opened, the following brethren were present: Bros. W. Hine Haycock, W.M.; J. Albert Orchard, P.G. Steward, I.P.M.; Henry Dawe, S.W.; W. M. Mitchell, J.W.; J. Barber, S.D.; W. Carter, J.D.; George Beard, Sec.; R. Perryman, I.G.; T. H. Paul, Tyler; B. T. Hodge, 30, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treasurer; J. W. Keyworth, P.P.G., J.W.; W. Pile, P.M.; J. Northcott, P.M.; W. Northcott; F. Halse; W. C. Daniels; S. Cummings; W. Prout; J. Godfrey. Visitors: Bros. G. Evans, P.M. 1181; W. H. Barker, P.M. 847, P.G. Steward; J. Sutton, P.M. 847; J. Murch, P.M. 847; Jno. Hussey, J.W. 847; H. Hook, 847; J. Read, 847; F. Horspool, W.M. 1254; F. H. H. Orchard, 372. The proceedings commenced by Mr. William Thomas Orchard being admitted and initiated in ancient form by the W.M. (Bro. W. Hine Haycock), who performed that most interesting ceremony in a beautifully impressive and able manner; at the conclusion of the initiation the W.M. vacated the chair, and was succeeded by Bro. Installing Master Hodge. The lodge was then opened in the second degree and the brethren retired for the purpose of forming a procession which, when formed, re-entered the lodge, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Henry Dawe, was presented to the installing Master by Bro. Orchard, I.P.M., for installation, after which the grand ceremony of placing that Bro. in the chair of King Solomon was performed with that ease and perfection which has justly won for Bro. Hodge the proud position he holds as a worker of Craft Masonry. Bro. H.

Dave, having been duly proclaimed and saluted in the various degrees, at length, appointed the following brethren as his officers: Bro. W. Hine Haycock, I.P.M.; W. M. Mitchell, S.W.; J. Barber, J.W.; G. Beard, Secretary; W. Carter, S.D.; W. Prout, J.D.; R. Perryman, I.G.; S. Wheaton and F. Halse, Stewards; T. H. Paul, Tyler. Bro. P. M. Hodge, as Treasurer, then read a letter received from the I.P.M., Bro. Hine Haycock, who expressed his desire to present some token to the lodge in commemoration of the year of his office, and as an acknowledgment of the kindness received by him from the brethren during that period, and stated that it was his intention, if acceptable to the brethren, to present a chair similar to the handsome oak W.M. and Warden's chairs of the lodge, for the use of the I.P.M. This was most warmly accepted, and a vote of thanks passed to the liberal donor. The lodge was then closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to the large ball room of the London Hotel, where a most sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. W. J. Rogers. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, some pleasant harmony followed, and a most agreeable and delightful evening spent. This was one of the most successful meetings that has taken place in this old lodge for many years.

BERKELEY.—Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship (No. 270).—The installation meeting and eighty-ninth anniversary of this old lodge took place at the Berkeley Arms Hotel, on Monday, the 4th inst. The officers present were Bros. Daniel Besley, W.M.; John Gamble, S.W., and W.M. elect; John Bloxsome, J.W.; Captain Bloxsome, R.N., Secretary and Treasurer; Thomas Morse, S.D.; J. Iles, J.D.; Wm. Fairley, I.G.; J. Merrett, Tyler, and others. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. J. Gamble having been presented, a board of Installed Masters was formed, and he was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Henry Jeffs, P.M., and Worshipful Master of 493, P. Prov. G.J.W. of Gloucestershire, and Past Preceptor of Lodge of Instruction, No. 389, in such an able and impressive manner, as to elicit the hearty applause of all the brethren present. The W.M. having been saluted according to ancient custom, invested his officers, viz.:—Bros. D. Besley, I.P.M.; J. Bloxsome, S.W.; Thomas Morse, J.W.; Captain Bloxsome, Treasurer and Secretary; J. Iles, S.D.; W. P. Hadley, J.D.; E. Gregory, D.C.; F. Godwin, I.G.; and J. Merrett, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very good banquet, provided by the worthy host, Mr. W. Dunningham. The regular toasts were given, both loyal and Masonic, and a very happy evening was spent in harmony and brotherly love.

WIGTON.—St. John's Lodge (No. 327).—On Monday, 28th ult., the brethren of this old lodge met to celebrate the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist. The lodge was opened at "High Twelve," by Bro. Bowman, W.M., after which the Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months was duly installed by Bro. Porter, P.M., P.G.S.W., in a most masterly and impressive manner, in the presence of a full lodge. After the W.M. had been duly installed and properly received by the brethren, he invested his officers as follows:—Bros. John Bowman, Immediate Past Master; W. H. Hoodless, S.W.; Joseph Lazonby, J.W.; the Rev. C. H. Gem, Chaplain; H. Bewes, P.M. Treasurer; Robinson, Secretary; T. Ross, S.D.; W. J. Carrick, J.D.; R. Twentyman, I.G.; C. Y. Wright, S.S.; Isaac Pattinson, J.S.; T. Richardson, Tyler. Bro. W. J. Carrick was also invested by the W.M. as Organist of the lodge. The newly elected Worshipful Master then closed the lodge through the three degrees, and the brethren separated. The banquet was, as usual, provided at the close of the formal business of the lodge, to which on this occasion the brethren were invited. It was provided by Mrs. Martin, of the Lion and Lamb Inn, and was substantial and well served. The chair was taken by Bro. McMechan, W.M., supported by Bros. Lemon, P.M., P.G.T.; Bowman, P.M.; Porter, P.M., P.G.S.W.; the Rev. C. H. Gem, P.S.W.; Gardiner, P.M.; W. H. Leuthwaite, W.M., P.G.S. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. W. H. Hoodless (in the vice-chair); Gate, P.M., P. Prov. G.R.; Pearson, P.M.; T. Richardson, P.M.; T. Ross, S.D.; Wright, S.S.; Isaac Pattinson, J.S.; R. Twentyman, I.G. On the removal of the cloth, the chairman gave "The Queen," followed by the toast of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," both toasts being responded to with enthusiasm, and followed by appropriate music. The next toast was that of "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, K.G.; the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers," given also by the chairman, who then gave "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lord Bective; his Deputy, Bro. Whitwell, M.P., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers." To this toast Bros. Lemon, P.G.T.; Porter, P.G.S.W.; Gate, P. Prov. G.R.; and T. Richardson, P. Prov. J.D.; responded. The toast of the "Newly Installed W.M., Bro. McMechan," was proposed by Bro. Bowman, P.M., and responded to by Bro. McMechan, who proposed the health of "The I.P.M., Bro. Bowman." Bro. Lemon proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. Porter, P.M.," to which Bro. Porter responded. "The Officers of the Lodge" was proposed by the chairman, and responded to by the various brethren who hold office. The vice-chairman proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which was replied to by Bros. the Rev. C. H. Gem, Gardiner, and Leuthwaite. Bro. Lazonby proposed "The Masonic Charities," and Bro. Ross "The Bonny Lassies of Cumberland," to which Bro. R. Twentyman responded. The chairman proposed "The Absent Brethren, and to the memories of those deceased during the year," mentioning the names of Bros. G. Shannon and G. Garrick, as those removed at a distance, and the names of Bros. John Norman Hodgson and Joseph Martin (late Tyler), as those

dead within the past twelve months." The health of Bro. Foster having been proposed in complimentary terms by Bro. Lemon, and the health of Bro. R. H. Watson, C.E., of Dundraw, having been given by the chairman and heartily received, the Tyler's Toast, "To all Poor and Distressed Masons" was proposed by Bro. W. J. Carrick, and the meeting afterwards broke up, after most agreeable proceedings, at about eight o'clock. During the evening an interesting communication, by telegram, was received from Bro. G. Shannon, M.D., P.M., who is in London, waiting of a ship being ready for him to sail to Australia, and who had to leave Wigtown owing to ill-health. Bro. Shannon sent his congratulations to Bro. McMechan, W.M., and hearty good wishes to all brethren present, and said that he continued to improve in health. The telegram from Bro. Shannon, and the news it contained, was received with many manifestations of pleasure by the brethren. During the evening a telegram was sent from the W.M. of Wigtown Lodge to the Ulverston Lodge (who met on the same evening), expressing hearty good wishes. The agreeableness of the afternoon's proceedings was very much enhanced by the songs sung by various of the brethren, who were accompanied with much taste by Bro. Carrick (Organist of the lodge), and Bro. Leuthwaite, who also presided over the harmonium during the ceremonies of the lodge, and added much to the impressiveness of the service through which the Installing Master, the Worshipful Master, and his officers went.

SOUTH MOLTON.—Loyal Lodge of Industry (No. 421).—The annual installation of W.M. was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday last, Bro. H. W. Higgins, W.M., in the chair. Bros. Swingburn and Mountjoy were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. Robert Snow was duly presented and installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Higgins in a most satisfactory way. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following officers:—Bros. R. Louis Riccard, S.W.; Frederick Dav, J.W.; Hugh Gawthrop, Chaplain; George Huxtable, S.D.; Henry Hitchcock, J.D.; Richard Paige, I.G.; I. K. Kingdon, Treasurer; J. Kingdon, Secretary; John Bickell, M.C.; Richard Kingdon, Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned, at 5 p.m., to partake of their annual banquet at the Unicorn Hotel. Bro. W. Cole (in the absence of the W.M. through domestic affliction) took the chair. Most of the members of the lodge were present, and the visiting brethren included Bros. Toller, W.M. Barnstaple Lodge; Rev. R. Russell, Secretary Bideford Lodge; — Brewer, Barnstaple; and others. The banquet was most efficiently served, and gave complete satisfaction. The usual Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

MANCHESTER.—Humphrey Chetham Lodge (No. 645).—The installation and festival of St. John was held on the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street. The lodge was opened at 4 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. John Duffield, P. Prov. G. S. of W., assisted by his officers. The usual routine business was performed, and the only ceremony being the installation of Master, the chair was assumed by Bro. Thos. Entwisle, P. Prov. G. S. of W., P.M. 221. The W.M. elect, Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.S.W. Greece, G. Steward Scotland, P. Prov. G. J. W. Aberdeenshire, &c., was presented for the benefit of installation. Having assented to the ancient charges, the brethren below the chair retired, and Bro. Matier was installed into the Oriental chair of K.S., with the customary ceremonies. On their return to the lodge, the brethren saluted the newly-installed W.M. in the three degrees, after which the following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Dr. Barlow, S.W.; Lees, J.W.; Duffield, Treasurer; G. F. Fruman, Secretary; William C. Gilles, S.D.; Harrop, J.D.; S. Kelly, I.G.; J. McCulloch, S.S.; and Marshall, as Tyler. The address to the W.M. was given by Bro. Entwisle; that to the Wardens by Bro. Beresford, P. Prov. G. D. Cheshire; and the concluding address to the brethren generally, by Bro. J. A. Birch, Prov. G.J.W. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation. Hearty good wishes were then given, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony with solemn prayer. The brethren then proceeded to banquet, at which the newly-installed W.M. presided, supported by the following distinguished visitors and members of the lodge: Bros. J. M. Wike, P.G.D. England; J. L. Hine, P.P.G.S.W.; J. A. Birch, P.G.J.W.; G. P. Brockbank, P.P.G.S.D.; F. Entwisle, P.P.G.S. of W.; Beresford, P.P.G.D., Cheshire; H. J. Stephenson, P.M. 999; J. E. Hall, W.M. Ashbury Lodge; and the following Past Masters of the lodge: Bros. Duffield, Col. Fowler, Goetz, and Ashton; among the other brethren we noticed Bros. Blackburn, Dippie, Barron, Setten, Friedlander, 1009; Pierpont, Richardson, and others. Letters of apology were read from Bros. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. England; W. Romaine Callender, M.P., D.P.G.M., and others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and heartily responded to, by the brethren. The evening was enlivened by several songs, among which we can highly praise those by Bro. Friedlander. The brethren separated at an early hour, full of zeal for the coming year.

LLANELLY.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 671).—On Monday, January 4, 1875, the ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master of the Prince of Wales Lodge for the ensuing year, took place at the Masonic Hall, Llanelly. The W.M. elect was Bro. William Stamer Thompson, S.W.; the high esteem in which he is held being evinced by a large gathering of the brethren. Bro. Thompson was presented for installation by the R.W. the Prov. G.M., Major Lloyd Philipps; the ceremony being performed in a most able and impressive manner by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Beavan Phillipps, P.G.W. At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. appointed his officers for the ensuing year. A banquet subsequently took place in the lodge-room, which was also well attended. The visitors to the lodge on this occasion were numerous. In addition to the R.W. the Prov. G.M., Major Lloyd Philipps, and the R.W.

the Deputy Prov. G.M., the Rev. Latimer Jones, there were present Bros. E. J. Morris, D.P.G.M. [Eastern] Division of South Wales; Charles Bath, P. Prov. G.W.; James Hall, P. Prov. G.W.; W. J. Rees, S.D. of Talbot Lodge, Swansea; Stradling, W.M. Milford Lodge, and P.G. Chaplain; and W. J. Morgan, P.M., St. Peter's Lodge, Carmarthen, P. Prov. G.W. The speakers dwelt eloquently upon the fact that Freemasonry is prospering here and elsewhere. Among the toasts was one specially characteristic of the Order, to wit, "Masonic Charities," which was fitly proposed by Bro. Beavan Phillipps, Charity Steward and Charity Commissioner for the Province. It was seconded in an able speech by Bro. Morris, of Swansea, Charity Commissioner for the adjoining Province. It is pleasant to hear that a considerable sum is already collected and promised for the charities; and Llanelly is stated to have come forward handsomely. An agreeable evening was spent, which as usual lost nothing by the catering of that good host and Brother, Captain Eynon. The proceedings closed with the time-honoured toast of the Tyler.

FARNWORTH.—Earl Ellesmere Lodge (No. 678).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Church Inn, Farnworth, on Wednesday, the 6th January, to instal the W.M. elect. Bro. Walter Pennington, W.M., opened the lodge at 4 p.m., after the minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The W.M. elect, Bro. Thos. Holmes, was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. William Goodacre, P. Prov. G.P. for Cheshire. The ceremony was gone through in a most impressive manner, and afforded great gratification to the brethren assembled. The Worshipful Master appointed the following brethren as officers of the lodge, and they were duly installed with the insignia of their offices:—Bros. Thomas Laycock, S.W.; T. Entwistle, J.W.; R. Warburton, P.M. Treasurer; Robert Whittaker, Prov. G.D.C. Secretary; T. Greenhalgh, S.D.; D. A. Elliott, J.D.; Albert Martin, I.G.; Pickford and Shaw, Stewards; Ralph Brooks, Tyler. After the installation, three candidates for initiation were proposed, and the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Amongst those present were Past Masters Bros. Barrow, Warburton, Whittaker, Blackhurst, Kirkman, Palmer, Pennington; also visiting brethren Bros. Duckworth, Prov. Assistant G.D.C.; John Wild, W.M. elect 146; B. Pilling, W.M. elect 350; and others. The usual Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured. Bro. Whittaker, P.M., leading, in his masterly style. Bros. Palmer, Pendlebury, Pilling, and Laycock, contributed very much to the harmony of the evening by giving some capital songs. Bro. Thomas Laycock, S.W., presented the lodge with handsome Masonic candles, purchased from Bro. Geo. Kenning's establishment, Little Britain, London.

DOUGLAS (ISLE OF MAN).—Tynwald Lodge (No. 1242).—The annual meeting in connection with the installation of officers, took place at the Lodge Rooms, St. James's Hall, on Monday week. The brethren, to the number of about 35, assembled at three o'clock, and after the transaction of some formal business, the retiring W.M., Bro. Quinney, vacated the chair in favour of Bro. John A. Brown, P.M., who had undertaken the duties of Installing Master. After the Master Masons had retired, the lodge was opened in the Past Master's degree, and the new W.M., Bro. T. M. Cowley, who filled the chair of S.W. during the past year, was called into the lodge-room and duly installed into the chair of K.S., the Past Masters present being Bros. J. A. Brown; T. Bawden; E. W. Stocker; J. J. Harwood; S. Webb; J. Lambert; J. Quinney; and E. Munday. This part of the ceremony being over, the lodge was lowered, and the W.M. duly proclaimed in the various degrees. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. C. Kennaugh, S.W.; F. J. Johnson, J.W.; W. L. Clarke, P.M., Treasurer; Rev. W. T. Hobson, Chaplain; R. Smith, Organist; J. J. Edwards, Secretary; S. J. Harris, S.D.; T. Cowin, J.D.; R. Swinnerton, I.G.; and Bro. Long, Tyler. After the ceremony, the brethren adjourned to the Bowling Green Hotel, where they sat down to a splendid banquet, served in Bro. Handley's best style. After dessert had been brought in, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a right merry evening spent. Masonic songs were sung by Bros. James Brown and R. Swinnerton, and a Masonic reading was given by Bro. J. J. Harwood, P.M. During the evening a beautiful Past Master's gold jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., J. Quinney. It bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. John Quinney by the brethren of the Tynwald Lodge (No. 1242) as a token of esteem, and in appreciation of his proficiency as W.M. 1242; December, 1874." Secretary's silver jewels were also presented to Bros. W. M. Stewart and F. J. Johnson, as a mark of appreciation of their services to the lodge in the capacity of Secretary. Bro. the Rev. W. T. Hobson, in responding to the toast of his health, which was proposed by Bro. J. A. Fulton, said that he was perfectly satisfied, before he became a Mason, that Freemasonry was an institution of such a nature that no Christian man or Christian minister need shrink from joining it; and what he had seen since he became a member of the Order had confirmed him in that opinion. So long as the "Great Book of Books" was open before them as the foundation of the moral teachings of the Order, and so long as Faith, Hope, and Charity, were its leading principles, so long would the Order, to a great extent, correspond with Christianity itself. The brethren separated shortly after 11 o'clock, after spending a pleasant evening. During the evening, the health of Bro. J. A. Brown, P.M., the Installing Master, was also drunk, Bro. Stocker, P.M., observing that he had been a Past Master for nearly 15 years, and had been present at many installations in London and elsewhere, but he had never seen the installation ceremony done so well as Bro. Brown had done it that evening.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst., at the Surrey Club House, Kennington, and was numerously attended. Bros. Koch, W.M.; Everett, S.W.; Gardner, J.W.; Higgins, Acting S.D.; Walls, acting J.D.; Kewes, I.G.; Mann, I.P.M.; Page, P.M., Treasurer; Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Webb, W.S.; Heyward, D.C. The W.M., assisted by his officers, raised Bros. Cruse and Gibson to the sublime degree of M.M., and initiated Mr. W. Fallow into the Mysteries of the Craft. The ballot was then taken for the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Gardner was by the unanimous vote of the lodge elected to that high and honourable position. The S.W. having been just elected W.M. of another lodge, was not eligible for the distinction, except by special dispensation from Grand Lodge, and moreover he had gracefully retired in favour of the J.W. Bro. Gardner returned thanks for the honour awarded him, and said he trusted that he should discharge the duties of the position to the satisfaction of the members, and that no effort would be wanting on his part to enhance the comfort and funds of the lodge, of which he was one of the founders, and which he was proud to see had in so short a time arrived at so high and flourishing a condition. Bro. Mann proposed and Bro. Page seconded that a P.M.'s jewel should be presented at the next meeting to Bro. Koch, W.M., for his attention to the duties of his position, and the ability displayed by him during his year of office. This resolution was unanimously carried. Bro. Page, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Longstaff, as Tyler, had the same honour awarded to him. Bros. Walls, Speedy and Stokes were elected Auditors. The W.M. appointed Bro. W. A. Ellis to the vacant post of Organist. Some minor business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, catered for by Bro. Pope. Among the visitors present were representatives of the following lodges: Bros. Wright, W.M. Southern Star; Arnold, W.M. Strong Man; Myers, W.M. Lily of Richmond; Scott, J.W. Albion; Wilson, S.D. Excelsior; Palmer, J.D. Domestic. The usual loyal and Craft toasts were given from the chair, and responded to with excellent force by the brethren. Bros. Walls and Ellis gave one verse of the "National Anthem," and "God Bless the Prince of Wales." "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Mann and responded to, and Bro. Webb having contributed a humorous song, the W.M. replied at length, and in the course of his speech he stated that he felt pleased at the compliment paid him, but that he was obliged to state that through ill health and pressure of business, of several of the officers of the lodge, who were consequently prevented from attending, he had had to work under the greatest of difficulties, which had rendered the duties of the chair not so pleasant or easy as they ought otherwise to have been, and that he could not let the opportunity pass without recording his thanks to some of the junior members of the lodge, who had kindly and with ability assisted him throughout his arduous year of office. Bro. Sargood having sang a "buffo" song, the toast of "The Initiate" was given, received and responded to by Bro. Fallow in a neat and appropriate speech. Bro. Palmer sang "Wapping Old Stairs," Bro. Walls "Come into the Garden, Maud," and Bro. Wilson contributed a reading upon the theme of "Tobacco," all of which effusions gave apparent satisfaction to the brethren. The "Visitors" toast followed, and was severally responded to. Bro. J. Wright in particular made an excellent and amusing reply. "The Health of the W.M. elect" was given, and replied to by Bro. Gardner, who said in the course of his remarks that although the W.M. had stated that the chair of K.S. was not an easy one to fill, he was not to be deterred or disheartened thereby, but that it was his intention to render it a most pleasant one, as far as he personally was concerned, and he hoped that the members of the lodge would assist him in that endeavour. The Tyler's Toast terminated the proceedings.

GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—This lodge met on Saturday last, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, City. Bro. Nathan Bryant Headon, W.M., presiding. There were also present, Bros. Jas. Stevens, P.M.; Jno. Seex, J.W.; R. Stanway, J. Blackie, W. H. Catchpole, T. Preston, E. Moody, J. Freeman, J. Hamer, C. Taylor, T. Robinson, C. Stuart Barker, jun., J. Boulton, G. S. Elliot, S. Browne, A. T. Rolfe, J. Thompson, E. Cox, W. F. Kibble, W. Baber, P. Tompkins, R. Frudick, W. H. Hook, J. Tullidge, G. Page, J. Archer, J. D. Moore, J. Bumpus, W. Macqueen, W. Middleton, J. Phillips, J. W. Colmer, F. T. Keeble, F. W. Potts, C. H. Burrows, E. H. Davis, G. Jenkins, E. Roberts, L. Lewis, H. Tompson, J. E. Hugo, G. H. Hooper, F. Lunis, and visitors G. Payne, W.M. 1; C. J. Bliven, 330; A. H. Tattershall, P.M. 140; C. W. Nohmer, P.M. 186; G. H. Cambridge, J.D. 15; W. Mardin, 205; W. B. Wallace, 127; J. Allen, S.W. 1297; G. F. Wilson, 569; Sidney Spencer, 192; E. M. Haigh, P.M. 29; S. Gammon, W.M. 206; W. Worrell, P.M. 766; S. Crane, S.W. 933; H. Daw, 145; and C. E. Soppett, 55. The lodge was called for two o'clock, but notwithstanding that early hour, the brethren had assembled in large numbers, and the work was at once proceeded with. The lodge was opened with promptitude, and after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the following ceremonies were performed:—Raisings, Bros. Bumpus, Thompson, Cox, and Rolfe; Passings, Bros. Potter, Burrows, and Davis; and Initiations, Messrs. Headon, Stamp, and Davis. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., did the passings. The lodge was in session above five hours, great care being taken with the execution of the work, and the candidates being taken separately. Fifty guineas were voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the lodge was closed after Bro. Jas. Stevens had appealed to the brethren to contribute a trifle individually to a case of great distress. A banquet followed, which was equal in quality, quantity, and attendance, to any of Bro. Sidney Spencer's previous efforts, and at its conclusion, the W.M. proposed the loyal and Masonic toasts. In giving the toast of "The Visitors,"

he remarked that besides several distinguished brethren of home lodges being present, there was amongst the company a brother from New York, whom he was sure they would all be delighted to hail. Bro. Gammon, W.M. No. 206, responded for the English brethren; and in replying for himself Bro. Bliven said: I thank you for the compliment which you pay me this evening as the representative of American Freemasonry. I did not come here to-night for the purpose of being toasted; I came here to see how Englishmen made Masons; and I must confess that I have been much pleased and deeply interested in the forms and ceremonies of three degrees which I witnessed to day. I can only hope, worshipful sir and brethren, for the continued success and prosperity of your young lodge—young in years, but old, I should judge, in its material; and I only hope that the sublime principles of Freemasonry may be impressed deeply upon the minds of all the brethren of the Great City Lodge (Hear, hear). Bro. James Stevens, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," whom he described as a Master that was fully deserving of all praise, without stepping beyond the hard-and-fast line of absolute truth—a brother who had proved himself capable of performing the duties of his office in a manner most creditable to any member of the Craft. Without going over all the compliments which had been bestowed on W. Masters in all lodges, some of which were well deserved, while others were only partially merited, he could say, without exaggerating in the slightest degree, that no lodge could have a better exponent of the principles of Freemasonry than the present occupant of the chair of the Great City Lodge, who had studied to make himself a theoretical Mason, as far as the ritual was concerned, and had succeeded in so doing by rendering the ceremonies to the satisfaction of the brethren; and also had in the outer world carried the principles of Freemasonry into practical effect. The W.M., after saying that he did the best he could do, informed the brethren that being but a young Mason he could hardly expect to be a shining light, but if he succeeded in giving satisfaction to the brethren, whether in lodge or at the banquet-table, he should be more than rewarded for any trouble he had taken. The occupation of the chair of such a lodge as the Great City was really a great undertaking, and, where a man who, like himself, was very much occupied in business, and able to give but little attention to Masonic forms, was deserving of consideration before he engaged in it. When he went into the chair that evening the work was so heavy that he felt at its commencement nearly appalled; but when he had encountered it, and had brushed off some of the cobwebs which hung about his memory, he got at his work with a little confidence, and it was very pleasing, now that his duties in lodge were over for the day, to find that what he had done was so satisfactory. He was much gratified to see so many visitors, and he could assure the brethren that while he remained in the chair of this lodge he should do everything he possibly could to render the lodge hospitable to brethren of other lodges. (Hear, hear.) In giving the toast of "The Initiates," the W.M. said that while the W.M. of a lodge had to endure the agony of his health being proposed at every meeting while he was president, it could only happen to the initiates but once. (Laughter.) He then stated that it was peculiarly gratifying to him to have had the duty of initiating his own brother into the Order; and said that the other two initiates, whom he had also known for many years, ought to have been initiated years ago, for they had, in fact, been Freemasons all their lives without knowing it. The Great City Lodge had adopted them, and would have the pleasure of finding them, by-and-bye, the right sort of men to belong to the Craft. Bro. Headon, in the course of his remarks in acknowledging the toast, observed that the way in which he had witnessed the W.M.'s health proposed and drunk that evening encouraged him to hope that he might in time himself get round the table to the same post of honour. Bro. James Stevens responded to the toast of "The I.P.M.," and after thanking the brethren for their responding to the toast, and their acknowledgments of the services he had performed for the lodge—which he would not be so bashful as to say were wholly unmerited—referred to the readiness with which the brethren had answered to his call on them for charity. They had at his request parted with small sums of money upon faith alone—the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Their faith had been exemplified in the fact that he had only had to ask, thank God, in a good cause! (though they did not know it at the time) and his request was immediately granted. He could promise them that if ever he asked for similar assistance again, it would only be in a cause which was proper, right and good. If any brother, after that statement, wished to have his shilling back again, he (Bro. Stevens) would be happy to return it. He did not generally like the practice of passing the hat round unless there was something substantially good connected with the case. He would now tell them more about the case they had subscribed to than they knew before. Three guineas had already been subscribed without the contributors knowing for whom it was intended. That was an evidence of faith in their I.P.M., who told them that he wanted a pair of boots, and some articles of clothing, and he should leave it to the generosity of the individual brethren now to supplement the amount already subscribed. It was wanted for a poor lady who lost her husband some time ago, and who had previously been assisted by this lodge as well as by the lodge to which her husband belonged. She had got into such a state of penury that she had had great difficulty in keeping herself and children from absolute starvation, and was at the present moment in great want. Her husband was a Devonshire brother. She had now a child lying dead, for whom she had no means of providing burial. She had a daughter elected into the Infant Orphan Asylum, through the kindness of the W.M. (Bro. Headon), and that child could not at present go there for want of boots and clothing. If any of the brethren wanted their shillings back

now they might have them. He had told them they might rely on the genuineness of the case, and here it was. This good lady—and good lady she was, for a more cheerful body under her circumstances, a more hopeful woman, a more ladylike woman he had never had an opportunity of meeting; she evidently belonged to that walk in society which her late husband was well capable of adorning, and adorned when he was in it—and was now reduced to a state of penury. He was happy to say the brethren might now go home with the satisfactory reflection that they had provided a widow with the means of burying one child, and given another child the means of going before the Committee of the Female Orphan Asylum. The W.M. supplemented these observations by saying that the deceased had insured his life in the Norwich Union and the European; but he sold his policy in the former, and the latter, it was known, failed. One child—Agnes—had been got into a home at Starcross; one would be got into the Infant Orphan Asylum; and the one they were going to try to get into the Masonic Girls' School died yesterday (the 8th inst.). When he got home that evening very late, just as he was going to bed, the mother called on him—and she could not come sooner, for she had not the boots to come in—to know what she was to do to bury this child.—(A further subscription was then made, and £7 in all was collected).—Bro. Seex replied for "The Officers," and the brethren shortly afterwards separated. Under the direction of Bro. W. Hook, Organist, a selection of music was performed during the evening by the Misses May and Florence Woodville, Madame Caslone, and Mr. Morgan.

Royal Arch.

WIGTON.—*St. John's Chapter (No. 327).*—The companions of the Holy Royal Arch Chapter of St. John's, 327, Wigton, held a chapter on Friday, the 1st inst., when four brethren were exalted to the supreme degree, Comp. Banridge acting as Z. There was a very large chapter, and at the close of the proceedings, 22 sat down to dinner. Comp. Porter, Z., presided, and Comp. Gate, P.Z., &c., in the vice-chair.

TIVERTON.—*St. Peter's Chapter (No. 1125).*—A quarterly convocation was held at the Masonic Hall, on the evening of Wednesday, the 16th inst., the Principal's chair being occupied by E. Comps. James Mills, P. Prov. G.D.C., Z.; Walter, H. Reed, P.Z., as H.; Henry Davey, J. The retiring Z. was unanimously re-elected for the year ensuing, and Ex. Comp. Davy having been duly elected as H., and Comp. T. B. Patterson as J., they were duly installed. The following officers were also elected and invested. W. E. Williams, S.E.; W. H. Reed, jun., S.N.; Thos. Parkhouse, P.S., Treas.; H. Melhuish, S.A.S.; John B. Crabb, J.A.S., Wm. Bartlett, and Joseph Searle, Stewards; Edw. Coleby, M.C.; A. Andrews, Organist; John Patey, Janitor. A handsome gold P.Z. jewel was presented to E. Comp. Mills, in recognition of the important services rendered by him on the establishment of the chapter. Two brethren of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1125, having been proposed for exaltation, the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at Bro. Gosden's, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street. The W.M., Bro. W. Worrell, presided, and there were also present, Bros. R. Berridge, S.W.; Thomas W. White, J.W.; Edward Moody, I.G.; Thos. Meggy, P.M., Treasurer; James Stevens, P.M.; W. Wigginton, Registrar; W. P. Collins, J.D.; G. Yaxley, Steward; F. H. Cozens, Organist; W. Johnston; W. Bell; G. W. Verry; J. Close; J. K. Pitt; H. F. Partridge; and a visitor, Bro. T. Poore, W.M. 139. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., advanced Bros. Williams, Lakeham, Cook, and Atkins, and there being no further business before the lodge, the brethren adjourned to supper. The customary toasts were proposed and honoured, and the brethren enjoyed some excellent singing, which was given without stint by Bros. James Stevens, Cozens, Meggy, Bell, Williams, and Moody. All the brethren expressed themselves highly delighted with the evening's work and the evening's pleasure.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LIVERPOOL.—*Liverpool Conclave (No. 55).*—An assembly of the Knights attached to the Liverpool Conclave, No. 55, of the Masonic Order of the Knights of Rome, and of the Red Cross of Constantine, was held on Monday evening at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool. Em. Sir Knight Thomas Clark, M.P.S., occupied the throne, and Sir Knight W. Doyle, the position of V.E., and there was a numerous attendance of the Knights of the Conclave. There were no fewer than ten candidates on the circular for installation and joining, which shows that the Premier Conclave in Liverpool is in a very flourishing condition. The assembled knights subsequently sat down to a sumptuous repast, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.

LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 31).—The members of this lodge met in their hall, at 213, Buchanan-street, on 29th ult., for the purpose of installing the office-bearers elected for the ensuing year. The work of the ceremonial was performed by Bro. A. McTaggart, P.G. Secretary, who having first conferred upon the new R.W.M. (Bro. Bell) the Installed Master's Degree, proceeded to install the other office-bearers to their respective offices. This he did in a markedly impressive manner, assisted by the P.M. (Bro. Thomas Fletcher), by whom each was in turn invested

with the jewel of his office. The following is the revised list for the current year:—Bros. William Bell, R.W.M.; Thomas Fletcher, P.M.; D. M. Neilson, D.M.; John Whyte, S.M.; John D. Young, S.W.; David Horne, J.W.; Robt. B. Dalefell, Treasurer; John Dick, Secretary; Peter Brownlie, S.D.; John Reid, J.D.; Jas. Ritchie, Architect; David Lindsay, Chaplain; Robt. Craig, Bible-Bearer; Charles McFarlane, Director of Music; Thos. A. Tennent, Jeweller; John Wilson, Grand Marshal; Jas. Anderson, Senior Steward; Jas. F. Pollock, Junior Steward; James Duthie, Junior Steward; Angus Cameron, I.G.; John Wright, G.G.; R. D. Samuels, P.S. In the evening the lodge celebrated its 817th anniversary in the Union Hotel Dunlop-street, when about seventy, including a few visiting brethren, sat down to a recherche dinner, purveyed in first-class style by "nine host," Bro. Whyte. The chair was occupied by the R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Bell, who was supported to right and left by Bro. Fletcher, P.M.; Bro. Robert Craig, P.M.; Bro. Jno. Baird, P.M.; Bro. James McMillan, P.M.; Bro. A. McTaggart, P.G. Secretary; Bro. R. McDougall, R.W.M. 553; Bro. Rev. Robt. Thomson; Bro. John Dick, Secretary 3½, and others. Bro. Neilson, D.M., and Bro. John D. Young, S.W., officiated as croupiers. Dinner having been disposed of, the usual loyal toasts were given from the chair, and duly responded to. The chairman next gave "The Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland," which was also pledged with enthusiasm and all the honours, the toast being acknowledged, on behalf of England, by Bro. W. H. Bickerton (*Freemason*), and, on that of Scotland, by Bro. John Baird. The next toast, also from the chair, was "The Provincial Lodge of Glasgow, and the Benevolent Fund." It was coupled with the name of Bro. Baird, who returned thanks on behalf of the W.P.G.M., Bro. Neilson and the other office-bearers. He was glad to state that the Provincial Grand Lodge was at present in a most flourishing state. In fact, he was quite satisfied that there was not another in Scotland more so. All the lodges in the province were healthy, and in first-rate working condition. After the "Army, Navy, and Reserved Forces" had been duly honoured, Bro. Rev. R. Thomson proposed the "Lord Provost, Councillors, and Magistrates of Glasgow." In commending the toast to the acceptance of the company, he referred to the fact that the Lord Provost was a recently made member of this lodge, and he thought the brethren ought to be highly gratified at his lordship selecting St. John's (No. 3½) to be made, passed, and raised in. In briefly touching upon what the Corporation of Glasgow had done in the direction of City improvements, opening up and rooting out dens of iniquity and the like, Bro. Thomson said he had himself avowed that he would consent to be taxed double for such public benefits, and he certainly thought that to the corporation the citizens owed their encomiums and their gratitude. The toast was replied to by Bro. Robert Craig, P.M., an ex-member of the Dean of Guild Court. "The Lodge Glasgow St. John, No. 3 bis" was then proposed by Bro. Fletcher, P.M., who said he had great pleasure in doing so, and thought it had fallen into very good hands. The other Past Masters and himself could speak as to how the lodge had progressed in their times, and he hoped that during Bro. Bell's reign the same would continue. Let them, the office-bearers in particular, but give him their support and assistance and this would be the case; and the place they were presently assembled in would next year be much too small to hold them. The R.W.M., in replying to the toast, said that in the name of Lodge 3½ he thanked those present for the manner in which it had been received. It could not be denied that St. John's was a very old lodge, and if they would pardon him he would refer to some of the leading points in its history since some 25 years ago. At the time of the negotiations between the lodge and the "Grand Lodge of Scotland, in 1849, William York was Grand Master, and continued so during the following year, in which their charter from Grand Lodge was got. On 9th April, 1851, the lodge joined the procession at the laying of the foundation-stone of Victoria Bridge by the Duke of Athole, Most Worshipful Grand Master, on which occasion a walking stick with a massive gold head was presented to his Grace, bearing this inscription:—"Presented to his Grace the Duke of Athole, Grand Master of Scotland, by the Glasgow Lodge of St. John, on the occasion of his laying the foundation-stone of the Victoria Bridge across the Clyde, at Stockwell-street, Glasgow, upon 9th April, 1851." Around the rim was the following:—"This staff is made of part of the oak from the original foundation of the old Stockwell Bridge, built in the reign of King David, son of Robert the Bruce, in the year 1365, and taken down in the year 1850." Our R.W.M., it will be remembered, was contractor for the bridge, as also for some of the finest buildings in Glasgow, among others, the Union Bank of Scotland, and the British Linen Bank. In 1852, our worthy Bible-Bearer, Bro. R. Craig, was elected to the chair, holding office over two years. To him succeeded Bro. David Manwell, in 1854, Bro. Robert Cruickshank in 1855, and Bro. James Cruickshank, son of the latter, in 1856. He held the chair for two years, resigning it, in 1858, to Bro. Jas. Craig, of Middleton. In 1859, Bro. David Winton was elected, and in this year Bro. Sir Archd. Alison took the chair at our annual banquet. In 1861, Bro. Robert Craig, who, as I have stated, held office in 1852-3, was again appointed R.W.M., succeeded, in the following year, by Bro. Councillor James Taylor, to whom followed, in 1864, Bro. Gavin Park, who also occupied the chair for two years. In 1866, Bro. J. B. Walker was chosen as R.W.M., and his reign marks an era in our history, he having had the distinction of being the first bona-fide member, or Master of St. John's 3½, to work the three degrees. In 1867-8, the chair was occupied by Bro. Thos. Ramsay, and, in 1869-70, by Bro. John Baird. During Bro. Baird's reign, you will remem-

ber, the foundation-stone of the Albert Bridge was laid by the Earl of Dalhousie, G.M.M., on which occasion St. John's Lodge turned out in procession to the number of 120, and claimed the right of carrying the working jewels of the Grand Lodge. This privilege, however, was given to the Lodge Journeyman, No. 8, an Edinburgh lodge. Against this Bro. Baird protested, maintaining that Grand Lodge rules only gave them the right of carrying the jewels in Edinburgh or neighbourhood. The protest was duly lodged, and he gained his case, the privilege being declared to belong to St. John's, in all time coming, of carrying the working jewels on occasions occurring within the province. In 1872, Bro. James McMillan was elected to the chair, and, in 1873, Bro. Thomas Smillie. At the beginning of the Masonic year now over—1874—Bro. Thomas Fletcher became our R.W.M., under whose auspices, as you all know, the Lord Provost of Glasgow, Bro. James Bain, was initiated in this lodge. I may state that of these fifteen Masters who have held the chair since 1849, the Great Architect of the Universe, to whom we all must bow, has seen fit to remove five, leaving ten of them still with us. I have only to add, for myself, and office-bearers, that we ask their support. We ask the support of every member of the lodge; and if it is given us, I have no fear that the Lodge St. John's will prosper in the future, as she has done in the past. "The Visiting Brethren" was the next toast, proposed in genial terms by Bro. J. D. Young, S.W., and coupled with the name of Bro. Robert McDougall, R.W.M., Lodge St. Vincent, 553. Bro. McDougall, in reply, said that on behalf of the visiting brethren, and more particularly in his own name and that of his lodge, he had great pleasure in returning thanks for the very cordial and Masonic way in which they had responded to the toast. Although he had not been much beyond the lodge to which he belonged, he had the honour of knowing many of the brethren and of claiming the friendship of some belonging to St. John's. In fact, Lodge St. Vincent was greatly indebted for its existence to brethren of the lodge whose hospitality they were to night enjoying. The first name on the application for their charter was that of Bro. John Baird, followed by those of Bros. Fletcher, Smillie, and the new R.W.M., Bro. Bell. So the members of St. John's would see that St. Vincent and they were no strangers. A chief argument in their application for a charter was the necessity of establishing a Freemason's lodge for the west end of Glasgow; and he thought it had been well proved that there did exist such a want. Since the beginning, at 3rd September last, they had entered at least fifty members. That, in itself, surely showed the necessity of a lodge in the western district. And they did not open their doors to all and sundry. Candidates were never brought forward except by their own members, to whom they were well known. In concluding, Bro. McDougall remarked that they (St. Vincent), as a young lodge, were of opinion that if they endeavoured to follow the example of St. John's, they would be following a good example—and they meant to do so. The toast was also acknowledged by Bro. Wilson, 73, Bro. McCall, 27, and Bro. A. Arrick Smith, P.M., Lodge Caledonian Railway, 354. It might not be known to many present, Bro. Smith observed, but it was the fact, that lodge 354 held a position unique in Scotland. Their charter gave them power to hold a lodge at any point whatever on the line of the Caledonian Railway. In fact, wherever the latter ran, they ran. He had much pleasure in replying on behalf of the "Flying Lodge." In proposing the toast of "The Clergy," Bro. A. McTaggart commented on the slight connection which subsisted between that body and Masonry in Scotland, as compared with that existing in England. In the latter, he said, three-fourths of the clergy of all denominations, belonged to, and were delighted and proud to belong to, Masonic Lodges; and if they got to be made Chaplains of lodges, thought it a high honour. One reason, he feared, for the difference was that our Scotch lodges had done nothing whatever to show that they were in earnest in the prosecution of true Masonic work. They were merely like children playing at marbles and leaving true Masonry alone. In the department of benevolence, for example: look what had been done by the paper, *The Daily Mail*. Why, probably it had done more for charity in Glasgow within the last two years than Masonry had during the last ten years. If they could have some regularly organized scheme for the furtherance of the true work of Masonry, they would have the support, not only of the Clergy, but of the gentry, nobility, and of every well-meaning person in the community. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Rev. R. Thomson, who replied. Thereafter the toast of "The Right Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. McMillan, P.M., who said that in their new R.W.M. they were getting a good man, and he hoped they would support him with the genuine feeling that ought to mark every Masonic lodge, in a way that would show them to be brothers indeed, and not in shadowy form merely. The toast having been pledged with all the honours, the chairman briefly replied. He did think that Bro. McMillan had said somewhat too much of him, but this much he (the chairman) could say—he would endeavour to do his duty at all times. He hoped that in the time to come all would go as harmoniously as in times past; and he would endeavour to copy the example of Bro. Fletcher, during whose time of office nothing but harmony had prevailed. The toast of "The Past Office-bearers" was then given by Bro. Young, S.W. He would couple it with the name of Bro. John Dick, Secretary, whose merits were known to all of them. Bro. Dick acknowledged the compliment. Hitherto, he said, the Office-bearers had worked together to do their duty; and he thought that, upon the whole, they had good reason to look back upon last year as a very successful one—while, for his own part, he felt assured that the next would be the same. The remaining toasts were "The Ladies," "The Croupiers," and the orthodox "Happy to Meet, &c.," followed by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

We have but to add that a select quadrille band was present during the evening, and played appropriate music after each toast, that the proceedings were further enlivened at intervals by the vocal talent of various brethren, and that altogether the 817th anniversary festival of St. John's was a success complete.

LODGE CLYDESDALE (No. 556).—The first annual festival of this young and flourishing lodge was held on 25th ult. in the Crown-street Assembly Rooms. The occasion was one of those on which the wives and sweethearts of the brethren are not more free than welcome to join them in social relaxation, and so it occurred that there would be about fifty couples present when dancing was commenced, soon after eight o'clock. Amongst visiting brethren present were Bros. Malcolm Stark, D. Doig, and Corbett, as a deputation from Lodge St. Vincent, 553; Bro. Joseph Webster and others from Lodge St. Paul, 204 Ayr; Bro. W. H. Bickerton (*Freemason*), 360; &c. The brethren of 556, we may mention, appeared in their spick-and-span new clothing and jewels, and the scene, while dancing was going on, was a picturesque and animated one. The ball was brought to a close about midnight, and shortly thereafter, the company sat down to an excellent supper, purveyed by Bro. Middleton, of Trongate. Bro. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M., presided, Bro. I. B. McNaught, S.W., officiating as croupier, supported by Bros. Thomas Russell, D.M.; John McNaught, S.M.; John Howie, J.W.; John Frew, S.D.; Hugh Weir, J.D.; G. B. Yuill, Sec.; T. B. Yuill, Treas.; John Doig, B.B.; H. W. Jackman, Architect; W. J. E. Dobson, P.G.S.; James Weir, S.S.; T. Reid, J.S.; Jas. Ross, I.G.; Wm. Graham, O.G. After supper, toast and song alternately became the rule. In the former category were "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," by the chairman, replied to by Bro. G. C. H. McNaught; "The Ladies," by Dr. Russell, D.M., acknowledged on their behalf by Bro. J. Howie; "Clydesdale Lodge," by Bro. G. C. H. McNaught, and responded to by the R.W.M.; "Strangers," by Bro. J. B. McNaught, replied to by Bro. David Doig, 553; "The Chairman," by Bro. Malcolm Stark, and duly acknowledged; "The Press," by Bro. Jackman, replied to by Bro. Bickerton (*Freemason*); &c.

DUNFERMLINE.

LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 26).—The annual festival and installation of office-bearers of this lodge for the ensuing year was held within their lodge-room, Maygate-street, on 28th ult., in enthusiastic style. The lodge having been opened, the R.W.M., Bro. Robert Lindsay, said that as there had been no opposition to the list of office-bearers, which had been duly proposed and seconded, he declared the same to be duly elected, and the installation was proceeded with. At the close, Bro. Lindsay briefly thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him in re-electing him to the important position of R.W.M. Thereafter the brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, the R.W.M. presiding. Ample justice having been done to the substantial, the usual preliminary loyal toasts were given by the chairman and drank with all honours. The Chairman then gave "The Grand Master of Scotland." Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, they were aware, was connected with a noble ancestral line, and it might fairly be hoped that, in his hands, the cause of Scottish Masonry would be most honourably maintained. Amongst the remaining toasts were "The Three Grand Lodges;" "The Health of the R.W.M., Bro. Robert Lindsay," proposed by Bro. Byers, who, in so doing, eulogised the Masonic abilities of their Master, and congratulated the lodge upon having to preside over them one so well fitted for that important office; and "The Visiting Brethren," proposed by the Chairman, and acknowledged by Bro. Romanes, of Lodge Union, 250.

DUNDEE.

LODGE OPERATIVE (No. 47).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge-room on Monday, December 28, 1874, for installation of office-bearers, and to celebrate the Festival of St. John; the R.W.M., Bro. Alexander Henry, presiding. The lodge was opened in due form, when the different office-bearers were duly installed. The R.W.M., in the name of the brethren of the lodge, presented Bro. John Wilson, Junior Depute Master, with a beautiful M.M. jewel, in recognition of his services as Depute Master. The R.W.M. passed a very high eulogium on Bro. Wilson for the zealous manner in which he had performed the duties of Depute Master during a period of two years. Bro. Wilson was next presented with a valuable gem ring and locket for Mrs. Wilson. Bro. Wilson replied in very feeling terms, thanking the brethren for the mark of respect paid to him and Mrs. Wilson, and assured the brethren he could never forget their kindness. Masonry to him was a labour of love, and whatever he could do for the interest of the Order it would always be a pleasure to him to do so. The brethren were then called from labour to refreshment, and the rest of the evening spent in a most happy and harmonious manner, until the R.W.M. gave the parting toast—"Happy to meet, sorry to part," &c. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

CARLUKE.

On Monday, 28th ult., the brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 186 (Carluk), met in Bro. Campbell's Black Bull Inn, Carluk, to celebrate St. John's Day. The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—Bros. Richard Campbell, R.W.M.; Thomas Sommerville, P.M.; William Finlay, S.W.; William Gregg, J.W.; R. Dewar, Sec.; Hugh Wigson, Treas.; Alexander Hamilton, D.M.; Andrew Pearson, S.M.; Peter Edmond, S.D.; Archibald Davidsen, J.D.; George Russell, S.S.; John Gregg, J.S.; Alexander Marshall, Chaplain; James Lochore, S.B.; James Weir, I.G.; Alexander Banken, Tyler. The brethren then sat down to supper—Bro. Richard Campbell, R.W.M., in the chair. The night was passed with song and sentiment.

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"ST. JAMES'S LODGE No. 448."—The corrections came too late; cannot possibly republish report.

The following communications stand over:—Letters from "P.M.," "An Old P.M.," "J.B.H.," Frs. F. Binckes. Reports of Lodges 172, London; 279, Leicester; 1282, Brigg; 354, Glasgow; 43, Fort William; 360, Glasgow. Quarterly Notices of Bro. Dyer and Bro. Jno. Higgins.

Owing to an accident to the "formes" at the moment of going to press, the reports of Lion and Lamb Lodge, 192, and Lodge of Hope, 374, are deferred till next week.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1875.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE DUKE OF ABERCORN.

We congratulate our Irish brethren on the installation of the Lord Lieutenant, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, as Grand Master, in the place of their old and venerated chief, the Duke of Leinster. We have already expressed our opinion how wise was the choice, how judicious the selection of so distinguished and esteemed a nobleman to fill the highest post in Irish Freemasonry, and we beg to reiterate that opinion of ours to-day, and accompany it with every expression of felicitation, and every fervent wish for the progress and prosperity of Hibernian Freemasons and Hibernian Freemasonry. Indeed, it is most welcome to us, not only to hear of the most successful arrangements of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, but to read the admirable address of the Grand Master, and the able speech of Bro. Shekleton, D.G.M. While both the speeches were truly Masonic, we feel bound to thank our distinguished brother, the Lord Lieutenant, for his *seasonable and forcible* statement of the great and goodly aim, and the consistent teaching of our benevolent yet calumniated Order. Not very far from the spot where our noble brother was speaking, had issued, not long ago, a very bituminous pastoral, denouncing everybody and everything, and consigning practically an *inoffensive order* to a "locale" not usually mentioned to "ears polite." Indeed, there are few charges which have not thus lately been heaped on our head, there are few crimes of which we have not been accused by Romanists and Ritualists, and even, *poh pudor*, by Scotch Presbyterians and American Baptists. "Bedad," as Paddy would say, "a goodly crew to row in the same boat." And yet, here with the opening year of Light and Grace, the Queen's representative in Ireland, like the Heir Apparent to the throne in England, chivalrously casts in his lot with our anathematized fraternity, ranges himself under our banner—avows our principles,

and defends our cause. Happy omen for the peaceful and constitutional progress of Irish Freemasonry, and may 1875 witness across the channel, just as with us here, the steady growth and onward march of our maligned and tolerant Order. That in Ireland, as in other countries, our avowed enemies will cease either from their secret animosity or open virulence is too much to expect, but if we are only united and true to our own principles, under such famous leaders, we need anticipate no danger, and need fear no enemy.

THE PROGRESS OF MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGY.

All Masonic students must rejoice to think how great has been the advance in archaeological study and results. Notwithstanding the labours and researches of our German brethren, we in England, until about fifteen years ago, had left the fertile land of Masonic investigation untilled and unexplored; in fact, it might be said, to be lying fallow. For, despite the early writings of Anderson and Hutchinson and Preston and Dermott, and the later additions of Oliver and Laurie, our Masonic histories and our Masonic lucubrations were marked with a great deficiency of critical analysis and evidential certainty. Oliver, our most voluminous writer, though learned and laborious, is, no one can deny, somewhat diffuse and often unreliable as to data and facts; and, in this sifting epoch, and in our sterner criticism, his various contributions to Masonic literature and archaeology have had to give way to the more careful statements of our modern school. And in the progress of investigation, and the development of our Masonic annals, much has been cleared away, which, like the *débris of some fallen ruin*, was heaped up in our way, and impeded discovery and advance. The true history of Freemasonry seems to be gradually emerging from those mists of doubt, uncertainty, and mythic record, which time or carelessness, or ignorance, or fanaticism, or even scepticism, had thrown around it. We do not accept now in our Masonic belief all that has been so hastily put forward of date, of persons, of events, of traditions. But the process, though disagreeable to some, and objected to by a few, has done, we believe, great good to the important cause of Masonic truth. We, for our part, have never been afraid of enquiry, nor been opposed to full, fair criticism. On the contrary, we believe firmly, after many years of careful archaeological study, that the more our Masonic annals are sifted, the more our history is verified, the more our archaeology is studied, the more that honest criticism is applied both to our legends and our organization, the more remarkable will appear the true position and the living history of Freemasonry in the world. Let us take, as an illustration of what has been said, what has been called the Templar theory of Freemasonry. Some twenty years ago, our English Masonic literature abounded with statements, that Freemasonry had sprung from the Templars. It seems to have been the belief of the Chevalier Ramsay, whether real or assumed, it has been often put forward somewhat hastily in former days, by open and anonymous Masonic writers. We doubt whether at this moment any competent Masonic student would repeat, or would patronize, the fallacious theory. We know now all the history of the Templar dispersion in England and Scotland. In the North of England we can point to the Monasteries after their dissolution, in which the Knights lived and died, and the old idea of a Templar perpetuation of Freemasonry, either at York, or in Scotland, or elsewhere, is as unreal and absurd in truth, as anything well can be either in the realms of history or the domain of myth. We do not ourselves believe in any transmission of the original Templar formulæ or secrets, at least none such has ever come before us which could stand for one moment before the inexorable accuracy of modern criticism, or answer the requirements of historical certainty. There is, indeed, at Paris, we believe, still in existence an organization called "Chevaliers de l'Ordre du Temple." This order professes to be founded on a Charter given by Larmenius the Patriarch, who had received a commission to do so from

Jacques de Molay. We may observe here that this order declares in its avowed formularies that "the mysteries and the hieratical order of the Egyptian Initiation were given to the Jews by Moses," afterwards to the Christians by Our Lord, and religiously preserved by the successors of St. John, and guarded by a secret order called The Brethren of the East. But when the Templar Order was founded Hugh de Payens or Hugo de Paganis, was dubbed with Apostolical and Patriarchal power, and placed in the lawful order of the successor of St. John. Jacques de Molay, foreseeing the misfortunes of his order, it is said, designated as his successor Jean Marc Larmenius, Patriarch of Jerusalem, and in 1324 the latter gave a charter which has been signed ostensibly by a number of eminent men; and on this charter the allegation of perpetuation and continuation rests. But we fear we must dismiss at once this theory of the origin of Freemasonry, it is, in fact, little different from the "disciplina arcani" theory of Dr. Leeson, which has long been given up as historically untenable, and in the next place we regret to say we do not believe the charter itself; it is in our humble opinion, after many careful researches, a forged, and clumsily forged, document. In the first place no one of any authority as to the age of MSS. has ever seen it or been able to consider its handwriting, said to date from 1324 and onwards. Again, it is not very likely that in face of the Papal Bulls suspending and dissolving the Templar Order, a Roman Catholic Archbishop would take upon himself, especially in France, where the Templars were most unjustly given over to the secular arm, to perpetuate secretly a condemned and excommunicated Order, or to receive such a commission from Jacques de Molay. Once more, by the constitutions of the Templars, it was impossible that a Bishop should command the "Milites Templi," and the alleged transmission to Larmenius, therefore, becomes much more than doubtful. Among the many signatures, the famous Bertrand du Guesclin is to be found, in a printed document put forth in 1825, but it has been said that that hero could not write, and signed usually with a mark. This fact was stated in our hearing by a learned collector of autographs, and a brother, many years ago. The regulations of the Order are said to date from the 587th year of the Order, and to be written on twenty-seven folios of paper, with the effigy of John the Baptist. This would bring us to the 16th century. As the Grand Master Philip is said to have signed them, with others, we presume this Philip is Philip Chabot, who was Grand Master according to the Charter in 1516. We confess, both as regards the charter and the regulations, that with some experience of old documents, we cannot believe they represent any such date in either case. Indeed, the allusion to the Scotch Templars appears to us to decide the question, as it is in fact the basis of most of the statements of several of the French high-grades, and is clearly an anachronism. We are inclined to believe that this Order was founded in the time of so many similar foundations, in the early part of the 18th century, and we are willing to look upon the Duc de Cosse-Brissac, in 1776, as the "real and original Grand Master." At the same time we are open to evidence, though every thing we have seen so far only proves to convince us of the utter inadmissibility of the pretensions of the order to antiquity. The order professes to preserve as relics some burnt pieces of bone of the G.M., Jacques de Molay and his gallant comrades, his sword, the helmet of the Dauphin d'Auvergne, the seal of Larmenius, and the veritable "Beauceant." Perhaps some able French brother could tell us whether the Charter could be seen by an expert, and what is the present position of the order. Until, however, we have a little valid evidence, we fear that we must utterly ignore any claims the order puts forward, either as to reality of existence, or to actuality of continuation.

FREEMASONRY IN AMERICA.

We have risen from the perusal of the proceedings of some American Grand Lodges, with mingled feelings of wonder and admiration, for the growth of Freemasonry in that far-off land,

bound to us by so many friendly links of mutual sympathies and common interests, is indeed very remarkable. We shall not be exaggerating when we say that the Order numbers in America just now, considerably over half-a-million of subscribing members, probably between 600,000 and 700,000, including the Knights Templar. And all who have any knowledge of the subject, or peruse carefully the records of Masonic proceedings in the United States, must be well aware how very "thorough" is the Masonic work there done and carried out under each of their many Grand Lodges. Freemasons in England who do not measure their words, who speak "ore rotundo," whose knowledge is only "skin deep" at the best, often talk superciliously of American shortcomings and defects. Now the truth is, that though there may be a certain amount of difference in the practical workings of the Anglican and American systems, though there are admitted divergencies of Grand Lodge regulations, and of Masonic jurisprudence, especially, in consequence of so many conflicting jurisdictions, yet, the genuine principles of Freemasonry are both proclaimed in the letter, and fulfilled in the spirit by the numerous and respectable brotherhood in America. In all parts of Masonic America, for instance, orphanages are being founded and supported, and the amount granted in relief to Masonic distress generally, and to individual cases when fully before our English mind, will assuredly startle us not a little. Let us take one illustration from many that could be adduced. In the last report of the Grand Lodge of California, the Board of Relief had, it is stated, in eighteen years expended seventy-five thousand dollars—£15,000 in round numbers in English money—and procured labour and work for several hundred Masons and others not members of any lodge in St. Francisco. There are in California alone 198 lodges and 10,725 subscribing members. In 1850, there were only 11 Lodges in California and Oregon. With these few yet striking facts alone before us, need we have any doubt that, whatever may be the calls upon them, American Masonic charity and brotherly goodwill are fully equal to the task of coping with them, and making due provision for them, one and all? We might give many other instances if space permitted, but we hope, before long, to receive an exhaustive statement of all the American Masonic charities. Our brethren in the United States deserve, it appears to us, always the highest sympathy and commendation. To them Freemasonry is something more than a name or a form, or the "knife and fork degree." It is indeed, as far as we are able to understand their present position, teaching, and labours, something very serious, and something very real. They have long surmounted a most cruel and shameless persecution. Their lodges are spreading through the old States and the new States of their mighty Government, and, we believe, in no country in the world are the genuine principles of Freemasonry better realised or more faithfully practised. To them the *Freemason* tenders once again its friendly greetings of sympathetic brotherhood; and we are always delighted to be able to report in our well-filled pages those evidences of Masonic growth and of Masonic duty, which mark in such vivid colours the onward progress of our American confraternity.

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,—

Nothing ought to be wanting to give eclat to the approaching festival. The Freemasons' Hall is manifestly inadequate for the occasion, and no more fitting place can be chosen (for many reasons) than the Albert Hall.

When at Boulogne last September, a conversation between a Roman Catholic Priest and a layman was overheard by my wife, the subject of it being, as the priest said, the "glorious" conversion of the late G.M., and the "deadly blow which had been inflicted upon that ungodly, irreligious Order of Freemasons." The priest said, with reference to the move taken to secure the Prince of Wales, that the Roman Catholics laughed at the idea, and that it was more than he dared do to comply with the presumptuous demands of these excommunicated.

The result, I "calculate," has surprised the weak nerves of this gentleman, who can now plainly see that while

"No Italian priest shall take tithes or toll in our dominions," their power over the will and conscience of England's future hope is nil and nowhere. Not less galling must be the fact of the head of the Craft in Ireland being the Queen's representative, tantamount, almost, to the Sovereign herself.

But all this should stir us up to put a bright face upon the matter, and cheering as the prospects of Freemasonry may be now, to show to the opponents of our noble, and essentially religious Craft, that a still brighter future is in store for the devotees of the strangely maligned Order.

Without hurling defiance at the papacy, we may surely worthily celebrate the great moral victory that we have achieved over the plotting of our deadliest foe—a foe that neither by word nor deed have we done ought to offend or injure. Let therefore the forthcoming ceremonial be shorn of none of the importance which most fairly belongs to it, but let all Masons, members of Grand Lodge, as loyal and faithful adherents to our Sovereign Lady and her successors, have full and ample opportunity of displaying that joy which animates them individually and collectively. It will be a day long to be remembered by the Craft—the "St. Crispian's" of Masonry, if I may be allowed a similitude, which, in fact, is scarcely one at all. However, it will answer the purpose, as it will be a day never to be forgotten by the youngest, as well as the oldest, who may be spared and permitted to take part in it.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, Yours Fraternally,
Wm. WIGGINTON.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

All Freemasons must congratulate themselves on the fact of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales becoming the Grand Master of England. Greatly do I think it has added to the dignity and standing of our Order, and I would suggest a special jewel (perhaps a small Prince of Wales's Feathers) might be worn by those Worshipful Masters holding office at the time of the Installation of His Royal Highness, in commemoration of this felicitous event. Perhaps some Worshipful Master of standing would organize a plan to memorialize the Grand Lodge for permission to add such a well prized jewel to their regalia.

I am, sir, yours obediently and fraternally,
"BRIDGEFIELD."

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is curious to observe the different opinions on the point raised by M. S., and which was of sufficient importance to become the subject of a leading article in your impression of 19th ult.

The various complexions this matter is capable of taking may be mainly attributed to the wording of the Book of Constitutions, by which its "spirit" is certainly not indicated, but really contradictory. Take page 18, where it distinctly states that Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of private lodges are members of Grand Lodge.

Then comes the clause about the rights and privileges of an Installed Master, who, "having for twelve months ceased to subscribe to any lodge, shall no longer continue a member of the Grand Lodge, nor can he regain that privilege until again installed Master of a lodge." According to this, if the P.M. in question were to rejoin his lodge, and happen to be appointed as Warden by the then W.M., he could not, during the whole of his Wardenship, attend Grand Lodge. This is the inconsistency to which I referred in my letter, alluded to by Bro. Magnus Ohren in your last impression. Under such circumstances, it is quite clear that the P.M.'s rank and rights would be regained, his rank as P.M., and his rights as Senior P.M., and a member of Grand Lodge.

Why should he have to wait till again installed as W.M.? His Wardenship alone gives him a vote in Grand Lodge.

Hoping to see Bro. Magnus Ohren, or any other able writer, surmount this difficulty, I am, yours fraternally,
E. F.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I should like an opinion on the following case:—The election for Mastership is contested by two or more eligible brethren, all I.M.'s, one of whom, Bro. A, is the retiring W.M. Bro. B is elected by one vote, and on arriving at the lodge after the election, is acquainted with the fact, and immediately "declines to be installed." Bro. C. rises to remonstrate, and reminds Bro. B. of a certain clause in the Charge to an Entered Apprentice, concerning "votes and resolutions," whereupon Bro. B. says he will leave the matter in the hands of the brethren (as Bro. C.'s remarks have gone home to him), and retires. In the meantime, Bro. A. proceeds to a fresh election, and is himself elected. Who is the W.M. elect?

Yours fraternally,
E. F.

THE DEGREES OF MARK MASTER AND EXCELLENT MASTER.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

With your kind permission I shall address you on a subject on which, in the colonies at least (and I think I may also say in England), there seems to be not only a division of opinion, but a large amount of fogginess in the minds of many of the Craft, viz., the true position of the degrees of Mark Master, and Most Excellent Master. I am writing as an English Mason, and by some of my zealous brethren, it may be said at once, "You have nothing to do with these degrees," the Grand Lodge of England not acknowledging them, but intelligent Masons of the present day, with all due deference to that august

body, recognise the value of them, and not only the value but, in order to perfect the ritual of Craft Masonry, the actual necessity of them.

I have read from time to time in the pages of your valuable journal many opinions anent the Mark Degree uttered by brighter Masons than myself, such as Bros. Yarker, Hughan, Paton, &c., and being struck by a remark of Bro. Emra Holmes at page 398, in a July number of the *Freemason*, in which he is reported to have shown "where the continuity was broken in the third degree, and where it was taken up in the Royal Arch." I confess I cannot understand how the continuity could be shown without the aid of the degrees mentioned.

The position of the Mark Degree has been, and is, a vexed question with Masonic students. Bro. Yarker, indeed, gives it as his opinion that it is of modern date and spurious character, but with all respect to my learned brother I think he may, with equal justice, say the same of the third degree, yet who will question its position in any rite, or what would Masonry be without it? The question of the before-mentioned degrees at the present, should not be as to their antiquity but their suitability to supply a vacancy in the present English rite, which sadly mars its structure and seeks to mystify the ordinary or less enquiring mind of the R.A. Are they founded on Masonic principle? And are they within the landmarks of what may be termed operative-speculative Masonry? Such being the case, their suitability cannot be denied, and their true position seems to me undoubtedly between the M.M. and R.A. Degrees.

The strangest part of the present question is that these degrees should be incorporated with R.A. Chapters. There may be grounds of argument for excluding them altogether (although I admit of none), but the inconsistency of associating them with R.A. Chapters, passeth understanding. Every brother must know the events they illustrate are supposed to have occurred at the first or S.T., and from their tenour must be used in the crowning acts of that work, or altogether ignored, therefore why our Scotch brethren and others discard them in the lodge and introduce them in the chapter, among events occurring after the return from Babylon, is to me a puzzle.

Speaking broadly then, I think an English Mason holding under Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and also under Grand Mark Lodge (for the two degrees mentioned) is in better standing as to perfection of rite, than a Mason holding under any other constitution that I know of. Many worthy Masons in the colonies regret that the Grand Lodge of England fails to recognise these degrees as "pure and ancient Masonry," neither can they understand the why or wherefore, seeing they were included in the ancient York rite, which some of the most eminent in our fraternity consider as "the mother of all ancient rites." Is it not carrying conservatism to excess to sacrifice a principle to a constitutional clause of doubtful import? Craft Masonry, as worked in lodges under Grand Lodge of England is incomplete, but should not be allowed to remain so. If the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland knew what a blessing it would be to colonial brethren to assimilate their rites (I believe they have assimilated their working), I think, in justice to us, they would do so. If the present differences existed in any other society than that of Masons, the consequences, I am afraid, would be serious dissension. As it is, it sometimes threatens to estrange brethren of the two constitutions, who are over-zealous in their attachments. To make Scottish Masonry consistent, the Mark and Excellent Master must be controlled by Grand Lodge instead of Grand Chapter, and that English Masonry may be perfected, it is necessary that Grand Lodge should recognise these degrees, in the only position that can be assigned to them, viz: following the M.M. The present system is most detrimental to the Eng. R.A. in the colonies, for the reason that in towns, where chapters are held under both Constitutions (and there are many), English Masons prefer becoming members of Scotch chapters, as they obtain two extra degrees for the same money, and no matter where they locate, there is no difficulty in visiting. This, however, is not so much the case in places where there happens to be an English Mark Lodge. As a rule, then, our brethren prefer passing through the Mark Lodge on the way to the English chapter, although it is more expensive.

The present Grand Mark Masters' Lodge of England and Wales, deserves the hearty support of every English Mason, for the manner in which it has surmounted every difficulty in the attainment of its present position, but here also inconsistency must be complained of, or it is likely I never should have troubled you in re the present question, indeed the last sanctioned working is to my mind utterly contradictory. It is evident the position of the degree is assumed to be beyond the M.M., as the lodge is presided over by A., not in his capacity as "Chief Overseer," but as "Master of the Work," chosen to succeed H.A.B., as also it being imperative that the candidate shall be a M.M., yet the first prominent action brings us back to what should be an extension of the F.C., namely the choosing and registration of the Mark. If the lodge is open in a degree superior to the M.M., how can it consistently resolve itself into a F.C. lodge, and confer on a Craftsman a reward of merit for labours the result of which they know nothing of. It must be conceded the status of Mark Man can only concern a F.C. lodge, and therefore a Mark Masters' Lodge should assume the candidate to have received his Mark as before noted. The registration in a M.M. lodge is no doubt a necessity, but the choosing should find no place in it. Several other remarks I should like to make on the mode of working, but I am afraid I have already trespassed too much on your space, my only excuse being that these matters are of interest to brethren in the colonies, and we are anxious to hear the opinion of brighter Masons than ourselves.

Yours Fraternally,
WALTER HILL, P.M. 49 E.C.

Dunedin, New Zealand, Oct. 1874.

MASONIC PORTRAITS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have refrained from addressing you on the question of Masonic portraits, though just now it is a subject in which I am deeply interested, yet, as I find a weekly correspondence in your paper, indicating that there is a public feeling in favour of such a mode of illustration, I am induced to send you a suggestion, in the hope that it may ultimately benefit the Craft in general, and your paper in particular.

It may be interesting to the brethren to know that during the last twelve months I have published several thousand portraits of public characters for book illustration, and where the number of prints required will admit of it, the application of permanent printing reduces the cost materially, besides giving to the portraits the same permanency as printing ink. Last month, Grand Lodge honoured me by accepting an elegantly bound album, for the "Portraits and Autographs of our Rulers," which I am now compiling, several of which portraits it is my intention to print in carbon.

I therefore suggest that permission be asked to publish such of my portraits as may be of interest to your numerous readers, when I will willingly lend any of the cliché that you may approve, as the printing in carbon does not damage the negative for silver print.

A selection might also be made from the various albums which I have supplied to different lodges.

am, dear Sir, and Brother, fraternally yours,
Edw. M. HAIGH, P.M. 29, P.G. Steward.
213, Regent-street, W.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to congratulate you upon the vastly improved appearance of the *Freemason* for the 2nd inst., and to thank you for the greatly increased matter that you have presented to us.

The suggestions that have been made in your columns as to illustrations, &c., are, I believe, good, and, if carried out, would do much to extend the circulation of the paper, even among the outward world.

The keeping the advertisements on separate sheets is an inducement for binding, as one does not care to have the continuity of letter-press broken every moment by matters of no interest (then), and of considerable annoyance.

Wishing you success among the lodges, and, through them, with the brethren,

I am yours fraternally,
WM. WIGGINSON, P.M. 902, 1298; W.M. 1503, &c.
Jan. 4, 1874.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

On Monday last the usual quarterly court of the subscribers and governors of this institution was held in the board room, Freemasons' Hall. The chair was taken by Bro. Henry Brown, vice-patron. There were also present Bros. John Symonds, W. Roebuck, Major J. Creaton, John Boyd, R. Wentworth Little, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and F. Binckes, Secretary. The motion of Bro. John Symonds (for which see report of Girls' School) was dealt with in the same way and referred to the same committee as is named in the Girls' School report, and besides the confirmation of the minutes no further business remained to be transacted.

Attention was called by the Secretary to the anniversary festival of the institution, which is announced to take place on the 30th of June, when the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Pro Grand Master, and R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Somerset, will preside. The total receipts of 1874 were stated to be £10,185, including £466, a grant from Grand Chapter. The debit balance account at the bankers' at the close of the past year was £151 11s. 4d.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman, and the proceedings terminated.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The establishment of Christmas holidays to be spent at home when wished, and their extension to three weeks, has been extensively taken advantage of during the season by the pupils of the Masonic Boys' School, only 42 out of the total number of 176 having remained in the institution. Neither the comforts nor the enjoyments of these few have been neglected. As a matter of course, good Christmas cheer was not wanting, but with out-door enjoyment the weather has materially interfered. A present of a large box of excellent fireworks, however, most kindly and thoughtfully given by a resident in the neighbourhood, Mr. Dixon, Secretary of the Alexandra Palace Company, afforded a treat which was highly appreciated by the lads on Friday evening last. Also, on the Monday following, Mr. W. Bridgman Smith, gave an evening lecture, entitled, "Mont Blanc, How I went there, What I saw, and What I did." By invitation a large number of local residents attended, and by their presence added considerably to the enjoyment of the evening, lending a warmth and enthusiasm to the proceedings which would otherwise have been wanting, though our young friends themselves contributed their full share to the applause with which Mr. Smith's efforts to amuse and instruct were received. At the close of the lecture, an exhibition of chromatropes was given, with which everyone was delighted. Mr. Bridgman Smith possesses a happy talent for condensation, with quiet humour in making good points, and an emphatic delivery. The improvements he has effected in the lantern have brought the "Bridgman Lantern" to a high pitch of excellence; the manipulation

is perfect; and the views, which are numerous, are admirably painted, and come out on the disc clear and sharply defined. A vote of thanks, proposed by Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the institution, was enthusiastically acquiesced in by all present and suitably acknowledged by Mr. Smith. The company then separated, all, young and old alike, expressing themselves as intensely pleased with the evening's entertainment. It should be stated that the whole of the domestic staff of the institution also attended.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this School was held last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Major Creaton presided, and the other members present were Bros. T. J. Barnes, H. Browne, John Symonds, H. Massey (*Freemason*), Herbert Dicketts, G. M. E. Snow, H. Muggieridge, Griffiths Smith, H. A. Dubois, Thos. W. White, Hyde Pullen, Robert B. Webster, F. Binckes, Richard Spencer, and R. W. Little, Secretary. The Secretary, having read the minutes, announced that he had written to the Marquis of Ripon to know whether His Lordship wished to remain a trustee of the Girls' School, and had received a reply that he did not. A question therefore arose whether the vacancy should now be filled up. Bro. Symonds thought it should be filled up at once, Law 7 of the Institution being in favour of that step. The Chairman, on the contrary, believed it would be better to defer it to another meeting, notice of motion being in the meantime given to fill up the vacancy. According to law 7, quoted by Bro. Symonds, no doubt they had power to act at once, but it would be more prudent, perhaps, to let the matter stand over. Bro. Symonds said it was unfortunate they had not had the resignation earlier, but under all the circumstances he agreed that it would be better to adopt the chairman's suggestion. This was concurred in, and the minutes were then put and confirmed. The consideration of the following motion of Bro. Symonds was the next business on the paper:

"Every Steward at the Anniversary Festival who shall procure Donations and Subscriptions to the extent of One Hundred 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 One Hundred Guineas, one additional vote; One Hundred and Fifty Guineas, two additional votes; Two Hundred Guineas, three additional votes; and a further extra vote for every additional sum of not less than Fifty Guineas so obtained and paid over." Bro. Symonds said he was willing that it should be referred to a committee of the two schools, and he would also suggest that the mode of election to the House and Audit Committees should be referred to the same body. The election, he thought, should be conducted in the same way as the half-yearly elections of children into the school were now conducted, by proxy papers, scrutineers being appointed, the poll to remain open till, say, 5 p.m.

The reference to a committee was agreed to, and Bros. Browne, Symonds, Griffiths Smith, Thos. W. White, Hyde Pullen, T. J. Barnes, Major Creaton, Herbert Dicketts, and John Boyd, were appointed the said committee. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

NEW YEAR'S TREAT AT THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The New Year's treat to the children of this Institution was given by the members of the House and Audit Committees, on the 8th inst., at the school at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise. Among the brethren present were Bros. Benj. Head, A. H. Draper, Robert B. Webster, W. F. C. Moutrie, H. C. Levander, H. Massey (*Freemason*), Joshua Nunn, A. H. Tattershall, Louis Hirsch, Thomas W. White, Edw. Cox, Thomas Massa, Griffiths Smith, W. Winn, F. J. Cox, R. W. Little (Secretary), H. Muggieridge (Collector), and several ladies.

Most of the children had gone home for the holidays, but there were about thirty left. These were entertained, first of all, at tea, after which they enjoyed some dancing. Dissolving views and magic lantern were then provided by Bro. F. J. Cox, of Ludgate-hill, and some very interesting pieces of scenery were produced, together with a verbal explanation. This lasted for a couple of hours, during all which time the children and the visitors were much amused, and expressed their gratification at the exhibition.

As soon as the last diagram—"Good night"—was given, the children retired to the dining-hall to supper, where all the visitors waited on their little friends, and pulled crackers with them, to the intense delight of the children. The supper, however, as a repast, did not appear to have half the interest for them that the crackers had, and, unlike boys, they left the refectory almost untouched, to revel in the delight of wearing the caps, coronets, collars, and other becoming articles of dress, which were enclosed with the bon-bons. They were occupied a considerable time in this amusement, and perhaps no previous part of the evening had such allurements for either the big or the little girls.

The pleasure was sustained during the dancing which followed, when the fortunate possessors of caps continued to wear them. It was getting late when the visitors bade adieu to the dear little girls, who shook them most heartily by the hand as they left.

When the dancing was over, and before retiring, Bro. Benj. Head addressed a few words to the children. He said: My good friends all, I hope you will excuse me for addressing you. I think I am the oldest member of this institution, and if you will allow me I will say a few words before parting. We meet here at the beginning of a new year. We meet here with a number of you young chil-

dren who are remaining in the school for the holidays, and knowing that many of the girls of this institution have gone home, I hope, to have a happy, comfortable, and merry Christmas. Though they have gone to spend their merry Christmas at home, I hope, little ones, you have enjoyed yourselves to-day. We have come here on purpose that you should have a little pleasure, and I think we have been successful. Well, then, I think, in looking back to the year that has passed, we have to be very thankful to the great and good God that rules over all, for the restoration to health of one who is dear to us all (Miss Jarwood), a lady who has been in this establishment for many many years, a lady who has been kind and motherly to you and hundreds before you, and I am sure a lady dear to all of us who are on committees, a lady whom we all love and admire. I ask you now to thank God that she is restored to health, and to wish her many, many happy years still to come, that we may all have the pleasure of meeting her here in many future years. (Cheers.) I now bid you all good night.

The decorations of the different rooms were very tastefully arranged by the children and the governesses, and the building bore all the signs of a hearty welcome to visitors. Evergreens in festoons, "A Merry Christmas," "A Happy New Year," "Welcome," and, not the least, cheerful, roaring fires, and well lighted rooms, revived the memories of old-fashioned Christmases, as handed down by traditional history. The brethren will be glad to know that the inmates of the school appear to be in the enjoyment of excellent health and unalloyed happiness.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

ORDER OF PROCESSION AT A FENERAL.

In reply to "one of your old subscribers" as to the order of procession, it is laid down in a book I possess, dated 1819, as follows, viz.:

Tyler, with a drawn sword.
Musicians (if any).
Master Masons.
Senior and Junior Deacons.
Secretary and Treasurer.
Senior and Junior Wardens.
Past Masters.
The Holy Writings, on a Cushion,
Carried by the OLDEST MEMBER of the Lodge.
The Master.
Clergy.
THE BODY.
Pall Bearers. Pall Bearers.

In the above order the youngest Past Master goes before the W.M. in the procession.

Yours, fraternally,

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

MASONIC PEDIGREE WHEAT.

Referring to the article in the *Freemason* of the 19th Sept. last, headed "Royal Masonic Pedigree Wheat," giving an account of the produce of a single grain which fell from the hand of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of the New Grammar School at Reading, picked up and planted by Bro. Thos. Deller, P.M., of Newbury, we are now informed that the corn has been threshed, the yield being nearly five quarters. This has been drilled into sixteen acres of suitable land; thus we see this large result from a single grain in five years.

THE SCALD MISERABLE MASONS.

I have seen an old print in the window of Messrs. Golding and Lawrence, Antiquarian Print and Booksellers, Ivy Lane, an engraving with the above description. It represents "the front of Somerset House in 1742, copied from the view of the Grand Procession of the Scald Miserable Masons." It appears to be a burlesque of Freemasonry, as some of the persons forming the procession are seated on asses. Some are playing musical instruments, others carry banners with Masonic emblems. Can any brother tell me what the Scald Miserable Masons were, if any such body existed. QUERIST.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following brethren form the Board of Stewards for the Anniversary Festival on behalf of this Institution, on Wednesday, 27th January, 1875, the Right Hon. Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire, in the Chair.

PRESIDENT:—R. W. Bro. Samuel Rawson, P. Dist. G.M. China.

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P. Prov. G.R. Staffordshire, P.M. 482; A. Avery, P. Prov. G.R. Kent, P.M. 1314; W. Cuthbush, P.G.S.W. Herts, W.M. 1385; J. E. Le Feuvre, P. Prov. G.S. Hants and Isle of Wight, P.M. 130; T. S. Carter, P.G.S.D. Herts, W.M. 403; Col. J. Duff, P.G.S.D. Norfolk, S.W. 102; E. West, P. Prov. G.D. Herts, P.M. 1327; H. Hacker, P.G.J.D. Hants and Isle of Wight, W.M. 723; W. H. Brittain, P. Prov. G.D. of C.W. Yorks, P.M. 139; E. Worral, P. Prov. G.D.C. Warwickshire, P.M. 925; C. E. Peck, A.G.D.C. Cambridge, I.G. 859; W. Hicks, P. Prov. G.S.B. Kent, P.M. 483, 77; W. Coombes, P. Prov. G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M. and Sec. 382; W. Goodacre, P.G. Purst. Cheshire, P.M. 104; H. Sanderson, P. Prov. G.P. Warwick, P.M. 925; W. H. Trego, P.G.S., P.M. 1; R. J. Hayhow, P.G.S., W.M. 8; Prof. E. Wilson, F.R.S., F.R.C.S., G.S., W.M. 1464; W. Pigott, W.M. 1282, Province of Lincoln; J. M. Rutter, P.G.S. East Lancashire, J.W. 221; J. Newton, P.G.S. East Lancashire, P.M. 37; G. Bolton, (V.P.), P.M. 169.

TREASURER:—W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. (V.P.) P.G.D. Lodge 2.

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HONORARY SECRETARY.—Bro. James Terry (Secretary to the Institution), 4, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

THE MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.

Some of the members of this useful institute met on Monday evening in the beautiful hall of the Supreme Grand Council, 33, Golden-square, which had been kindly lent for the occasion, to hear a lecture by Bro. R. G. Haliburton, of St. John's Lodge, Nova Scotia, on the "Prehistoric Vestiges of Masonic Symbolism."

Bro. Haliburton is well known as the discoverer of the "Year of the Pleiades," and it was generally expected that his lecture would throw considerable light on Masonic symbolism, more especially (which was the object of the lecture) on that symbolism, and the symbol of the seven stars, supplying a key to the common origin of the religion of nations. The expectation was not disappointed, for the lecturer, with the aid of some rough diagrams, described the researches he had made, and the great difficulty he had, before he became a Freemason, in discovering an explanation of the mysterious numbers in which he found certain relics of bye-gone ages. Alighting on the same combinations among the Australian savages, the Dyaks of Borneo, the North American Indians, the Greeks, the Persians, the Arabs, the Egyptians, Mexicans, Scandinavians, and Chinese, together with Bible history, the writings of Plutarch, ancient mythology, and the remnants of decayed architecture all over the world, he could not but conceive that the similarity to be found in these combinations was traceable to the same source. After becoming a Freemason the missing link was supplied, and he then traced to one fountain all the streams of religion which flowed through the world.

At the conclusion of the lecture, we were informed that no report of it would be allowed, as, according to the rules of the Institute, all its proceedings were to be looked upon with the same secrecy as the mysteries of the Masonic Lodge. We are therefore unable to give a report, but without any breach of Masonic obligations, we may make known that the lecture was an exceedingly able and interesting one, and displayed very great research, and as the lecturer solicited the assistance of all members of the Craft, they cannot do better than join the Institute, the subscription to which is only half-a-guinea. The lecturer pointed

out that the researches were a point of some interest to theologians, as they would tend to solve many of the questions which puzzled them; and he indicated a great future for the Craft as regarded the history of Masonry. He hoped that the day would yet come when the recollection of the glories of Masonry in all ages would awaken English Masons to a conscientiousness of duty, and make them what they once were, a pride to themselves and all the nations of the Earth.

A discussion of some length followed, but not being completed, was adjourned to a future meeting, which Bro. Haliburton said he should be happy to attend for the purpose of giving any assistance in his power.

The Earl of Carnarvon was to have presided, but owing to the illness of the Countess of Carnarvon, his lordship could not attend.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

HOKITIKA.—The regular meeting of the Pacific Lodge (1229 E.C.) was held in the Masonic Hall, Revell-street, on Tuesday last, when, notwithstanding the prevailing wet weather, there was a goodly attendance of members and visiting brethren. The business of the evening was conducted in the most able manner, and the brethren had the pleasure of listening to a very forcible address from their R.W. District Grand Master, Bro. Lazar, who, on behalf of the members, presented Bro. J. R. Hudson, P.M., with a handsome P.M. jewel and a richly-illuminated testimonial, as a mark of their esteem for the very zealous manner in which that brother, as W.M. for two years, had conducted their lodge and managed its business. In the course of his address, Bro. Lazar paid some very high compliments to the whole of the P.M.'s from the commencement of the lodge, and congratulated the members on its good working, and also on its pecuniary position. The testimonial, signed by all the officers of the lodge, was as follows:—"To Bro. J. R. Hudson, P.M.—Dear Sir and Brother,—We the W.M., Wardens, and Officers of the Pacific Lodge (1229 E.C.), beg to convey to you here-with an expression of our fraternal and sincere regard, and to assure you that your zealous attention to the interests of our time-honoured Craft in the faithful discharge of your duties as W.M. for the past two years has received the approval and esteem of the brethren, in testimony of which we beg your acceptance of the accompanying jewel, and trust that the G.A.O.T.U. may be pleased, in His bountiful goodness and wisdom, long to spare you in your useful Masonic career, and that He may continue to surround you and yours with every blessing obtainable in this life." Bro. P.M. Hudson, when returning thanks for the handsome presents made him, said:—"It is difficult for me to find words sufficiently expressive to show you my deep sense of gratitude for the high distinction you have this evening conferred upon me. It would be mere affectation on my part were I to say I consider myself entirely unworthy of the honour I have received at your hands, but I sincerely assure you that so costly and handsome a recognition of any services I may have happily been enabled to render our lodge is far beyond my real deserts. I certainly have (as all who wish to achieve honour and success in Masonry) worked hard, and your presentation this evening shows I have not worked in vain to maintain the dignity and prosperity of the Pacific Lodge, to encourage fraternal affection amongst its members, and to promote, as far as laid in my power, the general interests of our Craft. As I am well aware that I have, on many occasions, been wanting in that tact and judgment so necessary in the Master of a lodge who wishes to bring his career of office to a successful issue, I can the more fully appreciate the brotherly love, kind feelings, and indulgence that has been shown towards me. The brother then pointed out to those present the folly of the extravagances of some other lodges in spending all their funds, and, in some instances, getting into debt for large sums to build magnificently-ornamented halls, and thereby rendering themselves powerless to stretch out the arm of charity to the poor and distressed. He strongly urged upon them that while they had a hall small and plain, though it is but possessing the one main thing desirable for Masonic purposes—viz., privacy—to be content and reserve their funds for the relief of their indigent brethren. After the lodge was closed, the brethren, by invitation from Bro. Hudson, adjourned to the Cleveland Hotel, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

OTAGO.—The installation meeting of the Lodge of Otago, 844 E.C., took place on Wednesday, Oct. 14th, in the Masonic Hall. The lodge being opened by the W.M., Bro. A. H. Burton, the S.W., Bro. T. Fordyce, was presented as the W.M. elect, and after assenting to the ancient charges was duly installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony was most impressively worked by Bro. A. H. Burton in his usual painstaking manner. There were a large number of P.M.'s in the East, as also of visiting brethren of the different constitutions. The lodge was honoured by an official visit of the Prov. G. Master, S.C., and his officers. After the ceremony of investment the Installing Officer called on the brethren to salute the Prov. G. Master, S.C., with grand honours. The Prov. G. M. in returning thanks for the kind reception of himself and officers, said he was glad to avail himself of the opportunity of visiting the lodge, to show them he fully appreciated the handsome manner in which his English brethren turned out on the late occasion of his own installation, he should ever remember the compliment paid him, and thanked them heartily for their fraternal feeling. The following are the officers for the ensuing year:—J. Fordyce, W.M.; W. M. Weston, S.W.; L. Court, J.W.; Eldridge, P.M. Treas.; S. M. Muir, Sec.; D. K. Rhodes, S.D.; R. Greenfield, J.D.; Hiram Rhodes, I.G.; B. Singer, Steward. After closing, the brethren adjourned to Dunning's Cafe and spent the evening in their usual social style.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The committee of this institution met on Wednesday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Major Creton, president. There were also present, Bros. C. F. Hogard; Benj. Head; H. Browse; Griffiths Smith; J. G. Stevens; W. Hale; C. A. Cottebrune; H. M. Levy; John Constable; J. Newton; L. Stean; James Brett; W. Stephens; T. Cubitt; F. Adlard; Hyde Pullen; W. Hilton; H. Massey (Freemason); and James Terry, Secretary.

The death of two annuitants were announced, and fifteen candidates were placed on the list for May. The petition of a widow for half annuity was granted, and leave of absence was granted to an annuitant. The name of one petitioner was, at her own request, removed from the list. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN HIGGIN, S.W. 1129.

On Tuesday evening, the 22nd December, a little before twelve o'clock, Bro. John Higgin died at his house, in Lord Street, Rochdale, after a very short sickness. He attended the funeral of Bro. Edwin Collingwood, P.M., on Friday, the 15th ult., and it is thought that he caught a cold which brought on rheumatic fever, and cut him off in the prime of life. He was a kind and benevolent brother, and well respected by his brethren and friends.

He was S.W. of Lodge of St. Chad, 1129. He was for many years a traveller for a very respectable firm in the ironmongery business in Manchester, in which he acquitted himself very creditably.

He was interred in the Rochdale Cemetery on Saturday, 26th December, and there was a good attendance of the brethren from the different lodges to pay their last respects to our departed brother, whom they should see no more. They attended in white ties and gloves.

"Mors cuncta mortalium mala dissolvit."

DEATH OF BRO. LLEWELLYN EVANS.

We regret to have received the information of the decease of our able Bro. Llewellyn Evans, late President of the Board of General Purposes for many years.

Masonic Tidings.

MASONIC CONCERT IN LIVERPOOL.—Last Saturday evening the third of the series of five concerts, in aid of the fund for the erection of an organ in the Liverpool Masonic Hall, took place in the dining-hall of that building. There was a large attendance, and, as the programme was one of the very choicest nature, the enjoyment of those present was complete. The artistes who kindly gave their services were Miss Phillippis, Miss M. Phillippis, Bro. H. C. Harrison, Bro. T. J. Hughes, Signor Olano, Master Davies (a young pianist of great promise), and Bro. G. A. W. Phillippis (cornet). The concert was under the direction of Bro. Franklin Haworth, whose accompaniments were invariably played with the greatest taste.

Bro. Herbert Monckton was elected Town Clerk of Maidstone on Thursday, 7th inst., vice Mr. John Monckton, resigned after thirty-six years' tenure of office. Mr. Herbert Monckton is a brother of the Town Clerk of London, and is already well known to municipal officers as a compiler of election and other manuals.

We regret to learn that the Countess of Carnarvon, who gave birth to a daughter at her town residence, 16, Bruton-street, on the 30th ult., was so seriously ill last week that her condition caused much anxiety, and Sir William Gull was called in. On Saturday her ladyship was reported to be rather better.

The will, dated Feb. 21st 1866, of Benjamin Bond Cabbell, late of Cromer Hall, Norfolk, and of the Middle Temple, who died on the 9th ult., at 39, Chapel-street, Edgware-road, was proved on the 23rd ult., by John Cabbell, the sole executor, the personal estate being sworn under £100,000. The testator devises all his real estate and bequeaths all his personal estate to his cousin, the said John Cabbell.—Illustrated London News.

MUNIFICENT BEQUESTS TO LIVERPOOL CHARITIES.—By the death, last week, of Mr. Roger Lyon Jones, 69 years of age, who resided at Sunnyside, Prince's Park, Liverpool, the charitable institutions and religious societies of Liverpool have just come in for a most extraordinary sum of money. It is expected that the estate will be worth at least £350,000, and by his will Mr. Jones specifically bequeaths £40,000, of which £20,000 is to be given to some distant relatives, and the other £20,000 to different charities in Liverpool named in the will. The remainder of the property, amounting to upwards of £300,000, is left in the hands of the executors, who are empowered to divide it amongst local charitable and religious institutions as they may deem fit.

Bro. Eneas J. McIntyre will preside at the Anniversary Festival of the Caledonian Society of London, to be held on Monday, the 25th inst.

FIRE AT MOUNT EDGEUMBE.—A fire of considerable proportions broke out at about eleven o'clock on Wednesday night on Mount Edgecombe. Notwithstanding the stormy weather, some hundreds of persons assembled on the Hoe to witness the flames, which illuminated the night across the three miles intervening between Plymouth and the Mount. It appears as if the well-known group of ornamental cottages belonging to the Earl of Mount Edgecombe, Prov. Grand Master for Cornwall, and provided for the accommodation of picnic parties, was in flames. Should such prove to be the case, the fine mansion is in no danger, but many of the splendid trees which ornament the heights, and which are the pride of Devonshire, are on fire.

MASONIC PHOTOGRAPHY.—Our attention has been called to a communication from Bro. Edward W. Haigh, who has, during the past month, presented to Grand Lodge a very elegantly bound album, in morocco, of Grand Lodge colours, and which may now be seen at Grand Secretary's office, intended to contain the portraits, with autographs, of the officers and members of Grand Lodge. The works of this eminent artist have frequently come under our notice, and we cannot too highly commend him for the spirited manner in which he is accomplishing this tasteful task. As all the sittings are, by his liberality, gratuitously bestowed, we strongly urge all Grand Lodge members, who have not already given sittings, to pay an early visit to the atelier of Bro. Haigh, at 213, Regent-street. Among the many excellent examples of Bro. Haigh's artistic skill that we have been favoured with an inspection of, we may mention a series of carefully coloured studies of Bro. George Kenning, recently executed, and representing that experienced Mason in nine different grades, from the 30th degree downwards. These admirable pictures reflect the highest credit upon artist and subject, and especially the latter, since they afford unmistakable evidence of the diligence and perseverance with which Bro. Kenning has applied himself to the acquirement of such proficiency in the noble science of Freemasonry.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, January 23, 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 16.

Lodge 715, Pannure, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
 Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-q., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
 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.
 Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18.

Lodge 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street.
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 185, Tranquillity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 720, Pannure, Balham, Hotel, Balham.
 " 862, Whittington, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 907, Royal Alfred, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan, 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 19.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.
 Lodge 30, United Mariner's, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 165, Honour and Generosity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.
 " 857, St. Mark's, Half-Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.
 " 1441, Ivy, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge-road.
 Chap. 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon Steepy, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Prec.
 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.
 Rerey 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 20.

General Committee Grand Chapter.
 Lodge of Benevolence.
 Grand Stewards' Lodge.
 Lodge 140, St. George's Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
 " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 " 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich.
 " 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
 " 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.
 " 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.
 " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
 Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 141, Faith, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
 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, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.
 Dalton Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 55, Constitutional, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
 " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
 " 1278, Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park.
 " 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton.
 " 1597, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-road.
 Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 " 834, Andrew, Royal Sussex Hotel, Hammersmith.
 Preceptory E., Observance, 14, Bedford-row.
 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. L. 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, Pensonby-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 22.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 569, Fitzroy, Head-quarters Hon. Artillery Corps, City-road.
 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.
 Pannure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 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-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Prec.
 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, Duke or Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7. Bro. M. S. Latham, Preceptor.
 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 Courts 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.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 23, 1875.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18.

Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
 " 1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.
 " 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19.

Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms, Seacombe, at 6.
 Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 6.30.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescott, at 4.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-le-Willows.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 4.
 " 537, Zetland, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 5.
 " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 " 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale at 6.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee Ho., Wavertree, at 5.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
 Chap. 580, Unity, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 4.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 343, Concord, Queen's Arms, Church-st., Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 3.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-st., Fleetwood.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
 " 1072, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.
 " 1292, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Ho., West Derby, at 5.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, January 23, 1874.
 All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 556, Clydesdale, Crown-street Assembly Rooms.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19.

Lodge 31, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 87, Thistle, 12, Tongate.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Bridge, Govan.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20.

Lodge 117, Partick St. Mary's, Partick.
 " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-street.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 465, St. Andrew, Garngad-road.

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