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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

IPSWICH.—BRITISH UNION LODGE (No. 114).—The usual monthly meeting was held on the 21st ult. Present Bros. A. D. George, W.M.; Peter de Lande Long, Vice-President Board of General Purposes, I.P.M.; Rev. E. J. Lockwood, D.P.G.M.; Bobby, P.G.S.W.; A. J. Barber, P.M., P.G.O.; Emra Holmes, P. Prov. G. Reg., &c.; W. Spalding, P.M., Secretary; T. E. Taylor, F.L.S., F.G.S., &c.; J. J. Burton, S.W.; Rev. A. G. Moore, J.W.; S. Wright, Acting S.D.; J. Casley, Acting J.D.; Ridley King, Acting I.G., &c. Visitors: Bros. H. Gamman, P.M.; Dr. Elliston, P.M. of the Perfect Friendship Lodge; and Sir Peter Spokes. The minutes of the last meeting being read and confirmed, the resignation of Dr. Muir, 2nd Regiment; Lieut. Chadwick, 17th Lancers; and Capt. Terry, 60th Rifles, were accepted, the brethren being unable to attend the lodge duties in consequence of the great distance of their present homes from Ipswich. The resignation of another brother was accepted conditionally upon his paying up the subscription due to the lodge. Mr. George Sampson Elliston, and Lieut. Pirie, R.N., were duly initiated into Masonry, the ceremony being very efficiently performed by the W.M., who was ably supported by his Officers. The W.M. then presented to Bro. Long a very handsome gold Past Master's jewel of our worthy Bro. Kenning's manufacture, as a token of respect and esteem on the part of the brethren of the lodge, and in doing so regretted that the pleasing duty had not devolved upon an older and abler brother. Bro. Long, in a brief and modest speech, acknowledging the gift, said he should prize it more than any other jewel he might possess, since it was an evidence of the goodwill of the brethren, and he should be glad to do anything at any time for the British Union Lodge to advance its interests or improve its status. Our courteous and popular brother's remarks were greeted with applause as he took his seat. The current business being disposed of, the brethren retired to the dining hall adjoining, where the customary substantial repast was spread. In giving the toasts from the chair, the W.M. remarked that they had a distinguished brother present in Sir Peter Spokes, whose name he specially coupled with that of "The Visitors." In responding, Sir Peter disclaimed the right to be considered a distinguished Mason, though whatever distinction he had attained, he was willing to attribute to Masonry. It was on the occasion of the Prince of Wales laying the foundation stone of the New Grammar School at Reading with Masonic honours, when he (Sir Peter) was Mayor of that Town, that His Royal Highness offered him knighthood, and which offer, he need not say, he had accepted. Bro. Spokes passed a warm eulogium on His Royal Highness for his geniality and gracious bearing upon that and other occasions. Bros. Gamman and Dr. Elliston also responded to the toast, the latter remarking that in looking over the minute book of his lodge, the Perfect Friendship, he discovered that amongst the members of the British Union Lodge who attended the first meeting of that lodge, was his grandfather, which he thought would be interesting to his brothers, at least now that he had been initiated into Masonry in this lodge. The Secretary's and Tyler's toasts having been given, and Bro. Gamman, Emra Holmes, and Taylor, having contributed to the harmony of the evening, the brethren separated at low twelve, after spending a very pleasant evening.

KENDAL.—UNION LODGE (No. 129).—This old lodge held its annual meeting on Thursday, January 23rd, at three o'clock in the afternoon. There was an unusually large gathering of brethren. Punctually at the time named, the W.M., Bro. Joseph Bintley, Prov. G.S. of Works, assumed the chair, and assisted by his Wardens, opened the lodge. The minutes having been read and confirmed, and the lodge opened in the 2nd degree, the W.M. invested W. Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg., to take the chair. The W.M. then presented Bro. John Talbot, S.W., W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was impressively rendered in ample form. At the request of the Installing Master, W. Bro. W. Dodd, P.M., P. Prov. G.P., delivered the addresses to the W.M. and Wardens. The new officers having been invested, the thanks of the brethren were accorded to Bro. Bowes for his valuable services. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel for the banquet, which was of a recherche character, and gave unqualified satisfaction in every respect. The W.M., Bro. Talbot, presided, and was supported on the right and left by the R.W.D.P.G.M., Colonel Whitwell, M.P., Bros. Rev. J. Chaplain, Dr. Page, W.M. 1074; T. Wilson, P.M.; W. Dodd, P.M.;

and others. Rev. Wright, Chap.; Joseph Bintley, I.P.M.; John Bowes, P.M.; John Holme, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W.; Thomas Tunstall, J.W. 148; and about sixty brethren. Grace after meat having been said by the Chaplain, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts in appropriate terms. He next proposed "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master," and in doing so showed the benefits likely to accrue to Freemasonry under the presidency of our Royal Grand Master. At the command of the W.M., Bro. John Bowes, P.M., &c., proposed the next toast, "The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master; the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers." He said that those brethren who were present, as he (the speaker) was some years ago, when the noble lord installed the Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire, in the Great Free Trade Hall, in Manchester, would not soon forget the able and impressive manner in which that ceremony was rendered by their noble brother. Of Lord Skelmersdale he could say a good deal, and from personal knowledge. He was essentially a "working" Mason, and they felt proud that such noblemen came willingly forward to promulgate the genuine principles and tenets of their noble Order. The other Grand Officers were, at all times, chosen not only for their high social rank, but also from the warm interest they took in the Craft. Happy indeed was he on that occasion to be able to couple with the toast one of themselves—a brother dear to all of them—their own Deputy Grand Master. He was indeed a distinguished brother, and one ever ready to prove the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry. That the Grand Master should appoint Colonel Whitwell one of his Wardens in the Grand Lodge surprised none of them. He then opened a hearty reception for the toast, and called upon Colonel Whitwell, M.P., to respond to the same. The Worshipful D.P.G.M. responded at great length, and in most eloquent terms, and we much regret that our space will not allow us to give the speech in extenso. After giving expression to the pleasure it gave him to meet his brethren in his mother lodge, and afterwards at refreshment, he referred to the hold that Freemasonry had upon people of all nations. He traced its history from time immemorial, and pictured in graphic terms the importance of its symbolism. When he joined their time-honoured Craft, some of his friends outside their sacred precincts, expressed their belief that Freemasonry was a "delusion," yea, more, "a snare." Not long ago when they lost their highly esteemed head, the unenlightened thought their days as a society were numbered; but what was the fact? They lost a nobleman to obtain a prince of royal blood! Colonel Whitwell then referred to the toast in detail, and concluded by congratulating the W.M., and all present, on the great increase in the numbers locally, and the more general desire on all sides to become better acquainted with the deeper meaning of their various teachings. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Colonel Whitwell, who said that the position Bro. Talbot held that day was a proof of the high estimation in which he was held by his brethren and fellows. He must, however, be allowed to congratulate the lodge at having at its head a brother whom to know was highly to esteem. The toast was most enthusiastically drunk. The W.M., in responding, said he was fully sensible of the great responsibility he had taken upon himself that day; but he hoped that with the aid of his Officers and the assistance of the I.P.M., he should be enabled to merit the approbation of the brethren who had so kindly placed him in the high position he held amongst them. Bro. C. G. Thomson, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg., proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Joseph Bintley," whom he highly eulogized for the zeal and ability he had shown in governing and working the lodge during the past year. They were a large, strong, and united lodge, and Bro. Bintley had contributed his full share to their prosperity and well-being. Very cordially, therefore, he proposed "The Health of their good friend, and zealous brother, Joseph Bintley, I.P.M." The I.P.M., in responding, referred at length to the great zeal and ability of his predecessors, and said that if his efforts to promote the general good of the lodge met with their approval, he had every reason to be satisfied. Bro. Bintley then pointed out how necessary it was for the subordinate officers to render ready and willing service to the W.M., and concluded his eminently practical remarks by a complimentary reference to the W.M. Bro. D. Page, M.D., W.M. 1074, proposed "The Wardens and Officers of No. 129." In a speech of some length and great ability he complimented the W.M. on being able to select such brethren, for he was sure they would do not only credit to themselves, but honour to the lodge. Bros. Grayson, Nelson, and Rev. J. Chaplain, responded. Bro. John Holme, P.M., P. Prov. G. W., proposed "The Visiting Brethren." He said Westmorland Masons were generally given to hospitality, and Kendalians were so in particular. They thanked their visitors for the honour they had done them in countenancing their efforts for the good of Masonry, and he very cordially proposed their good health with long life and prosperity. Bros. Dodd, Bell, Pusey, Tunstall, and others, responded, and united in the one opinion that they had spent a most enjoyable day, and hoped for an early opportunity of entertaining Kendal brethren in return. The S.W. having proposed "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. called upon Bro. Bowes to respond to the same, which he did, and gave a succinct account of each of the Charities, and advocated the formation of a local one, similar in character and design to the West Lancashire Educational Institution. Bro. Holme said there was one toast which did not appear on the list, but which was nevertheless an important one. They had done honour to the officers past and present from the W.M. downwards, but the bulk of the brethren were not aspirants for office, and yet they contributed materially to the prosperity of the lodge. He had pleasure in proposing their good health. Bro. Tattersall responded. Bro. Baron pro-

posed the final toast, which was drunk in solemn silence. In closing the report, we must not omit to notice the excellent singing under the direction of the Organist, Bro. Godfrey. Both songs and glees were well rendered by Bros. Godfrey, Eli Cox, Thos. Tunstall, Pusey, and others, and added greatly to the pleasures of the evening.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—A meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held on the 26th ult., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. The lodge was opened at four o'clock in the afternoon by Bros. Kennet, W.M.; Waygood, S.W.; M. Davis, J.W.; Mallett, S.D.; Scott, J.D.; Dairy, I.G.; D. Davis, D.C.; Themans, I.P.M.; Carter, P.M., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Secretary. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M., assisted by his officers, raised Bros. Guy, Collins, and Wilkinson, to the sublime degree, and passed Bros. Bird, Crow, Dyke, Oliver, and Leavers, as F.C.'s. The ballot having been taken, resulted in an unanimous approval that Messrs. Pilbrow, Steng, Politzer, and Chambers, should become members, and they were accordingly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. The whole and arduous working of the three degrees were carried out excellently by the W.M., and completed without his once vacating the chair or "calling off." Bro. Pope, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Stuart, P.M., seconded—"That Bro. T. C. Walls, of Nos. 1381 and 1503, should become a joining member,"—which motion, upon being submitted to the ballot, was unanimously carried. Bro. Hopwood, P.M., then addressed the brethren, and stated that he thought the time had arrived that some active steps should be taken by the lodge, through its worthy W.M., towards obtaining a centenary jewel, to which it could justly lay claim, having been founded in 1774, under the warrant of the then Grand Master, the Duke of Athol. He then proposed that application should be immediately made to Grand Lodge, in order to obtain this distinguished honour for the brethren of the Faith Lodge, which was seconded by Bro. Themans, I.P.M., and unanimously carried. Some minor business having been transacted, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was elegantly and substantially served in the commodious hall attached to the hotel. Among the visitors present were Bros. Koch, P.M. of the Lily of Richmond, and W.M. Kennington; Burrell, W.M. Mount Edgcombe; M. Phillips, 277; R. Phillips, 765; Price, 275; Rosenheim, 27; Drew, 1269; Fredericks, 188; Hill, 212. The toast of "The Queen and Craft" was duly honoured, and that of "Bro. H.R.H., the Grand Master," followed. Bro. Walls then sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The W.M., in proposing the health of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," touched feelingly upon the sad loss his lordship had sustained by the sudden death of his amiable and accomplished countess. This toast was received solemnly, and with "slow fire." The usual Masonic toasts then followed in quick succession. "The Initiates" were toasted, and they severally replied. "The Visitors" toast was also warmly received, and Bro. Koch, in reply, expressed his thanks for the very hearty manner the toast had been responded to by the brethren, and stated that he personally was pleased at the manner in which the entire business of the lodge and banquet had been carried out by the excellent and worthy W.M. Bro. Burrell reiterated the remarks of Bro. Koch, and supplemented them by stating that the working of the lodge would challenge comparison with any in the United Kingdom, it being simply perfect. "The W.M.'s Health" was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. Themans, and heartily received. The W.M. having replied, then rose, and announced to the brethren the amount he had in hand, as Steward to the Aged Freemasons, and urgently requested any brother who had not subscribed, and who kindly felt disposed to do so, to forward his donation at once. Bro. Taylor, P.M., then addressed the brethren, and made an eloquent appeal on behalf of their W.M., who had personally subscribed £10 to the fund, and whose list, notwithstanding that handsome gift, was far smaller than so large and influential a lodge as the Faith, in his humble opinion, should be represented by. He then, for the information of the newly-made brothers, explained the working of the Board of Benevolence, and dwelt at length upon the valuable assistance invariably rendered to distressed and deserving Masons by that most excellent institution; and as an example of what could be done, stated that he was present when an application for relief was made to the board by a tradesman, and a most worthy brother, who, through the cattle plague, had been reduced from a state of comparative ease and comfort to a condition bordering upon penury. The Committee of the Institution investigated the matter, and requested the petitioner to state the amount that would be required to fairly start him again in business, which was given; and he was proud to say that the whole sum asked for by the distressed brother, which was, to the best of his recollection, either £170 or £180, was unanimously voted to him. By that timely and beneficent assistance, he was enabled to extricate himself from his difficulties and to re-establish his business. In conclusion, the speaker sincerely hoped the brethren would do their best to increase the list of the W.M., as he was a Steward the lodge might well be proud of. Bro. Taylor, by the W.M.'s permission, then went round to the brethren, of whom there were nearly eighty, and succeeded in collecting a very handsome sum. The healths of "The P.M.'s and Officers" having been given, Bro. Longstaffe, the Tyler, gave the concluding toast, and the brethren separated.

CHATHAM.—UNITED CHATHAM LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE (No. 184).—On Tuesday, the 26th ult., the installation meeting of this old Kentish lodge was held at the Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, rooms which are entirely devoted to Masonic purposes. They are admirably adapted for Masonic purposes, being large, and entirely removed from the public gaze. They were, on this occasion, nicely decorated; the lodge furniture was of a size and form which

made it imposing; and the old warrant of the lodge and other emblems of its antiquity, suitably disposed on the walls, gave a Masonic air to the locality seldom met with away from the Masonic Temple in Great Queen Street. The brethren of Kent have long been famous for their Masonic spirit, and when they arrange any celebration, it is always done thoroughly. Brethren are not wanting to lend assistance at any Masonic event, and the present and past Grand Officers of the Province are always ready to devote a portion of their time to give eclat to the proceedings. At the installation meeting, therefore, on Tuesday week, in this lodge, a strong body of these brethren attended, and among them were Bros. Page, P.G.W.; Spencer, P.G.S.; W. Wood, W.M. St. Michaels; J. Parkes, P.M. 387, Malta; H. Wood, W.M. 20; R. C. Burfield, P.M. 20; W. Downing, I.P.M. 20; P. Murphy, P.M. 184; P. Warner, P. Prov. A.G.S.; Swinfen, W.M. 503; J. Jervis, W.M. 1424; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*); C. Birley, I.P.M. 184; J. G. Redman, P.M., P. G. Supt. Works; Strowse, P.M.; Thomas Wells, S.W. 503; Timothy Epps, 503; Thomas Elliott, 1050; Henderson, 1050; J. G. Wilson and J. C. Sinclair, Stewards 20; George Bently, I.G. 20; Lemon, 20; Joseph Edwards, 20; Griffiths, 20; and Gale, 184. Lodge was resumed by Bro. Birley, W.M., shortly after four o'clock, and he then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Redman, Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, who, in a very quiet, unassuming, yet fluent and impressive way, installed Bro. James Hewett, of Old Brompton, in the chair of the lodge. Bro. Hewett was presented by Bro. R. C. Burfield, P.M. No. 20, and at the Board of Installed Masters received the hearty congratulations of all its members. One of the brethren of this board was Bro. Strowse, the Treasurer of the lodge, who was certainly unique by the number of years he has been a member of the Craft. Bro. Strowse has been fifty-seven years a Mason; he has witnessed fifty installations in this lodge; he has been its Treasurer thirty-seven years, and a Past Master of the lodge forty-one years. Bro. Hewett, immediately after being placed in the chair, proceeded with his duties, and gave evidence of his ability to perform them in a masterly style. At the proper time he appointed Bros. Muggleton, S.W.; Gorham, J.W.; Strowse, P.M., Treasurer; W. H. Edwards, Secretary; Young, S.D.; Rankin, J.D.; Johnstone, Dir. of Cer.; Middleton, I.G.; Butler and Cotton, Stewards; McKean, Organist; and Drago, Tyler. Bro. Redman delivered all the charges on the investiture of officers and to the brethren subsequently. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Redman for performing the ceremony, and this having been done, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Mitre Hotel, Chatham, where a superb banquet was provided by Bro. J. F. Lewis, the proprietor. The preparations were in keeping with all the other arrangements of the day, being perfect in all their parts and honourable to every one who had a hand in them. There was a beautiful display of flowers, which were rendered the more attractive by there being a full supply without a superabundance of them. Flags were nicely arranged around the room, and there was a tasteful harmony of colours in the fruit, the flowers, and the banners. The tables were soon supplied with guests, and the members of the lodge and their visitors made an imposing gathering of over 50 brethren. The banquet was partaken of with great zest, as it deserved to be, and when it was disposed of and grace said, the W.M. proceeded to discharge the remaining functions of President, by proposing the toasts. This he did, as he had done the Master's duties in lodge, with readiness; not forgetting that extending the speeches to any great length, would deprive the brethren from London of the pleasure of participating in them. Before however proceeding with them, he placed on Bro. Birley's breast a massive Past Master's jewel, and informed the brethren that Bro. Birley was Steward of the lodge for the Benevolent Institution's festival, which would be held the next day. After submitting Her Majesty's health to the brethren, the W.M. called on Bro. Page, P.G.J.W., to propose the Grand Master. In doing so, Bro. Page, after expressing his gratification that the Prince of Wales should have taken that office upon him, trusted that he might be spared to fulfil the duties of the office for many years, and might never cease to feel that strong and kind regard for Freemasonry which he had evinced hitherto. With "The Health of the Prince of Wales," he asked the brethren to drink "Better Health to Prince Leopold." The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers." While on this toast he thought he could not do better than ask the deep sympathy of the brethren for the Pro Grand Master, on the death of the Countess of Carnarvon, a lady who was much beloved by all persons with whom she came in contact. To his lordship her death must be a severe trial, and he (the W.M.) was sure that all the brethren would mourn with him, as a member of the same great brotherhood. Bro. Redman proposed "The Provincial Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale," and said it was perfectly unnecessary for him in that place to enter into any eulogium of his lordship's character. It was well known that for the last fifteen years Freemasonry had flourished in the county of Kent to an almost unprecedented degree. The lodges of this province had almost trebled their number since Lord Holmesdale took its Grand Mastership. This success spoke much for his energy, and it was therefore with peculiar pleasure that the brethren should welcome the mention of his name. The W.M. proposed "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Grand Officers," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Spencer, Prov. Grand Secretary, an officer whose duties had been discharged, while with quietness, with great talent and ability. Bro. Spencer responded, and particularly mentioned the unsurpassed hospitality which had characterised this lodge in the reception of its visitors. Referring to the W.M.'s kind mention of the services of the Prov. Grand Secretary,

he reminded the brethren that his duties which would otherwise have been onerous had been rendered comparatively light by the exactitude with which the lodges in the province had made their returns. If he had given satisfaction hitherto, he hoped to do so in future. The business of the province was increasing very fast, and it was a pleasure to all Masons to see the strides which the Order was making in the country. They had recently lost the advice and guidance of one who had held high and distinguished rank, and who had obtained the good-fellowship of the brethren throughout the entire Craft. They had lost him under peculiar circumstances; and the Order was placed in an extraordinary position, inasmuch as he was replaced by one who, in future years, would be not only the head of the Craft, but the head of the nation. It was a great thing for Freemasons to be ruled over by one who occupied so high a position; and it added a lustre to the ancient Order when its head was a Mason who would have the foremost position in this land of freedom. It therefore behoved Masons to be careful whom they admitted amongst them. They should initiate only those who would uphold the dignity of the Craft, and those grand principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, which were its guiding stars. At present, these principles were very extensively practised, but, unfortunately, there were many brethren who required assistance, and who were totally unable to assist themselves. For them and for their widows there was the Benevolent Institution, whose festival would be held to-morrow, and for which the I.P.M. of this lodge was a Steward. There were also the Boys' and the Girls' Schools for the children of Freemasons; and he would urge all the brethren to support these three great institutions to the utmost of their ability. The Province of Kent was doing so, and it had a Charity Committee whose organization was such that a candidate put forward by it was safe to be elected. He had, in other lodges in the neighbourhood, recently set before the brethren the advisability of provincial cases being placed in the hands of this committee in preference to being run independently, and as many of the brethren were now present who had heard those remarks, he would not repeat them. Bro. Page also responded, in a few words, and Bro. Warner, who was called upon as well, said that a few days ago, in a Kentish village, a wedding was performed in which the bride was not very good-looking. When the party was adjourning to the vestry the clergyman said: "It is usual, on these occasions, for the clergyman to give the bride a kiss; but to-day we will dispense with that part of the ceremony." On going to the vestry to complete the contract, the bridegroom said: "It is usual, on these occasions, to give the clergyman a guinea; but to-day we will dispense with that part of the ceremony." In the same way, he would say that, as two speeches had already been delivered in response to this toast, they would dispense with any further speech after this toast. Bro. Birley proposed "The Health of the W.M.," whom he knew to be a true Mason, and who would conduct the business of the lodge with credit and ability. The W.M. said: For your very kind mention of me, I return you my most sincere thanks, and I do hope that we shall have a very comfortable year. It is the purpose of my heart that we should have quietness above all things. I also greatly desire that there should be a liberal support of the Institutions which our Provincial Grand Secretary has been kind enough to mention. I shall take the opportunity, as many times as it may offer itself, to induce our brethren to subscribe to them, and I hope it will be seen that there is the true Masonic spirit prevailing in this old Kentish lodge. I most sincerely thank you for so warmly drinking my good health. Bro. Murphy proposed "The Visitors," to which Bro. Humphrey Wood, W.M. 20, replied, thanking the lodge very sincerely for its hospitality, but stating that everything a visitor could say, had really been said by the Provincial Grand Secretary, whose exposition of the principles of Freemasonry should be laid to heart by all the brethren. Bro. Thomas Wells, of Maidstone, in answer to loud calls, likewise replied, and wished the lodge all the prosperity that Masons could wish each other. The W.M. proposed "The Masonic Press," and afterwards "The Installing Master." He said that he (the W.M.) took great pleasure in seeing Masonic working, and he had never been absent from the lodge but twice, and on both occasions it had been through illness. He did not know whether Bro. Redman had ever missed a meeting, but for himself he should be very sorry to miss any of Bro. Redman's working. Better working never existed. The brethren having confirmed this sentiment by most cordially drinking Bro. Redman's health, that brother acknowledged the compliment. He said it was exceedingly kind of the brethren, but it was nothing new to him to meet with a warm reception. It would be superfluous to say much on the subject of his performance. It was well known to the brethren of 184, that he was always willing to do whatever lay in his power for the lodge, and he would rather not say anything with reference to himself. The W.M. had stated that he had never been absent from the lodge but twice. Although he (Bro. Redman) had been a long way off, he had travelled from London to be present at the lodge, and he had never missed one lodge night, coming at the opening and remaining till the closing. He asked the officers and brethren to do the same; it was a good example to follow. This lodge had existed for four generations, and it had met at different places. It was now at very comfortable quarters, and maintained its high character. He was sure it always would do so, and it was supporting the charities liberally, which was the true end of Masonry. The other toasts on the list were then disposed of, and the brethren closed the evening with some excellent singing.

ST. AUSTELL.—LODGE PEACE AND HARMONY (No. 496).—The following, we are informed, is a correct list of officers appointed and invested, in lieu of those named in our report last week:—Bros. W. Loye, W.M.; C. Trus-

cott, I.P.M.; A. H. Ferris, S.W.; T. J. Smith, J.W.; F. B. Paul, Chaplain; W. Guy, Treasurer; F. W. Gregory, Secretary; W. Mason, S.D.; J. F. Matthews, J.D.; R. L. Sparrow, Dir. of Cer.; E. E. Gill, Organist; J. Mafford, I.G.; Kirkman and J. W. Higman, Stewards; W. Real, Tyler; and W. Guy, P.M., Steward to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund.

LEICESTER.—JOHN O'GAUNT LODGE (No. 523).—The brethren of this lodge assembled in the Masonic Hall on the 21st ult., for the transaction of business, which, since the elevation of Bro. Partridge, Prov. Grand Secretary, to the chair, is generally of an interesting and instructive character—this fact being fully evinced by the numerous attendance, as well as the distinguished rank of those present on this occasion. Bro. Partridge conducted the business of the meeting in a manner which few can equal, assisted by the following staff of officers:—Bros. F. J. Baines, I.P.M.; J. T. Thorp, S.W.; W. T. Rowlett, J.W.; T. A. Mykes, Sec.; A. Ross, S.D.; R. Taylor, J.D.; W. C. Shout, I.G.; A. Sergeant, and J. F. Smith, Stewards. There were also present Bros. G. Toller, jun., P.M.; W. Sculthorpe, P.M.; W. B. Smith, P.M.; A. M. Duff, P.M.; C. Stretton, P.M. 279; A. Palmer, P.M. 279; C. E. Stretton, Sec. 279; J. M. McAllister, S.W. 279; Rev. Gordon, J. Bird, T. Charlesworth, G. B. Atkins, J. Young, Dr. Meadows, Orlanda Law, I.G. 279; and others. The claims of charity in support of the Masonic Institution for Boys were not forgotten, and a donation worthy the generous character of the lodge was unanimously voted to Bro. Waite, P.M., P.G.J.W., the representative Steward for this year. The labour being ended, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the supper-room. During the progress of the usual toasts, Bro. C. Stretton, P.M., P. Prov. G.W., in responding on behalf of St. John's Lodge, paid a well merited and graceful compliment to Bro. Partridge for his distinguished services as Master of the John o'Gaunt Lodge, and as Grand Secretary of the province.

SEACOMBE.—COMBERMERE LODGE (No. 605).—The brethren connected with this lodge—one of the most influential in the Province of Cheshire—were assembled on Thursday afternoon, the 21st ult., at the Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, for the purpose of assisting at the installation of Bro. E. J. Haddon, W.M. elect. There was a numerous and influential gathering of members and visitors, and the whole of the proceedings passed off with the greatest eclat. Bro. E. Davies, the respected W.M. of the lodge, presided at the opening, and amongst the brethren present we observed Bros. J. M. Radcliffe, I.P.M.; E. J. Haddon, S.W.; J. McNerney, J.W.; J. Sillitoe, Treas.; T. Leighton, P.M. Treas.; T. Shaw, S.D.; E. Jones, J.D.; T. Gregory, D.C.; J. Jones, I.G.; E. H. Harrison, S.; J. Aden, H. Banks, J. A. Cleator, B. F. Kettle, W. Parry, H. Roberts, R. Foulkes, T. Williams, W. Owen, J. E. Jones, H. W. Flint, R. C. Mellor, P. Prov. J.G.D.; C. Staley, G. G. Davies, W. Jones, E. Jones, E. Allaby, A. E. Coveney, J. Denton, A. Towill, and others. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. H. Williams, P.M. 249; L. Ellis, W.M. 1289; Dr. G. W. Puchen, P.M.; W. M. Asher, 477; G. H. Wilson, W.M. 537; E. A. Lee, 537; G. B. McGachen, 1094; C. Leighton, W.M. 1325; C. Haswell, 203; H. Jones, 667; T. S. Jones, P.M. 1267; W. H. Hime, 477; S. Jones, P.M. Sec. 477; J. P. Platt, P. Prov. J.G.W.; D. Fraser, W.M. 477; J. Skeaf, P.G.O. (West Lancashire); T. Platt, P. Prov. J.G.D.; H. Low, 1289; J. Oliver, 477; S. Whitney, 1086; and others. The ceremony of installation of Bro. E. J. Haddon as W.M. of the lodge, was performed by Bro. W. Bulley, P. Prov. G.S.W., in a very complete and masterly manner, and the following officers were subsequently invested:—Bros. E. Davies, I.P.M.; J. McNerney, S.W.; T. Shaw, J.W.; J. Sillitoe, Treas. (re-elected); T. Leighton, Sec. (re-appointed); E. Jones, S.D.; J. Jones, J.D.; T. Gregory, I.G.; E. Jones, Org.; E. A. Harrison, D.C.; A. Banks, S.S.; J. A. Cleator, J.S. Bro. Holloway was elected Tyler, it being resolved unanimously that Bro. Rodan, the previous Tyler, who had become enfeebled by old age, should be allowed the same payments as he had received when actively fulfilling the duties of that office. Before the lodge was closed, a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. E. Davies, I.P.M., to mark the sense which the brethren of the Combermere Lodge had of the admirable manner in which he had filled the duties of the chair during the year. The brethren afterwards partook of a recherche banquet, provided by Mrs. Stokes, hostess of the hotel, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and cordially responded to. An excellent musical programme was furnished by Bros. Haswell, Rogers, J. Robinson, H. Jones, E. Jones, W. Parry, E. Jones, T. H. Hughes, and J. Skeaf, the last named presiding at the piano.

LIVERPOOL.—ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 667).—The annual installation festival of this lodge, which occupies a position second to none in West Lancashire for true brotherly feeling and hearty co-operation, took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 19th ult. The Alliance is rightly named, for all the Masonic graces seemed to be combined in the hearts and conduct of the members, and the annual installation proceedings are always the most pleasant during the year. The gathering on this occasion was no exception to the rule, for not only was there a very large gathering—numbering nearly 100 of tried and true Masons—but the whole manner of conducting the business was worthy of the greatest admiration and general imitation. Shortly after three o'clock the lodge was opened by Bro. W. C. Bulman, W.M., who was supported by a full compliment of Past Masters and officers, a goodly array of members, and a large number of visitors, amongst whom we observed—Bros. S. G. Ibbes, P. Prov. G.S.B.; T. Evans, W.M. 1356; E. Winkup, P.M. 1356; P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264; A. Davies, P.M. 1264; R. Brown, S.W. 241; H. W. Nicholas, 249; A. C. Morrison, 594; W. T. May, P.M. 673; T. J. Hughes, 216; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., and others. After the transaction of some preliminary business,

Bro. Thomas Ockleshaw was duly and solemnly installed W.M. of the lodge by Bro. William Doyle, P. Prov. G.J.D., whose working was beyond reproach. The whole ceremony was singularly effective and complete, and the Alliance may be congratulated on possessing a brother in every way so well-qualified for this and any other duty which may be imposed upon him. The following brethren were subsequently invested as officers by the W.M.:—Bros. Wm. C. Bulman, I.P.M.; John E. Jackson, S.W.; George S. Willings, J.W.; Wm. Doyle, P.M., P. Prov. G.J.D., Treas. (re-elected); John Ellis, Sec.; Thomas Yeatman, Org.; Henry Firth, S.D.; John H. Gregory, J.D.; Thos. Peake, I.G.; David Lloyd, S.S.; and J. C. Bentham, J.S. A splendid banquet was subsequently served in the large dining hall, to which nearly all the brethren sat down under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Ockleshaw. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. in terse and pointed terms, and during the evening he presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. W. C. Bulman, I.P.M., as a mark of the esteem and regard in which he was held by the brethren. Bro. Bulman replied in fitting terms, having previously proposed the health of the W.M. in a very able manner. Bro. R. Brown, S.W. 241, in responding to the toast of "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," gave some interesting particulars respecting the working of the charity, and stated that before long he expected that the benefits from the institution would be substantially increased to the children connected with it. An excellent musical programme was provided, several capital songs, glee, &c., being given by Bro. T. J. Hughes and other brethren. Bro. Skeaf presided at the pianoforte.

TOTNES.—PLEIADES LODGE (No. 710).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 21st day of January, Bro. William Bennett Mays, W.M., in the chair. There was an average number of the members present, also two visiting brethren. The lodge was duly opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Endle was interrogated as to his proficiency in this degree; he then retired; the lodge was opened in the third degree, Bro. Endle was then admitted and raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. The lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Hearty good wishes were tendered. The lodge was then closed in ancient form and with solemn prayer.

LIVERPOOL.—DERBY LODGE (No. 724).—The brethren of this lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 27th ult., the principal item of business on the programme being the installation of Bro. J. W. Ballard, W.M. elect. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Davison, W.M., about four o'clock, and the following officers and brethren were present:—Bros. W. Shortis, P.M.; R. Cam, P.M.; Studford, P.M.; J. W. Ballard, S.W.; G. Hutchin, J.W.; T. Chesworth, P.M., Treasurer; G. Becken, Secretary; W. Vaughan, S.D.; E. McSwiney, J.D.; A. Hart, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Organist; J. Relf, W. J. Naylor, J. Meakin, R. Crispe, J. Brown, A. R. Large, H. Bewitt, T. L. Marcus, T. Maxwell, J. Hanlon, E. Gadd, M. Hart, J. Hay, J. M. Foote, P. Armstrong, R. Sherrington, W. Overend, H. Dutton, A. J. Henochsberg, J. Ellis, J. Blenkinsley, E. Griffiths, and J. W. Geves. The visitors included the names of Bros. W. Savage, 241; R. Williams, 594; H. W. Nicholas, 249; J. Peters, P.G.S.W. North and South Wales, P.M. 597; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1204; G. Purves, 823; G. Owen, P. G. Supt. of Works; J. L. Jones, 594; J. McKane, 216; T. Shaw, S.W. 823; A. C. Morrison, 594; W. Cottrell, W.M. 823; H. Burrows, 673; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673, S.W. 1503; T. Curtis, 1182; T. Ashmore, P.M. 823; S. E. Ibbes, P. Prov. G.S.B., W.M. 1473; J. Ball, 673; H. Liebschutz, 1502; J. G. Bales, 1182; J. Acton, 823; W. Vines, P.M. 220; W. R. Thomas, 786 and 86; R. Brown, S.W. 241; J. Shaw, 139 (Sheffield), &c. Bro. J. W. Ballard was installed the W.M. of the lodge by Bro. W. Shortis, P.M., in a very striking and impressive manner, assisted by Bro. T. Chesworth, P.M., Treasurer. The following officers were subsequently invested by the W.M.: Bros. J. Davison, I.P.M.; W. Vaughan, S.W.; G. Becken, J.W.; T. Chesworth, P.M., Treasurer; A. Hart, Secretary; E. McSwiney, S.D.; R. Crispe, J.D.; M. Hart, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Org.; H. Trevett, S.S.; P. Armstrong, J.S.; and Bro. William was elected Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. Davison, I.P.M., by the members of the lodge as a token of esteem and admiration for his valuable services. The brethren subsequently banquetted, and a very enjoyable "fourth degree" was realized.

BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, and although it was the annual occasion for the election of W.M., &c., the present esteemed W.M., Bro. Field—being punctual himself and fortunately succeeding in securing the punctual attendance of his officers—by opening lodge at the somewhat early hour of 4 p.m.—was enabled to achieve the rare task, at such a meeting, of not only transacting the whole of the annually recurring business, and having the by-laws impressively read aloud, but of performing in that perfect manner for which our Bro. Field has secured a reputation, the whole of the three degrees. Thus Bros. Bartlett and Kelway were raised, Bro. Gabb was passed, and Messrs. Dunn, Lockwood, and Arnold, were respectively initiated in as solemn and deliberate a manner as if these ceremonies had comprised the entire business of the evening. At the election of W.M., a gratifying proof was afforded of the estimation in which Bro. Field is held by the brethren of the lodge, over which he has for the past year so ably presided. Bro. Brooks, J.W. (Bro. Page, the S.W., having resigned during Bro. Field's year of office), shrewdly divining the prevailing feeling, on the list of candidates eligible for election being read, in a truly truly fraternal spirit, delicately caused a Past Master to intimate that he (Bro. Brooks) would take it as a favour if the brethren could, by selecting another brother to preside over

them for the ensuing year, give him that further time for preparation. The hint ran like wildfire, and on the ballot papers being collected, it was announced, amid vociferous cheering, that Bro. Field had, with one trifling exception—the source of which may readily be divined by a delicate mind—been unanimously re-elected to fill the chair of K.S. for another year. This marks an event in the Burgoyne Lodge; it being the first time since its consecration that such an honour has been conferred upon a brother, and it is also a singular coincidence that Bro. Field was the first W.M. called upon to preside over the lodge who was not initiated therein, and thus this distinguished mark of approbation, when for the first time conferred in the Burgoyne Lodge, has been extended to a joining member. The re-election of Bro. Poynter, P.M., W.M. 1491, as Treasurer, was unanimous, and that brother being about to serve the office of Steward at the ensuing festival of the Girls' School, Bro. Rogers, I.P.M., gave notice of motion, for the next meeting of the lodge, that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds to be placed upon Bro. Poynter's list. At the refreshment table afterwards, where the re-elected W.M. presided with his accustomed urbanity, the affectionate sentiments that had animated the brethren in the lodge-room prevailed unabated, and a very pleasant couple of hours, interspersed with singing and recitations, was passed, the brethren separating in good time in perfect love and harmony. Amongst the visitors present we observed Bros. H. Sowdon, P.M. 47; Barker, 22; H. H. Lavington, 862; M. J. Larlham, 1216; J. G. Raggett, 1451; and H. H. Shirley, 1491.

GOSPORT.—GOSPORT LODGE (No. 903).—The meeting of this lodge was held at the Star Hotel, Gosport, on Tuesday, the 12th ult., for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Geo. Felton Lancaster, P. Prov. G.S. There was a very large attendance of visitors and brethren. The following formed the Board of Installed Masters:—Bros. M. E. Frost, P.M. 487, P.G. Treasurer; Wilkins, P.M. 342, P. Prov. G.S.B.; Stapleford, P.M. 342, P. Prov. G. Supt. Works; J. Craven, W.M. 342, P. Prov. G.S.B.; Ellis, P.M. 342; S. D. Forbes, P. Prov. G.W. (Essex); Ubsdell, P.M. 487, P. Prov. G.A.D.C.; Malby, W.M. 487, P. Prov. G.S.B.; I. Cornelius-Wheeler, W.M. 257; A. L. Emanuel, W.M. 1069; J. Wallingford, P.M. 903, P. Prov. G.J.W.; J. Wilson, P.M. 903, P. Prov. G.S.B.; E. S. Main, P.M. 903, P. Prov. G.D.C.; W. T. Miller, P.M. 903, P. Prov. G.S.D.; H. Sleeman, P.M. 903, P. Prov. G.S.B.; and J. Hall, W.M. 903, P. Prov. G.P., by whom the ceremony of installing his successor was performed in a very able and impressive manner. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows, it being a matter of deep regret to the brethren that Bro. the Rev. E. B. C. Churchill, Chaplain to the lodge and P.G. Chap., had not sufficiently recovered from the effects of a recent accident, to be present:—Bro. J. Hall, I.P.M., P. Prov. G.P.; J. Maling, S.W.; Rev. E. B. Churchill, J.W. and Chaplain, P.G.C.; C. B. Whitcomb, Treasurer; W. Hillier, Hon. Sec.; V. Brown, S.D.; A. R. Robinson, J.D.; H. W. C. Wise, I.G.; E. A. Lover, Dir. of Cer.; S. W. Mistelbrook, Organist; Mitchell and Grant, Stewards. The cordial and hearty thanks of the lodge were tendered to Bro. J. Hall, for the very able manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Master, the W.M. at the same time announcing that he had a most pleasing duty to perform, viz., that of presenting to Bro. Hall a Past Master's jewel, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. J. Hall by the brethren of Gosport Lodge, No. 903, in recognition of his able and valuable services as W.M., 1874." The installation banquet took place at the India Arms Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M. After an excellent bill of fare had been discussed, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft." No class, he said, were more loyal than the free and accepted Masons. In submitting "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M., who discharged the duties of his position with marked tact and ability, said it was gratifying to see the great interest which his Royal Highness took in the Craft and in everything connected with it. From the moment of his initiation he believed he had always evinced a most lively interest in everything connected with Freemasonry, and they might be sure, now that he had attained the highest honour the Craft could bestow upon a member, that that interest would not be lessened. It was a very proud thing that the heir to the throne was at the head of the Craft, and many of them hoped shortly to attend at his installation. The W.M. next gave "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and Officers of Grand Lodge." The W.M. next gave "The R.W. the Grand Master of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, present and past." Bro. Frost, P.G. Treas., in responding, congratulated the W.M. upon the position which he had attained, and the lodge upon the admirable manner in which Bro. Hall had carried out his duties as Installing Master. He was gratified to know that the lodge had an outgoing Master who could instal his successor in the way that Bro. Hall had done it that evening. Bro. Lieut. Miller responded for the past provincial officers. They all felt indebted to the brother who presided over them, and to those personal qualifications they were very much indebted for the progress which Masonry had made in the province. Bro. Hall gave "The W.M.," who suitably acknowledged the compliment. "The Worshipful Masters and Representatives of Neighbouring Lodges and the Visitors," was acknowledged by Bros. Cornelius-Wheeler, W.M. 257; G. A. Green, P.M.; G. L. Green, and Major Harris, R.M.L.I. The other toasts were "The Installing Master," "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and "The Officers of the Lodge." With the aid of harmony a most pleasant evening was passed.

ST. DAY.—TREGULLOW LODGE (No. 1006).—The annual Festival of St. John was held in the beautiful lodge-room, at St. Day, on the 26th ult. There were present the following brethren of the lodge:—W. B. Bennett, W.M.; George Michell, P.M., Treasurer; W.

Pascoe, P.M.; J. Jewell, I.P.M.; J. Burgess, P.M.; Theophilus Michell, J.W.; J. H. Mayne, Secretary; F. Bartle, S.D.; T. B. Provis, J.D.; J. Daw, D.C.; J. Chapple, I.G.; W. H. Gillan, Chaplain; T. R. Mills, G. Tonkin, G. Pryor, J. T. Rodda, G. S. Bray, J. Pryor, W. H. Pryor, J. Pryor, jun., T. Michell, W. Martin, and I. Polkinhorn, Tyler. The following visiting brethren were also present:—Isaac Latimer, P.G.J.W. of Devon; R. John, P.M. 131; W. Christoe, S.W. 331, G. H. Ferris, Secretary, 331; F. Christoe, 331; W. T. Davey, W.M. Boscawen; A. T. Grant, I.P.M. 318; R. H. Cade, W.M. 318; C. Barnett, 28; T. H. Martin, S.W. 589; J. Thomas, J.W. 589; and T. A. Kistler, J.D. 589. Owing to the illness of the W.M. elect, Bro. Edmund Rogers, the business of the day was admirably conducted by Bro. George Michell, M.R.C.S., but the installation of the W.M., and the appointment of the officers for the year ensuing, had to be deferred. There was exhibited in the lodge a very beautifully-executed illuminated address, written on vellum, and elegantly framed, and adorned in the centre, head and foot, with the arms of Bro. Sir Fred. Williams, Bart., M.P., and ornamented at each corner with Masonic embellishments. This address, duly signed by the officers of the lodge, was to have been presented to Sir Frederick, but that gentleman, having an engagement at Plymouth, the presentation had to be deferred. The testimonial is an address of thanks to the distinguished brother, thanking him for all his kindness to the Tregullow Lodge, and for his having so beautifully adorned and furnished it. This handsome record of the lodge's feeling was the handiwork of Bro. Thomas Solomon, of Truro, to whose good taste it reflects very great credit. The banquet, an excellent substantial repast, served in an admirable manner, took place at Bro. Bennett's hotel, adjoining the lodge. Bro. Dr. Michell again presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to by the Chairman, Bros. Dabb, Latimer, Bennett, Pascoe, Thomas Michell, John Cade, John Thomas Martin, W. Davey, Michell, Christoe, and others. The afternoon was most agreeably spent. The Treasurer stated that the funds of the lodge were in a very satisfactory state, while they were as careful as ever to regard quality rather than the quantity of their members. Bro. John, in the course of his speech, said that there was very little doubt that on the coming visit of the Prince of Wales to Truro, in the summer, his Royal Highness would be Masonically received.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—HARTINGTON LODGE (No. 1021).—This lodge held its installation meeting on Monday, 11th January, Bro. Sir James Ramsden, W.M., P. Prov. G.S.W. in the chair. Amongst those present were the following provincial officers:—Bros. George Remington, P.M. 995, P.G.J.W. W.L.; Rev. J. Morgan, Prov. Grand Chaplain; Reuben Pearson, P.M. 995, P.G. Reg.; Henry Cook, P.M. 1021—119, P. Prov. G. Reg. for C. and W.; J. Mills, W.M. 1390, P. Prov. G.S.B.; and a good muster of the brethren of 1021 and neighbouring lodges. Bro. Myles Haslam, S.W., was duly installed Worshipful Master, the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. Henry Bagot, P.M. 1021, Prov. Grand Steward for W.L. The brethren afterwards partook of a sumptuous banquet at the Furness Abbey Hotel.

WAVERTREE.—DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1182).—The usual monthly meeting of this prosperous suburban lodge was held at Wright's Coffee House, Wavertree (near Liverpool), on the afternoon of the 20th ult. and as there was an unusually heavy business list, the brethren were summoned an hour earlier than usual. Bro. J. A. Edginton, W.M., opened the lodge in due form, supported by Bros. J. W. Williams, I.P.M.; Thorn, P.M.; Wood, P.M.; J. Thornton, P.M. (acting as S.W.); W. Pughe, P.M. (acting as J.W.); T. Davies, S.D.; T. Musker, J.D.; A. Vaughan, I.G.; W. Thomason, S.S.; W. G. Veale, Organist; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594, Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. B. B. Marson, P.M. 1356; W. Savage, 241; T. Atkinson, 594; Hes, 1299, &c. The first business was the initiation of one candidate, and afterwards the W.M. raised no fewer than thirteen brethren to the sublime degree of M.M.'s, taking them in two instalments. The ceremony was performed by the W.M. in a remarkably impressive and striking manner. Bro. T. B. Myers, S.W., who was absent on business, presented a very handsome tracing board and set of gavel to the lodge, and in accepting the valuable gifts it was moved, seconded, supported, and carried cordially, that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Myers, for his great liberality. The lodge was subsequently closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper. On Tuesday, the 26th ult., the members of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge held their annual ball in the handsome rooms of the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, the proceeds of which, as usual, will be given in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. The ball committee consisted of Bros. J. A. Edginton, W.M., Chairman; J. Williams, Hon. Sec.; J. W. Williams, P.M.; W. Pughe, P.M.; T. B. Myers, S.W.; R. Martin, jun., J.W.; T. Davies, S.D.; T. Musker, J.D.; A. Vaughan, I.G.; W. Thomason, S.S.; and T. Snelson, J.S. Mr. Martin's quadrille band was engaged, and all the arrangements were of a very satisfactory character.

URBAN LODGE (No. 1196).—This lodge, though founded as recently as 1867, has obtained a distinction in the Craft of which its founders may be justly proud. It contains, for its numbers, probably more artistic brethren than any other London lodge, its first W.M. being Bro. Dr. J. E. Carpenter, so well-known by his "What are the wild waves saying?" and other songs, which count literally by the thousand. The second W.M. was Bro. Marsh (Henry Marston, the tragedian), and its third W.M., Sawyer, the poet. Among those who were initiated in the lodge may be mentioned Bros. E. L. Blanchard, William Creswick, W. H. Cummings, G. J. Patey, Crawford Wilson, Wharton Simpson, Herr Lehmeier, Henry Howe, Joseph Bennett, T. N. Talfourd, H. Dicks, H. Hersee, and

others not unknown to literature and the sciences. The installation banquet, which took place on Tuesday, January 26th, was of the most interesting character, the incoming W.M. being the brother of the retiring one, viz., Bros. R. H. and Jonathan Pearson, of Notting-hill. The lodge was honoured by the following distinguished list of visitors:—Bros. Robert Scott, District Grand Master of Trinidad; William Kuhe, W.M. and Grand Organist; Donald Dewar, W.M. elect 1415; Rev. A. H. Cummings, P.M. 318, 331, and 420; Rev. C. Darby Read, 114 (Ipswich); Jno. Jordan, P.M. 4 (Somerset House). Bros. Mitchell and Griest (481), who travelled from Newcastle on Tyne expressly to be present, and three and twenty other visitors. After passing an E.A. to the F.C.'s degree, the Installing Master, Bro. Marsh (Henry Marston), took his seat in the east, his Senior and Junior Wardens being Bros. G. J. Palmer and William Sawyer. The high elocutionary powers of this thoroughly Shakesperian tragedian rendered the usual and ample formula of installation a high Masonic treat, and it was rewarded by loud expressions of satisfaction by all present. The installation over, the new W.M. appointed Bros. J. Tickle, S.W., and James Simpson, J.W. The brethren, numbering sixty, then adjourned to partake of a very sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Gay, the lessee of the quaint old "Gate." During the evening a very splendid Past Master's jewel, with diamond and circle of pearls, was presented to Bro. R. H. Pearson, who had done the work of the past year thoroughly. Some excellent singing by Bros. Donald King and W. H. Cummings, assisted by Bros. William Creswick, and a pianoforte solo by Bro. Herr Lehmeier, added to the enjoyment of the evening.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 21st ult., at the Freemasons' Hall. This being the evening for installing the Worshipful Master, and there being three members to be raised to the sublime degree—one passing and three initiations—the lodge was called for the early hour of three, at which time most of the brethren were present. The minutes of the last meeting—viz.: the raising of Bros. Timberlake, Bathard, Freshwater, and Owen; the passing of Bros. Sadler, Buszard, and Tewkesbury; and the initiating of Mr. Wm. Hawtin; the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, for the ensuing year, and the election of two brethren to serve on the audit committee, having been read and confirmed, the W.M. (Bro. Staton) then proceeded to raise Bros. Sadler, Buszard, and Tewkesbury to the M.M. degree, afterwards raising Bro. Hawtin, and initiating Mr. Wm. Jas. Short, and Mr. C. C. G. Hitchcock, the third candidate, Mr. J. Jones, being absent through unavoidable circumstances. All the brethren below the rank of W.M. then retired, and Bro. Staton then installed the W.M. elect (Bro. Forbes) to the chair of King Solomon. The brethren were admitted in due course, and saluted their new Master, who immediately proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year. The officers invested were as follows:—Bros. R. Bescoby, S.W.; E. Lancaster, J.W.; J. Ritchie, S.D.; A. Christie, J.D.; J. West, I.G.; S. Webb, Treasurer; P. G. Jupe, Secretary; and Rowles, Tyler. As each officer was presented to the W.M., he received some kindly advice as to the nature of the duties he was about to undertake. The balance-sheet for the past year was then read, and Bro. Webb having explained that the balance then in hand was smaller than for the preceding year, by reason of their having been several accounts for 1873 left unpaid, through no fault, however, of the officers, yet, actually speaking, the lodge was in a very favourable position, and had every prospect of being more so. Bro. Robinson then proposed that the balance-sheet he had just submitted should be accepted and entered upon the minutes. This having been seconded, was carried unanimously. The W.M. having risen for the first, second, and third time, it resulted in the proposition of Mr. J. N. Barnes as a candidate for the next meeting. The W.M. then closed the lodge in due form, and proceeded to the tavern, where the visitors and brethren found dinner ready for them. This over and the cloth cleared, the W.M. gave "The Queen and Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M. of England;" "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and other Grand Lodge Officers, Past and Present;" coupling with it the name of P.M. Bro. T. Adams. All the above toasts having been received with the usual Great Northern "fire," Bro. Adams then rose to return thanks, which he did in his usual jocular style. "The Initiates" was then given, P.M. Bro. Webb singing the E.A. song. This toast having been responded to by both the candidates, "The Visitors" was next given, when P.M. and P.G.J.W. Bro. Lancaster, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Haunts, very nicely showed the new-comers what a new life there was before them, and what the outward world thought of them all there assembled—ideas, he said, which were entirely wrong—and they, the initiates, would in due time find what he said was correct. Bros. Hook and Hamer (both of Great City) also returned thanks for themselves and the other visiting brethren, the former warmly eulogising the working of Bro. Staton, which was done in a truly masterly manner, and certainly could not have been done better by anyone. "The Past Masters" was then given, and, in giving this toast, the W.M. said it gave him very great pleasure to be able to present to Bro. Staton the handsome jewel that had been unanimously voted by the brethren for the kindly manner shown to all, and the good working during his year of office. Bro. Staton returned thanks, as did Past Masters Webb, Moody, and Reed. Bro. Staton, I.P.M., then handled the gavel, and gave "The Health of the W.M." This, it is almost unnecessary to say, was well received. The W.M. having briefly returned thanks, gave "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge." Bros. Bescoby and Lancaster returned thanks, in a very appropriate manner, for themselves and other brother officers. The Tyler's toast

brought this rather long but enjoyable evening to a close. Much of the pleasure of the evening was due to Bros. Hook, Webb, Moody, Bescoby, Lancaster, Harper, Arnoll, and Owen. Besides the visitors mentioned above, there were Bros. A. Oldfield, Royal Union 382; A. Barnard, Belgravia 749; J. Odger, Neptune 22; Jas. Norman, P.M.; T. Kingston, S.W. 862; G. H. Fisher, St. Mary-lebone 1305; Henry Lewis, P.M. Royal Albion 907.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—This lodge held a regular meeting on Tuesday, the 19th ult., at the Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark Bridge Road. We have many times recorded with much pleasure the transactions of this infant lodge (we may safely use the word, the lodge not being yet two years old), and at no previous meeting have we been more struck with the perfect harmony and unity of feeling happily prevailing among the brethren of the Ivy Lodge. This meeting, being the one appointed for the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, no better test could be applied. The lodge was opened at six o'clock by Bro. Chas. Smith, W.M., and the minutes of the former meeting were read and adopted. A brother's name appeared on the summons as a candidate for the third degree, but he being absent on the continent, the ceremony was not worked, to the regret of several of the visitors, whom the fame of the Ivy Lodge had reached. Bro. J. R. Ashford was presented as a proper candidate for the privileges of the second degree, and, having undergone a satisfactory examination, received a test of merit and withdrew. The lodge was then opened in the 2nd degree, and Bro. Ashford was duly crafted. Having been closed in the degree, the ballot was taken for Mr. D. H. Ashford, a gentleman learned in the law, and being unanimously elected, he was duly initiated in a most solemn and impressive manner, and the Masonic charge delivered to him, which is so often omitted in other lodges. The ordinary lodge business having terminated, the brethren proceeded to election, the bye-laws of the lodge being first read. A general solicitude had been expressed that Bro. Smith should retain the chair for another year, which desire he firmly refused to gratify, from feelings honourable to him in the highest degree. We are not in possession of the secrets of his mind, but we can imagine his governing idea to be this: "I have enjoyed the honour of being founder and first Worshipful Master of the Ivy Lodge. I have fulfilled every duty devolving on that position. The lodge is in excellent working order, and financially prosperous. Why, then, should I retain the chair, and thus keep back worthy brethren from the reward of their legitimate ambition?" The unanimous choice of the brethren then fell on Bro. George Mattock, S.W. Bro. Smith, the retiring W.M., was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. T. Fox, P.M. 73, Tyler. Bros. W. Ashwell, R. Giles, W. Doherty, and T. H. Cox, were appointed members of the Audit Committee, after which the laws of the Benevolent Fund were read, and Bros. T. F. K. Smith, R. Forster, C. J. Henton, and G. Skegg, were elected Committee men, and the retiring Master, the W.M. elect, and Bro. C. S. Jolly, W.M. 87, Secretary, were elected as trustees to the fund. When the lodge was closed, refreshment followed labour, and the usual toasts succeeded in due order. An exceedingly happy evening was spent, and Bro. Smith, W.M., in the course of one of his addresses, stated that his appeal to his friends and brethren on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, had been so cheerfully responded to, that the aggregate amount of subscriptions had reached the respectable amount of £57 10s., a sum which he was not without hopes of yet increasing before the day of finally accounting for his Stewardship. He begged leave to thank them most sincerely for their generous support. Bros. Wm. Saegert, P.M. of the Wellington Lodge, No. 548; W. P. Drew, of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749; and J. Garmar, I.G. of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975, severally, very highly complimented the W.M. for his masterly working, and expressed their indebtedness for the cordial reception and hospitality accorded them. The Tyler's toast at last closed this truly agreeable meeting. The installation of Bro. Mattock will take place on the third Tuesday in March. Besides the Officers already named, there were present at this meeting, Bros. J. J. Cantle, J.W.; J. Noke, P.M. 87, acting P.M.; E. Thurkell, Treasurer; C. F. Poupard, S.D.; L. Cornelissen, J.D.; and W. Ashwell, I.G.

DURHAM.—NORMAN LODGE (No. 1334).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge and installation of W.M. took place on Wednesday, January 20th, in the Masonic Hall, Bro. Donkin, W.M., in the chair. The first business of the evening was the initiation of Mr. B. Folkard, after which Bro. Donkin, the retiring W.M., proceeded, in a very workmanlike manner, to instal Bro. Laidler, J.W., and the W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S., who invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Whitehead, S.W.; Goodall, J.W.; Sewell, Treasurer; Salkeld, Secretary; Forster, S.D.; Ainsley, J.D. Ford, I.G.; Weatherley and Robinson, Stewards; Singlehurst, Tyler. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren retired to the banqueting hall to a substantial supper. After the cloth was removed, the toasts were given and received as usual among Masons. The harmony of the evening was enhanced by several songs by Bros. Walker, Hutton, Monks, Wortley, and Goodall. Bro. Hunter presided at the pianoforte. There were also present Bros. Brignall, Crooksby, Maleolan, and Monks, provincial officers; Bros. Blackett, Wortley, Young, and Bulman, Past Masters; Bro. Bailes, Past S.W.; Bro. Thwaites, Past J.W. 1002; Bros. Hiley and Folkard. After spending a most agreeable evening, the W.M. gave the parting toast, and the brethren parted in harmony, according to ancient usage and the established custom of the Order.

HAMPTON.—HEMING LODGE (No. 1512).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. The officers present were Bros. W. Hammond, P.M. 201, W.M. 1326, P.P.G.S. of Middlesex, W.M.; E. Hopwood, P.M. 141, S.W.; S. Hill, P.M. 657, P.Z., J.W.; J. Hurst, S.D.; T. C. Walls, 1381, 1503,

acting J.D.; T. Wheeler, I.G.; J. Hammond, P.M., Secretary. The lodge was opened at 6 o'clock in the evening. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to pass Bros. Messenger, Ockenden, and Chilcott to the second degree. The ceremony was excellently well carried out by the W.M. in all its impressive details. Bro. Phillips was to have been raised, but owing to the pressure of other lodge business, he, at the request of the W.M., kindly consented to forego his preferment until the February meeting. The bye-laws of the lodge, which had been carefully prepared by the committee appointed for the purpose, were then submitted to the brethren in extenso by the Secretary, and after careful consideration and discussion, were formally approved, and ordered to be forthwith printed. The S.W. kindly consented to stand as Steward to the Girls' School Festival, in May next, and the lodge passed a resolution to support him. A gentleman was proposed for initiation at the next meeting, subject to the ballot being favourable, and the W.M. proposed Bro. T. C. Walls, of 1381 and 1503, as a joining member, which was seconded by the S.W. The lodge was then closed in ancient form. Bro. Wilson, P.M. Etonian, kindly officiated during the evening as I.P.M. The brethren then adjourned to banquet. The customary Royal and Craft toasts were given in rapid succession from the chair, in consequence of the lateness of the hour. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visitors," coupling with it the names of Bros. Wilson and Walls, and in the course of his speech thanked those brethren in very flattering terms for the assistance they had given him and the lodge generally that evening in the positions of I.P.M. and J.D., and he hoped at the next meeting to greet Bro. Walls as a member of the Hemming Lodge. Bro. Wilson briefly responded, and said it gave him great pleasure to have been present that evening to assist in the excellent working of the lodge, and that he felt confident that it would, under the fostering care of the W.M., and assisted by the exertions of the S. and J.W.'s,—who were very old and distinguished Masons—speedily increase and prosper. Bro. Walls, in reply, said that as he had had the pleasure, on the last occasion, of having his name associated with the toast of "The Visitors," he could only reiterate what had been said then in praise of the lodge, and the justly-merited encomiums passed to the W.M., and therefore he should not occupy the time of the meeting by again stating his opinion of the Hemming Lodge and its worthy officers, but would content himself by observing that he felt exceedingly proud at the remarks of the W.M., which were couched in such flattering terms that he felt it quite impossible to adequately reply. In conclusion, he stated that he was so impressed with the working and harmony which prevailed at the last meeting, that he came to the conclusion to join the lodge, subject to the approval of the brethren; and he had to thank both the W.M. and S.W. for proposing and seconding him. The J.W. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was responded to with great fire by the brethren, and acknowledged by Bro. Hammond. "The Health of the Secretary," was proposed by the J.W., who warmly expressed his own personal opinion of him, and stated that the lodge was under great personal obligations to Bro. J. Hammond for the care displayed by him in the discharge of his duties, which had been of a very arduous nature, in consequence of the recent formation of the lodge, and that the preparation of the bye-laws, reports, and minutes, had principally emanated from that brother, which necessarily had entailed a great deal of application and labour. In the Secretary's absence, his brother briefly responded for him. The Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings.

INSTRUCTION.

UNION WATERLOO (No. 13).—To meet a want long felt by the brethren of Woolwich and Plumstead, several of them formed themselves into a committee for the purpose of forming a lodge of Instruction in which the beautiful ritual of the Craft should be taught and further explained by the working of the sections, as well as by the rehearsal of the ceremonies of the Order. Accordingly, having obtained the permission of the W.M. of the Union Waterloo Lodge to re-open the Lodge of Instruction that was formerly held under his warrant, and which had been in abeyance for some years, they were fortunate enough to obtain the services of Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 147 and 1155, as Preceptor, and re-opened the Lodge of Instruction, in December last, at the Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich. Since then, nearly 100 brethren have become members of the lodge, and it was unanimously resolved that the ceremonies of consecration and installation should be worked in the lodge in the month of January. Through the kind offices of the Preceptor, that accomplished instructor in our noble science, Bro. Jas. Terry, was prevailed upon to work those ceremonies on the 15th January. Every preparation had been made by the committee to give eclat to the occasion, and, thanks to the kindness of some of the brethren, and the loan of a censor by Bro. Geo. Kenning, of Little Britain, the sacred elements were distributed with the same solemnity and from as valuable vessels as at the ceremonial observed at a regular consecration, and the services were conducted as decently and in order as by the officer appointed by the M.W.G.M. Bro. Jas. Terry occupied the chair, supported by the Preceptor, Bros. C. G. Dilley as P.M., Davis as S.W., Goddard as J.W., Macdonald as D.C., and Sherwin as Organist, and over sixty Past Masters and brethren. With such a veteran as Bro. Terry as Consecrating Officer, it is almost superfluous to state that the ceremonies were performed in a most perfect manner. From the opening to the close, he so succeeded, by his earnest manner, in riveting the attention of the brethren to the ceremony, that, throughout, there was not the slightest interruption, either by that coughing or restlessness, that is almost always to be found in a crowded assembly. After the lodge had been duly consecrated and

dedicated, Bro. Terry installed Bro. Davis into the chair of the lodge in due form, and according to ancient custom. Owing to the lateness of the hour, the appointment of officers was supposed to have been done; but the charges to the W.M. and officers were given with that fluency and oratorical power that so distinguishes our esteemed Bro. Terry. In response to a vote of thanks that had been ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge to him for his admirable working and great kindness in assisting the lodge at what is, to him, the busiest time of the year, Bro. Terry, in one of his characteristic and genial speeches, thanked the brethren for their attendance and attention, and expressed a hope that the Lodge of Instruction would have a successful and prosperous career, and that before long he would have the pleasure of seeing the name of the Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction on the list of patrons of all the Masonic charities. A word of praise is due to Bro. Sherwin, the Organist, for the excellent manner in which he performed his duties, for the musical part of the ceremonies was simply perfection. It was the unanimous opinion of all present that they had enjoyed a great Masonic treat; and we trust that the success of the evening will prove to be a happy augury of the future prosperity of the lodge.

Royal Arch.

LIVERPOOL.—TEMPLE CHAPTER (No. 1094).—The annual installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 26th ult. Amongst those present were Comps. D. W. Winstanley, Z.; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.Z.; J. Pemberton, P.Z.; J. B. Robinson, P.Z.; W. Shortis, H.; R. R. Martin, J.; R. C. Yelland, E.; R. Washington, N.; P. Macmurdow, P.S.; E. McSwiney, T. G. Winstanley, J. Wood, J. W. Burgess, R. Collings, D. Davies, and others. The visitors present were Comps. J. McKune, P.Z. 216; H. Trevett, 823; J. Banning, Z. 823—310; J. W. Ballard, 823; T. Chesworth, P.Z. 1086; T. Ashmore, P.Z. 823—530; H. Williams, P.Z. 580; and J. S. Cuthbert. J. B. Robinson, P.Z., performed the work of installation in a thoroughly effective and satisfactory manner. The following were the appointments and investitures.—Comps. W. M. Shortis, Z.; R. R. Martin, H.; P. Macmurdow, J.; R. C. Yelland, S.N.; R. Collings, S.E.; R. Washington, P.S. One candidate was installed, previous to this portion of the business, by Comp. Pemberton, P.Z. At the banquet which followed, an elegant P.Z. jewel was presented to Comp. D. W. Winstanley, the I.P.Z. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—MOTHER LODGE, KILLWINNING.—The annual gathering of the members of the mother lodge of Scotland (No. 0), residing in Glasgow and neighbourhood, was held on 22nd ult. in the hall of Star Lodge (No. 219), at No. 12, Trongate. Bro. Colonel Mure, M.P., R.W.M. of "Mother Kilwinning," and as such P.G.M. for Ayrshire, presided, Bro. Jamieson, No. 0, officiating as croupier, and among those present on the dais and elsewhere were Bros. Roger Montgomerie, M.P., and Proxy Master for Mother Kilwinning; Robert Wylie, J.P., Sec. of Mother Kilwinning; J. G. Halkett, S.M. Mother Kilwinning; W. F. Shaw, John Johnstone, S.W. Mother Kilwinning; Jas. Gillespie, acting J.W.; James Gillespie, No. 0, J. A. Ferguson, S. Proxy W.; John Tweed, J. Proxy W.; William Bell, R.W.M., No. 32, St. John's; John Morgan, R.W.M., No. 219, Star; John Wallace, R.W.M., No. 413, Athole; R. Mitchell, P.M., No. 332, Union; R. B. Thomson, and others. Shortly before eight o'clock the brethren sat down to an excellent supper, purveyed by Bro. Middleton, Trongate. Thereafter and before proceeding with the toast programme, the chairman delivered a short informal address, in which he expressed the gratification it gave him to meet with so many brethren of Mother Kilwinning residing in Glasgow. He was pleased to find, moreover, that a good many of those present honoured the mother lodge with their presence in Kilwinning, and he only wished that it had been in his power, as it was not, to have been present at their first dinner in Glasgow. The toast of "The Queen" was then given from the chair and drank with all the honours; followed by that of "The Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," in submitting which, the chairman made touching allusion to the affliction which had fallen upon the latter in the painful illness of the young Prince Leopold. In proposing next "The Three Grand Lodges," the Chairman referred to the vast amount of education to the children of Freemasons afforded under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of England, and said he could wish that the Grand Lodge of Scotland afforded something tangible as to its presence in the way of similarly doing good. He was glad they had now at their head such a one as Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, who endeared himself to everyone with whom he came into contact, and was a most enthusiastic Mason. After the toast of "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," given by the croupier and responded to by the chairman, Bro. Wylie gave "The Province of Glasgow," regretting that the meetings of that body and of Mother Kilwinning respectively had clashed together that evening. At the same time he was glad in wishing much prosperity to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. R. Mitchell, who replied. The toast, "Mother Kilwinning," was proposed by Bro. John Morgan, and acknowledged by the chairman, who said that down in Ayrshire they did a good deal in the way of charity, and also gave bursaries of £20 each to students who might not have the advantages of education. They (Freemasons) had hitherto had too much that was

merely mystical in connection with the Order; for after all it was the practical good they could do that was its vindication. They had in these days vast aggregations of crime and misery; and Freemasons had much work to do. The toast of "Lodge Star, No. 219" was given by the chairman, who, in so doing, neatly acknowledged the obligations they, the Kilwinning brethren, were under to Lodge Star for lending them the use of their hall for that evening. Bro. John Morgan, R.W.M., in reply, said that they considered it an honour to have had the opportunity of doing so; and he could only say that if at any time the R.W.M. of the mother lodge came to visit Lodge Star, he would receive such welcome as they could give him. The toast of "The Press" was then given by Bro. Duncan and replied to by Bro. R. Johnstone (*Daily Mail*); followed by that of the "Proxy Master and Wardens," proposed by Bro. Robert Burns Thomson and acknowledged by Proxy Master, Bro. Roger Montgomerie. Bro. H. McLean proposed "The Secretary, Mother Lodge." There could no more happy example, he said, of what could be achieved in connection with the Craft than that afforded by Bro. Wylie. By night and by day he had been assiduous in attending to Mother Killwinning. He, Bro. McLean, was sure that when he asked them to drink with him to the health of Bro. Wylie they would do so remembering his devotion to the mother and steady adherence to the principles of the Order. In acknowledging the compliment, Bro. Wylie said that if there was one thing more than another in which he had taken pleasure in connection with the mother lodge it was in adding so many names to the roll of brethren from this city. He must say that the happiest moments of his life had been spent in the Masonic lodge, and at the initiation of brethren from Glasgow. Amongst the remaining toasts were "Visiting Brethren," "The Ladies," and "The Committee," and, with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," the pleasant proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MUNGO (No. 27).—This lodge met in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on the 21st ult., when Bros. the Rev. Wm. C. E. Jamieson, of St. Matthew's parish church, Glasgow, member of Mother Kilwinning, No. 0; and Alexander Whyte, No. 362, St. Clair, were duly affiliated members of No. 27, by Bro. A. McTaggart, P.G. Secretary. Immediately thereafter, Bros. John R. Smith, Jno. Miller, Geo. S. Miller, Jas. C. Auld, Jno. McKinnon, and Jno. H. Mackay were passed from the degree of Entered Apprentice to that of Fellow-Craft, also by Bro. McTaggart, and Bros. Jas. C. Brown and Jno. I. Dott received the sublime degree at the hands of Bro. Alex. Bain, P.M. 103. There was no other business of importance before the meeting.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CALEDONIAN RAILWAY (No. 354).—The usual fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on 20th ult., the R.W.M., Bro. James Shaw, presided, and there were present Bros. A. A. Smith, P.M.; Wm. H. Caldwell, S.W.; D. Buchanan, D.M.; John H. Stafford, S.W.; Adam B. Ferguson, J.W.; Wm. R. Dunn, Secretary; and A. Carmichael, Treasurer. The lodge having been duly opened and the minutes read and passed, Bro. Murdoch McIntyre (of Lodge Athole, Kirkintilloch, No. 384) was affiliated a member of this lodge, and Bro. Arthur Philp was passed from the first degree to that of Fellow-Craft. The Chairman then stated that he had received a letter from New Zealand, which would be interesting to them, and which the Secretary would now read. It was as follows:—"Westland Kilwinning, Hokitika, West Coast, N.Z., 29th Oct., 1874. To the R.W.M., Caledonian Railway Lodge, No. 354, S.C., Glasgow. Right Worshipful Sir and Dear Sir and Brothers: I am directed by a resolution of this lodge to convey to you the intelligence of the decease of a brother whom we much esteemed, and who at one time was an active member of your lodge. I refer to Bro. James Linton, who departed this life on 9th July last. Undoubtedly, R.W. Sir, your lodge will join with us in regretting the early decease of so valued a member of our ancient and honourable fraternity. Apart from the fact that Bro. Linton was connected with this lodge from its commencement, and that each lodge night, as it came round, assuredly found him in the performance of his duty, his substance, as well as his time, was always at the disposal of his lodge, and no unwilling hand was his in the exercise of charity. Whilst mourning his loss, R.W. Sir, we congratulate your lodge on having laid the foundation stone of so much Masonic excellence, and though it has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to remove him from our lodge here, we hope that we, with our brethren of your lodge, may meet him in the Grand Lodge, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. I am, R.W. Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally, J. HERBERT HAWKINS, Honorary Secretary." On the motion of the chairman, it was unanimously agreed that a copy of the letter should be engrossed in the minutes, and a note forwarded to Bro. Hawkins for his courteous and fraternal communication. Thereafter the lodge was called for a short time from labour to refreshment, during which the chairman drew attention to the fact that their annual festival was fixed to be held on 5th March ensuing, in the Victoria Hall, Buchanan-street. An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in their lodge-room, 213, Buchanan-st., on Saturday, 30th ult., Bro. Jas. Shaw, R.W.M., presiding. Bros. J. H. Stafford, S.W.; A. B. Ferguson, J.W.; A. A. Smith, P.M.; J. Stewart (*Freemason*), and a goodly number of brethren and visitors present. Applications were read from the following gentlemen for initiation: Jas. Tulloch, A. Macdonald, R. A. Maclean, and A. McPherson. There being no objection, the candidates entered and received the E.A. and Fellow-Craft degrees. The ceremony was performed in a very able manner by the R.W.M., Bro. James Shaw. There being no further business, the brethren was called to refreshment, and, with the aid of harmony, the evening was passed most pleasantly.

KIRKINTILLOCH.—LODGE ATHOLE (No. 384).—The annual meeting of this lodge for the election and instal-

lation of office-bearers was held in their Lodge Rooms on Saturday evening, 9th ult., when the following brethren were unanimously elected: J. Graham, R.W.M.; Andrew Baxter, D.M.; James Hologan, S.M.; John Torrens, S.W.; Alexander Williamson, J.W.; William Gray, Treasurer; David Dalrymple, Secretary; Robert Hoggan, Chaplain; Thomas F. Bruce, S.S.; William Marshall, J.S.; John Gray, I.G.; Alexander Wilson, Tyler. Bro. Thomas Halket, P.M. Lodge St. Mark, 102, suitably addressed the Master and members of the lodge. The R.W.M. thanked the lodge for electing him for the third time to preside amongst them. He believed that there were brethren better fitted to fill the office, but there was no one more anxious to promote the prosperity of the lodge and uphold the principle of the Craft than he was. He then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Halket for his kind services that evening, which was cordially responded to. Bro. Halket, in reply, said that this was the third time that he has had the pleasure of installing Bro. Graham as Master of the Lodge, and he was glad to observe that a very great improvement had taken place amongst them during his term of office. He congratulated the lodge upon the very efficient staff of office-bearers which had just been installed, and hoped that the present year would be as prosperous as any that had preceded it. The lodge was then closed in due form by the R.W.M.

GOVAN.—LODGE GOVANDALE (No. 437).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held in the hall at Portland Buildings, Govan, on the 19th ult., the R.W.M., Bro. John McFarlane, in the chair. The lodge, having been opened in the E.A. degree, and the minutes read by the Secretary, Bro. Geo. Maitland, the following office-bearers were duly installed into their respective offices by the R.W.M.:—Jno. Hutcheson, S.M.; Jno. Carriek, J.D.; Jno. Millar, Architect; Wm. Sutherland, Jeweller; Andrew Blair, Dir. of Music; Wm. Goulder, Dir. of Cers.; and James Moggie, I.G. The only other business was the raising of Bro. Jno. Forrest from the second to the sublime degree of Master Mason, which was performed in a style of much ability by the R.W.M. The lodge was then reduced to the E.A. degree, and closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. VINCENT (No. 553).—The ordinary meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held in their temporary hall at 162, Kent-road, on the 21st ult. Before opening the lodge, and in the absence of Bro. Malcolm Stark, D.M., the R.W.M., Bro. R. McDougall, deputed Bro. G. C. H. McNaught, P.M. of Lodge 275, to open the lodge and confer the degrees, as he (Bro. McDougall) had to leave for a time on other business of urgent importance. The lodge was then opened, and having been passed to the Fellow-Craft degree, five Entered Apprentices received the degree, and were afterwards raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The R.W.M., having returned to the lodge and taken the chair, before closing, referred to the manner in which Bro. McNaught had performed the ceremonies, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to him, which was accorded with much enthusiasm. Bro. McNaught, having replied, stating that he considered that in doing anything for the furtherance of the Order he was only doing his duty, the lodge was closed in due form and dismissed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CLYDESDALE (No. 556).—The members of this young and thriving lodge met for the first time in a portion of their new premises, at No 106, Rose-street, Southside, on the 18th ult. At the commencement of proceedings, the R.W.M., Bro. William Phillips, referred to the fact, and stated that the necessary alterations in the large hall would be proceeded with forthwith. He believed the work would be all accomplished by the ensuing term time, and he hoped they would find themselves very comfortable. Thereafter Bros. Hugh Weir and Peter Young were installed by the R.W.M. into the offices of J.D. and I.G., respectively, and one brother was passed from the first degree to that of Fellow-Craft. A special meeting of the lodge was held on 20th ult., when three candidates belonging to the theatrical profession, namely, W. Thomas Nuttall, Charles S. Lester, and Lewis Quarrier Chambers, were initiated into the Order in excellent style by the R.W.M., and thereafter passed to the degree of Fellow-Craft. There was no other business.

GLASGOW.—CHAPTER COMMERCIAL (No. 79).—The regular monthly meeting of this recently re-opened chapter was held in the Commercial Lodge-room, Hope-street, on the evening of Friday, the 29th ult. There was a fair attendance, the meeting being presided over by Comp. Julius Brode, 1st Principal, and among the visitors present we observed Comps. Duthie, Thallon, Fleming, Morton, and others. The minutes of the previous communication having been read and passed, various resolutions, which had been adopted on that occasion, were again put to the meeting and confirmed, thus becoming bye-laws of the chapter. These had reference to the date of regular meetings—which was fixed for the last Friday monthly—fees of admission and affiliation, and various other matters. Bro. W. H. Bickerton, who had previously been admitted to the degree of Mark Master, was advanced to that of Excellent Master, and exalted to the Royal Arch, the ceremonies being ably and impressively conducted by Comp. Duthie. In the course of the evening Comp. John Morris was installed as Scribe E., in room of Comp. M'Taggart, whose appointment to the office in October was only ad interim. A vote of thanks to Comp. Duthie and the other visiting companions for the valuable assistance rendered was passed amidst the most hearty applause, and thereafter the chapter was closed in due form.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Bro. Terry has forwarded to us the latest list of Stewards with their returns for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but too late for press this week. We hope to give a complete list in our next.

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JUNIOR WARDEN.—Can a J.W. initiate? In our humble opinion, decidedly not. We do not think either Warden can, but it is only our opinion. We think the whole question of the "chair" is settled by section 1 "Of the Masters and Wardens of Lodges," where the difference is clearly pointed out between an installed and a non-installed Master.

P.M.—What do you understand by "rule?" We understand all matters which relate to the mere routine of necessary business, and the opening and closing of the lodge. The Warden cannot perform the duties of the chair.

J.E.F.—We adhere to our opinion that a W.M. cannot leave the chair.

The following communications stand over:—

Glasgow: Athole, Marie Stuart, St. John, and others. P.G.L. Renfrewshire. P.G.L. Glasgow. Dunfermline, Masonic Balls at Bootle and at Barrow-in-Furness. Lodge Union, Kemington Lodge, Hervey Lodge, Adam's Mark Lodge, Soudes Lodge, Langthorne Lodge, Kendal Chapter, and several communications.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1875.

OUR ROYAL BROTHER, PRINCE LEOPOLD.

The Royal invalid continues daily to gain strength. We hope next week to announce his complete convalescence.

THE LATE LADY CARNARVON.

The entire Craft is sincerely grieving, with its excellent and valued Pro Grand Master, in the great loss which has filled with mourning and personal sorrow many families and many homes. In such hours of earthly affliction, so grave and so overwhelming, words of sympathy seem often all but in vain, the expression of condolence becomes almost out of place. Yet, as loyal Freemasons, we may, perhaps, be permitted to tender to one of our most distinguished chiefs, without any violation of the privacy of sacred sorrow, our fraternal assurance of heartfelt concern and regret. The remembrance of Lady Carnarvon will long linger in the memories of very many in all ranks of life, not only among those with whom she was wont to consort habitually, in all the happy charms of intimate acquaintanceship, but among those whose trials and whose wants she ever sought to alleviate and minister to with a woman's unselfish kindness, and a woman's ready tact. We feel sure that we but express the genuine and earnest feelings of our entire Order, however imperfectly, when we say that our solicitude attends, our good wishes accompany our brother, as formerly in his elevation and high position amongst us, so now in his afflictive trial, and in his loneliness and sorrow,

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

We congratulate Bro. Terry, and the Order generally, on the result of the first public appeal to Masonic sympathy and benevolence in 1875. At the anniversary festival on Wednesday the large sum of £6630 13s. was reported, with eleven lists to come in. We can therefore probably reckon the return at about £6,700 in round numbers. This is surely a very striking result, and one that reflects every credit alike on our warm-hearted Craft and the zealous Stewards. Neither should we forget Bro. Terry's praiseworthy exertions, which must have been many and untiring, and, we rejoice to think, rewarded with such a liberal response. Let us go back a few years. In 1857 the triennial festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution took place, when, as the *Masonic Mirror* of that day records the large sum of £1,558 6s. 6d. was announced by its good old Secretary, Bro. W. Farnfield. During that year, 1857, the committee had to regret the "continued decline in the donations and annual subscriptions," which for the Male Fund amounted to £405 2s. as against £717 3s. in 1855, and for the Female Fund £152 4s. as against £212 10s. in 1855. The total amount of income for 1857, reached to £3,323 18s. 3d. but of this Grand Lodge contributed no less than £2,100 by special and regular grants, and Grand Chapter £135. The whole amount raised by the Craft, together with dividends, &c., was, for 1857, £1,088 18s. 3d. In 1858 it was arranged, with approbation of the Grand Master, to hold a Biennial Festival, and at the Biennial Festival in 1850, £1,875 were announced. In 1860 the festival became annual, from January 25 that year when £2,096 18s. 10d. was raised. And here, in 1875, we are happily able to report the noble contribution of £6,700, an amount which reflects no less credit on the zealous officers of the institution and the effective Stewards than on the ready hands and warm hearts of English Freemasons. May the anniversaries for the Boys' School and the Girls' School tell the same welcome tale, and may our Order continue to evince that, despite all the agitation and uproar of polemical controversies, it marches on its peaceful mission, and in its own tolerant path, regardless of opposition, heedless of contumely, intent on doing good, in reverence for God and in love for man.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL PROGRESS.

We alluded a week or two back in our columns, to the advance of Archæological study amongst us, and to the difficulties which still impeded our advance. These are still for the most part, as of old, the unreliability of assertion, and the untrustworthiness of documents. We have not, even in 1875, got over completely the tendency to accept, as evidence, what is in truth no evidence at all. And not only this but we meet with assumptions of proof which cannot bear the touchstone of historical scrutiny, and we are expected to deal with pretensions which fade at once before the approach of competent criticism. Can any of our good brethren suppose that this, our modern School of Masonic enquiry and research, will accept any document, be it what it may, on the mere "ipse dixit" of a known or anonymous writer? It is preposterous to expect it. Charters and MSS., legends and traditions, all have to be examined and sifted closely, and by experts—if they are true their reality will be established and admitted, if they are worthless, they must go down; only they do mischief to Freemasonry proper, be it remembered, if their genuineness is invalidated, if their authenticity is successfully overthrown. We pointed out in our preceding article the many objections which must occur to every Masonic Archæological student, to the so-called Charter of Larnenius, the same objections, if in different form somewhat, equally apply to the assumed Charter of Roger de Flor. It seems a great pity at this period of our Masonic studies, to re-introduce the old habits of self-elected Masonic teachers and founders in the early part of the last century, though we fear, unless some more satisfactory evidence of the Oriental Templary is to be forthcoming, we shall have to relegate it

to the creations of Ramsay and the compilations of Hund. Another difficulty also often confronts the Masonic student. This is the tendency to create new systems of Freemasonry, and apparently to claim for them alike the belief of the enlightened, and the assent of the serious. And yet, for the most part, all of these novel orders are the manufacture of some able and well-read Freemason, either in England or the United States. Take for instance Cryptic Masonry. What is Cryptic Masonry? We speak with all reserve and respect on the subject, the more so as we note that our esteemed Bro. G. R. Portal is at the head of it in this country. But it is to us a novel order, and one which, so far, we have not met with in our researches. We have seen it, indeed, mentioned casually in Masonic papers and magazines, but we have never come across it in old MSS. of any kind. Some of these novel emanations of the 19th Century, startle as they harass the Masonic student. Their claims are but assertions without proof, their creation is of yesterday. And the result which the earnest and impartial enquirer into Masonic history, must come to, is this, and this alone, namely, the antiquity of the Craft system, the modernity, if we may use such a word, of the multitude of so-named knightly, mystico-dramatic, æsthetic degrees, which positively almost take away one's breath, with their numerical immensity and their wondrous nomenclature. We fear that we have all a good deal to learn, as regards the simple facts and points of legitimate induction and historical criticism in Masonic Archæology, before that we can hope that we are in the right path, much less making any headway.

MASONIC CANARDS.

That Freemasonry is ever still of "the earth earthy," and that Freemasons are both frail and imperfect, each week, as it passes over our heads, ought to convince us all. Indeed, he must be a very weak brother, or a very unsound teacher who seeks, in grandiloquent language, as has been done, to lead us all to forget this sober fact; this most wholesome truth. Many are the weaknesses and littlenesses of man, as we all must admit, and equally multitudinous are the weaknesses and littlenesses of Freemasons. *Nous sommes tous mortels*," says a very clever French writer, though it is a truism we all of us seem to like at times to forget altogether. In former days it used to be said that in the dull months of the year, the British Press was accustomed to discover the wonderous cabbage or the gigantic beetroot; gooseberries of fabulous capacity have even been chronicled in the pages of distinguished journals, while even sometimes a hoax has been perpetrated upon the *Times*, as Dr. Liddon says, that "Master of many Legions." And latterly it has seemed as if owing to this inevitable weakness of humanity, and even of Freemasons, we, as an Order, were giving way to the exhilarating amusement of "Canards." It is remarkable how the taste for such a luxury grows, how "vires acquirit eundo," until with some it seems to exist almost as an indigenous parasite. Lord Ripon's unhappy secession and perversion, the one deplorable fact for English Freemasonry in 1874, seems to have been the signal for this new little Masonic game, if not so exhilarating as croquet, or so fascinating as cockamaroo. Hence we have thought it well, in the capacity of a faithful mentor, to give a few words of caution, and strike a note of warning for our kindly and generous Craft. Some of our readers will remember Virgil's description of "Cæolus," letting out the winds from his noisy cavern, and Lord Ripon's resignation seems to have had the same effect on our peaceful Order. No sooner was it announced, than we were told in "bated breath" and with angry epithets, that we had others amongst us, others of the "same kidney," that even a Jesuit was stalking amongst us; that danger was afloat, that breakers were ahead, and all the rest of that remarkable verbiage which "feeble forcibles" always adopt, the more so when they know that their case is bad, and their statements are mendacious. We need hardly remark that the statement was a pure invention, coined for the occasion, rather we fear, a deliberately-invented falsehood—the

taking away, without scruple, a brother's character, his fair fame, his unsullied reputation—by the covert insinuation, and by the open slander. Within the last month we have had another wonderful canard, whether proceeding from the same source we know not, but appearing under the shadow of a new candidate for literary favours, "The Rosicrucian." Knowing how difficult it is to keep these little obnoxious paragraphs out, and how we have suffered ourselves from similar "circumstances over which we had no control," we do not think that any blame can fairly attach to the able editors of the "interesting little stranger." But yet we almost wonder that it did appear at all. It is, on the face of it, so preposterously absurd, so impossible to be true. Lord Ripon had abjured Freemasonry and Freemasons, in obedience to the dictates of his new religious guides; he had left us to the "stormy wind and tempest" in the very middle of the conflict, and taken his farewell of Freemasonry and Freemasons. And yet here are some of the "Grand Officers" and special friends of Lord Ripon represented as doing deliberately what was an insult to him, and an absurdity for themselves. To give a gold casket to Lord Ripon, covered with Masonic emblems, was such an act of assinine inconsistency, and even of ungentlemanly indecorum, on the part of the presentors, as should have led, we think, the editors to discover the "hoax," evidently, if ingeniously, played upon them. There are many Freemasons who still love Lord Ripon from the memory of "auld lang syne" of happy days of Masonic work, and for his great and genial qualities of mind and heart; but even they feel, we venture to say, that his departure from Freemasonry has put, as it were, a chasm between them and him in things Masonic, at any rate, which neither he nor they can attempt to cross over, nor even to bridge over at all. So we trust that we shall hear the last of this and similar foolish "canards." To use a Stock Exchange expression, they are very "lame ducks," and though Lord Palmerston used to say that there were a great many gobemouches in the world who would believe anything, we must protest, once for all, against our excellent and harmonious brotherhood being made the amusement of the credulous, the foolish, or the malicious.

GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. There was but a small amount of business to be transacted, but there was a very good attendance of Companions. Comp. Hugh D. Sandeman presided as Z.; Comp. Colonel Burdett, as H.; and Comp. S. Rawson, as J. Among the other Companions were: John Hervey, S.E.; J. E. Saunders, S.N.; J. C. Parkinson, Swd. B.; J. A. Rucker, P.S.; E. S. Snell, 1st A.; Joshua Nunn, 2nd A.; Thomas Fenn, H. J. P. Dumas, Griffiths Smith, H. Browne, Benj. Head, N. Bradford, James Robins, H. Birdseye, Col. Whitwell, Thomas W. White, C. F. Hogard, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, C. A. Murton, G. Lemann, S. C. Hadley, F. Pattison, W. F. Powell, F. Derry, F. Frampton, F. Copestick, J. B. Scriven, C. W. Noehmer, J. Sidwell, H. G. Buss, H. Muggeridge, W. Ough, James Brett, W. Dodd, H. M. Levy, and H. Massey (Freemason).

The Grand Chapter having been formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

The accounts of Grand Chapter were as follows:—

To Balance 15th July	£396 15 4
„ Subsequent Receipts	383 14 0
	£690 9 4
By Disbursements during the Quarter	£163 2 4
„ Power of Attorney for transfer of £1,500 Stock to Masonic Charities.....	1 3 0
„ Balance	526 4 0
	£690 9 4

The following petitions were before Grand Chapter for warrants for new chapters:—

- 1st.—From Companions Henry Elmhurst Reader as Z., John Le Marchand Carey as H., Peter Alexander Chavannes as J., and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Pacific Lodge, No. 517, Wellington, New Zealand, to be called "The Wellington Union Chapter," to meet at the Masonic Hall, Wellington, New Zealand.
- 2nd.—From Companions William Henry Jones as Z., Antoine Louis Le Franc as H., Protonno Coomar Dutt as J., and thirteen others for a chapter to be attached to the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 234, Calcutta, to be called "The New Union Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta, Bengal.
- 3rd.—From Companions George Blake as Z., William

Henry Mackesy as H., Henry Thomas Tanner as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Mayo Lodge, No. 1413, Rawul Pindee, to be called "The Locke Chapter," and to meet at Rawul Pindee, Punjab.

4th.—From Companions Thomas Stalkartt Carter as Z., John Lowthin as H., William Cutbush as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, Barnet, to be called "The Gladsmuir Chapter," and to meet at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, in the county of Hertford.

5th.—From Companions George Keene Lemann as Z., William West Smith as H., Henry McPherson as J., and eleven others for a chapter to be attached to the Hornsey Lodge, No. 890, London, to be called "The Hornsey Chapter," and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the City of London.

6th.—From Companions William Stephens, as Z., Charles Robert Miles as H., William Lutwyche as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Clapton Lodge, No. 1365, Clapton, to be called "The Clapton Chapter," and to meet at the White Hart Tavern, Upper Clapton, in the County of Middlesex.

7th.—From Companions the Rev. Spencer Robert Wigram as Z., Edward England Phillips as H., Albert Lucking as J., and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Priory Lodge, No. 1000, Southend, to be called "The Priory Chapter," and to meet at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, in the County of Essex.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommended that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee likewise reported that they had received the following petitions:—

8th.—From Companions Robert Scott as Z., Charles Henry Phillips as H., Charles Frederick Besson as J., and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Royal Philanthropic Lodge, No. 405, Trinidad, to be called "The Royal Philanthropic Chapter," and to meet at Port of Spain, Trinidad, in the West Indies.

9th.—From Companions James McDonald Reid as Z., Paulin Josse de Lisle as H., Charles Frederick Oda Rooks as J., and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 867, Trinidad, to be called "The Prince of Wales' Chapter," and to meet at Port of Spain, Trinidad, in the West Indies.

These two petitions, subject to the confirmation of the new law, No. 51, passed at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter, rendering foreign Past Masters eligible for election to the chairs in an English chapter, being in all respects regular, the Committee recommended that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

On No. 3 in the above list being reached the M.E.Z. said he was exceedingly glad to see that a chapter was applied for, the name of which was that of a Mason who had done so much good for Freemasonry. Comp. Locke was the companion of whom Comp. Havers had spoken so strongly in Grand Chapter last year.

On No. 8 being called on, Comp. Snell said that he had in his place many times in Grand Chapter had to make observations upon the issuing of two or three warrants for chapters in a single town. He wished to enquire whether there were sufficient Masons in Port of Spain to support two chapters. He had formerly made this enquiry with regard to Hull, where there did not appear to be any Royal Arch Masons. In the present list of petitions there were two for the Port of Spain. Trinidad was not a large place, and Port of Spain was the largest place in the island. How many Freemasons were there in Port of Spain, or in the Island of Trinidad? Perhaps Grand S.E. would tell him what was the position of Freemasonry in the island. Comp. Hervey said that all he had to say with regard to the subject was that both petitions were recommended by the Provincial Grand Master of Trinidad, who was not Provincial Grand Superintendent, however, as well. He was now in this country, and had come before the committee, and from the information he had given to the committee they had recommended the granting of the petitions. The M.E.Z. was present at that committee, and most strongly recommended the issuing of the warrant.

The prayers of all the petitions were granted.

Comp. Hervey, before the closing of Grand Chapter, said that he had not put upon the agenda paper the consideration of the letter from Grand Chapter of Ireland with respect to the Mark Grand Lodge of England. He believed it was the intention of Grand Registrar to consult with the Grand H. (the Earl of Carnarvon) as to the course which ought to be pursued on that question. But they all knew Lord Carnarvon had been plunged in deep affliction very recently, and the question could not come before the companions that evening with satisfaction to them without further information. He therefore had taken upon himself not to put the matter on the agenda paper, and he trusted Grand Chapter would approve the course he had taken under the peculiar circumstances of the case.

Comp. Sandeman said he thought the best way would be for Grand S.E. to write to the Grand S.E. of Ireland, explaining the cause of the delay, and saying that the subject would be brought on in due course. He wished to ask whether, as the minutes of last Convocation had been confirmed, the reports now would be issued quarterly, as also whether the reprints of the Regulations would be issued.

Comp. Hervey replied that they would.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

Inspector Denning was on Wednesday, 3rd inst., presented with a handsome cheque, in addition to a gold watch and chain, by Sir C. Foster, Bart., M.P., on the part of himself and fellow subscribers, in recognition of the esteem in which he is held by Members of Parliament. Inspector Denning has, for a number of years, fulfilled the duties of Chief Police Officer of the House of Commons.

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,—

I have perused, with considerable interest, the various suggestions which have from time to time been made by correspondents in the columns of your valuable journal, of the best means of commemorating the forthcoming great event in the Masonic world, viz., the installation of H.R.H. the Heir Apparent as M.W. Grand Master and an idea has occurred to me on the interesting subject which I here set forth.

When it is considered that so auspicious an event as the acceptance of the office by an heir to the Crown of England has not taken place since the time of H.R.H. George, Prince Regent, and possibly may not occur again in the present century, I am of opinion that some effectual scheme should be devised, of not only recording it individually among the Craft, but that it should be perpetuated in a manner worthy of the occasion, for "this story shall the good man teach his son."

Had the installation of the Prince taken place some few years since, it is possible that it would not have attracted so much attention as it is receiving at the present time, in consequence of its being considered now by all non-Romish classes in the light of a national triumph over bigotry; for, notwithstanding the denunciations levelled against our glorious and ancient institution, whose principles are the very acme of Christianity, by the leading representatives of a fanatic but powerful body, and the awful anathemas which have emanated from "she of the seven hills," our royal brother, "the rose and expectancy of this fair state," has not only taken an active part in the ceremonies of the Craft, and evinced his personal interest by recruiting its ranks by the admission of two of his brothers, the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold, but has fearlessly accepted the highest honour Freemasonry has to bestow. The suggestion I have humbly to offer for the consideration of the brethren is, that commemorative jewels should be designed of an uniform pattern, but of different qualities, in order to accommodate the means of the brotherhood, and that they should be issued from the offices of the Grand Secretary in the same manner as the centenary jewels are, and be only worn by subscribing Past Masters of lodges and all brothers holding office of any kind at the time of the Installation. I am sure that there would be an universal desire on the part of all loyal members of lodges holding office to purchase the distinction, in order to record their personal appreciation of so interesting an occasion.

The profits accruing from the sale of the jewels might be devoted advantageously towards the establishing of a fund in connection with our valuable charities. In conclusion, I sincerely hope that some of the zealous and distinguished members of Grand Lodge will take an opportunity of ventilating the idea—should it be thought worthy of their consideration—which I now respectfully beg to offer, and which I believe would not only meet with the general approval of the Craft, but would be also a good pecuniary scheme for endowing a philanthropic fund for the relief of the Masonic necessitous, and thus hand down to posterity a beneficial record of the event.

Trusting you will kindly do me the honour of inserting this letter in your columns, I remain, dear sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

T. C. W., 141, 138t, 1503.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I imagined, to use your own words, that our "friendly controversy" had been "closed;" but I cannot resist a reply to your brief leader in this day's number.

In the letter to which you refer, I did not suggest any call whatever on the Fund of Benevolence. The grants now received—as is well known—by the Educational Institutions are from the Fund of General Purposes; and I thought I had made it apparent that any increase would, as a matter of course, come from the same fund.

I carefully abstained from even suggesting what such increase might reasonably be; and because I stated that 8,000 half-crowns would produce £800, and that it was only fair to ask for a revision, it by no means follows that I am of opinion that that should be the amount, nor does my argument justify any such conclusion.

My remarks in another place, from which you quote, were sadly misunderstood and misreported.

I said that the number of present recipients of the benefits of our three institutions was about 525.

The number of candidates now seeking these benefits is—

Girls' School	31	To be elected	13
Boys' School	48	„	8
Benevolent	68	„	12

147 „ 33

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
FREDK. BINCKES.

30th January, 1875.

BROTHERLY LOVE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Thanks for your able article on the above subject; it ought to be in the hands of every member of our Order. How often do we meet with instances where this principle is utterly disregarded? What a recommendation

it would be to Freemasonry if "the uninstructed world who are not Masons" could only recognize this virtue more highly developed in its members?

I trust you will soon favour your readers with another leader on the same subject, so that the Craft may be stimulated to the practice of "that virtue, which may justly be denominated the distinguished characteristic of a Freemason's heart;" or to put it in the excellent terms of your leading article, "our higher spiritual practice of brotherly love."

Doubtless you have often seen instances where this principle has been violated, and treated as though it was a mere figment in our ceremonies, and never intended to be carried out in every-day life.

A few more racy articles on this subject from your able pen, would, I am sure, have a very healthy influence on such as forget that "brotherly love" is the first of the three grand principles on which Freemasonry is founded, and might prompt them to maintain in its fullest splendour this grand feature of our Order, "brotherly love."

Truly and fraternally, J. C.

THE STATUS OF SCOTCH MASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I observe in your issue of the 23rd ult., a letter from a correspondent signed J., on the subject of improving the status of Scotch Masonry. I may say that I have long studied this matter during the seven or eight years that I have had charge of a province, both as P.D.G.M. in charge and actual P.G.M. I will pass over the kind remarks he (J.) has made on my proposed scheme of a Scottish Masonic Benevolent Institution, and proceed to the question at issue, viz., improving the status of Scotch Masonry.

Let me state the case briefly. 1st. One argument raised by non-masons against our Order (applicable equally to all Countries, and not Scotland alone) is the fact of banquets, or, as they call them, Symposiums in Lodges; in fact I know several worthy men who have given up the idea of becoming Masons on this plea. Non-masons, being ignorant of our real habits and teaching, may, by observing the practices of badly-worked lodges (many of which, alas, must exist), lay down what is in their eyes an infallible dictum, that such is the custom in every lodge.

But is it so? The quiet banquets always concluded by a certain hour, so common in England, and the orderly and well-conducted resort for refreshment in Scotch lodges—do they come under this category? Emphatically, No! But allowing this to keep off detractors of our Order, and taking the habits of the present day into consideration, could not all good working lodges establish the following principle?—"that every lodge, where practicable, should have their own lodge-room, and eschew hotels and inns as places of meeting; that there should be, if possible, only two, or at most, four banquets in the year, and to compensate for this omission that the lodge or united lodges, say two or three together, should give a ball once a year, at a suitable period, where the wives, sisters, and daughters of Masons and their friends could equally enjoy themselves, or any other entertainment that may seem more apropos." This would give enjoyment to many, please "the sex," and render them favourable to the Craft.

On every other occasion, save as aforesaid, let the meetings of the several lodges be for business alone.

Especially let lodges of instruction for younger members be held at least four times (as many more as possible) during the year, under the presidency of an expert P.M.

2nd. What is the next allegation against the Craft (in Scotland especially)? It is the numbers of professional Masonic beggars who scour the United Kingdom professing to be Masons under the Scotch Constitution. This, I am sorry to say, is a fact, as I have not only heard this allegation in England, but have seen it myself! It will be asked, then, how this occurs: Simply thus, the system in Scotland, as regards the funds of lodges, is to depend on the number of Intrans that they enroll per annum—an annual subscription is rare. This is the root of the evil.

Our Brother J. wishes to raise, or rather Grand Lodge to raise the minimum of entrance fees, to preclude unworthy members. This can only be done to a very limited extent; we must not preclude the poorer brother of good character from the benefits of Masonry—he would be no burden; but we must place our lodges on such a safe footing that they will no longer have to depend on entrance fees; we must exercise a careful survey of the characters and lives of candidates for admission.

This can be done by fixing a minimum and maximum scale of entrance fees, and a minimum and maximum of annual subscription, which should in all cases cover the annual expenses of the lodge. The lodge, thus practically self-supporting, could give more time to discipline and character among its members, or proposed members, as laid down in the Constitutions (Chap. xx., sec. iv., page 47), in the following rule: "that no lodge shall receive or initiate an Intrans for less than twenty-one shillings, exclusive of Grand Lodge dues of registration (being 5s. 6d.) of sum specified in Chap. xv., sec. i., neither shall payment of said sums or any part thereof be remitted or deferred on any pretence." The utmost that could be laid down as a minimum is 31s. 6d., if we regard the poor equally with the rich.

Taking this view of the case, I would ask whether our joint aim, viz., improving the status of Scotch Masonry, could not be carried out as follows: let the minimum for Intrans be fixed at 31s. 6d. and the maximum at £5 5s., giving the mean of £3 3s., a very practical sum, suitable to most people's pocket; but at the same time to make it compulsory for all lodges to have an annual subscription from its members, with a maximum of, say, £2 2s., and a minimum of 5s., so as to suit all lodges and all classes, and to enable the several lodges to defray their ordinary business expenses without using their Intrans' fees at all.

This money would then be available for Charitable Institutions, and for building and renting suitable lodge-rooms. Lodges simply and solely existing on Intrans' fees, cannot really enquire into the characters of their proposed candidates, they therefore have foisted on them unthinking and careless brethren, who cause want of discipline and misrule.

Let the Grand Lodge formally, itself, and through its Provincial Grand Lodges, truly and firmly carry out the existing rules of the Constitutions as to character of Intrans, the duration of a fortnight at least between every degree (Chap. xx., sec. vi.). Let said section be strengthened by leaving the granting of dispensations to the Grand Lodge or Grand Committee, Provincial G.M. and D.P.G.M., and these only to be granted under very special circumstances.

By doing this, and passing a compulsory minimum and maximum scale of annual subscription, a marked improvement would appear in Scotch Masonry.

I myself have witnessed a vast improvement of late years, but much more remains to be done. Reverting to the above proposal of devoting Intrans' fees to charitable and other purposes, I would advise all lodges to appoint a charity steward, whose duty it would be to collect all general lodge and individual donations, and give the proceeds as directed by the lodge in open lodge assemblies.

All lodges would, of course, have their own system of charity, they might set apart, say 2s. 6d., on every Intrans, and 1s. or more on every annual subscription for the said charitable purposes. This is a point that must rest with lodges, and could not, on any pretence, be rendered compulsory.

Peace and harmony would thus rule our lodges, brotherly love would be more thoroughly carried out, charity would be practised, the general status would be raised, while yet the order would be open to the poorest as well as the richest of the country.

3rd. If you would still permit me space, I would mention one point more, viz., that no R.W.M. should hold office more than one year, or two at most, consecutively. It should be the object of every Intrans, by time and ability, to reach the chair of his Mother Lodge. With this object in view, he would study more deeply our impressive ceremonies, as well as the hidden mysteries of the Craft, he would endeavour, by his life and actions, to prove to the world at large the real benefits of being a Mason, not only in name but in deed. All, 't is true, cannot aspire to the highest posts in a lodge; memory, or rather want of memory, and other natural failings, may disqualify the aspirants from the chair of R.W.M., but unless, by his own fault, he can fill other offices in the lodge, not even excepting the Warden's Chairs.

The new R.W.M., moreover, on succeeding to his chair, would find a number of worthy and experienced P.M.'s who have passed the chair to support him by their aid and advice, and enable him to act with more confidence, knowing, that wherein he might feel himself wanting, one or other would ever be present at his side.

Brethren of the Craft in Scotland, think over these several points; it rests entirely among yourselves, and when fully convinced, support with all your power any propositions that may now or hereafter be proposed.

I am, sir and brother, yours, fraternally,
GEO. R. HARRIOTT,
P.G.M. Wigtown and Kirkcubright.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I can see, in p. 17 of *Freemason*, that the Scottish Masonic Institution is only to establish schools for boys and girls of aged, deceased, and distressed Freemasons of good character. Would it not have been better to have included boys and girls of all aged, deceased, and distressed Freemasons? Although that the trees be not good, if they were grafted into the branches good fruit might be gathered from them, and more would be the rejoicing over one lost sheep found than over the ninety and nine who might be of good character, that never went astray. It is not easy to read good characters.
Z, GLASGOW PROVINCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your able article on the status of a P.M., on his rejoining the lodge in which he was installed, seems to me clearly to point to the fact that he should be placed next to the I.P.M.

Is not this in opposition to the conclusion of "Jelf," who thinks that a P.M. on rejoining the lodge in which he was installed, "rejoins as one of those strange P.M.'s referred to by Bro. Tebbs, who have no seniority with respect to the P.M.'s of the lodge itself?"

Would it not also be more equitable, and more in harmony with our usage, to place the rejoining P.M. next the I.P.M., and thus recognise his past services to the lodge, while giving precedence to the P.M.'s who have continued their subscriptions?

To elucidate another point bearing on the same subject. Allow me to ask, for the information of some who dispute the fact, if it is necessary for Grand Lodge membership that a P.M. continue his subscription to the lodge in which he was installed, or whether membership in any English lodge will enable him to retain his status in Grand Lodge?
Yours truly and fraternally,
I.C.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The subject of Masonic Jurisprudence has occupied considerable attention lately in your columns, and promises to be on the increase. Now it appears to me, that without derogating from the propriety of discussion in

all matters relative to Masonic law, that the root of the matter lies as yet untouched, and that any conclusion which may be arrived at upon a given subject, is liable to be re-opened the following week and decided in a precisely opposite manner, and with as much authority, or as little, as that preceding it; in other words, there is no such thing as Masonic law, beyond the meagre pittance provided in the Book of Constitutions.

But thirty pages are devoted to the regulations of lodges and their members, and the wording is often such as to admit of a variety of significations and is in some instances absolutely contradictory.

When we consider the thousands, nay, we may say the millions, "who range themselves under our banner," it certainly does seem unaccountable that there should be no authorized code of laws for the guidance of a society of such magnitude.

The very excellent work on the subject by Dr. Oliver is often quoted, and is perhaps the most exhaustive treatise we have, but it is unrecognized by Grand Lodge, and therefore liable at any moment to be set aside, if convenient to do so.

Now that we are shortly to inaugurate a fresh epoch in Freemasonry in the installation of a new Grand Master, would it not be an appropriate opportunity for a general Masonic conclave, consisting of delegates from each provincial and district Grand Lodge under the E.C. to take into consideration the preparation of such a code of laws which should be at once comprehensive and worthy of the noble Order to which we belong?

Surely it is high time that something should be done in this behalf, as the hours wasted, both in and out of the lodge-room, in discussing questions which have been decided a dozen times, as the columns of your journal amply testify, to say nothing of the fact that the decisions are utterly valueless when made.

There are many points which will present themselves to the minds of brethren, the importance of which are manifest, wholly omitted in the Book of Constitutions, which call most strongly for legislation.

I should be glad if some of our enthusiastic brethren would give the subject their attention; they may depend on the hearty co-operation of all true brethren who have the cause of the Craft at heart, and, among the rest, of

Yours fraternally,
January 25th. 1875. JADU.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Walter Hill, P.M. 49, E.C. Dunedin, on Mark Master and Excellent Master degrees of Masonry, is well worthy to be considered by English Royal Arch Masons. Scotch Royal Arch Companions have often had to do what they unwillingly do to prevent English Companions from being made honorary members in a Scotch Chapter, for the want of not having attained to that degree of E. Master. The English Chapters should have their Charters for Royal Arch to include all the degrees, the same as the Scotch have theirs. The English and Irish might meet the Scotch in that way, as they should meet them, and leave off working the Past Master and Chair degrees from the Royal Arch. The first three degrees ought not to be mixed up with any other, but to remain as the Charters now are, and all others in one Charter all included with the Royal Arch. The Fellow-Craft Mark has nothing whatever to do with the Mark of a Mark Master: both are decidedly different Marks; besides, the first three degrees do not require anything from the M.M., but the Arch cannot be completed without what has to be carried in the Mark Master degree. Therefore the degrees should be made to work on one Charter for Royal Arch Chapters. No Mark Master, getting the degree in a Chapter in Scotland, is justified, if he accepts of a Mark Master made in a R.A.E. The least that English Royal Arch Companions should do is to include into their Chapters the working of the Excellent degrees.

No. 2., Z. G. P.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"The Master only can govern the lodge" is your dictum last week. Surely this is wrong? The Book of Constitutions says:—"If no P.M. of the lodge be present, then the S.W., or, in his absence, the J.W., shall rule the lodge."

In addition to which, the Wardens, on investiture, are sometimes informed that, under certain circumstances, they may succeed to higher duties.

I think also, that, in the case of a vacancy in the S.W.'s chair, the J.W. may be promoted without running the risk of being disqualified for the Master's chair. The Book of Constitutions says the qualification shall be—having served as Warden for one year; six months' office as J.W., and six months as S.W., with no interval between, would seem to be sufficient.

Yours fraternally,

JELF.

FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE.—An aristocratic company, confined to relatives and intimate friends, met yesterday morning at St. George's Church, Hanover-square, to witness the solemnization of the marriage of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow and the Hon. Florence Gardner, eldest daughter of Lord and Lady Gardner. The Bishop of Winchester officiated, assisted by the Rector of St. George's, the Rev. Henry Howarth, and the Rev. G. Bowles, Rector of Clendon. The Earl of Onslow was accompanied by his friend, Lord Eliot, as best man. The bride, who was given away by her father, was accompanied to the altar by six bridesmaids: the Hon. Evelyn Gardner, sister of the bride; Miss Cochrane, Miss Edith Onslow, Miss Middleton, Miss Leighton, and Miss Gaudred Leighton.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The quarterly communication of this body was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 1st inst. In the unavoidable absence of the M.W.G.M., Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., the throne was occupied by Bro. Henry Inglis of Torsonce, who was supported by the following brethren:—Bros. W. Mann, P.G.W., acting G.S.W.; F. A. Barrow, S.G.D., acting J.G.W.; Rev. A. Thomson Grant, G.C.; J. Laurie, G.S.; Wm. Hay, J.G.D.; John Coghill, G.D.C.; Captain Colt, Gartsherrie, G.S.B.; Convener Robertson, G.B.B.; and Murdock Mackenzie, C.G.M.

There was a large attendance of members, among those present being Bros. Sir Geo. Clerk, of Penicuik, R.W.M. 429; Roger Montgomerie, M.P., and Charles Dalrymple, M.P.

Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, apologies were read from Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, the Earl of Rosslyn, Captain J. T. Oswald, of Dunnikier; Major Hamilton Ramsay of Garion; W. Officer, F.S. Melville, and others.

The usual preliminary business being over, charters for the erection of new lodges were granted in the following cases:—"La Vallee de France," Lima; "Independencia," Callao; "Virtud y Union Regenerada," Lima; "Constancia y Concordia," Tacna; "Salem," Ahmedabad; "The Bonnie Doon," Patna; "Star of the West," Parkes, N.S.W.; "The Lodge of Polynesia," Fiji.

A petition for a charter to a new lodge at Dailly, Arshire, to be called "The Ferguson St. James," was remitted to Grand Committee, with powers to grant a charter if found in order.

On the recommendation of Grand Committee, Bro. J. M. Reid was appointed Provincial Grand Master for Trinidad, and Sir John Ogilvy, Bart., P.G.M. for Forfarshire.

A communication was read from the Grand Lodge of England, stating that it would be pleasing to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master elect, if the appointment of representative at that Grand Lodge, in room of the late Lord James C. P. Murray, were conferred on the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. The appointment was unanimously made, in accordance with the recommendation.

The credentials of the Earl of Dunmore, as representative in Scotland of the Grand Lodge of Hungary, were presented, and his lordship confirmed in the appointment.

Letters of condolence on the decease of the late Earl of Dalhousie, from the Grand Orient of France, and Lodge Dalhousie, Massachusetts, U.S., were intimated, and it was remitted to the Grand Committee to prepare and transmit appropriate replies thereto.

Notice of motion, having for its object the constitution of Immediate Past Masters as members of Provincial Grand Lodges, was tabled for discussion at next meeting, and thereafter Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

ROYAL SCOTTISH MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following brethren have consented to receive names, donations and subscriptions:—

J. Laurie, Esq., Grand Secretary of Scotland, Interim Secretary of proposed Benevolent Institution.

Geo. R. Harriott, Esq., Provincial G.M. Wigtown and Kircudbright, Killiemore Lodge, Kirkcowan, Wigtownshire, and No. 4, Howard-place, St. Andrew's, Fife.

W. Spencer, Esq., F.R.G.S., Masonic Depot, 26, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London.

J. McMuldrow, Esq., Prov. Grand Sec. Wigtown and Kircudbright, St. Cuthbert-street, Kircudbright.

Capt. G. Shanks, R.M.L.I., Recruiting Service, Greenock.

A. J. Douglas, Esq., Lockerbie House, Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire.

J. D. Porteous, Esq., Hampden Place, Mount Florida, Glasgow, P.D.G.M., Royal Order of Scotland, Hon. Corres. Mem. of Masonic Union.

G. H. Pagan, Esq., Writer, Cupar, Fife.

A. E. Grantfelt, Esq., 26, Marmichal-street, Aberdeen; R.W.M. No. 93.

Major Wm. Macdonald, 12th K.I.G. Bengal Native Infantry; P.M. No. 988 E.C.; M.M. No. 542, Union of St. Andrew's.

George Kenning (Proprietor of the *Freemason*), 198, Fleet-street, London, and 145, Argyle-street, Glasgow.

Names only, with amounts of donations or annual subscriptions, to be received till the Institution seems in a fair way of being started.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of Subscribers to this School met on Thursday last in the Library, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Griffiths Smith presided. The other brethren present were: Thos. Francis Peacock, H. W. Hemsworth, A. H. Tattershall, Walter Wellsman, Magnus Ohren, H. Browse, W. Stephens, H. A. Dubois, H. Dubose, W. F. C. Moutrie, J. A. Rucker, W. Paas, Thos. W. White, John Boyd, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and R. W. Little, Secretary.

The business before the Committee was very slack. With reference to the Trusteeships of the Institution rendered vacant by the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon and the death of Bro. Benj. Bond Cabbell, a letter had been received from Lord Carnarvon's Secretary, in reply to Bro. Little's enquiry whether his Lordship would fill one of the vacancies, stating that at present the Pro Grand Master was unable to attend to business. Lord Skelmersdale, in answer to a similar application as to the other vacancy, wrote that he would be happy to undertake the office of Trustee.

A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

Poetry.

EARTH TO EARTH.

WRITTEN FOR THE "FREEMASON."

Alas! how vain is earthly life!
How soon it fades away;
'Mid scenes of weal, strife, or care,
Swift ebbs its littler day.
The fairest hopes have ended
In the mournfulness of tears,
And gentlest forms have left us
In the march of troubled years.

The home of mirth and cheerfulness
Is sad and silent now;
Still is the voice of joyousness—
Pain-laden every brow.
And where but yesterday was bliss
Beneath love's radiant skies,
To-day are downcast sorrow,
Deep grief, and tear-dimm'd eyes.

Strange is this mystery of life,
Which ends so often here;
The grace of glowing tenderness,
In the mourning and the tear,
Which throws around our pathway
Those dreary clouds of gloom,
Which hover ever in mid-air
Above affection's tomb.

We give our friends to the silent earth,
Those whom we mourn to-day;
We miss them from our happy home,
Tho' we would bid them stay.
We part from them and they from us
In the freshness of their grace,
And we grieve for the faded flower,
We mourn the dear, dear face.

Strange ending of our tenderness—
Of all our anxious fear;
Of all those joys of heart and home
We ever hold so dear.

In the very midst of life and strength,
When all with us is peace,
Our tenderest links are broken,
Our brightest hours cease.

Yet faith looks on undoubting,
Amid each mournful scene;
Hope points to a higher life than this,
Like the Acacia ever green.

When in that land of love and light,
Ours is a radiant greeting,
When in affection's faultless flow,
Ours is an eternal meeting.

A. F. A. W.

FUNERAL OF LADY CARNARVON.

On Saturday afternoon, the 30th ult., Lady Carnarvon was buried, in the presence of a large and sorrowing assemblage of all classes, and amid manifold tokens of the deepest respect, in the cemetery in Highclere Park, some five miles from the town of Newbury. During the greater part of Friday, and until midday on Saturday, the body of the Countess lay in state in the library, which was hung with black cloth. The inscription on the coffin-plate ran thus:—

"Evelyn Georgina Katherine, wife of Henry Howard Molyneux Herbert, fourth Earl of Carnarvon, only daughter of the sixth Earl of Chesterfield, born 3rd November, 1834; died 25th January, 1875."

The late Countess was wholly averse from anything like ostentation, and it was her desire to be laid in the open cemetery, beside the graves of those who had been devoted and faithful in the service of the family. Her last wishes were lovingly obeyed, and her remains rest in a plain brick grave near those of the nurse of the present Earl, and of the housekeeper, Mrs. Laverick, one of the victims of the Shipton accident, who was buried little more than a month ago.

At twenty minutes to two o'clock, the funeral procession emerged from the Castle, and moved slowly along the winding road to the cemetery in the following order:—

The Earl's Newbury tradesmen, the Mayor of Newbury (Mr. Adey), the ex-Mayor (Mr. Hickman), and other members of the Town Council; the principal tenantry, agents, and stewards of Lord Carnarvon; the officiating clergymen, the Rev. E. T. Waters, rector of Highclere; and the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, chaplain to Lord Carnarvon.

The pall-bearers were the rector of Newbury (Rev. James Leslie Randall), the Rev. N. G. Ridley, the Rev. F. C. Gosling, the Rev. L. Owen, the Rev. C. Young, and the Rev. D. Moore.

The mourners were the Earl of Carnarvon, the Hon. Alan Herbert, the Hon. Auberon Herbert, Lady Gwendolen Herbert, the Earl and Countess of Portsmouth, Miss Ogilvy, the Hon and Rev. Canon Forester, Colonel the Hon. H. Forester, Viscount Lymington, General the Hon. Robert Curzon, Lord Newport, the Earl of Ducie, Earl Beauchamp, the Earl of Donoughmore, Lord Londesborough, Lord John Manners, Sir Robert Peel, M.P., Hon. J. Howard, Mr. William Chatteris, Mr. W. Kingsmill, Mr. W. Fox, Mr. W. B. Beach, M.P., and others. The servants of the household followed.

Arrived at the gates of the cemetery, the tradesmen and tenantry formed a close line on each side of the roadway, and the body was borne into the mortuary chapel, followed by the mourners. From the chapel to the grave was but a few steps, and here Lord Carnarvon deposited upon the

coffin a wreath of camellias sent by the Countess of Chesterfield, who had been in close attendance upon her daughter throughout her illness. His lordship also placed upon the coffin other floral designs from friends of the late Countess.

The bells of the Newbury churches tolled, and the tradesmen partly closed their places of business in the afternoon. Yesterday morning, at the Chapel Royal, Savoy, the Rev. Henry White, the chaplain, in the course of his sermon, made special reference to the late Lady Carnarvon, who for many years had been a member of the congregation.

Masonic Tidings.

The Right Hon. Lord Dunboyne, Provincial Grand Master of North Munster, was presented with a piece of plate, by the brethren of that province, as a mark of their respect for him. He was afterwards entertained at a breakfast, presided over by Bro. James Spaight, Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The Marquis of Hartington, Prov. Grand Master for Derbyshire, was at the meeting, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., unanimously chosen as Leader of the Liberal Party.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, Past Grand Master, has been appointed representative from the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the Grand Lodge of England in the room of the late Lord James C. Plantagenet Murray. The appointment was made in accordance with a wish expressed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master elect.

Bro. the Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Kent, has given his numerous tenants in the neighbourhood of Cranbrook the right of destroying all game and rabbits on their respective occupations.

A Dublin correspondent informs us that Bro. the Hon. David R. Plunkett, M.P., Junior Grand Deacon, was, on Friday last, sworn in as Solicitor-General for Ireland.

We regret to learn that Bro. Mercier met with a very serious accident on Friday, the 29th ult., at the Mansion House Station of the Metropolitan District Railway. Capt. Mercier's foot slipped while descending the stairs leading to the platform, and he fell from the top to the bottom, sustaining severe injuries. He was conveyed home under the care of his friend, Bro. Dr. Ambler.

Bro. John Symonds, P.G.A.D.C., was on Monday, the 1st inst., unanimously elected Chairman of the Library Committee of the City Corporation.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in Wellington Lodge of Instruction (No. 548), held at the White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford, on Monday, the 15th inst., by Bro. John Shaw, S.W. 79. The lodge will be opened at half-past seven precisely.

On Friday, Jan. 29th, the Consecration of the Duke of Connaught Lodge (1524), took place at Pownall-road, Haggerston. The Consecrating and Installing Officers were Bros. R. W. Little, J. Brett, J. Boyd, and H. G. Buss.

NOTES ON LITERATURE, SCIENCE, AND ART.

GLEANED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.
BY BRO. GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDELL.

During the year 1874, there were 11,917 new books and new editions of books published in France, exclusive of periodicals and reviews. There were also 2,196 maps and engravings, and 3,841 pieces of music, published among our French neighbours during the same period.

Miss Thompson's popular picture of "The Roll Call," after being visited by hundreds of thousands of admirers in the principal towns of her native north of England, is now being exhibited in Edinburgh.

The *Academy* informs us that "From his examination of the spectra of stars Professor d'Arrest has come to the conclusion that colour cannot be taken as a certain indication of the nature of the spectrum, and that the connection between colour and temperature, though not improbable, has not been satisfactorily established; while the assertion that the red stars are older than the yellow, and the yellow than the white, is, according to M. d'Arrest, entirely without foundation. The spectroscopic examination of stars which M. d'Arrest has made at Copenhagen has resulted in increasing the number of stars of Secchi's third type threefold. These stars are distinguished by channelled spectra, indicating that their temperature is so low that combination of the elements in their atmosphere has taken place."

"The MAGPIE."—This is the title of a new high-class weekly journal, the contents of which is to be comprised of ordinary interesting news, with careful and critical comments, and choice beauties of Original Literature, in addition to Scientific, Artistic, and Comic Articles and Essays.

The Annual Dinner of the Uxbridge Ycomanry Cavalry took place at the Wheatsheaf Tavern, Shepherd's Bush, on Friday, the 29th ult., under the presidency of A. Blackburn, Esq., the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and responded to. The proceedings were carried out with great éclat.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—These purifying and soothing remedies demand the earnest attention of all persons liable to rheumatism, gout, sciatica, or other painful affections of the muscles, nerves, or joints. The ointment should be applied after the affected parts have been patiently fomented with warm water, when the unguent should be diligently rubbed upon the adjacent skin, unless the friction should cause pain. Holloway's Pills should be simultaneously taken to reduce inflammation and to purify the blood. This treatment abates the violence and lessens the frequency of gout, rheumatism, and all spasmodic diseases which spring from hereditary predisposition, or from any accidental weakness of constitution. The ointment checks the local malady; the pills preserve the vital power.—ADVT.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday February 12, 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, FEBRUARY 6.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
" 1412, La Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., 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, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 136, Good Report, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 222, St. Andrew's, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
" 720, Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
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. Gutheil, 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, FEBRUARY 9.

Lodge 46, Old Union, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
" 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 166, Union, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 235, Nine Muses, Queen's Hotel, Cork-street, Bond-street, W.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
" 834, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hotel, Hammersmith.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
Chap. 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark Lodge 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
Supreme Grand Council 33°, 33, Golden-square.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Precep.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at 3.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 9, Albion, Regent's Masonic Hall, Regent-street.
" 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.

Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
" 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse.
" 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1260, Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. John's Wood.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-st., Wapping.
Rose Croix Chapter, Grand Metropolitan, 33, Golden-sq. Supreme Grand Council, 33°, 33, Golden-square.
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, 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.
Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Park, Albion-road, Dalston, N.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

Lodge 19, R. Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock.
" 1216, Macdonald, Head-quarters, 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell.
" 1425, Hyde Park, Westbourne Hotel, Craven-rd., W.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
" 1475, Peckham, Victoria Tavern, Old Kent-road.
Chap. 140, St. George's, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
K. T. Precep. 45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
" 117, New Temple, the Inner Temple.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. 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, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hotel, New Wandsworth.
Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street, W.
St. George's Rose Croix Chapter, 33, Golden-square.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), 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, Precep.
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. Larham, 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, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8, Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Precep.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 13, 1875.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.
" 721, Independence, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, North Chester, at 5.
" 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.

Chap. 537, Lion, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
" 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.
St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.
" 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.
" 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 6.
" 786, Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles, near Manchester.

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

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Lodge 155, Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, February 13, 1875. All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James's-street, Kingston.
" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.

Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-street.

Lodge 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street.
Chap. 113, Partick, St. Mary's Hall, Partick.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-street.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 13, 1875.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen, Masonic Hall, Writer's-court, at 8.
" 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, George-st., at 8.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

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

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Chap. 56, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.