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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

BOLTON.—ANCHOR AND HOPE LODGE (No. 37).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on 1st Feb., in Freemasons' Hall, Bolton, when there were present Bro. Jas. Walker, W.M., in the chair, supported by the whole of his officers, also the following P.M.'s, viz.: Bro. Wm. Slater, Prov. S.G. Deacon; J. H. Winder, Prov. G. Reg.; Saml. Isherwood, Prov. G. Treas.; Robt. Harwood, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Jas. Newton, Prov. G. Steward; Jas. Pilkington, John Robinson, R. W. Knowles, W. Pennington, Jas. McAdam, P. Prov. G. Deacon, Derbyshire; and other brethren. The lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Johnson Mills, as a candidate for initiation, and being unanimously in his favour, he was subsequently admitted and initiated, as was also Mr. James Marchanton, who had been balloted for and approved of at a previous meeting; the ceremony being performed by the W.M. The working tools were explained to the newly-initiated brethren by Bro. Robt. Harwood, P.M., Prov. G. Supt. of Works; and the charge delivered by Bro. Walter Pennington, P.M. The lodge was then closed in the usual manner.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—This lodge held its regular meeting at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Thursday, the 4th inst., Bro. Geo. Newman in the chair, ably supported by his officers, Bros. T. Cohu, S.W.; Charles Arkell, J.W.; J. G. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; E. Jones, S.D.; H. Legge, J.D.; F. Fellowes, I.G.; W. T. Rickwood, D.C.; E. King, P.M., Steward. The lodge having been duly formed, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the following brethren were raised to the third degree:—Bros. W. Medwin, E. Burch, J. T. Belfrage, S. Crawford, V. Hibbins, T. B. Charlesworth, and G. H. Gillam. The following brethren were also passed to the second degree:—Bros. A. T. Honeywill and R. Stubington. The following gentlemen being present, having been accepted by ballot at the last meeting, were regularly initiated into the ancient mysteries of the Order:—Mr. E. B. Crichton, Mr. J. Loukins, and Edwd. Chas. Allatt. The sum of ten guineas was unanimously voted to the Boys' and Girls' Masonic Institutions respectively; also ten pounds to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Poor Aged Freemasons and Widows; the said sums to stand on the Stewards' Lists representing the lodge at the Festivals. Bro. Geo. Abbott, I.P.M., gave notice of motion, that it was his intention to propose a Testimonial Fund in favour of Bro. Marsh, P.M., in recognition of his services as Secretary of the lodge during the last seven years, and that the sum of ten guineas be voted out of the lodge funds to head the list of subscriptions to the fund. The ceremonies of the chair were most ably rendered by the W.M. (Bro. Geo. Newman), as also the duties by his officers, in the several degrees. The ballot was taken for the reception of several gentlemen at the next meeting in March. The lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned. The brethren then repaired to the Pillar Room, in which upwards of seventy brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, at which the W.M. presided. The several usual masonic toasts were proposed and seconded with great zest. Bro. W. Worrell, P.M. 766, and Bro. G. H. Wright, P.M. 28, responded for the visitors. The Tyler's toast, as usual, concluded a most agreeable meeting. Among the brethren present were Bros. E. Roberts, P.M.; F. Trott, P.M.; E. Taylor, W. Allatt, T. Fisher, W. F. Poulton, S. Edwards, J. G. Chillingworth, H. A. Pratt, T. Gardner, B. Perkins, T. Barker, J. Kent, R. E. Bright, J. Carle, J. G. Dunn, S. Muggeridge, jun., E. J. Kellaway, G. Hall, G. Bartholomew, H. Child, W. Figs, A. G. Marks, W. Donne, A. Lewis, G. F. Quinton, A. Garnett, W. F. Bates, W. Waring, H. Davis, and G. T. Smith. The visitors present were:—Bros. W. Warwick, 640; R. Gummer, 766; H. T. Thompson, P.M. 942; H. J. Dawe, 871; J. Wright, W.M. 1158; G. H. Wright, P.M. 28; C. H. Nevill, 1216; J. P. Raalte, 917; W. Worrell, P.M. 766; C. Legg, 463; W. Luty, 1259; W. F. Smart, 766; J. Fletcher, 615; J. A. Allison, 90; E. J. Moore, W.M. 174; G. Wilson, 569; G. W. Churchley, 615; T. Butt, 907; J. Weedon, P.M. 715; and J. Cowley.

DEPTFORD.—ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the White Swan Tavern, Deptford, on Thursday, January 28th. Bro. G. Andrews, W.M., presided, and there were present during the evening Bros. H. A. Collington, P.M.; W. Wyatt, P.M.; S. A. Lewin, S.W.; H. J. Tuson, J.W.; W. Andrews, P.M.,

Treas.; F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Parkes, S.D.; H. J. Wells, J.D.; J. B. Langley, I.G.; H. J. Fisher, Org.; H. J. Dawe, M.C.; G. T. Linan, W.S.; J. Grindley, W. A. R. Harris, W. Elgood, G. Harvey, T. Horton, J. Woollett, A. Gordon, W. Atkins, E. C. Kilsby, W. H. Hawkins, E. Wood, E. Good, G. Jones, T. Firth, A. Maers, R. J. Harvey, J. Allen, R. Mason, W. A. Lockhead, J. G. Thomas, R. Hannan, J. G. Vohmann, G. Porter, Buhler, R. Killick, and some others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. Y. Laing, P.M. 45, 1326; H. R. Harker, 79; R. J. Beaver, 700; J. Howe, 1326; J. W. Baldwin, 1326, S.W., and W.M. elect 1423; W. Chartres, 1423, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Bros. J. Grindley, T. Firth, G. Jones, and W. Chartres, 1423, were, in an admirable style, passed to the second degree. The elections were unanimous in favour of the re-election of Bros. W. Andrews, P.M., Treasurer; and J. Bavin, P.M. 147, Tyler. The S.W., Bro. S. A. Lewin, by a large majority, was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Baxter Langley, I.G., as the Steward representing the lodge, announced that on previous evening at Royal Benevolent Institution his list amounted to thirty pounds. Some propositions for joinings and initiations were received, and the lodge was closed. The usual banquet followed.

EAST DEREHAM.—SONDES LODGE (No. 996.) The annual festival of this united and prosperous little lodge was held on Wednesday, the 27th January, 1875, in the assembly rooms, East Dereham, and was presided over by Bros. W. T. Gidney, W.M.; H. Smart, S.W. and W.M. Elect; E. H. Smith, J.W.; W. Parke, S.D.; J. Wheare, J.D.; L. Minn, I.G.; L. Hatfield, Secretary. Besides the above officers there was a very good attendance of the members of the lodge, numbering over thirty, besides several visitors, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Palmer, Joppa Lodge; Page, from Lynn; Lord, Norwich; and J. F. Hills, P. Prov. G. J. W. Suffolk, Installing Master. The lodge was opened in the first degree, and after the usual routine of business had been disposed of the lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Hills was asked to preside. The W.M. then presented Bro. H. Smart for the benefit of installation. The whole of the ceremony, as well as the address to the W.M. and Wardens, was most attentively listened to by the whole of the brethren. Immediately after the installation, the newly elected Master regularly initiated into Freemasonry Messrs. C. Baker, W. Fisk, D. Belding, and F. Stimpson, the ceremony being worked with great ability, thus proving to the lodge, in a most marked degree, the wise choice the brethren of this lodge had made in their selection of W. Master. The W.M. was most ably assisted by his newly-appointed officers as follows: E. H. Smith, S.W.; W. Parke J.W.; J. Wheare, S.D.; L. Minn, J.D.; J. Allen, I.G.; L. E. Hatfield, Sec.; and Bro. W. T. Gidney, I.P.M., Treas. The lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer, when the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Eagle Hotel. The first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," being duly honoured, next followed, "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales"; "The Grand Officers, Past and Present"; "The Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present," which was responded to by one of the brethren, there being several members of this lodge who are P. Prov. G. Officers. Bro. Hills, Installing Master, being entrusted with the gavel, now gave "The Health of Bro. Smart, the newly installed Master," and, in a very sincere manner, passed the W.M. a well merited compliment, on the able, efficient, and truly Masonic manner in which he had performed the arduous duties, both in lodge and at the table, at the same time complimenting the lodge on the wise choice. Bro. Smart responded in a neat and truly characteristic speech, sincerely thanking them all for the very great honour they had done him, and assuring the brethren that nothing should ever be wanting, on his part, to merit their good wishes and esteem, and that he would do what laid in his power to support, maintain, and uphold the dignity and high importance of Masonry. The I.P.M.'s health was next drunk most enthusiastically, and the I.P.M., Bro. Gidney, very ably responded, at the same time proposing the health of Bro. Hills, who had, he said, come all the way from Sudbury to fulfil a promise he made to Bro. Smart, that he would install him. He alluded to the impressive way in which Bro. Hills had rendered the ceremony, to which the Installing Master responded. The Chairman proposed "The Health of the Newly-initiated Brethren," looking upon it as really the best of the evening, expressing the hope that, from what the brethren had that day seen of Masonry, they would be induced to go on in the good work, and that they would never live to regret this memorable day in their lives. The whole of the four brethren returned thanks in able and concise language. The remainder of the toasts, "The Visitors," to which Bro. Lord responded; "The Charities," to which Bro. Hills responded; "The Host and Hostess," to which Bro. Minn responded, concluding with the Tyler's toast, after which the column was passed round, and a very creditable sum was collected, which brought the proceedings of this happy gathering to a close. The cuisine arrangements of Bro. Minn were excellent, and the floral decorations of Mrs. Minn were much admired for their good taste and striking effect.

LIVERPOOL.—SKELMERSDALE LODGE (No. 1350).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge, which bears the honoured name of the Deputy Grand Master of England, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, who was the first W.M., was held at the Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool, on Monday, the 1st inst. The officers and members present were Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; R. Brown, S.W.; T. G. Bark, J.W.; Dr. W. S. Limrick, Treasurer; Dr. C. S. Smith, Sec.; Rev. T. W. Richardson, S.D.; E. Ford, jun., J.D.; F. N. Sheath, Org.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; L. Moritz, R. W. Hickson, F. W. Barnes, O. Lowenthal, F. Gittins, J. B. Roose, J. A. Greenleaves, J. Cobham, P.M.; H. Davis,

P.M.; R. W. Barns, and J. Evans, W.M. 220. The visitors included Bros. J. W. Baker, P.M. 241, P.G.S.; W. Johnson, 241; W. M. Chudley, W.M. 241, and others. Bro. T. G. Bark was very effectively installed W.M. of the lodge, by Bros. J. W. Baker, P.M. 241; and the officers invested were the following:—Bros. G. de la Perrelle, P.P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; Dr. C. S. Smith, S.W.; the Rev. T. W. Richardson, J.W.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., M.C.; R. Brown, Treasurer; E. Ford, Sec.; Dr. W. S. Limrick, S.D.; P. Lowenthal, J.D.; F. N. Sheath, I.G.; J. B. Roose, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. A candidate was initiated by the newly-installed W.M. in a manner which has rarely been equalled in this part of the Province; and the working tools were explained by the J.W. in a style which could not have been excelled. The brethren subsequently sat down to a splendid banquet at Messrs. Fisk and Fairhurst's, Castle-street, Liverpool, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval. The lodge was opened at five o'clock in the afternoon, by Bro. Koch, W.M., assisted by the following officers:—Bros. Everett, S.W.; Gardner, J.W., and W.M. elect; Walls, acting S.D.; Higgins, acting I.G.; Mann, I.P.M.; Page, Treas.; Stuart, Sec. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, the report of the auditors, Bros. Walls, Speedy and Stokes was submitted formally to the lodge and passed. The W.M. then proceeded to pass Bro. Fallows to the second degree. The ceremony was well carried out. Bro. Koch having vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. Mann, who had kindly accepted the onerous position of Installing Master, the impressive ceremonial of inducting Bro. Gardner to the chair of K.S. was then proceeded with. There was a very strong Board of Installed Masters, which comprised many distinguished representatives of some of the principal metropolitan lodges. The whole proceedings were carried out by the Installing Master with great élan, his delivery of the address being exceedingly impressive. When the W.M., at the conclusion of the ceremony, received the congratulations of the brethren, the scene was very striking and picturesque, in consequence of there being nearly sixty members and visitors present, many of them being highly decorated with Craft and R.A. honours. The W.M. then invested the following members as officers for the year:—Bros. Everett, S.W.; Painter, J.W.; Reeves, S.D.; Higgins, J.D.; Webb, I.G.; Page, Treas.; Stuart, Sec.; Walls, W.S.; Kohler, A.W.S.; W. A. Ellis, Org.; Longstaffe, Tyler. The initiation of Mr. Richardson into the mysteries of the Craft having been carried out by the W.M., Bro. Koch was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, and returned thanks for the honour awarded to him. The I.P.M. gave notice of motion in respect to the formation of a Benevolent Fund in connection with the Lodge, which he hoped the brethren would consider in the interim, and come fully prepared to discuss the question at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. "The Queen and the Craft" was duly honoured, and Bro. Farquharson sang the national anthem. H.R.H. the Grand Master's health was drunk with great warmth, and Bro. Walls, sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales," accompanied by Bro. Ellis. Bro. Stokes having contributed the "Thorn," the W.M. gave "Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master," and requested the brethren to receive the toast solemnly, in consequence of his lordship's recent bereavement. "The Health of the Initiates" was then proposed, and the W.M. contributed the E.A. song. The visitors' toast next followed, and was severally responded to. The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was well received and briefly acknowledged by Bro. Gardner. The other lodge toasts were then rapidly given. The Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings at midnight. Among the visitors were representatives of the following lodges:—Bros. Bond, P.M. 87, P.Z. 749; Farquharson, P.M. 99; Hopwood, P.M. 141; Parsons, P.M. 749; Bragg, P.M. 857; Dennis, P.M. 907; Witely, P.M. 946; Bayfield, P.M. 1158; Lancetfield, P.M. 1343; Arnold, W.M. 45; Wright, W.M. 1158; Kindon, W.M. 1297; Kukman, 38; Skinner, 188.

STRATFORD.—LANGTHORNE LODGE (No. 1421).—This young, but steadily progressing lodge, held its second anniversary meeting at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, E., on Thursday, the 28th ult., upon which occasion a large number of brethren of this and neighbouring lodges assembled to witness the installation of Bro. G. E. Slec, the S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year, that brother having been unanimously elected to that position at the last regular meeting of the lodge. At four p.m. the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. G. T. W. Mugliston, M.D., who was supported by the whole of his officers—viz., Bros. G. E. Slec, S.W., and W.M. elect; R. G. Owen, J.W.; Charles Lacey, I.P.M.; George Levick, Treas.; C. W. Ashdown, P.M. and Sec.; B. Cundick, S.D.; G. Hollington, J.D.; H. Carter, I.G.; J. G. Stevens, P.M., D.C.; T. S. Taylor, Steward; M. Sherwin, Org.; and W. Steedman, Tyler, and a number of brethren. The minutes of the last regular meeting, together with those of of a lodge of emergency, held on the 14th ult., having been read and duly confirmed, the balance-sheet for the past year, together with the report of the audit committee (brought up by Bro. J. G. Stevens), were read, and on the suggestion of the W.M. the discussion thereupon was deferred until the next meeting. The lodge was opened in the second degree, whereupon Bro. G. E. Slec was duly presented by Bro. J. G. Stevens, P.M., D.C., to receive from the W.M. the benefit of installation, which ceremony was then proceeded with, the W.M. elect taking the required obligation. The lodge was opened in the third degree, and the brethren below the rank of Installed Master having retired, a board consisting of twenty-one Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Slec duly placed in

the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. Having invested his I.P.M., the board of Installed Masters was then declared closed, the brethren re-admitted, and the newly-installed W.M. duly proclaimed, and saluted in each degree. He then proceeded to appoint and invest the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. G. T. W. Mugliston, I.P.M.; Bro. R. G. Owen, S.W.; B. Cundick, J.W.; Geo. Levick, Treasurer; C. W. Ashdown, P.M., Sec.; Geo. Hollington, S.D.; H. Carter, J.D.; M. Sherwin, Org.; T. S. Taylor, I.G.; G. F. Dix, D.C.; H. N. Taylor, W.S.; and W. Steedman (re-elected), Tyler. The remainder of the ceremony was then proceeded with, and concluded by the Installing Officer, Bro. Mugliston, who, delivered the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren in a most admirable and impressive manner, and to the evident satisfaction of the large number of brethren present. Upon the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M. rose, and said he had a most pleasing duty to perform, which was to present to Bro. Mugliston a P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted him at the last meeting of the lodge; and on behalf of himself and the brethren of the lodge, he had great pleasure in placing that handsome jewel upon Bro. Mugliston's breast, trusting he might be spared many years to wear it, and to visit his Langthorne brethren. Bro. Mugliston, in feeling terms, acknowledged the kindness of the brethren, assuring them that his humble services would be always at their disposal, and that he should value the jewel they had so kindly presented him with as a lasting memento of their kindness, and as surpassing in value any future distinction that might ultimately fall to his lot. A cordial vote of thanks was likewise given to Bro. T. S. Taylor, for his very handsome present of a set of tracing boards, supplied by Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain, and which were much admired. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read by the Secretary from Bros. Jno. Hervey, G.S.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A.; and R. Wentworth Little, Sec. Girls' School, expressing inability to attend, and conveying their best wishes and fraternal regards to the brethren of the lodge. The Secretary (Bro. Ashdown) then reported that he had, on the previous evening, attended the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged and Decayed Freemasons, as Steward representing the lodge, and had the pleasure of handing in a list of subscriptions and donations amounting to £40—an announcement which was received with great satisfaction by the brethren present. A candidate having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, the lodge was closed, and the brethren and visitors, about fifty in number, adjourned to partake of a sumptuous banquet, served in Bro. Morley's best style and which gave every satisfaction. The W.M. presided, and proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily received and cordially responded to. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. W. Mundy, W.M. 1228. Altogether a most pleasurable evening was spent and the "Tyler's Toast" brought the proceedings to a close shortly before 11 o'clock. During the evening some excellent songs, &c., were given by the brethren, assisted by the Organist, Bro. M. Sherwin, who presided at the harmonium with his usual skill and ability. As usual, the lodge was honoured with a number of visitors, amongst whom were the following, viz.:—Bros. D. Posener, S.D. 1227; E. Jex, P.M. 1259; T. Austin, P.M. 933; J. Boulton, 1056; E. Y. Latrielle, P.M. 1056; A. Robbins, P.M. 1056; W. A. Sharp, P.M. 49; W. Mundy, W.M. 1118; T. Johns, P.M. 30; E. West, P.M. 1327 and P. Prov. G.S.D., Herts; T. Day, S.W. 1076; S. Watkins, P.M. 212; T. Jennings, 554; J. Crossthwaite, 205; B. Brayshaw, P.M. 1076; H. B. Holliday, W.M. 1076; T. Cohu, S.W. 192; W. L. Greenfield, 975; and J. Dorton, J.W. 1076.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—This young and flourishing lodge, which was consecrated in June last, met at the hall, Balls-Pond-road, Dalston, on Friday the 5th inst., Bro. Wm. Stephens, W.M., presiding, supported by all the officers, Bro. Jas. Brett acting as I.P.M. The minutes having been read and confirmed, and the lodge opened in the third degree, Bro. Hawthorn was raised to the degree of a M.M., the W.M. giving the traditional history and the lecture on the tracing-board. Bros. May and Frederick were duly passed to the second, and four gentlemen initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, every care and attention being paid to the solemnity of the occasion. Bro. Norman, of Lodge 30, was then elected a joining member on the proposition of Bro. Brett. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Sim, who had represented the lodge at the recent festival of the Aged Masons, and taken up a list of upwards of £70 at the call of the W.M. but a few days before the festival. Propositions were then made for new members, and the lodge adjourned for refreshment. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Lundy, P.M. 45; Barfield, P.M. 511; Howe, P.M. 1445. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were most heartily proposed and responded to. The W.M. feelingly remarked on the illness of Prince Leopold and the watchful care of Her Majesty, which would, no doubt, add greatly to his recovery. Fraternal allusions were also made to the recent bereavement sustained by their M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, wishing him health and strength to support him under the trying difficulties. In proposing the toast of "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. thanked the brethren of the lodge for their great liberality. The Three Charities would be represented during the first year of the existence of the lodge, and he had no doubt that at least £250 would be given in. He could speak of his own list, containing 10 names, subscribing 10 guineas each, and of these, three had been initiated in the lodge by him, and had become Life Governors of all the Charities in the first year of their membership. This augurs well for the future prosperity of the lodge, and although this may be, strictly speaking, a non-banqueting lodge, yet they had never met without partaking of refreshment, and enjoying the presence of visitors at their social board. Each visitor

responded to his health, expressing themselves pleased with the reception they had received, and wishing the continued prosperity of the lodge and the health of its members. The Tyler's toast brought this pleasant and enjoyable meeting to a close, every one looking forward to the time to meet again.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1507).—A meeting of this new lodge of instruction was held on the 5th inst., the meeting being to found a lodge under the warrant of the Metropolitan Lodge (No. 1507). There were present: Bros. T. Adams, P.M., P.G.P., as Preceptor; James Willing, Junr., W.M. 1507, and J.W. 177, Treasurer; W. M. Stiles, Hon. Sec.; Coulton, Tims, Michael, Williams, Douglass, Kingham, Side, Check, Clarke, Gilbert, Scales, Carter, Jones, and others. It was decided to meet every Tuesday at seven at the place where the first meeting was held, the Metropolitan Club, 269, Pentonville-road, King's Cross. The third degree was then worked by Bro. Willing, and Bro. T. Adams moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Willing, and congratulated the lodge upon its establishment, the passing of the bye-laws that evening, and the excellent working. With such a beginning, he felt confident the body would prove an important one. An elegant supper, provided by the Metropolitan Club authorities, followed.

Royal Arch.

STOCKPORT.—CHAPTER OF STONE OF FRIENDSHIP, Ezel (No. 287).—The annual meeting for the installation of officers of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 21st January, at the Dog and Partridge Inn, Stockport, when the following companions were installed in the several offices—viz., H. I. Carrington, Z.; William Greator, H.; John Nield, J.; John Turner, E.; A. W. Graham, N.; William Shepherd, P.S.; Thomas Newton, 1st A.S. and Treasurer; Charles Booth, 2nd A.S.; and William Dean, Janitor. The installation ceremony was performed in a most able and impressive manner by Comp. James Hall, P.P. 1st A.S., East Lancashire, assisted by Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z., and Thomas Brooks, J. 323. This chapter, which has for a long period been comparatively inactive, has recently had new life infused into it, and is now making rapid progress. A considerable addition has been made to its members, and a new and complete suite of furniture and regalia purchased. The latter, which was furnished by Comp. George Kenning, attracted the attention and admiration of the visitors, and greatly contributed to the beauty and impressiveness of the ceremony. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. During the evening Comp. William Shepherd, P.S., gave the history of the chapter, so far as could be gathered from the minute books. He said he very much regretted that the minute books prior to the year 1796 had either been lost or mislaid; also, that the minutes since that date had not been more fully recorded, as, in the majority of instances, they were merely records of the opening and closing, and afforded very little information concerning the inner life of the chapter. Respecting the name of the chapter, he said that he had been very frequently twitted about it, especially at the last Provincial meeting, when he was asked, "What is Ezel?" and "Why Stone of Friendship?" But when explained, the beauty of its signification and its perfect appropriateness generally surprised the inquirer. In perusing the sacred writings, or the records of travels in the East, the numerous instances in which stones are mentioned as being used as signs, tokens, and memorials of remarkable events, or of particular customs, cannot fail to attract our attention. But the custom of giving a stone as a token of friendship is, probably, one of the most interesting; and it was, doubtless, from this custom that the name of the chapter was derived. The Rev. H. Blunt, in his "Lectures on the Seven Churches of Asia," alluding to this custom, remarks:—"In primitive times, when travelling was rendered difficult by the want of places of public entertainment, hospitality was exercised by private individuals to a very great extent. Persons who had partaken of this hospitality, and those who practised it, frequently contracted habits of regard and friendship for each other, and it became a well established custom, both among the Greeks and Romans, to provide their guest with some particular mark, which was handed down from father to son, and insured hospitality and kind treatment wherever it was presented. This mark was usually a small stone or pebble, cut in half, and upon the halves of which the host and the guest mutually inscribed their names, and then interchanged them with each other. The production of this stone was quite sufficient to insure friendship for themselves, or their descendants, whenever they travelled again in the same direction; while it is evident that these stones required to be privately kept, and the name written upon them carefully concealed, lest others should obtain the privileges, instead of him for whom they were intended." From this short account of the Stone of Friendship it will doubtless be perceived that Ezel is the name supposed to be inscribed on the stone, and is taken from 1 Samuel c. xx. v. 19.

KENDAL.—KENDAL CASTLE CHAPTER (No. 129).—The annual convocation of this flourishing chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Stramond Gate, Kendal, at high twelve on Thursday, January 28th. The chapter was opened in due form by E. Comps. C. G. Thomson, M.E.Z.; T. Wilson, H.; H. Rauthmel, J.; assisted by M.E. Comps. Col. Whitwell, M.P., P.Z., P.G.P.S. of England; John Bowes, P.Z., P. Prov. G.S.B.; John Holme, P.Z.; William Dodd, P.Z.; and others. There was a numerous attendance of companions, and amongst the visitors Comp. Thomas Tunstall, Asst. Soj. Chapter of Elias Ashmole, 148. On the invitation of the M.E.Z., E. Comp. Bowes assumed the

chair of Z., and announced that Bros. John Talbot and Godfrey had been duly elected at the previous convocation and were now in attendance, and bade the P.S. to do his duty. In due course the two brethren were introduced, and solemnly and duly exalted, the acting M.E.Z. being most efficiently assisted by the P.S., Comp. Nelson. After the transaction of some routine business M.E. Comp. Colonel Whitwell presented the Principals elect, Comps. T. Wilson, H. Rauthmel, and the Rev. Canon Ware, to E. Comp. Bowes, as Installing Principal, for the benefit of installation, after which they were addressed and retired and afterwards severally admitted into solemn conclaves of Installed Principals according to ancient custom. The newly-elected officers were then invested, and, on the completion of the ceremonies, M.E. Comp. Col. Whitwell proposed in eulogistic terms, a cordial vote of thanks to the Installing Principal for his arduous and valuable services that day. The chapter was then duly closed.

Mark Masonry.

BATH.—ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE (TIME IMMÉMORIAL).—The members of this ancient lodge met on summons from the W.M., at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, January 27th. At 8 p.m. Bro. Thomson, W.M., opened the lodge, with the aid of the following officers:—V.W. Bros. Dr. H. Hopkins, Past J.W. of Grand Lodge of England, acting as I.P.M.; Bros. Keene, S.W.; James Dutton, J.W.; Thomas Jelley, M.O.; John Dutton, S.O.; Major Preston, J.O.; Money Penny, S.D.; Rubie, J.D.; Mitchell, I.G. The circular of summons was read, and also the minutes of the last lodge meeting held in April, 1874, which latter were confirmed. Before the commencement of the business of the evening, the W.M. addressed the meeting very feelingly and appropriately on two melancholy events—first, the sudden death of Bro. Carter, a very old Mason and the Tyler of the Cumberland Mark Lodge; and within the last week that of the Countess of Carnarvon, wife of the highly esteemed Pro Grand Master of England and Prov. G.M. of Somerset. The first business on the list of agenda was a ballot for V.W. Bro. Dr. Hopkins as a joining member, on the proposition of the W.M. and the Secretary, which proved unanimous in his favour. Of course he left the room during the ballot, after having offered inspection of his numerous credentials. On his return he appropriately thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of him among them, and presented to the lodge a copy of his published musical ritual for the Mark degree. A ballot was taken for Bro. Gazzard, as a candidate for advancement, which proved favourable, but it was necessary to defer the ceremony, for though it was his intention to be present, public official duties had required his attention elsewhere. A lengthy discussion arose in reference to the bye-laws, which it appears were drawn up sixteen years ago, but were never circulated, and only one copy can be found. On the proposition of Bro. Rubie, seconded by Bro. James Dutton, a committee, consisting of the W.M., the acting I.P.M., and the Secretary, was appointed to revise them, as they appear unsuitable in many respects under altered circumstances, and to present them in the amended form for consideration at the next meeting to be held on the last Thursday in February, with a view to their adoption, if possible, from the period of the installation of the new W.M. in April. The W.M., not feeling very well, requested the acting I.P.M. to take his chair, which he did, and finally closed the lodge at 10.30 p.m.

SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.—ADAM'S MARK LODGE (No. 6).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Mile Town, on the 27th January, the business being the installation of Bro. S. L. Townsend, Prov. G.J.O., the W.M. elect, and investing the officers for the ensuing year. The brethren met at three o'clock p.m., when a goodly number attended. The lodge was honoured with the presence of Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Secretary, who came expressly from London to perform the installation ceremony; likewise Bro. J. L. Ellerm, Prov. G.S.W.; and L. Finch, Prov. G. Treasurer, from Ramsgate, represented the Provincial Grand Lodge; and Bro. W. Ord, P.M. of the Irish Constitution. The installation ceremony was performed in a most excellent and impressive manner, much to the satisfaction and delight of the brethren, when the following brethren were appointed and invested as the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year:—Bro. A. Spears, Prov. G. Reg. of Marks, S.W.; Bro. J. Bagshaw, Prov. G. Assist. Sec., J.W.; Bro. W. J. Carpenter, Prov. G. Sword-bearer, M.O.; Bro. G. Beckwith, S.O.; Bro. W. Pannel, J.O.; Bro. T. F. Firminger, Sec. and Reg. of Marks; Bro. Alfred Oyston, Treasurer; Bro. J. Nixon, S.D.; Bro. C. Perkins, J.D.; Bro. G. Wager, I.G.; and Bro. W. Foster, Tyler. The lodge having passed through a season of trial and difficulties, death having taken away the principal officers, was left without either Master or Past Master; but by the kind assistance of Bro. F. Binckes, G. Sec., and the Prov. G.M.M., and officers of Prov. G. Mark L. of Kent, the brethren now see before them a season of prosperity, and hope by their energy and zeal in carrying out the grand principles of the Order, Adam's Mark Lodge, No. 6, will not only be the oldest lodge in the Province, but also the most efficient in its working, as a great part of the officers are Past Masters of the Craft, viz., S.W., J.W., M.O., S.O., J.O., there can be no doubt as to the success of this Mark Lodge ruled by such officers. The ceremony of installation being concluded, Bro. A. Spears, S.W., in a short address, expressing the pleasure of the brethren at the presence of the Grand Secretary and Prov. Grand Officers, thanking them for the trouble they had taken in visiting the lodge, proposed a cordial vote of thanks to them, and to be recorded in the minutes of this meeting; also that Bro. F. Binckes, G. Sec., Bro. J. L. Ellerm, Prov. G.S.W., and Bro. L. Finch, Prov. G. Treas-

suror, be requested to allow their names to be put on the roll of the lodge as honorary members, which was seconded by Bro. J. Bagshaw, J.W., and unanimously adopted by the brethren. In acknowledging the compliment, Bro. F. Binckes gave an explanation of some of the most important principles and ceremonies of the order. Bros. J. L. Ellerm and L. Finch also addressed the brethren. The lodge was then closed in due form. Bro. F. Binckes, G.S., then left to proceed to London, to fulfil other engagements, by the five o'clock train, much to the regret of the brethren, who were deprived of his company at the banquet. The brethren then proceeded to the Britannia Inn, to a banquet provided by Mrs. Green, widow of the late Bro. Green, in the usual excellent style. After doing full justice to the excellent viands, and the cloth removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and duly honoured; when with speeches from the Provincial brethren, and harmony from the musical brothers, the evening was spent in a very enjoyable manner, while each felt sorry to part, but, happily, to meet again.

LEICESTER.—FOWKE LODGE (No. 19).—The regular bi-monthly meeting of this large and prosperous lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, the 28th ult. Bro. J. M. MacAllister, W.M., Prov. G.Sec., in the chair, supported by Bros. W. Wear, I.P.M.; G. Toller, jun., S.W.; C. Stretton, P.G. Steward, J.W.; J. H. Garnar, Treas., and other officers. There were also present:—Bros. Partridge, P.M., P.J.G.W.; Duff, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W.; J. Wright Smith, G. Odell, and several others. The lodge having been opened by the W.M., and the minutes read and approved, the ballot was taken for Bros. J. W. Noble, and G. Flanagan as candidates for advancement, both of whom were elected. The next business on the agenda paper was to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year, and upon the ballot being taken, the votes of the members were found to be unanimous in favour of the Senior Warden, Bro. G. Toller, jun., whose zeal, ability, and efficiency cannot fail to secure to the lodge a continuance and increase of the prosperity which it has so long enjoyed. The W.M. elect has already filled the chief offices in all the other Masonic degrees practised in this province, and last year he occupied the office of G.S.W. in the Craft Provincial Grand Lodge, thus proving that he is well qualified for the chair of this Mark lodge. Bro. J. H. Garnar was re-elected Treasurer, and a resolution was unanimously passed, thanking him for his regular attendance and able services during the past year. Bros. Sculthorpe, Wykes, and Odell were elected an audit committee, and this concluding the regular business, the lodge resolved itself into a Lodge of Instruction, when the ceremony of advancement was practised, under the direction of the W.M. Apologies for absence having been received from Bro. W. Kelly, R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M., and other brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to refreshment, the remainder of the evening being spent in the greatest harmony.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.—The regular quarterly communication of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall on 28th ult. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. Montgomerie Neilson, of Queenshill, R.W.M., Bro. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M., presided, and there were present Bros. J. B. Walker, P.G. Treasurer; T. Halket, P.G.S.D.; George Thallon, P.G.J.D.; Alexander Bain, P.G.B.B.; R. Robb, P.G. Marshal; John Fraser, P.G. Assistant-Marshal; James Balfour, P.G. Dir. of Cer.; J. Gillies, P.G.S.B.; and a large number of members and visiting brethren of the Craft. Bro. Bell, R.W.M. 3½, occupied the S.W.'s chair, and Bro. McDonald, R.W.M. 73, that of the J.W. Before entering upon the business the presiding brother read notes of apology from the R.W.P.G.M. and the Vice-Chaplain, Bro. Rev. Dr. Penny. The Depute-Master then explained at some length his reasons for retiring from active duty, stating that from his long connection with the P.G.L. and the fact that the principal duties in connection with his work—especially those of the annual visitations—had fallen upon himself, he found it necessary, for a time at least, to seek for a measure of repose and seclusion. The billet of business for the consideration of the meeting contained the following items:—First, minutes of the P.G.L. and P.G.L. committees; second, installation of office-bearers; third, appointment of P.G.L. committee and convener; fourth, appointment of auditors; and fifth, consideration of billet of business for Grand Lodge meeting to be held on Monday ensuing. Thereupon, the minutes of former P.G.L. and committees were read and confirmed, and the installation of office-bearers proceeded with, when the following took the oath de fide:—Bros. J. B. Walker, Treasurer; James Gillies, S.D.; Geo. Thallon, J.D.; A. Bain, P.G.B.B.; James Ritchie, Architect; A. Allison Jeweller; R. Robb, Grand Marshal; J. Fraser, Assistant Marshal; James Balfour, Dir. of Cer.; William Phillips, S.B.; A. A. Smith, I.G.; and J. B. Hardie, O.G. The acting P.G.M. performed the ceremony of the installation in a very interesting and efficient manner. Thereafter, the P.G. Secretary moved that the P.G. committee should consist, as formerly, of the office-bearers of P.G.L. and the several Masters of lodges in the province; and that Bro. William Bell, 3½, should be appointed convener. After some discussion, the motion was unanimously agreed to. The following brethren were then, on the motion of the P.G. Secretary (Bro. McTaggart), appointed the Benevolent Fund Committee, viz.:—Bros. Walker, Gillies, Thallon, Bain, Fraser, Balfour, Phillips, Smith, Bell, McTaggart, and Geo. Sinclair—the last named to be Treasurer and convener of committee. The following brethren were appointed auditors:—John Wallace, J. M. Olliver, and John Munro; Bro. Walker being empowered to appoint a meeting, and summon auditors. As there appeared to be nothing of urgent importance on the

billet of business for Grand Lodge meeting, there was no discussion thereon, and the P.G.L. was closed in proper form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF RENFREWSHIRE EAST.—A meeting of this lodge was held, on 30th ult., in the hall of Paisley St. Mirren Lodge, No. 129. There was a large attendance. Bro. Jas. Caldwell, P.G. Junior Warden, in the absence of the P.G.M., Bro. Colonel Campbell, presided, and the duties of S.W. were discharged by Bro. W. Ferguson, Royal Arch 116, Rutherglen; and J. W. by Bro. John Peters, Royal Arch 153, Pollokshaws. The Secretary, Bro. R. L. Henderson, read a communication from Bro. A. Warnock, Secretary of St. John's Operative Lodge, No. 347, Rutherglen, asking permission to allow Bro. John Cunningham, the R.W.M. of that lodge, to lay the foundation-stone of a new hall with Masonic honours, and invite deputations. The communication stated that the St. John's Lodge had formed themselves into a company (limited) to raise funds to erect this hall, and that it was in the course of erection in Cathcart-street, Rutherglen, the estimated cost being £1,400. As Bro. Cunningham had originated the scheme, and shown great zeal in carrying it out, it was earnestly hoped permission would be granted. A long discussion took place relative to the letter, after which, on a division, the permission was granted by 11 to 9. It was agreed afterwards to allow Royal Arch Lodge No. 153, Pollokshaws, to hold meetings in a new hall, to which they had removed, till such time as the consecration of it could be arranged for. The nomination of office-bearers to be elected by the lodge was then proceeded with as follows:—Bros. James Brown, Treasurer 129; Alex. McLeod, S.D. 129; A. Wallace, 129; J. B. Lamb, Architect 129; ex-Bailie Fisher, B.B. 370; J. Buchanan, S.D. 116; R. F. McGibbon, D.M. 129; J. Carswell, Marshal 129; Smillie, Assistant Marshal 307; Alexander McPherson, Standard-Bearer; Alex. Morrison, S.S. 129; George Masson, J.S. 370; Forrest, I.G.; W. Alexander, Tyler; H. S. Edmonds and Alex. McPherson, Conveners, jointly.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 3½).—The usual bi-monthly meeting of this large and important lodge was held in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, 2nd February, 1875, Bros. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., presiding; John D. Young, S.W.; David Horne, J.W. There were also present, Bros. Thos. Fletcher, I.P.M.; J. B. Walker, P.M.; D. M. Nelson, D. M.; R. B. Dalzell, Treasurer; John Dick, Secretary; and the remaining officers in their respective places, with a large attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren, including Bros. D. Paul, R.W.M.; A. S. McBride, P.M.; W. Sinclair, H. McGregor, Jas. Scobbie, as a deputation from Lodge Leven St. John, No. 170. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and the lodge raised to F.C., and the following brethren received this degree, D. Adam, J. B. McCallum, J. L. Cowan, and S. Adam, the ceremony being performed in a most impressive manner by Bro. Thos. B. Bell. The following brethren were then raised to the sublime degree of M.M., Bros. Jas. Paterson, Robert McConnel, J. Reid, A. Cameron, Robt. Reid, D. Montgomery, D. Adam, J. B. McCallum, J. L. Cowan, and S. Adam—Bro. A. S. McBride, P.M., and the Wardens of Lodge Leven St. John, No. 170, officiating. Bro. Gibson, Caledonian Railway 354, and Bro. W. H. Bickerton (Freemason), were then proposed for affiliation into Lodge St. John, No. 3½, which was carried unanimously—the ceremony of affiliation being performed by the R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Bell. Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., proposed a vote of thanks to the deputation from Lodge Leven St. John for the very valuable assistance they had rendered to Lodge St. John, No. 3½, at this meeting, which was carried unanimously. Bro. A. S. McBride, P.M. 170, replied in a neat and impressive speech on behalf of Lodge Leven St. John. Bro. J. D. Deacon, S.W., addressed the chair, and said that it gave him much pleasure to propose that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Thos. Fletcher, I.P.M., and not only to him but to all Past Masters of Lodge St. John, No. 3½—to show a mark of appreciation to brothers (who had held such an honourable position. Bro. D. M. Nelson warmly supported this motion, which met with the entire approval of the lodge. There being no further business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, and, with the aid of harmony, the evening was passed most pleasantly.

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Saturday afternoon, 6th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. William Bell, occupied the chair, supported on the dais by Past Masters J. B. Walker and Thos. Fletcher, and Bro. Thos. Halket, P.M. 102. There were also present Bros. Jno. D. Young, S.W.; David Horne, J.W.; Peter Brownlie, S.D.; and Jno. Dick, Sec. The lodge having been opened on the first degree, the following candidates were duly initiated at the hands of the R.W.M.:—Jno. Rutherford, Jno. Gilliland, and Wm. Muir Scott. Thereafter these brethren were passed to the Fellow Craft degree by Bro. Jno. Dick; and finally raised the sublime degree of Master Mason by Bro. Thos. Halket, as was also at the same time Bro. A. F. McFarlane. This concluded the business.

DUNFERMLINE.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 26).—The brethren of the above lodge met in their lodge-room, Maygate-street, on Monday, 25th ult., at 8 p.m. The lodge was opened by Bro. Lindsey, R.W.M., assisted by Bro. Cook, R.W.M. of Crossgates Lodge. There was a large attendance of the brethren of the lodge. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved of, after which Mr. Leapulous Mace and Mr. Thos. Reynolds, candidates for initiation, were approved of. They were duly initiated by the R.W.M., who also gave them the charge in the first degree. Subsequently the newly-initiated brothers addressed the R.W.M., Officers, and brethren very neatly and feelingly, expressing their appreciation of the honour they had received, and their desire to prove them-

selves worthy of it. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren then adjourned to refreshment to Bro. Blyth's, where the rest of the evening was spent in song and sentiment. A special meeting was held on Thursday, 28th ult. The lodge was opened by Bro. Wilson, Treasurer, assisted by Bro. Robertson, D.M., and Wardens, and brethren, owing to indisposition of Bro. Lindsey, R.W.M., who could not attend. Bro. Mace and Reynolds were passed to the Fellow-Craft, and raised to the degree of Master Masons. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form, when the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment to Bro. Blyth's. The health of the newly-made brothers of the lodge was given and responded to. A most pleasant evening was passed, and as the hour of eleven drew on, the brethren separated. We must not omit to remark that some capital songs were sung by Bros. Mace and Reynolds, and other brethren of the lodge, and visiting brethren of Lodge Union, 250.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MUNGO (No. 27).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their lodge-room, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Thursday, the 4th inst., Bro. Dugald Butler, R.W.M., presiding; Bros. A. Bain, P.M., acting S.W.; G. McComb, J.W.; Archibald McTaggart, D.M. There were also present:—Bro. John Munro, R.W.M., Lodge Commercial, No. 360; W. H. Bickerton (Freemason); and a goodly number of brethren of the lodge and visitors. The lodge was opened by Bro. D. Butler, R.W.M., the minutes read and confirmed. The Secretary then read a letter from a brother in England, stating that Bro. Joseph John Basoine, a member of Lodge St. Mungo, No. 27 S.C., was in a state of destitution, caused by total blindness. Bro. Dugald Butler, in reference to this letter, called upon the brethren to exercise that great principle of Freemasonry, Charity, and made a motion that Lodge St. Mungo should vote £5 and recommend another £5 from the Provincial Benevolent Fund, to meet Bro. Basoine's present wants. This motion was received unanimously. Bro. Archibald McTaggart, D.M., in an able, painstaking, and correct style, initiated Messrs. John Brownie McNichol and Peter McNichol into the mysteries and the privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bros. J. C. Auld and Geo. Miller were then raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons, the ceremony being performed in a most solemn and impressive manner by Bro. John Munro, R.W.M. No. 360, and Bro. A. Bain, P.M. No. 27. There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MARK (No. 102).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, at 213, Buchanan-street, on 25th ult., the R.W.M., Bro. Jas. F. Mitchell, presiding, beside whom on the dais was Bro. John Munro, R.W.M. 360. The lodge having been opened, a candidate was duly vouched for, Joseph Allmark, and received the first degree at the hands of the R.W.M. There being no further business, the lodge was closed. On the following day an emergency meeting was held, at which Bro. Allmark was passed to the degree of Fellow-Craft, and thereafter raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the working of both being performed by the R.W.M. in a markedly efficient manner.

On Friday, 29th ult., a harmony meeting in connection with this lodge was held within their hall in Buchanan-street, when the first of a series of lectures on "important social subjects" was delivered by Bro. John Smith, Secretary of the lodge. The chair was occupied by the R.W.M., Bro. J. F. Mitchell, with whom, on the dais, were Bros. Thos. Halket, William Bell, R.W.M. 3½; and Thomas Fletcher, P.M. 3½. The lodge having been opened and adjourned to refreshment, the Chairman said there was no necessity for him to say much in introducing Bro. Smith to them. He was known as a most efficient Mason and a most efficient accountant, so that would be all right. He (the chairman) was sure he spoke the mind of them all, that a series of lectures given in a Masonic hall would meet with a most hearty reception. Some years ago they had a series there, which were very successful, and he did not see why they should not be so now. If they merely met there night after night to see people brought from darkness to light, there would be a sameness about their proceedings which such a feature as these lectures would tend to obviate. Referring to the fact that the proceeds of collection to be made on each lecture night are to go to the cause of charity, the Chairman said that such lectures ought, by every right-thinking Mason, to be most heartily supported. He then introduced Bro. Smith, who proceeded with the lecture, the subject of which was "Millions of Money for the Million; or how Life Assurance can be made doubly sure, and become a great Monetary Medium for the People." The lecture was divided into four parts, during the intervals between which some excellent songs were given by Bros. Halket, Robert Fraser, and others. A second lecture, in continuation of the same subject, is to be given by Bro. Smith, on 16th inst., and the future arrangements include also two lectures on "Music" and "The Drama," with illustrations, and one by the R.W.M. (Bro. Mitchell) entitled "Down a Coal Pit."

GLASGOW.—LODGE UNION AND CROWN (No. 103).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on 25th ult., the R.W.M. in the chair. The lodge having opened in the E.A. degree, the following candidates, all duly vouched for, were initiated into the mysteries of the order by Bro. George Muir, D.M., viz.: Messrs. John Arkison, Thos. Murphy, William Murray, Peter Thos. Ewing, and Andrew Robertson. Thereafter, Bros. Alex. Bain, jun., Edward Wylie, and John Dunlop, were raised from Fellow-Craft to the sublime degree by Bro. Alex. Bain, P.M.; who also performed the ceremony of installing Bro. David Murray as S.M. of the lodge. There being no further business, the lodge was thereafter closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE UNION (No. 332).—The regular bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in their lodge-room, 170, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Monday, 1st.

inst., Bro. J. B. Macnair, R.W.M., presiding. Bros. J. Balfour, acting S.W.; Murray, acting J.W.; R. Mitchell, P.M.; W. H. Bickerton (*Freemason*), and several other brethren and visitors present. The minutes of last meeting, Auditor's report, and application for Bro. Hutcheson, who received the E.A. degree on the 7th Dec. last, to be passed to F.C., and raised to M.M., read and confirmed, the ceremonies of passing and raising were carried out in a most impressive manner. Fellow-Craft by the R.W.M., Bro. J. Macnair; M.M. by Bro. Robt. Mitchell. The lodge was then closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE MARIE STUART (No. 541).—On Monday, 23th ult., the members of this thriving young lodge held festival in their hall, Queen's Park Rooms, Crosshill. The occasion being an open one, they enjoyed the company of their wives, sweethearts, and friends; and there would be about forty couples on the floor when dancing was commenced, about half-past eight o'clock. The ball was kept up with unflagging spirit for nearly three hours, when the company sat down to a *recherche* supper, the R.W.M., Bro. J. D. Porteous, occupying the chair. Justice having been done to the good things upon the table, the chairman gave in succession the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales," and "The Three Grand Lodges," all of which were duly pledged. Provost Brown, Crosshill, then proposed "The Lodge of Marie Stuart," expressing his gratification at the establishment of a lodge in the burgh, and one composed of so respectable a class of members. The toast was coupled with the name of the R.W.M., who, in replying, adverted to the necessity that had existed for a lodge in the district, and to the gratifying degree of prosperity to which "Marie Stuart" had already attained. In the course of some remarks about Masonry generally, he referred to the department of charity, in regard to which he regretted having to admit that Scotland was distinctly behind her sister countries. He hoped, however, shortly to be in a position to say that something tangible had been done to remove this reproach. In concluding, and for the benefit of the ladies, he declared that a good Mason made a good sweetheart, husband, and father, and, he would add, a wise and good believer in the Divine Architect. The other toasts were "The Memory of Burns," by Bro. Fyfe; "The Ladies," by Bro. Mason, and replied to, on their behalf, by Bro. Renton; and "The Committee," by Bro. Martin, replied to by Bro. Julius Brodie, S.M. Thereupon dancing was resumed, and continued by the younger and more enthusiastic of the company till about four a.m., the occasion having been a much agreeable and successful one throughout. We have to add that, in the course of the evening, Bro. S. Findlater, late Treasurer, was presented by the R.W.M., on behalf of the lodge, with a handsome writing-desk, in recognition of services rendered by him to the lodge during the period he held office.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CALEDONIAN RAILWAY (No. 354).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall on 3rd inst. Bro. Jas. Shaw, R.W.M., occupied the chair, there being present also Bros. A. A. Smith, P.M.; Wm. H. Caldwell, S.M.; Jno. W. Stafford, S.W.; A. Dougall, acting J.W.; and Wm. R. Dunn, Secretary. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, it was proposed by Bro. Stafford, seconded by the R.W.M., and unanimously agreed to, that the sum of £2 be voted from the lodge funds to the widow of the late Bro. Robertson. Thereafter there appeared four candidates for initiation, viz.: Jas. Reid, Geo. G. Faircloth, Jas. Ritchie, and Wm. Sutherland Browne, who each received the first, and subsequently the Fellow-Craft degrees at the hands of the R.W.M. The following brethren were then affiliated as members of No. 354 by P.M. Bro. A. A. Smith:—Bros. Wm. White, and Hector Stewart, of Lodge St. Mary, Caledonian Operative (No. 339), Inverness; George Scott Hendry, of Lodge St. Mungo (No. 27); and Jno. Waggett, of Lodge St. Vincent (No. 553).

On Saturday, 6th inst., an emergency meeting of the lodge was held, at which the R.W.M. (Bro. Shaw) presided, and present Bros. John Stafford, S.W.; A. B. Ferguson, J.W.; and Wm. R. Dunn, Secretary. The lodge having been opened, passed, and raised to the sublime degree, that degree was conferred upon the following brethren, viz.:—Bros. Alexander McPherson, James Tulloch, Alexander McDonald, R. A. McLean, James Reid, George G. Faircloth, James Ritchie, and William S. Browne. Thereafter the lodge was reduced to the first degree, when John Paterson was duly initiated into the mysteries of the craft. The lodge was then closed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their lodge-room, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, on Friday, 5th inst., with a very large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The R.W.M., Bro. John Munro, presiding; J. M. Olliver, S.W.; Thos. Graham, Acting J.W.; and the remaining officers in their respective places. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The business before the lodge being several motions which had stood over for discussion, and in accordance with the bye-laws, which were satisfactorily settled. This being all the business, the lodge was closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ATHOLE (No. 413).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on the 26th ult. The R.W.M., Bro. John Wallace, occupied the chair, with Bros. Colin McKenzie and Daniel Leeds as S.W. and J.W. respectively. Three candidates came forward for initiation—John Balfour, Thomas Pearson, and William Mathieson; and, being all duly recommended, they received the first degree at the hands of Bro. William Bell, R.W.M., St. John, 34. Thereafter, the R.W.M. mentioned that he had had a conversation with the R.W.M. of St. Mark's with reference to the cleaning of the hall in which they met, when the brother stated that the delay in having this done had been unavoidable, but that it would be seen to forthwith. Bro.

James Louttit referred to the bye-law of the lodge bearing upon the initiation of members, and suggested that, in accordance with the same, in future the ballot should in every case be used. This was agreed to. It was thereafter agreed that the annual supper of the lodge be held in Bro. Galloway's restaurant on Friday, the 26th inst.; and, there being no further business, the lodge was duly closed.

GOVAN.—LODGE GOVANDALE (No. 437).—This lodge met on 2nd inst., in the hall of Portland-buildings, Govan. The R.W.M., Bro. John McFarlane, presided; supported by Bros. Jno. Miller, D.M.; and John Hutchinson, S.M. There was a very good turn-out of the brethren, and the lodge having been opened on the E.A. degree, William Alexander received that degree at the hands of Bro. Miller, and, it being a case of emergency, was thereafter passed to the degree of F.C., and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. There being no other business on the card, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. VINCENT (No. 553).—A meeting of this lodge was held on 4th inst., in the hall, at 162, Kent-road. Bro. Robert McDougall, R.W.M., presided; with Bro. Malcolm Stark, D.M.; William Wilson, acting S.W.; Hunter, J.W.; Jno. McLellan, Treas.; and Joseph Halley, Sec. Among the visiting brethren present were Bros. William Bell, R.W.M., No. 34; Jno. D. Young, S.W. No. 34; and David Lamb, D.M. No. 360. The following candidates, duly recommended, then received the E.A. degree at the hands of Bro. D. Lamb:—George Bruce, Thos. McLean, William McGhee, John Shields, John Small, Wm. Russell, Thos. Liddell, and T. B. Barrett. There being no further business, the lodge was thereafter duly closed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CLYDESDALE (No. 556).—The usual fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held on 1st inst. in their new premises, 106, Rose-street, Southside, the R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Phillips, presided, there being present Bros. Dr. Russell, D.M.; John McNaught, S.M.; Jno. B. McNaught, S.W.; and Jno. Howie, J.W. The lodge having been opened on the E.A. degree, the following candidates appeared, and were duly initiated by the R.W.M., viz.: John Heron and Joseph Granger, members of the band of the 64th regiment, at present quartered here; Jas. Whitehead, Jas. Smith, Joseph Glen, and Jas. F. Murray. Bro. John Cloggie, Lodge 275, was affiliated a member of 556 by the R.W.M. The gratifying announcement was made by the chairman, that the committee expected that their new hall would be ready for occupation within a month. They were having it fitted up something after the style of the Star Lodge (219) Hall in Trongate, and he thought they would find themselves very comfortable in it. The lodge thereafter adjourned from labour to refreshment, when, after the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Three Grand Lodges," and "The Last Laid Stones of 556" had been duly honoured, "Prosperity to Lodge Clydesdale" was very neatly proposed by Bro. Johnstone, 34. The toast was coupled with the name of the R.W.M., who, in replying, adduced as a proof that a lodge on the south side had been a felt want, that although the year was only a month old, they had already made no fewer than twelve Masons since its commencement. In looking out for and securing their new premises, they had no doubt incurred considerable expense and trouble, but in amends for that he had no doubt that in future they should have a comfortable home. He might add that the support he had received from his office-bearers had given him a great deal of encouragement throughout, and he knew that so long as it remained so they would be prosperous and successful. At any rate, whatever man could do they intended to do, and man could do no more.

CONSECRATION OF THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (1524).

A new lodge was consecrated at the Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Haggerston, on Friday the 29th ult., by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G. Secretary, Middlesex, the officer deputed for the purpose by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.

The Lodge was duly opened after the brethren had entered in procession, by the Consecrating Master, assisted by Bros. J. Brett, P.G.M., as S.W.; I. Boyd, P.G.P., as J.W.; J. Emmens, P.G.P., as P.M.; H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treas. (Middlesex), as D.C.; and W. Stephens, P.M. No. 1365; W.M. No. 1489, as I.G.

The beautiful consecration service was then proceeded with, accompanied by anthems under the direction of Bro. Knight Smith, who conducted the musical arrangements most admirably. At the conclusion of this important ceremony, Bro. W. H. Lee, J.W., No. 975, the W.M. Designate, was presented for installation, and after the customary observances, he was installed in the chair of K.S., and saluted accordingly.

The officers were then invested as follows: Bros. T. C. Chapman, S.W.; Henry Lister, J.W.; B. Meyer, Treas. (elected); Neville Green, Secretary; J. B. Shackleton, S.D.; I. Symes, J.D.; G. J. Baker, I.G. The addresses were then delivered by Bros. Little and Boyd.

Five names for initiation were then proposed, and the rank of Honorary Members was conferred upon Bros. Little, Brett, Boyd, and Buss, who suitably acknowledged the compliment, and the Lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a splendid repast, to which ample justice was done. When the cloth was cleared, the loyal, national, and Masonic toasts were heartily given and received.

The W.M. proposed the health of the Consecrating Master, Bro. Wentworth Little, who in, responding, proposed the W.M.'s health—better health—and prosperity to the Lodge. The toast was enthusiastically greeted with a brilliant Masonic fire. Bro. Lee, although evidently suffering severe pain from a recent accident, responded readily and happily to the toast. For the Visitors Bros.

Gompertz, P.M., P. Prov. G.P. Herts, and W. Stephens, replied in appreciative terms.

The W.M. announced that Bro. Shackleton, S.D., had kindly undertaken a Stewardship for the Girls' School, and called upon the brethren to drink success to the charities. Bros. Little and Shackleton returned thanks. Soon after this the company separated, highly delighted with the success of the proceedings.

We may add that Bro. Knight Smith presided at the pianoforte during the evening, and accompanied the brethren in several well-rendered songs.

The following were present in addition to those already named: C. W. Baker; J. Green, J.W. 27; E. Somers, S.W. 1489; E. H. Pendygrass, 907; J. Redman, 25; R. Wyatt, J.D. 1314; C. R. Miles, P.M. 1365; C. B. Payne; J. Bingeman, S.W. 55; R. Philp.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey was held on Saturday last at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. The Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. Colonel Burdett, presided. Bros. F. Davison, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; the Rev. D. Shaboe, Grand Chaplain; Roebuck, G.S.W.; Major Barlow, as J.W.; Stephen C. Dibdin, Secretary; D. M. Dewar, J.O., as M.O.; Capt. Burgess, as G.O.; Meggy, as J.O.; W. E. Brighton, S.D.; Colonel W. Wigginton, J.D.; Thos. Moore, D.C.; C. T. Sparks, Sword-Bearer; F. H. Cozen, G.Organist; G. W. Verry and Nath. J. Bassett, Stewards; Thos. R. Parker; W. Worrell, P.G.Org.; Arthur W. Hall, Chaplain No. 7; H. A. Dubois, S.W. 176; M. S. Larham, S.O. 139; W. Allport, 144; Rev. D. J. Drakeford, P.G. Chaplain; Capt. Geo. Barlow, P. Prov. G. J.W.; Dr. Ramsay, Carnarvon; Rudolph G. Glover, Carnarvon; E. B. Webb, Carnarvon; A. Solomon, Carnarvon; Gilbert J. Smallpiece; W. Kligenstein, 22; Thos. Meggy, P.G.M.O.; Joseph Spencer, 22; H. Massey (*Freemason*), were also present.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, Bro. Moore, Prov. G.D.C., called upon the brethren to salute the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, Overseers, and other officers. The same was done, and the Prov. Grand Master thanked the brethren for the warmth with which he and his officers had been received.

Bro. Dibdin, Prov. G. Secretary, then read the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, which were put and confirmed. Bon Accord, Keystone, St. Mark's, Mallet, and Chisel, Carnarvon, Hiram, Samson and Lion, Macdonald, Percy, Northumberland, Paumotu, Grosvenor, and Era Lodges were called over, and the members of several of them answered.

The Provincial Grand Master then rose, and said that the special business of this meeting was the nomination of a Prov. Grand Master for the ensuing three years. Any one present could nominate whom he thought fit, and he would be happy if a brother would nominate some one other than he who now occupied the post. He had held that office himself for three years, but as the brethren were about to nominate a Grand Master he would leave the lodge while the nomination took place. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master would therefore take the chair until they had made their choice.

Colonel Burdett accordingly retired, and Bro. Davison took the chair.

Bro. Davison having assumed the chair, said that Col. Burdett had held the office of Prov. G.M. for three years, but there was nothing to prevent his being re-nominated. Still it was competent for any brother to propose some one else for the next three years.

Colonel Wigginton thereupon rose, and said he had great pleasure in proposing the re-election of Bro. Col. Burdett as Prov. G.M. for Middlesex and Surrey. He scarcely need say anything in his favour, for he had never met, during his twenty-four years' Masonic experience, with any brother who had thrown himself so heartily into Masonic work as Col. Burdett had. The brethren had nothing to regret in having elected him three years ago as their head.

The Rev. D. Shaboe seconded the nomination. Col. Wigginton had expressed the feelings which he (Bro. Shaboe) entertained, and he might add that he thought it was a wise thing to have a brother to rule over them who so devoted his life to his office. No brother ought to take it unless he could devote his time and energies to it; and he trusted that Col. Burdett would continue to do as he had already done, and that life and health would be granted him to pursue the course of duty which he had laid out for himself.

Bro. Davison said, the election having been unanimous, that a requisition would have to be laid before the Grand Master (Earl Percy) that Col. Burdett might be appointed Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex and Surrey for the ensuing three years. That was the proper course to take.

A deputation then left the body, and acquainted Col. Burdett of his re-election, and returned with him to the lodge, where he was received in due form, and took his seat, after Bro. Davison had conveyed to him in Grand Lodge the information that he had been unanimously elected.

Colonel Burdett said he could not thank the brethren enough for the kind compliments they had paid him. He was happy to see that the Order was flourishing in the province. It had done well already, and he had no doubt, from the support he had, that it would continue to flourish. He would endeavour to perform his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren, and do credit to the recommendation they were about to make to the Grand Master of Mark Masons.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet, provided by Bro. Joseph

Spencer, the proprietor of the Bridge House Hotel. When the banquet was disposed of, the room was close tyled, and grace having been said by Grand Chaplain, the toasts were proposed.

The Provincial Grand Master, in proposing Her Majesty's health, alluded to the illness of Prince Leopold, which had recently been a source of so much concern to the Queen. In giving "The Health of Earl Percy, G.M.M.M.," he regretted that Earl Percy's health had not been good for some time, and he had not been able to preside in Grand Lodge. He believed, on this account, Earl Percy would not allow himself to be put in nomination for another year. In giving "The Health of the Earl of Limerick, Deputy Grand Master, and the Past and Present Grand Officers," Colonel Burdett said that the Earl of Limerick was an excellent Deputy Grand Master, and was well up in Masonic working, for he could testify that he was not only able to perform the duties of Deputy Grand Master, but was also expert at installing. This he could say from his own experience, having recently witnessed his lordship's performance of the ceremony.

The Rev. D. Shaboe replied, and said that all the Grand Officers were willing at all times to come forward to assist in any way they could in the promotion of the welfare of the Craft. With him Mark Masonry was a degree of great importance. It was peculiarly forward in charity, which was a great point among Freemasons.

The Provincial Grand Master said that the next toast "The Provincial Grand Officers," was one he proposed with peculiar pleasure, because it seemed to come nearer home to them than any other; although the other toasts also gave him great pleasure. They were quite aware that the Province of Middlesex and Surrey was a young province. It had however done very well. It was now holding a better position than it had ever done before, but it must do a great deal better. With the assistance of such officers as it now had, he had no doubt it would. They had all done their duty admirably.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Davison, responded, and then proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master." In the early years of a province, great difficulties were encountered, but thanks to the admirable skill of Col. Burdett these difficulties in the Province of Middlesex had been overcome. He hoped that they would shortly meet to instal him, and that on that occasion they would have a good muster of the brethren.

The Provincial Grand Master replied, and said it was very gratifying to him to hear such flattering remarks from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. He was inclined to think he had spoken too favourably of him. He wished very much for the prosperity of the province, and that by their exertions it might be made a great one. There was one subject which was a matter of much satisfaction to Mark Masons, that all the members admitted to the degree were Masons of great excellence. The officers already appointed had exerted themselves very much for the prosperity of the degree, and he hoped that those who would be hereafter appointed would exert themselves in like manner.

The brethren separated after passing a very pleasant evening.

Obituary.

FUNERAL OF BRO. F. BELL, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., OF THIRSK HALL.

On Tuesday, 26th ult., the inhabitant of Thirsk and district committed to their last resting place in the parish church-yard, with every sentiment of heartfelt regret and sincere respect, the mortal remains of the late Bro. F. Bell, or as his neighbours and friends loved more familiarly to call him—Squire Bell, the Lord of the Manor. Bro. Bell had for years, and since his hospitable occupancy of the hall commenced, been at the head of every movement connected with the old town (which it was ever his pleasure to be identified with) that had for its aim its well-being and prosperity, and no good work or deserving object ever failed to receive his heartiest sympathy and most practical support. It was known that the deceased gentleman suffered from an affection of the heart, still his death, which occurred suddenly last week, at the early age of 44, was an event which came as a great shock, and was felt to be as much a personal as a general loss. The gloom which, without using a mere figure of language, may be said to have pervaded the community of Thirsk and district since the death of the Squire, culminated on Tuesday at the funeral, which was one in every respect worthy of the man. The day will long be remembered as one of the most mournful in the local annals. All classes, and parties, and sects joined together towards rendering the burial one which would testify to the universal respect in which the deceased was held, and which would embody the prevalent feeling that in him the town and neighbourhood is losing one whose place it will indeed be difficult to fill.

The funeral took place at noon, the place of interment being in the family vault, at the north-west side of the churchyard. Nearly every shop and place of business in the town was closed, and the window blinds of private houses were all down. Long before the hour fixed for the funeral cortege to start from the hall, the stream of people churchwards began, and it was to be noticed that in the great majority of instances mourning habiliments had been put on. Had the relatives of the deceased been desirous that the solemn proceedings should be of a private character, though the utmost possible deference would doubtless have been paid to their wishes; still it would have been found impossible to prevent the assemblage of a large crowd who desired in quietness and reverence to see the remains of one so widely esteemed consigned to the tomb. As it was, never—we are given to understand—

either in respect of the gathering in and about the church and yard, or of the numbers who actually took part in the burial procession, was there such a scene witnessed at Thirsk. Bro. Bell was, as is well known to the members of the Craft, a Mason, and he had held high office locally and in the province. The members of the lodge were invited by the family to visit the remains of their departed brother, the coffin being removed to the library, and there the usual grand honours were performed. A good many visiting brethren from Northallerton, Ripon, Darlington, and other places were present, and all were supplied with sprigs of acacia, which they wore on their left breasts, afterwards to deposit in the vault. The present Worshipful Master of the home lodge, the Falcon (Bro. Bamlett), was unavoidably absent. His duties were discharged by Bro. John Rhodes, the Senior Warden; Bro. T. J. Wilkinson, the Secretary, acting as Senior Warden. The other members of the lodge present were Bros. G. Anderson, W. Colman, W. Hall, J. Walton, G. Ayre, R. Barnes, J. Harker, R. Musgrave, J. Lee, R. Atkinson, H. Milburn, H. Masterman, R. Barley (Osgodby), W. A. Bourne, C. Green-sides, G. Freeman, A. G. Duncombe, N. C. C. Lawton, G. Dinwoodie, C. Easley, A. G. Blensdale. The following from the Anchor Lodge, Northallerton, were present:—Bros. J. Fairburn, W.M.; G. F. Clarkson, S.W.; G. Oxendale, J.D.; E. Wilkinson, J. Wheldon, junior, W. Hardy, W. Waistell, W. A. Hutchens, J. Walmsley, S. Meynell, and C. Palliser. From the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, Ripon, there were Bros. T. H. Broadwell, W.M.; R. E. (Alderman) Collinson, P.G.S.D.; and F. Bateman, P.M.; from the Restoration Lodge, Darlington, Bros. J. Bailey, P. Prov. G.J.W.; R. Chadwick, P.M.; J. A. Blacklock, S.D.; F. Ness, and T. Bowman. The above-named having earlier on assembled in the new Masonic Hall, opened a few months ago, took up a position in line from the hall gates to the time approaching for the start, and thus formed a guard of honour for the corpse, the mourners, pall-bearers, and the rest of those taking part in the funeral. Inspector Nicholson had a number of police placed at certain points, but there was little confusion to call for interference. Good order and decorum prevailed on the part even of the most thoughtless.

The vicar, the Rev. B. Lamb, headed the procession into the church, he reading with much impressiveness throughout the solemn and effective burial service for the dead. The velvet pall covering the coffin was an exceedingly chaste one. It was borne by the following:—the Hon. G. E. Lascelles, Lion Hall; Mr. T. W. Lloyd, Cowesby; Mr. John Walker, Mount St. John; Capt. Hincks, Breckenbro'; the Rev. Canon Johnstone, Sutton Hall; Mr. Williamson, Richmond; Mr. C. Mc C. Swarbrick, Sowerby; and the Rev. G. Scott, Caxwold. Earl Cathcart was to have been one of the pall-bearers, but he was prevented by indisposition from attending. The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. Clifton (the latter being a sister of Mr. Bell), of Clifton Hall, near Nottingham; Major and Mrs. Sanders, Ingram House, near Thirsk (Mrs. Sanders is aunt to the deceased); Mr. R. Smith and Miss Smith, of the Hall, nephew and niece of the deceased; the Rev. Mr. Smith, Kildale, near Whitby; and Capt. Turton, Larpool Hall. Amongst the friends present were Sir W. Payne Galloway, the member for the borough; Capt. Hill, Chief Constable for the North Riding; Mr. E. Munby, Myton; Rev. Canon Coates, Sowerby; Rev. L. S. Maine, Sowerby; Dr. Ryott, deceased's medical attendant; and a large number of the neighbouring gentry. The tenantry of the deceased, and the upper and lower servants at the Hall, also, of course, formed up in the procession.

Service in the church was begun by the singing by the chorister boys, who were in their surplices, of the well-known hymn, "Christ will gather in His own," from "Hymns Ancient and Modern." After that, and whilst all were being seated, Mr. Walton, the organist, played upon that instrument in a very effective manner, the "Dead March." The Psalm—the 39th—was read, and as the departure into the grave-yard was being effected "Vital Spark" was given upon the organ. Altogether the service in the church was felt by all to be very impressive and appropriate. The vault in which the remains of the deceased was placed is a brick one, which had previously five occupants. The deceased was placed beside the remains of his uncle, who died in 1851, and whom he succeeded. The coffin, a massive oaken one, of elegant brass furnishings, and which had been supplied by Mr. J. S. Coulson, of Kirkgate (Mr. Anderson making the lead coffin), had upon it the following inscription, engraved upon a brass shield:—

FREDERICK BELL,
Died Jan. 12th, 1875,
Aged 44 Years.

On the coffin were a cross and a number of wreaths composed of white camellias, azaleas, Christmas roses, and other choice flowers. The bells of the church rang out a muffled peal at the conclusion of the service.

At a full meeting of the Falcon Lodge held in the Masonic Hall on the 13th ult., Bro. A. C. Bamlett, W.M., in the chair, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—"That we, the members of the Falcon Lodge, No. 1416, of ancient, free, and accepted Masons, in open lodge assembled, have heard with the greatest regret and deepest sorrow of the painfully sudden death of our most worthy and Worshipful Past Master, Bro. Frederick Bell, Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden, who, in the inscrutable wisdom of the Great Architect of the Universe, has been so suddenly called away from amongst us; and we, remembering his many good and noble qualities, and the great services he has rendered to Freemasonry in founding the Falcon Lodge, together with his uniform kindness and urbanity to all the brethren, beg to offer our sincere and heartfelt condolence to Mrs. Macbean and the other members of the late Mr. Bell's family, under their sad and most distressing bereavement." This resolution was duly conveyed, and in most courteous terms acknowledged.

BRO. THOS. KINNERSLY.

It is with extreme regret we have to chronicle the some what sudden demise of William Thomas Kinnersly, Esq., of Binfield Manor, Berkshire. Our much esteemed brother, though a young Mason, had already made his mark in the Craft, and gave every promise of a long and useful Masonic career. Some five years since, having married a lady of the island, he settled down at "Les Touillets," in Guernsey, and at once devoted himself with all the zeal and energy of a strong and vigorous character to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Masonic Institutions of his place, connecting himself more immediately with Doyle's Lodge, of which he was W.M. for two years in succession, resigning the gavel so recently as the 29th of December, on which occasion he installed the present W.M., Bro. Randall, in that chair which he had himself so long and so ably occupied. Bro. Kinnersly was a worthy exponent of the great principles of the Order, and though, as the owner of a large property and one of the leading gentlemen of his parish, the calls on his time and his generous nature were by no means few or slight, he never lost sight of those great educational and charitable institutions of our Order, and the writer has reason to know that it was one of the happiest moments of our late brother's life, when a short time back he was privileged, as a Steward of the Annual Festival, to place in the hands of the Secretary one of the largest collections that had ever been transmitted to the Boys' School from this island. The funeral of our late brother took place on the 28th ult., and though, in accordance with the earnestly expressed wish of the deceased, carried out in a strictly private and unostentatious manner, many brethren assembled at the cemetery to pay the last sad tribute of respect to departed merit. Amongst these we noticed Bros. Dr. Hamilton, D.G.M. of Jamaica, 33; Colonel Gallienne, D.D.G.M. of Guernsey; Balfour Cockburn, P.D.G.S.W., 30; Colonel Guerin, Sharp, and others.

SURREY MASONIC HALL.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Surrey Masonic Hall Company was held in a spacious room of the hall on Thursday, the 4th inst. There was a good attendance of gentlemen interested in the undertaking. The report of the directors and statement of finance were submitted and discussed. Messrs. Pinder and W. Ramsay were re-elected directors of the company; Mr. H. A. Dubois was also re-elected to the office of auditor. The meeting was afterwards resolved into a special convention, at which a resolution was unanimously passed empowering the directors to raise additional capital, thereby enabling them to complete the work. There being no other business to be transacted, the proceedings were then formally closed. The shareholders subsequently examined the lodge and other rooms, and expressed themselves highly pleased with the stability of the edifice, great care having evidently been exercised by the builder in the selection of materials, &c. The hall is now in a very advanced state, and will constitute one of the handsomest buildings to be found in the Southern part of the metropolis. We hope, ere long, to have the pleasure of chronicling its formal opening for Masonic and other purposes. We may mention that shares of £5 each may still be procured of the Secretary of the Company at 1, Gresham-buildings, and those who have the interests of the Craft at heart will, we think, not be slow in awarding support to this excellent and most desirable undertaking.

Masonic Tidings.

It is stated that the Right Worshipful Robert Bagshaw, Provincial Grand Master for Sussex, has appointed Bro. Matthew Edward Clark, of London, to be his Deputy P.G.M. This appointment has been vacant since the death of Bro. Andrew Meggy in January 1873.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury, Prov. Grand Master, Staffordshire, has consented to preside at a dinner, on the 18th March, at Willis's Rooms, to raise an enlargement fund for the Royal Infirmary for Children and Women, Waterloo-bridge-road.

WELLINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 548).—The fifteen sections will be worked in this lodge, at the White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford, on Monday evening next, by Bro. John Shaw, S.W. 79. Lodge opened at half-past seven precisely.

THE APOLLO UNIVERSITY LODGE (No. 357).—The fifty-sixth anniversary festival of this lodge will be held on Tuesday, February 16th, at 3.45 p.m., for the installation of the W.M. elect, the Rev. H. Adair Pickard, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W., who filled the chair of the lodge in the years 1856 and 1857. The following eminent brethren will, in all probability, attend the lodge:—Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of England; Col. Adair of the 33^d; P. M. Beach (M.P. for North Hants), who will act as Installing Officer; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap. of England; P. M. T. Mansel Talbot (Prov. Grand Master, Eastern Division, South Wales), with many others, well known in the Craft.

From a circular letter in relation to the "Sind Masonic Association for the Relief of Distressed Widows and Orphans of Freemasons," we learn: "Twelve months have now elapsed since the idea of forming the above Association was brought forward, and its object and intention have been so fully appreciated by the Masons in Sind, as to secure the hearty co-operation and generous liberality of one and all, which is testified by the fact, that at the present moment the Association possesses a capital of Rs. 5,000, and which is invested in Government Paper in the name of Trustees; the interest of this sum and all subscriptions to the Association forming the available revenue from whence relief is granted."

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DEATH.

SAUNDERS.—Feb. 3, at Elliott-street, Liverpool, Eliza, aged 40, the beloved wife of Bro. D. Saunders, Pembroke Lodge, No. 1299, after a short illness. Mrs. Saunders had long been identified with her husband, manager of the New Star Music Hall, as an artiste of rare merit, a lady of the most benevolent disposition, and one whom the whole profession and public deeply regretted. Great sympathy is felt in Liverpool for Bro. Saunders, who has been for nine years identified with Masonry in Liverpool.

Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening.

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Can a lodge adjourn?—T. T. [No.]

The Scotch lodges give more than one degree, I see, the same night, or next night? Can such a thing be done in England?—H. [Certainly not. The Scotch do so, and a most mistaken course it is. In our humble opinion it is one of the main reasons for the unsatisfactory condition of Scottish Freemasonry. Another is the facility of initiation and cheapness of admission fees, and a third, and last, the want of enforcement usually of annual subscriptions from members of lodges.]

ERRATA.—In the report of Chapter Commercial, No. 79, page 55, for Comp. John Morris, read Munro. Bro. Adlard's Advertisement:—for "Pockets for jewels, 7s. 6d. each, extra," read 6d. extra. In Bro. Bincke's letter on Masonic Charities, for 8,000 half-crowns producing £800, read "£1,000."

The following communications stand over:—

Craft Lodges:—Hartington, 1055; Priory, 1000; Royal Standard, 1298; Talbot, 1323; Perfect Ashlar, 1178; St. Botolph's, 588; St. Cuthbert's, 622; Underley, 1074; Aldershot Camp, 1331. Royal Cumberland, Bath; Chapter:—Mount Zion, 22. Mark Lodges:—Era, 176. Langley, 28; Mr. Baker's letter. Masonic Balls at Coventry, Bootle, and Barrow-in-Furness. Scotland:—Star, 219; Athole, 413.

Captain Chatterton's appeal is unsuited to our columns, which are devoted to purely Masonic subjects.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1875.

OUR ROYAL BROTHER, PRINCE LEOPOLD.

The whole Masonic fraternity will deeply rejoice, to use Mr. Disraeli's appropriate words, that "sorrow has not disturbed" the "Royal hearth." Some few days ago it was impossible, but that all loyal Englishmen, and not the least loyal Freemasons, would feel deeply anxious, as the daily "bulletins" seemed to point to weakness and to danger, in the state of our Royal Brother, Prince Leopold. The thoughts of us

all would inevitably turn to that gracious lady, who was again sharing in the common lot of mortals, suffering, anxiety, and illness. We who can carry our thoughts back personally to the Queen's Coronation, thirty-seven years ago, will agree that the bright promise of that auspicious day has been indeed fulfilled in the goodly "regime" of subsequent years. No more peaceful, or prosperous, or beneficent reign has ever been accorded to a beloved Sovereign, or a loyal people, and we can rejoice to think to-day, all of us, that under the wise laws and constitutional monarchy of our fathers, the English throne and the English people have, as it were, become more and more united in themselves, more cemented and grounded in mutual love and sympathy, and have exhibited, amid the anxiety of some nations, and the trials of others, a spectacle of permanency and yet of progress, deeply gratifying to every patriotic Englishman. And much of this we owe to the personal character of the Sovereign, and the happy influences of the Royal Family. Mr. Martin's charming work has lately given us glimpses into the true secret and the prevailing cause of all our national happiness, contentment, unity, and advance, when, as Mr. Locker sings, in one of his pleasant lays, "our dear Queen Victoria was reigning." We see now, without one doubt or question, how good and how admirable, in their true spirit of unselfish patriotism, were all the counsels and all the views of the lamented Prince Consort. We discern how that family life, and home life, which have so marked the simple court of our Sovereign, have not only tended to encourage and preserve a love for domestic life and pursuits amongst ourselves in somewhat sensational days, but have added lustre to the diadem, and given strength to the throne. There was an example ever before our eyes, distinct, undoubted, easily to be appreciated, and we have all, we believe, long since realized, how deep and sure those master builders laid the foundation of our free English Constitution, who made the throne the centre of unity, and of authority, and of loyal devotion to our great English people. Thus there never has been a time when a whole nation was, as it were, so bound up in the happiness and welfare of their rulers as now. A whole people sorrowed with the Queen when she lost the husband of her youth and of her affection. A whole people stood all but paralyzed when life and death were contending, so to say, with the hope of many millions, our august brother, the Prince of Wales. A whole people has rejoiced in those marriages which have united the fair daughters of our Royal house to the help-mates of their choice, and equally all have anxiously waited for the bulletins of each returning day, and all have rejoiced to think, that, humanly speaking, the danger is over, and that H.R.H. Prince Leopold is now in a state of convalescence. As a member of our Order, our interest is, if it be possible, augmented and enlarged, alike in his career, and in his health, and we trust, that surmounting the weakness of many years, he may be enabled, in a good providence, to continue that great career of usefulness which seems marked out for him. As a friend to literature, as a patron of the finer arts, in all of which he seems, as the *Times* said, very much to resemble his illustrious father, he is peculiarly in his place in our Masonic Order; and we, as English Freemasons, can gladly remember that we have alike the approval and special favour of the Heir to the Throne, the presence of the young soldier, the Duke of Connaught, and the fine, cultivated taste of Prince Leopold, as a set-off against the incriminations of the ignorant, and the anathemas of the intolerant. May this happy union endure and even grow more intimate through many a "long, long year."

OUR GOOD BRO. VALLETON.

This worthy brother, though probably as yet little known to our Order, is, it appears, the correspondent in London of the French Masonic journal *Le Monde Maçonnique*. Some time ago he thought well to write what was meant for a most severe denunciation of English Freemasonry, and to which we thought well to advert, as our readers will remember, some little time back. Bro. Valleton appeared to us evi-

dently to be a "blind leader of the blind," inasmuch as he was making statements about English Freemasonry, which were as baseless as the "baseless fabric of a vision." It was patent to us that he had yet to learn the A B C of that English system he affected to understand, and professed to denounce. All his ideas of English Freemasonry were, as we sought to show him, utterly unsound, illogical, and empirical. He clearly had hardly ever been in any English lodges at all, and he was utterly unacquainted with the actual condition, as well as the true teaching, of English Freemasonry. Bro. Valleton gave us, as the French would say, "en revanche," certain remarkable opinions of his own ideas as to what English Freemasonry should be. It was, alas, too evident even to the least informed, why he found such fault with English Freemasonry. We were in the way of certain so-called philosophical theories, certain avowed designs, which abroad have only culminated, wherever a free scope has been fatally given to them, in revolution and socialism, whose "Goddess of Reason" appears to be brute force, and whose untoward manifestations have been painfully seen in energetic "petroleuses" and amid deeds of wasting, plunder, and cruelty. We protested, and we protest still, against venturing to associate English Freemasons with principles of which they have an abhorrence, and with proceedings on which they look with shame. English Freemasonry, we contended, has nothing to do either with politics or controversies, or revolutionary principles or illuminating theories. In England we are a very loyal and a very peaceable order—we are good citizens as well as true Freemasons, and one of our first duties as patriots is to reverence "the Sovereign of our native land," one of our great anxieties as Freemasons is to keep at a distance from our good old Craft, the pernicious doctrines of socialistic folly. But it appears, après tout, that Bro. Valleton thinks we are in the wrong and that he is in the right. He knows, in his own opinion, much more of English Freemasonry than we do, and so he returns to the charge in the *Monde Maçonnique* of January, 1875. He writes again from London and gives us most important information relative to the real feelings of English Freemasons on these subjects, of which we are such ignorant and beclouded exponents. In order to prove his favourite charge, that English Freemasonry is under the "direction of the Anglican clergy," he quotes an extract from the *Freemason*, which tells us that the Francis Burdett Lodge, Hampton Hill, was consecrated, and that Bro. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., was present. To our stern Bro. Valleton such an act is in itself apparently a most unenlightened proceeding. He evidently is equally out of love with our Order and "world, which kings and priests are plotting in." And therefore he adds "it is not astonishing that we do not agree with the *Freemason*, which is what one may call the official organ of Sacerdotal Masonry in England." "Happily," the good brother goes on to say, "the *Freemason* is not the organ of all English Freemasonry." "There is in England, as in France, a Freemasonry free, philosophical, scientific, positive, which proclaims, as we do, that all men are brethren, beyond all religion and all nationalities; and notwithstanding the spirit of division and hostility which these last institutions have always fomented amongst every people," endeavours, as with us, to proclaim the human fraternity beyond any religious formulary and ceremony." In the abstract we shall probably agree, in the concrete we know that this statement of Bro. Valleton goes beyond our English good common sense. Though we accept into our Order all men except the atheist and the libertine, and look with compassion and sympathy on all mankind, we have no leaning for the expansive notion of continental positivism or any other ism. We have nothing to do with these new philosophies and these hurtful principles which are undermining social order elsewhere, neither can we manifest any, even the slightest approval, of those subversive dogmata which end in either a positive infidelity or the offensive assertion of a "morale sans Dieu." We do not believe that there are half-a-dozen Freemasons who hold such opinions in England, and we fancy we know a good deal more about

the subject than does Bro. Valleton. As, however, we should always "live and learn," if there are really any brethren who prefer the French or any other foreign system to our own wise and tolerant English teaching, we shall not refuse them a hearing, under certain limits, in the pages of the *Freemason*. But we fancy that our good Bro. Valleton, like a good many other people, has swam out beyond his depth, and that whatever he may know of French Freemasonry, he certainly knows nothing yet whatever of English Freemasonry.

THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS.

We publish a letter in the Correspondence column which calls attention to a very serious subject. If written in a homely way, and with "unadorned eloquence," it yet, we think, deserves the attention of our readers. There can be no doubt that the hasty admission of members is a great and growing evil. Not only is it too often the "epidemic" which affects new lodges, but there are a great many of the older lodges which are far too lax in this particular. There are some brethren who seem to think that they have a vested right, so to say, in the proposal of members. Any one who receives their "approval," they think the brethren ought to admit, and often retire from a lodge in dudgeon, because some particular candidate is not approved of by the lodge generally. In some lodges there is a prevailing tendency to make admission of members more a question of special approval by a select few, than any consideration of special aptitude for Freemasonry. Hence, in these lodges, the admission of members is directed by a clique, and all cliques are, we say, hurtful to lodges. There are again those who take a lax view of the reception of members. As long as a man is a well-to-do man, prosperous in the world, in a good social position, a flourishing business, they deprecate any further enquiry as unnecessary and undesirable. Many, in consequence, are admitted into Freemasonry either from worldly rank or personal consideration, who do no good, and never will do any, to Freemasonry proper, and who constitute much of the "dead weight" of our Masonic organization. To them the lodge is but the amusement of an idle, easy, social time, and they never pass or seek to pass, beyond the "arcana" of the "knife and fork degree." In that they are A. I. If any lodge is so unwise as to promote any such to the Master's chair, that lodge will live to repent of its weakness, as they never know their work, and they never perform their duties. There is just now another temptation to many lodges. Candidates are numerous, the fees are ready, and some W.M.'s and brethren do not seem to consider whether the candidate is in a position to keep up his Masonic privileges. Freemasonry has now many material benefits to offer, and it is to be feared that not a few are unworthily attracted to Freemasonry by the prospect of what they may obtain on a "rainy day," as an insurance, so to say, a "benefit society" for infirmities, old age, and the unavoidable calamities of human life. With these three classes of applicants Freemasonry has ever to contend, and we know how difficult is the task often to keep them out, especially the last class of all. If they are not received in England they go into Scotland, and are made there, and come back and become joining members. All Freemasons must be struck with the growing applications for our charities. This year, as Bro. Binckes points out, for our four great metropolitan institutions, they are 147. What will they be next year? No doubt with increasing numbers we must always expect additional claims, but the fact that we have 68 claimants for the Benevolent Institution and only 12 vacancies, in the Girls' 31 candidates and only 13 to be elected, in the Boys' 48 candidates and only 8 to be elected, in all 114 rejected candidates, is a most serious reflection. We can only then urge upon all our brethren still greater scrutiny and sifting of all candidates proposed for Freemasonry. It probably is the weak point in our admirable system which requires watchfulness and amendment. We know, indeed, that it is a very difficult question in itself, and has admittedly two sides to it, and we

shall be therefore glad to receive any expression of opinion on so important a subject in our correspondence columns which our readers may like to favour us with. There are many brethren in our Order who can write very effectively on this and many other subjects, if only they will.

GRANTS TO THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

Bro. Binckes seems to be a little surprised that we again reverted to this subject, but those who read Bro. Binckes's letter, to which we alluded, will not have shared, we venture to think, in his professed astonishment. We note one point, however, to which we deem it only fair to Bro. Binckes to call attention. He does not say that £800 is the amount he actually expects or considers fair, he states the fact that the 2s. 6d. on certificates would yield that amount now, not £150, and that in the face of this fact, and the increased expenditure of the Boys' School, he urges that it is not unfair to ask for a revision. There is another point we wish to notice. Bro. Binckes suggests a grant for the Girls' School as well as for the Boys' School. But what says Bro. Little? We doubt very much whether Bro. Little can go to the Craft and ask for a grant from Grand Lodge for the Girls' School. At present the Girls' School is full, and we believe, though Bro. Little can set us right, that there is no possibility of increasing its present accommodation. How can he ask for a grant from Grand Lodge with the amount of funded property and with the financial prosperity of the Girls' School? It may be a case for the revision of the grant of £150 to the Boys' School, but, as we said before, the one endeavour, in our humble opinion, for the Boys' School, is to try and replace its capital. In the present state of the Fund of Benevolence and of the constantly increasing claims upon us, any additional amount given to the Boys' School could be but small, and we therefore beg leave to repeat to Bro. Binckes our old fashioned, if unpalatable advice, "quieta non movere."

THE STEWARD'S LISTS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION ANNIVERSARY.

The Steward's lists of the last anniversary present one or two striking features.—The leading province this year is Lincolnshire, where the exertions of our worthy Bro. Chadwick, with others, have returned £573. West Yorkshire takes the second place with £242 10s., which, considering all pats returns, is not amiss. The Metropolitan Lodges, as usual, are well represented, and bring in a good round sum, exceeding considerably the provincial returns. We are glad to notice how well the younger lodges are represented, and we are glad to think how very truly the principles of Freemasonry are appreciated and manifested by some of the newest offshoots of our evergreen Masonic tree. May the lists for the Girl's and Boy's Schools Anniversaries tell as good a tale for the general sympathy and genuine charity of our Order.

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 MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you inform me, through the columns of the *Freemason*, how many annual subscriptions of one Guinea there are to each of the Boy's and Girl's Schools, also how many subscribers of £1, 10s., and 5s., to the Old Men and Women Institution?

I am, sir, yours fraternally, H. W. M.
[H. W. M. should apply to the three Secretaries. Ed.]

PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I would wish to add a word to the many letters that have recently appeared in your valuable journal on the subject of the status of a rejoining Past-Master. Presuming it to be generally acknowledged that a qualified Past-Master carries his rank with him wherever he goes, I submit that a brother holding that position would, on joining or on rejoining a lodge, take his seat

below any Past Masters then subscribing to it; and would, as it seems to me, be unfair to them to allow a re-joining brother to rank next to the immediate Past Master from any feeling of deference to former membership or services. The answer to such a brother complaining of a "loss of steps" would obviously be that he should not have left the lodge.

The case of an *absent* member is, I think, very different. He does not rejoin his lodge after ballot, but simply resumes attendance; and he would do this with a full retention of his original rank, sitting below all those who were Past Masters when he first joined the lodge, but above those who had attained to the distinction during his absence; unless he had himself, during such absence, forfeited his privileges by having for twelve months ceased to subscribe to any regular lodge. In such case he can only regain his position by a fresh installation as Master, the Wardens of a lodge being members of Grand Lodge during their tenure of office only.

Yours fraternally,

BUSY BEE.

BROTHERLY LOVE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to congratulate you on the able article on "Brotherly Love." I sincerely hope you will continue, from time to time, to show our failings and foibles. If you wish to see our Masonic virtues brought from under the bushel, you must grasp the common gavel and chisel, and with a little perseverance you will, I have no doubt, make your mark, but it must be on the Rock of Truth. You must stand in the same position as the sincere clergy or ministers of religion. When they preach a homely sermon to their congregation and take each class seriatim, they will be sure to touch the hearts of some in their assembly who have been walking under the mantle of a gentleman or the cloak of religion.

So it is with Masonry; if each member of the Craft would endeavour to eschew from his breast that selfish feeling which predominates, to a very large extent, among the brotherhood, how much more pure would the Craft be, not only in the public eye, but to the brethren in general. Sir, I remain, yours fraternally, P.M.

THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It has often been, and is now, a surprise to me that Grand Lodge does not interfere with the wholesale making of Masons which is continually taking place in the vicinity of the town in which I reside. Each candidate seems to be judged alone by the standard whether he has five guineas in his pocket to pay the usual fees. This ought not to be. An initiate for Freemasonry ought to be a man capable of appreciating the beauties of its ceremonies, and its allegorical allusion to life here and hereafter. He should also have sufficient acumen in his nature to be able to seize at once upon its theoretical teaching, and not be merely one of that great number who have joined our ranks merely for the sake of company and good-fellowship; both good in their way, but not sufficient to raise the thoughts of the man and the mortal to the Great Architect and the Immortal. My humble opinion of Masonry is that it is one means whereby the nations of the world will be brought into unity and peace. Our tenets not allowing us to join in strife, it at once becomes apparent how very suitable Freemasonry is to unite the hearts of man in one common brotherhood, and if we initiate men who cannot appreciate such a high function for the Order, we do Masonry incalculable harm and cannot have, ourselves, very bright notions of it.

Again, there is another blot or mischief-making source to Freemasonry, and that is the holding of our lodges in public houses. Many a good man and true is kept out of our ranks in consequence of this great eye-sore. Our ceremonies do not allow really of being associated with public houses—it is a false position for us to be in. Solemn and heart-stirring are our rites—all is blunted and destroyed by being held in such places. Surely amongst the thousands in our chief towns in England who range under our banners we could build Halls of our own, and keep them separated from the profane world.

I might say more, but I think it better to stop, and am Yours, fraternally, A SINCERE MASON.

[By some mischance the sheet containing the proper signature has been mislaid, but our brother will recognize his own letter. Ed.]

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

Can any brother give me the name and number of the *Freemason's* Lodge held at Ballatar, Scotland, fifty years ago? HEReward.

HOW WAS THE "LODGE OF ANTIQUITY" AN "AMERICAN LODGE?"

We have before us the latter part of a very curious old Masonic pamphlet (from page 25 to the end, page 64), issued, we presume, about A.D. 1759. The first paragraph reads as follows:

"The following is a correct List of Regular Lodges, according to their seniority and Constitution, when this new edition went to press; but if there should be any errors, or new Lodges arise, upon the members giving notice thereof to Charles Corbett, they shall be carefully corrected, and probably placed in the next edition."

Then follows a List of Lodges, 241 in all, the last of which is recorded as having been constituted July 2, 1759. It is from this date, that we infer the year of the pamphlet's publication.

The most curious items in this list are the first and second, viz.:

"1. Queen's Arms, St. Paul's Church Yard, the West India and American Lodge, 2nd Wednesday; 4th, a Master's Lodge.

"2. Horn, Westminster, 2nd Thursday. These two constituted time immemorial."

Now the figures evidently represent the numbers of the Lodges, which, we presume (though the Lodges are not named), are identical with the Lodge of Antiquity, London (which was No. 1, under the "Moderns"), and Somerset House Lodge (which was No. 2, same jurisdiction). These Lodges are still in existence, are the only English Lodges working from time immemorial, and are numbered now 2 and 4 on the Register of the United Grand Lodge of England, as we learn from Bro. Hughan's "Memorials of the Union of 1813," which we have reviewed at length in this issue of *The Keystone*. The names, "Queen's Arms" and "Horn," evidently were the names of the Taverns where these Lodges held their meetings.

But what is the meaning of the descriptive clause, "The West-India and American Lodge," attached to Lodge No. 1, now, probably, the Lodge of Antiquity, and the oldest Lodge under the Grand Lodge of England? Will Bro. Wm. Jas. Hughan, or Bro. A. F. A. Woodford (both of whom are skilled Masonic Archaeologists) favour us with an explanation of these mysterious words? As Americans, we would be proud to be connected, even in name, with the oldest English Lodge in the world, working by Immemorial Constitution, without Charter! We should be glad to know, also, the title of this Masonic publication of A.D. 1759 or 1760.

The foregoing is from *The Keystone*, and Bro. Hughan has made the following reply to the interesting communication:—

"Dear Bro. McCalla,—

"I have not yet discovered the title of the book containing the List of Lodges to which you refer, but the other query is easily settled by reference to other lists of a similar date. In a MS. I have a copy of, now in the possession of Bro. J. F. Spurr, P.M. 200, Scarborough, entitled 'A New and Correct List of all the Regular Lodges in Europe, Asia, Africa, and America, according to their Seniority and Constitution, by Order of the Grand Master, brought down to April 10th, 1765,' the first lodge mentioned is: '1, Queen's Arms, St. Paul's Church Yard, 2nd Wednesday. Constituted time Immemorial. Every 4th Wednesday there is a Master's Lodge. It is also the West-India and American Lodge.' In Cole's engraved List of Lodges of 1768, entitled, 'A List of Regular Lodges according to their Seniority and Constitution, by Order of the Grand Master, printed for, and Sold by William Cole, Engraver and Copper-plate Printer, opposite Warwick Lane in Newgate Street,' I find the following:

1.—The West India and American Lodge at the Queen's Arms in St. Paul's Churchyard.	2nd. Wed. The 4th, a time Master's Lodge.	Constituted time Immemorial.
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It is evident, therefore, that the "Lodge of Antiquity," then No. 1 (now No. 2), to which these references are made, was partly composed of brethren originally hailing from West India and America, or connected commercially with these Countries, or obtained many of their candidates from West India and America, through gentlemen from those regions when in London choosing that ancient lodge in which first to see the "Light."

I have searched many other Lists of Lodges, but no allusion is made in them to West India or America in connection with No. 1. However, it is quite clear that many brethren who were, in all probability, West India and American Merchants, joined the Lodge of Antiquity, London, about 1760, to give rise to such a description of that ancient lodge, and hence assisted in securing its prosperity, which happily has continued to the present day. Long may it continue.

Fraternalty yours,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Truro, 30th Jan., 1875.

FREEMASONS AND THE ULTRAMONTANES.

We are requested to publish the following correspondence:—

To the Right Hon. Gathorne Hardy, M.P., H.M. Secretary of State for War.

Sir,—I am to crave the liberty of drawing your attention to the case of a Non-commissioned Officer being refused ecclesiastical burial at Chatham, simply because he was a Freemason. The case is that of Armourer-Sergeant J. V. Johnstone, of the 82nd Regiment, a Roman Catholic, who died in Fort Pitt Hospital. I enclose an extract from the military and naval intelligence of the *Times* of 5th Feb. last,* and also a copy of a letter from the Roman Catholic Chaplain which appeared in the same newspaper on the 14th of Feb. last, explaining the ground on which he refused to give ecclesiastical burial.

The case would have been brought to your notice early in the session, by a member of the House of Commons, but the press of business was so great that he was unable to get a fit opportunity of stating the case to the House.

It was then considered advisable to wait the decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in a cause from Lower Canada, of a Roman Catholic priest refusing ecclesiastical burial to one named Guibord, because he was a member of a purely scientific and literary institute. The decision on that cause has now been given. Their Lordships hold that ecclesiastical burial is a civil right and ought to be protected. They say—"It cannot be denied on the evidence that this qualification of the general right of interment, this separation of the grave from the ordinary place of sepulture, implies degradation, not to say infamy," and their Lordships have accordingly ordered the Curé to give ecclesiastical burial as demanded by Guibord's representatives. I send herewith a full copy of the judg-

ment, as published in the *Horn* newspaper of the 1st inst.

I am respectfully to represent, that if the principal appellate court in the realm protects the ecclesiastical burial of one of her Majesty's subjects in Canada, it is surely right that a soldier of the British army should be equally protected. The Roman Catholic Chaplain holds his commission to perform certain duties to her Majesty's soldiers of the Roman Catholic religion, and is it possible that any foreign consideration could be allowed to justify the non-performance of that duty? Moreover, the Association of Freemasons is a loyal and patriotic body of men, banded together to maintain the common rights of humanity, and is specially protected by Act of Parliament.

I am, therefore, to express the hope that such moral degradation and civil injury as is implied by the refusal of ecclesiastical burial in the case referred to, shall not be allowed to be inflicted on a British soldier because he may happen to be a Freemason; and that no commissioned chaplain of her Majesty's forces shall be permitted, on any alleged spiritual ground, to supersede the duty which he owes to her Majesty's service.

May I crave your early attention to this important matter?

I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant,

G. R. BADENOCH, Sec.

Protestant Educational Institute,
12, Haymarket, London, S.W.
10th December, 1874.

War Office, Pall Mall,

11th January, 1875.

Sir,—I am directed by Mr. Secretary Hardy to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 10th ult., calling attention to the case of the late Armourer-Sergeant Johnstone, 82nd Foot, at Chatham.

In reply I am to acquaint you that the circumstances of the Canadian case quoted by you were, in Mr. Hardy's opinion, essentially different from those of the Chatham case; and, moreover, that the principles on which the judgment of the Privy Council in the Canadian case was based appear to Mr. Hardy to render it very difficult, if not impossible, for him to interfere in a matter such as that now brought to his notice.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

RALPH THOMPSON.

To the Right Hon. Gathorne Hardy, M.P.

H.M. Secretary of State for War.

Sir,—I had the honour of receiving your communication of the 11th, in reference to the refusal of the Roman Catholic Chaplain to the Forces at Chatham to bury Sergeant Johnstone, 82nd Regiment, being a Freemason. I am to remind you that I referred to the Canadian case to show it was the opinion of the Judicial Committee that ecclesiastical burial is a civil right, and that its denial on the part of a Roman Catholic priest is 'degradation, not to say infamy.' It is therefore clear, that while the circumstances are different the consequences are the same. It is impossible to understand why any British subject, especially one serving in Her Majesty's forces, should be deprived of his undoubted rights, and therefore subject to 'degradation, not to say infamy,' simply because he belonged to the Masonic order.

I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant,

G. R. BADENOCH.

Protestant Educational Institute,
Clarence Chambers, 12, Haymarket, London, S.W.
22nd January, 1875.

*Refusal to Bury a British Soldier because he was a Freemason.

'Some excitement has been caused in Chatham Garrison by the refusal of the Rev. M. Cuffe, Roman Catholic Chaplain to the Forces, to perform the burial service over Armourer-Sergeant J. V. Johnstone, of the 82nd Regiment, a Roman Catholic Freemason, who died in Fort Pitt Hospital. The deceased had been a member of the Buckley Lodge of Freemasons, who met at the Soldiers' Institute. A resident Roman Catholic priest also declined, as the Rev. M. Cuffe was his senior. The Rev. Mr. Phillips, a Protestant clergyman, performed the Church service when the deceased was interred in the military burial-ground near Fort Pitt. The deceased was much respected, and hundreds of soldiers attended the funeral.'—Military and Naval intelligence, the *Times*, Feb. 5, 1874.

The Roman Catholics and Freemasonry.

To the Editor of the *Times*.

14th Feb. 1874.

Sir,—I have been rather severely criticised in a few journals for having lately declined to attend a Freemason's funeral. Will you kindly allow me to explain myself in the *Times* on this occasion?

The Catholic Church does not allow her clergy to read the burial service over the bodies of those who die out of her communion. On this account I was obliged to decline attending the funeral of the late Armourer-Sergeant Johnstone, who died on the 29th ult. He died a Freemason. No Freemason is a Catholic. No Catholic can be a Freemason; the moment he becomes one he secedes from his church. I have already given this explanation to the military authorities of the Chatham garrison, on my declining to attend the funeral of the late Sergeant Johnstone, and I believe it has been accepted as satisfactory.

Allow me here to state, and I do so with much pleasure, that since I first entered the British Army, which was in 1854, no military superior ever ordered or requested me to perform any duty which could be found to clash with any of the regulations of my church; they even rather expect and wish I should adhere most strictly to the faithful observance of these regulations, and by God's grace and blessings I am determined to do so as long as I move on earth.

Your obedient servant,

MICHAEL CUFFE,

R. C. Chaplain to Her Majesty's Forces.
Chatham, Feb. 13.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

STEWARDS' LIST, 1875.

	£	s.	d.
The Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Chairman	100	0	0
PROVINCE OF LINCOLN.			
Bro. William Pigott			
" John Sutcliffe			
" Rev. Dan. Acc, D.D.	573	0	0
" Nelson			
" John Hadfield			
PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.			
Bro. W. H. Britain, 139,			
" Geo. W. Hawkesley, 139,			
" John Harrop, 154,			
" Henry Day, J.P. 208,			
" R. J. Critchley, J.P. 208,			
" J. Dawson Sugden, 302,			
" John Hirst, jun., 337,			
" Capt. E. T. Clarke, jun., 910,	242	10	0
" John Simpson, 910,			
" William Hy. Gill, 1019,			
" J. A. Thornton, 1019,			
" John Wordsworth, 1019,			
" Jonas Craven, 290,			
" W. H. B. Tomlinson, J.P., 154,			
" Capt. J. Wordsworth, 380,			
PROVINCE OF STAFFORD.			
" 460. Bro. C. Marsh			
" 482. " Fredk. Derry	171	5	0
" 482. " J. Jacobs			
" 482. " W. R. Betteley			
PROVINCE OF WILTS.			
" Robert Stokes	69	14	0
" Samuel Rawson	10	0	0
PROVINCE OF CHESHIRE.			
" Capt. Richard Cope	100	0	0
LODGE 1. Bro. William H. Trego	35	0	0
" 2. " F. A. Philbrick	58	13	0
" 3. " Chas. Terry	40	0	0
" 4. " Alfred Meadows	16	0	0
" 5. " Frederick Newton	25	2	0
" 7. " Chas. Warr	28	0	6
" 8. " Richd. J. Hayhow	6	13	0
" 10. " Rev. J. N. Palmer	34	8	0
" 12. " S. B. Lemaître	85	10	0
" 14. " Edmund Nash	10	10	0
" 18. " Jas. C. Chaplin	52	9	6
" 20. " Humphrey Wood	25	0	0
" 21. " Robert P. Spice	6	6	0
" 22. " T. R. Eames	22	13	0
" 23. " William Huckvale	25	0	0
" 25. " Jos. Lindner	23	1	6
" 27. " Chas. Atkins	121	11	0
" 28. " David Crombie	49	0	0
" 29. " Arthur J. R. Trendell	18	0	0
" 33. " Geo. Eedes Eachus	63	11	0
" 34. " Wm. Body Date	66	0	0
" 37. " James Newton	10	0	0
" 40. " William Kingsbury	26	5	0
" 52. " H. G. Barwell	10	5	0
" 54. " C. M. Jones	25	0	0
" 55. " Walter T. Farthing	64	10	0
" 60. " W. L. Wheeler	15	0	0
" 65. " Chas. Daniel	44	0	0
" 68. " William Richards	53	0	0
" 72. " J. C. Ring	33	0	0
" 77. " Wm. Hicks	40	5	0
" 87. " Chas. Hull	51	0	0
" 96. " Chas. W. C. Hutton	82	11	0
" 99. " Samuel B. Harrison	43	18	0
" 101. " W. G. Clark	49	0	0
" 102. " Col. James Duff	22	0	0
" 104. " William Goodacre	10	0	0
" 104. " Wm. H. Wakefield	10	0	0
" 130. " J. E. Le Feuvre	45	0	0
" 140. " Chas. Jardine	41	0	0
" 141. " John Kennett	37	3	0
" 144. " William Kew	67	5	0
" 145. " Thomas Bull	43	13	0
Chap. 145. Comp. Joseph Last	20	0	0
Lodge 156. Bro. Henry Dubosc, sen.	15	0	0
" 164. " Wm. Hine Haycock	5	5	0
" 169. " Geo. Bolton, V.P.	107	5	0
" 174. " G. J. Hilliard	51	10	0
" 177. " Frederick Kent	21	0	0
" 179. " Walter Hopekirk	56	0	0
" 184. " Charles Burley	40	13	0
" 189. " J. Edmund Curteis	33	13	0
" 192. " Francis Fellowes	52	0	0
" 193. " B. D. Kershaw	27	19	0
" 197. " T. G. Bullen	56	1	0
" 198. " G. E. Holland	24	12	0
" 205. " Chas. F. Hogard	29	13	0
" 209. " Geo. W. Dixon	25	4	6
" 209. " J. O. Carter	31	7	6
" 221. " Jas. Martin Rutter	10	0	0
" 228. " Daniel Tallerman	40	1	6
" 256. " Rev. D. J. Drakeford	45	9	0
" 259. " John Aird, jun.	61	0	0
" 263. " Walter Spencer	13	0	0
" 281. " J. Daniel Moore, M.D.	9	13	6
" 342. " S. R. Ellis	77	15	0
" 345. " James Pye	23	0	0
" 346. " Thos. S. Ainsworth	11	1	0
" 353. " Hugh E. Diamond	10	0	0
" 357. " Rev. H. A. Pickford, M.A.	70	6	0
" 360. " William Brook Gates	15	5	0
" 382. " William Coombes	15	15	0
" 393. " Adam Winlaw	37	8	6
" 403. " T. S. Carter	68	2	0
" 435. " W. C. Phillips	26	12	0

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Lodge 452.	F. A. Manning ...	27	0	6
" 504.	Geo. Lambert ...	50	0	0
" 554.	J. J. Berry ...	168	10	0
" 657.	John L. Jones ...	62	0	0
" 723.	Henry Hacker ...	40	3	0
" 749.	John Painter ...	26	16	0
" 754.	Thos. Jones ...	101	10	0
" 780.	Ammon Beasley ...	22	12	0
" 795.	H. Howard Hodges ...	31	8	6
" 813.	R. R. Harper ...	73	15	0
" 834.	L. Bryett ...	41	10	0
" 840.	Rev. F. W. Harnett ...	34	12	6
" 859.	Cuthbert E. Peek ...	25	0	0
" 861.	Wright Meanwell ...	65	10	0
" 862.	Charles Walker ...	24	4	6
" 871.	J. Baxter Langley ...	21	15	0
" 890.	G. Keene Lemann ...	47	0	0
" 907.	Thos Griffiths ...	55	15	0
" 925.	E. Worrall ...	35	0	0
" 925.	Henry Sanderson ...	35	0	0
" 957.	John Diprose, jun. ...	25	0	0
" 973.	E. T. Inskip ...	21	11	0
" 975.	G. Makepeace ...	35	5	0
" 1046.	John Knight ...	10	0	0
" 1096.	Thos. Ayling ...	10	0	0
" 1185.	H. T. Lamb ...	59	0	0
" 1196.	E. G. Legge ...	34	0	0
" 1208.	H. M. Baker ...	41	0	0
" 1209.	George Page ...	51	15	0
" 1216.	H. Newington Bridges ...	50	9	6
" 1224.	Rev. C. J. Martyn ...	60	0	0
" 1259.	J. Wetherell ...	165	0	0
" 1260.	Geo. King, jun. ...	25	0	0
" 1275.	William Bell, jun. ...	10	0	0
" 1278.	William J. Crutch ...	103	10	0
" 1298.	H. W. J. Moxon ...	23	16	0
" 1309.	Charles Horsley ...	39	7	0
" 1314.	Alfred Avery ...	66	9	0
" 1321.	G. F. Swan ...	13	0	0
" 1326.	William Prattent ...	10	0	0
" 1327.	Edward West ...	67	0	0
" 1360.	Henry Smith ...	22	18	0
" 1365.	Chas. R. Miles ...	65	0	0
" 1366.	J. E. Cussans ...	35	3	0
" 1381.	Fredk. W. Koch ...	23	5	0
" 1383.	Hyde Pullen ...	120	0	0
" 1385.	William Cutbush ...	23	15	0
" —	Hayward Edwards ...	23	15	0
" 1415.	Thos. Cubitt ...	101	5	0
" 1421.	C. W. Ashdown ...	40	0	0
" 1441.	Chas. Smith ...	57	10	0
" 1445.	W. T. Howe ...	105	5	0
" 1464.	Erasmus Wilson ...	30	0	0
" 1475.	James W. Jackson ...	34	0	0
" 1479.	John Purrott ...	8	15	0
" 1489.	Edward G. Sim ...	62	0	6
" —	E. C. Woodward ...	12	0	0
Holy Palestine Precept.	Rev. P. M. Holden ...	10	10	6
" "	Aug. C. Marzetti ...	5	5	0

Eight Lists to come in.

ADDRESS AND TESTIMONIAL TO LORD DUNBOYNE, P.G.M., NORTH MUNSTER.

On Thursday, the 28th ult., a Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, for the purpose of presenting Lord Dunboyne, R. W. Provincial Grand Master of the Masonic Order in North Munster, with an address and testimonial, as an expression of the regard and esteem in which he is held by the Order in North Munster. The attendance was extremely large, and embraced the following:—

The Right Hon. Lord Dunboyne, P.G.M.; James Spaight, D.P.G.M.; William Barrington, P.G. Secretary; J. Hill (Ennis), S.W.; G. Dartnell, J.W.; James O'Grady, S.D.; G. O'Neill, J.D.; W. H. McQuaide, H. Stirling, A. Rowland, G. H. Smith, 201; Robert Wellington, S.W. 201; F. N. Young, W.M. 201; A. Wallace, 73; John Hill, D. Macdonald, W.M. 60; Jonas Studdert, Wm. Daxon, M.D., P.M. 60; John Lopdell, J.W. 60; John Leames, Robert Wheeler, J. H. Symes, Gordon O'Neill, Thomas Bunting, John McKern, John Russell, 13; John McAuliffe, 541; Richard J. Lee, 73; Francis Meredyth, S.W. 333; William Hosford, 333; Thomas E. Carte, P.M. 333; John Russell, 13; J. Brady, 13; R. Gibson, P.M. 73; H. S. Sterling, I.G. 73; J. K. Browne, 73; Rev. James McMahon, 333; Archdeacon Hare, 13; W. G. Gubbins, W.M. 333; Rev. Charles Ward, 268; James O'Grady, 13; and S. Pounder.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and with the usual Masonic observances,

Bro. Spaight, D.P.G.M., said before he would read the address which they had met to present to their esteemed Provincial Grand Master he would mention that it was the universal wish of the lodges of the district that a banquet should be given in order to give the greatest possible honour and eclat to the ceremony. They were aware that he consulted their feelings on the subject, and, as far as in his power, had ascertained the wishes of the whole province on the matter in reference to the carrying out of the arrangements. He had, of course, also consulted his lordship's feelings on the matter, and had apprised him of the wishes of the Craft. It had been arranged that a small deputation should wait upon his lordship and present the testimonial, but that proposition was universally received with feelings of disappointment and regret. If we might so express it, the Masonic heart of the entire province was deeply stirred in the matter, and they felt that the fact of two or three going quietly by train to be the gentle actors in a scene in which they all desired to participate would

not be a proper expression of Masonic feeling. (Hear, hear, and applause.) A different conclusion was arrived at to which his lordship finally consented, and they were now all present to participate in this happy and interesting ceremony. (Hear, hear.) He congratulated his lordship upon having evoked such a feeling of regard and esteem amongst the members of the Craft throughout North Munster, and in conclusion, he suggested to read the address with which they desired to present him—

"Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—We, the members of the Masonic Order of the Province of North Munster, desire to approach you with the strongest feelings of fraternal affection and respect for your distinguished position as a Mason, and your invariable kindness and courtesy as a Brother. Knowing, as we do, that the honourable status now held by the Province of North Munster is mainly owing to the able administration and watchful care of its Masonic interests by your Lordship, we desire to leave some imperishable record of our high esteem for your Lordship's character as an able administrator, and a faithful friend. We therefore beg your Lordship's acceptance of this salver with our united and fervent prayer that you may long enjoy the honours and distinctions in our Order which you have justly won, and that we may continue to enjoy the advantages we derive from your Lordship's just and courteous government of the Province of North Munster.

"On behalf of the members, James Spaight, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; William S. Studdert, Lodge 13; Marquis Paterson, 60; A. MacNab, 73; William Edwin Burdge, 135; F. N. Young, 201; George Pierce, 202; George Roe, 311; J. B. Young, 333; John C. McAuliffe, 541."

Bro. Spaight then said he hoped his lordship would consider the ceremony of presenting the testimonial as gone through, for owing to its immense weight he would experience some difficulty in holding it (laughter).

The presentation consisted of a massive salver of solid silver, and the most exquisite workmanship. The following inscription was engraved beautifully on the centre of the plate and surmounted by the Crown:—"Presented to their valued and beloved Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Dunboyne, Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, by the officers and brethren of the Masonic Province of North Munster, as a mark of their respect and fraternal love and some small acknowledgment of their sense of his invaluable services to their Craft during the period of his office as Provincial Grand Master of North Munster.—December, 1874." Around the verge of the salver were a number of appropriate Masonic devices, which were also magnificently engraved.

Lord Dunboyne, on rising to reply to the address, received a perfect ovation. He said:—

You are all perfectly well aware that I am not gifted with that eloquent tongue for which our Deputy Provincial Grand Master is so celebrated. (Laughter.) Certainly, on such an occasion as this, it is impossible for me—as it would be impossible for the most gifted speaker—to express myself as strongly as I feel. I can only say that I feel most grateful to the brethren of the province for their kindness, in the first place, in congratulating me on my restoration to health. (Hear, hear.) I am proud of that magnificent testimonial. It will be, I trust, an heirloom in my family for centuries to come; and, while I live, it will always be the means of prompting me more and more to do my duty as a brother Mason. (Applause.) Latterly I was not able to come amongst you as frequently as I could have wished; but, thank God, my health is better now—(hear, hear, and applause)—and I assure you that I shall always do everything in my power to promote Masonry in general, and more especially in North Munster. (Applause.) The brethren have ever been kind to me—beyond my expectations or deserts—(no, no)—especially in this their latest mark of esteem. I wish every one of you brethren, health, prosperity, and long life in this world, and, in the next, may you be received into the Grand Lodge above. (Hear, hear.) It is not the intrinsic value of the gift I prize most, but it is the kind feeling of the brethren which I pre-eminently esteem; and I regret I cannot command language sufficient to thank you. (Loud Applause.)

Bro. Spaight then intimated that the ceremony would be concluded in another apartment of the building; and the lodge having been closed, the brethren repaired to the supper room, where a sumptuous luncheon was provided.

Bro. Spaight occupied the chair, and Lord Dunboyne sat on his right hand.

Bro. Spaight proposed "The Health of the Past Grand Master" in eloquent terms, and Lord Dunboyne responded.

Bro. Gubbins, W.M. 333, proposed the toast of the committee who had charge of the arrangements.

Bro. Spaight, as chairman of the committee, responded, and, after some appropriate remarks by Bro. Jonas Studdert, the company separated.

MASONIC RECEPTION TO THE SECOND MATE OF THE COSPATRICK AT GLASGOW.

A special meeting of the Lodge Clyde, No. 408, was held within the hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on 28th ult. The occasion was an unusually interesting one, being for the purpose of giving a fraternal reception to Bro. Henry M'Donald, late second mate of the New Zealand emigrant ship Cospatrick, which, as will be but too well remembered, was burnt in the South Atlantic Ocean, on November 18th last, with a loss of 474 lives, Bro. M'Donald being one of the three sole survivors of the almost unparalleled catastrophe. Although the summons to the meeting was of the briefest, many not knowing of it until a couple of hours

beforehand, about sixty brethren, including visitors from sister lodges, came forward in response to it. The R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Harper, presided, supported by Past Masters Duncan Downie and J. Buchanan, John M'Innes, S.W.; Wm. Bilsland, J.W.; James Stewart, Treasurer; and D. S. Mitchell, Secretary. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. John Munro, R.W.M. 360; A. R. Wilson, Chaplain 27; Jas. Duthie, and others. The lodge having been opened, the Chairman said he presumed they were all aware of the object of that meeting, which was to give a hearty welcome to their Bro. Henry M'Donald, second mate of the Cospatrick, and who, as they knew, survived the loss of that vessel after enduring almost unheard of perils. They would, perhaps, be able to do so better were they a little more at ease, and therefore the J.W. had his orders to call the lodge to refreshment. Before this was done, however, he had to ask Bro. M'Donald to come up to the dais and receive the right hand of fellowship. Bro. M'Donald, who was seated in the body of the hall, did so accordingly, amid loud and continued applause; and having shaken hands with those on the dais, took his seat by instruction of the chairman at the latter's left hand. The Stewards having done their duty, the chairman proposed in succession the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Three Grand Lodges," "The P.G.L. of Glasgow," and "The Magistrates of Glasgow," coupled with the name of the Lord Provost, Bro. Bain. He then in a few words proposed the toast of the occasion, "The Health of Bro. Henry M'Donald." They had all to sympathise with him in the severe trouble he had come through, and out of which, by the mercy of the Great Architect of the Universe, he had been rescued. They desired for him in the future long life and prosperity, and that he and his family might never again know the hardships they had lately experienced. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and all the honours. Bro. M'Donald, in acknowledging the toast, said he was very happy at the way in which they had received him; but he had such a whole lot to say that he could not say it all. But if there was any particular point that they would like him to speak about, he would do so. They had seen it all in the papers from beginning to end. No one responding to this invitation, Bro. M'Donald shortly rehearsed the main points of the catastrophe, in so far as he was concerned, or it came under his observation, and which was identical with the narrative he gave of it on arriving in England, and which was perused by every newspaper reader in the country. He expressed himself as exceedingly gratified with the reception he experienced from the brethren of the Craft at St. Helena, and handed to the chairman a letter he had received from them, which the chairman read. It was as follows:—"St. Helena, 12th December, 1874.—To Mr. Henry M'Donald, M.M., Clyde Lodge, No. 408, Scotland.—Dear Brother,—Having discovered that you were one of the Craft, and being made acquainted with the whole of the circumstances connected with your present unfortunate position, we, with true feelings of brotherly love, and remembering the day and hour we were received into Masonry, at once brought your case before the brethren of this island by opening a subscription on your behalf. We have now the pleasure to hand you the sum of £10 5s. 6d., subscribed by the members of both lodges, namely, St. Helena No. 488, and Old Rock No. 912, and others of the fraternity, of which we ask your acceptance. The brethren, one and all, sympathize with you, and pray that the Great Architect of the Universe, who has preserved and protected you from a fearful death, may be as merciful should you ever be again placed in such trying circumstances, which we sincerely hope may never again be your lot.—We are, dear Bro. M'Donald, yours very fraternally, R. Dowling, P.M. St. Helena Lodge, 488, and member of Old Rock Lodge, 912; Thomas Storer, Secretary, St. Helena Lodge, 488; and J. W., Old Rock Lodge, 912."—On the motion of Bro. Jas. Stewart, seconded by Bro. Downie, P.M., it was unanimously agreed to that a letter be sent to the St. Helena brethren to acknowledge the great kindness they had shown to a brother of the Clyde Lodge. It was further agreed to that the names of the leading Office-bearers of the St. Helena Lodge should be procured, and that they be made honorary members of Lodge Clyde. One or two miscellaneous toasts followed, after which the lodge was recalled to labour, and thereafter closed. We may just add that Bro. M'Donald, who looks in excellent health, was initiated, passed, and raised in Lodge Clyde, on 20th Sept., 1872, and that, happening to be in Glasgow for a day or two, the meeting was arranged for with his "Mother."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The general committee of subscribers to this school met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. S. Rosenthal, V. Patron, in the chair. There were also present Bros. H. Browne, Benj. Head, John Symonds, F. Adlard, Hyde Pullen, G. J. Palmer, Collard Moutrie, J. W. M. Dosell, Jesse Turner, and F. Binckes (Secretary).

One petition was presented and accepted, and two applications from ex-pupils for outfits were considered, and £5 in each case granted.

The committee adjourned after passing a vote of thanks to the chair.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—WINTER SPECIFICS.—All can estimate the disadvantages to the human system from breathing foul air, such as must necessarily be inhaled during our winters. The safest correctives, and best purifiers of the blood, are Holloway's Balsamic Pills, which are too well known and too highly esteemed to require commendation here. Besides cleansing the system, they improve the appetite, render digestion perfect, admirably regulate the liver, increase the secretion of the kidneys; they mildly yet effectively act upon the bowels without griping or causing an inconvenience. So long as human nature remains what it is, every person will now and again require regulation of organs disordered by irregular or too generous living, and too liberal potations.—ADVT.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, February 19, 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 13.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
 " 1423, Era, King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court.
 " 1426, The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Swan Tavern, Battersea.
 " 1457, Bagshaw, Bald-Faced Stag, Buckhurst Hill.
 Mark Lodge, 104, Macdonald, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.
 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 15.

- Lodge 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street.
 " 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 185, Tranquillity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 " 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 907, Royal Alfred, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

- Board of General Purposes, at 3.
 Lodge 30, United Mariner's, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 165, Honour and Generosity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, 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. Marybone 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 17.

General Committee Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.

- Lodge 140, St. George's Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
 " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 " 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
 " 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.
 " 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.
 " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
 Chap. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 857, St. Mark's, Half Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.
 Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street.
 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 18.

- House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 " 55, Constitutional, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
 " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
 " 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1339, Stockwell, Half Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.
 " 1506, White Horse of Kent, 33, Golden-square.
 " 1507, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-road.
 Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 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), Buil 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 19.

- House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's.
 " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate.
 " 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hotel, Barnes.
 " 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 Rose Croix Chap., "Invicta," 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, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of 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 Courts 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 20, 1875.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

- Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
 " 1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.
 Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms, Seacombe, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

- Lodge 86, Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescott, at 4.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-le-Willows.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 4.
 " 537, Zetland, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 5.
 " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 " 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale at 6.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee Ho., Wavertree, at 5.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18.
 Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 343, Concord, Queen's Arms, Church-st., Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 3.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-st., Fleetwood.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Ho., West Derby, at 5.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

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

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, February 20, 1875.
 All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

- Lodge 33, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 87, Thistle, 12, Trongate.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.
 " 543, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Dalnair.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

- Lodge 117, Partick St. Mary's, Partick.
 " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-street.
 Chap. 150, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

- Lodge 22, St. Johns Kilwig, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
 " 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 167, Free Operative, Masonic Hall, Biggar.
 " 465, St. Andrew, Garngad-road.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

- Lodge 12, Greenock Kilwinning, Town Hall, Greenock.
 " 31, St. Mary's, Coltness, Scott's Hall, Wishaw.
 " 306, St. Thomas, 90, Well Gate-st., Larkhall.
 " 321, St. Andrew's, Public Hall, Alexandria.
 " 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-street.
 " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 471, St. Johns, Stane Inn, Shotts.
 " 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Larkhall.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

- Lodge 544, St. Andrews, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 20, 1875.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

- Lodge 44, St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

- Lodge 36, St. David, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.
 " 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

- Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 62, Nicolson-st.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

- Lodge 48, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 226, Portobello, Royal Hotel, Bath-street.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

- Chap. 152, Perseverance, 86, Constitution-street.
 Chap. 83, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.