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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**COWES.—MEDINA LODGE (No. 35).**—The monthly meeting of this old established lodge took place on Thursday last, when Bro. J. G. Wheeler, in the absence of the W.M., conducted the business of the evening. The following brethren were present:—Bro. W. Strickland, W.M. of the Ryde Lodge; and Bros. Scadding, Vaughan, and Furner, visitors. Bros. O. Haxthausen, P.M.; J. H. Wallace, D.C.; J. Hall Smith, S.W.; J. C. Airs, J.W.; E. Wyatt, J.D.; G. Munt, S.D.; S. Benzie, I.G.; T. Giles, Sec. Amongst the other brethren present were Bros. H. S. and W. Weeding, R. Fox, F. Dyett, J. Pryor, C. Fellows, and J. Gettiffe. The W.M. pro tem. informed the brethren that he had received a communication from the Worshipful Master, stating that he was away, and asking him (Bro. Wheeler) to perform the duties of the evening. The W.M. informed the lodge that there were four candidates for Masonry, but one could not be present that evening. A ballot was then taken for Mr. S. Wheeler, Mr. W. H. Holmes, Collector H.M. Customs, Cowes, also for Captain A. K. Granville, and Mr. Richard Andrews, and being unanimous in their favour, each candidate was separately initiated into the ancient mysteries of Freemasonry. There being no other business to transact the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a capital supper was laid. The Stewards had again almost eclipsed themselves, and through the kindness of two of the brethren the spread was considerably added to, and at the conclusion grace was again said, and the cloths removed. The chairman stated that the time was short, and he had a toast to propose which the brethren of Medina Lodge always responded to with a deal of pleasure. It was "The Health of the Visiting Brethren," coupling with it the name of Bro. Strickland. Bro. Strickland rose, and in his reply remarked upon the perfect working of the Medina Lodge, that he could say with truth he had visited many lodges, but never saw the various duties carried out more efficiently. The health of the newly-initiated was also proposed and responded to, and the remainder of the evening was passed in a most enjoyable manner.

**ROCHDALE.—HOPE LODGE (No. 54).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 10th inst., at the Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale, and there was an excellent attendance of the brethren; all the officers were present: Bros. Richard Simpson, W.M.; Dan Mitchell, P.M., Secretary; (Treasurer being ill was unable to attend); R. Collingwood, S.D.; Charles O'Dhorty, J.D.; Bincliffe, I.G.; James Midgley, P.M., Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form at 5.20 p.m. and the minutes of the former lodges were read and confirmed, after which the business of the evening commenced by initiating Mr. John Thomas North, which was done in a very efficient manner by Bro. T. B. Ashworth, P.M. Bro. Metcalfe presented himself as a candidate to be passed to the second degree. He was examined, and having satisfied the brethren he was then entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Metcalfe was then admitted and regularly passed to the degree of a F.C. by Bro. Dan Mitchell, P.M., in a very creditable manner; he was then invested and retired. Bro. Clegg was next called upon, and after giving satisfactory proofs of his proficiency in the former degrees, he was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the third degree; the candidate was then admitted and was duly raised as a Master Mason by Bro. William Davies, P.M.; he was invested. The lodge was closed in the third degree. The lodge was also closed in the second degree. After the communications were read, Bro. T. B. Ashworth made a motion that a vote of thanks be sent to Bro. David Thomas Buckley for his willingness to prepare a testimonial and the skill he displayed in executing the same, giving universal satisfaction to the brethren. This testimonial was presented to Bro. Edward Clegg for his long and valuable services as Secretary to Hope Lodge, 54, for over a period of thirty years—which he discharged with honour to himself and credit to the lodge. The motion was entered on the minute book. There being no other business the lodge was finally closed at the hour of 8.15 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was elegantly provided by Bro. Wm. Ashworth, P.M., and his wife, in

that excellent style which at all times is highly approved of by the brethren. After the cloth was removed the W.M. gave the usual toasts—commencing with "The Queen," which was drunk with that feeling of respect it so justly merits. The remainder of the toasts followed in due course, amongst which "The Newly-raised Brother" was given and briefly responded to. "The Newly-passed Brother" was next given and was responded to in an eloquent manner. "The new Initiate" was also given, and Bro. J. T. Worth, on rising to respond, thanked the brethren for having admitted him to the mysteries and privileges of so ancient and honourable an Order as a member of this lodge. The usual closing toast was given and the brethren separated in peace and brotherly love towards each other, after having spent a very pleasant and comfortable evening.

**SEAHAM HARBOUR.—FAWCETT LODGE (No. 661).**—On Monday, 14th March, the annual installation of W.M. of the Fawcett Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. J. B. Wells was installed. Bro. J. Ayre was the Installing Master, assisted by Bro. Humphrey of Sunderland. The W.M. then invested the following officers: Bro. H. B. Wright, I.P.M.; Gibbon, S.W.; Stratford, J.W.; J. Richardson, Treasurer; H. W. Richardson, Secretary; Cockburn, S.D.; J. Potts, J.D.; G. Grieves, I.G.; Taylor, Tyler. Among the visiting brethren were the following:—Bros. W. H. Crookes, P.G.S.; R. Humphrey, P. Prov. S.G.D.; W. Middle, P. Prov. J.G.D.; G. Lord, P. Prov. G.S.B.; M. Douglas, P. Prov. G.J.D.; R. Lutert, P.G.J.D.; S. Surtees, W.M. 94; H. Fryer, S.W. 97; J. Symington, Blyth; W. Mitford, Darlington; W. A. Harbron, Plymouth; Thos. Riley, W.M. 1398. After the business of the lodge was concluded, the brethren, to the number of 50, sat down to a magnificent banquet.

**PHOENIX LODGE (No. 173).**—A strong meeting of this old and distinguished lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, the 13th inst. The proceedings commenced at four o'clock in the afternoon. The officers present were Bros. Vine, W.M.; Wiles, S.W.; Carter, J.W.; Massey, S.D.; Phillips, J.D.; Finch, I.G.; Wilson, P.M., P.Z., Treas.; Matthews, Sec.; Allen, D.C.; Burford, W.S.; Salmon, acting I.P.M. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M., assisted by his officers, passed Bros. Parker, Pearce and Mabey to the second degree, and gave the lecture on the tracing board. The whole ceremony reflected great credit on all concerned. Mr. Waterman was then initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. in an impressive manner. The sum of ten guineas was voted by the lodge, to head the list of the W.M. as Steward to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Several communications were then read from Grand Lodge, respecting the forthcoming installation of the M.W.G.M. Several of the brethren having offered themselves as candidates to represent the lodge as one of the Stewards to officiate on that important occasion, the W.M. requested them to retire, and their names were then severally submitted to a show of hands, which resulted in favour of Bro. Green, P.M., being elected to serve that distinguished office. The lodge was then duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was well served. Grace was sung by Bros. Salmon, Witt and Parker. The W.M. having briefly given the "Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M." and "The Pro Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers." Bros. Farquharson, Parker, Witt and Salmon sang the "National Anthem," and Bro. Wilson "God Bless the Prince of Wales." "The Health of the W.M." was proposed with great warmth Bro. Salmon, heartily received by the brethren, and briefly acknowledged by Bro. Vine. "The Initiate," Bro. Waterman, and "The Fellow Craftsmen," Bros. Parker, Pearce and Mabey, were toasted, and they severally replied. Among the visitors present were Bros. Adams, P.M. 504, &c.; Walls, 141, 1381, 1503, I.G. 1512; Moore, 173; Emsworth, 813; Turner, 902, 1266. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visitors," coupled with names of Bros. Adams and Walls. The former, in reply, expressed his gratification at having had the pleasure of visiting the lodge that day, and congratulated the brethren upon possessing so able a W.M., who not only had carried out the ceremonies of passing and initiating so well, but had given the beautiful lecture on the second tracing board with such great effect. Bro. Walls, in responding, said it was the first time he had had the pleasure of visiting the Phoenix Lodge, which honour he owed to the W.M. He came prepared to see the ceremonies well carried out, as became so distinguished a lodge, but he was quite unprepared to witness the proceedings of the banquet table, and the musical arrangements so admirably concluded. In conclusion he could honestly state that his senses of "seeing, tasting, and hearing," had never before, in a Masonic gathering, been so agreeably employed; he had seen the excellent working of the lodge, he had enjoyed an elegant and substantial banquet, and his ear had been delighted by the vocal and instrumental abilities of the brethren, and he felt exceedingly gratified at the manner in which he had been received. "The Health of the Past Masters" was then proposed and severally responded to. Bro. Witt, P.M., in the course of his reply, introduced an eloquent appeal for the interest of the brethren having votes for the Boys' School, on behalf of the son of Bro. Dawson, of the Phoenix, who died suddenly of heart disease, and left his family totally unprovided for. In addition to the before mentioned brethren, who discoursed most excellent music, Bros. Walls and Matthews, between the toasts, sang and recited. "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" having been given and replied to, the Tyler gave the final toast, and the proceedings terminated.

**DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).**—An exceedingly strong muster of this large and prosperous lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, on the 12th inst. The business commenced at four o'clock by Bro. Kent, I.P.M., opening the lodge, in the absence of Bro. Everett, W.M. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Kent raised Bros. Isensten,

Marriott, Herbage, and Gibson, to the third degree, with the assistance of the officers Bros. Treadwell, S.W.; J. Willing, jun., J.W.; Palmer, S.D.; Buscall, J.D.; Smith, P.M., P.G.P., Treasurer; Williams, Secretary; White, D.C.; Spink, A.D.C. The beautiful and solemn ceremony was well performed. Among the Past Masters of the lodge present were Bros. Brett, P.G.P.; Adams, P.G.P.; and Ferguson. Upon the arrival of the W.M., Bro. Everett, he passed Bros. Plummer and Robinson, and initiated Mr. Thomas Grant Wells. Both ceremonies were performed with great care and ability. The Secretary then read communications he had received concerning the approaching ceremonial of installing His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. It was moved and seconded by Bros. Smith and Kent, and carried unanimously, that the W.M. should be requested to represent the lodge as Steward on the occasion. Bro. Everett having accepted the office with thanks, a resolution was passed that the sum of ten guineas should be voted to Past Master Ferguson, who had volunteered to act as Steward to the Girls' School Festival. Bro. Kent, I.P.M., who had acted as Steward to the Aged Freemasons' Festival in January last, and whose list was headed by a sum of ten guineas from the lodge, then addressed the brethren on the subject, and a formal vote of the lodge was then taken and carried, and that sum decided to be paid to him by the Treasurer. A resolution having been passed that a Summer Festival in connection with the lodge, and in which ladies should participate, a committee consisting of seven members in addition to the officers of the lodge appointed to carry out the necessary arrangements, and the W.M. was empowered to use some of the funds of the lodge for the purpose, should they permit. The lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall. Among the visitors present were Bros. Boyd, 145, P.G.P. of England, &c.; Koch, P.M. 820 and 1381; Fairfax, W.M. 43; Gardner, W.M. 1381; Slec, W.M. 1421; Tucker, J.W. 435; Baker, S.D. 1305; Walls, I.G. 141, 1381, 1503, and 1512; Marks, 1479. The W.M. gave, with commendable brevity, "The Queen and Craft," "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. and the Pro G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers." Bro. Walls having sang one verse of the National Anthem, Bro. Kent, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a neat speech. Bro. Everett, in reply, stated that it was his intention during his term of office, not to trouble the brethren with long speeches, as he wished them to enjoy themselves convivially as much as possible, and therefore he should content himself by thanking them very heartily for the compliment they had paid him, and he hoped that at the expiration of his Mastership, the lodge would have no occasion to regret having elected him to fill the high position which he then held. The initiate, Bro. Wells, having been toasted, made an excellent reply. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. mentioned the names of several who were present at the banquet table, and expressed the gratification he felt at having the honour to dispense the hospitality of the Domatic Lodge to them. Bro. Boyd, in reply, thanked the lodge, through its W.M., for the very excellent manner in which he had been entertained. Bro. Fairfax, in the course of a good speech, stated that he had been highly impressed with the working of the lodge, and at the harmony which prevailed at the banquet table, and should any of the brethren ever visit Warwickshire, he should be only too pleased to see them at his lodge. Bro. Walls, in reply, said that the brethren might think it importunate on his part to address them, after the able manner in which the preceding speakers had responded for the visitors, but as it was the second time he had received their hospitality, he could not allow the last night of their session to pass without expressing his humble meed of praise at the exceedingly good working and general arrangements of the lodge. In conclusion he stated that the W.M. had been the S.W. of his mother lodge, when he received from his hands that badge which he should endeavour to keep Masonically unsullied, and which he should ever regard as a bond of friendship, and on that account he had felt it incumbent upon him to congratulate the Domatic Lodge upon possessing so energetic and zealous a W.M., who had first presented him as a candidate for the privileges of Freemasonry. Bro. Marks also briefly replied. The remaining toasts followed in quick succession, viz.: "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and "The Officers of the Lodge," who all acknowledged the high compliment paid them by the W.M., the replies of Bros. Kent, Smith, and Willing, jun., being particularly good. Between the toasts Bros. Palmer, Dawson, and Walls, entertained the lodge by several vocal and dramatic contributions. The Tyler having given the last toast, the lodge adjourned until October.

**CROYDON.—EAST SURREY LODGE OF CONCORD (No. 463).**—The members of the Lodge of Instruction connected with the East Surrey Lodge of Concord met at their headquarters, Bro. Goodman's, the Fox and Hounds, Croydon, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., to partake of a good substantial dinner, provided by mine host with his usual care and attention; the occasion being the presentation of a testimonial, consisting of a very handsome tea and coffee service and tray to Bro. C. H. Woodward, P.M., on his retirement from his position of Preceptor to the lodge, in acknowledgment of his most zealous attention to his duties, extending over a period of seventeen years. The repast over, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, in well chosen words, by the chairman, Bro. Thos. Wales, P.M., and were duly received and responded to. The toast of the evening then followed and the chairman, in very appropriate terms, presented the testimonial, accompanied by a beautifully executed inscription on vellum, which had been kindly done by a well-known and respected Mason, Bro. Thos. Wales Lee. The testimonial was acknowledged in feeling terms. Several other toasts followed, including "The Chairman," "The Vice-Chairman, Bro. A. C. Ebbutt," "Bro. Sharp," "Bro. Lee," and

Bro. Pocock, the Hon. Sec. to the Lodge of Instruction." The pleasures of the evening were much enhanced by the vocal powers of several of the brethren present; and after a most enjoyable meeting the party retired, all feeling convinced they had done honour to one to whom it was due.

**DERBY.—ARBORETUM LODGE (No. 731).**—The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge room, Arboretum Hotel, Derby, on Wednesday, the 10th of March, at 4 p.m. when there was a large assemblage of the brethren of this and other lodges. The lodge was opened by Bro. T. R. Gee, W. M.; and the ceremony of installing the W. M. Elect, Bro. J. C. Merry, was performed by him, assisted by P. M. Bro. Wright, and P. M. Bro. Cox, and a board of sixteen Installed Masters. The new W. M. appointed his officers as follows, giving an appropriate address to each, on investing him with his collar and jewel, in regard to the duties devolving upon him, Bro. Gee, I. P. M. and Treasurer; Burton, S. W.; Brown, J. W.; Cooper, Sec.; Winter, D. C.; Fowkes, S. D.; T. Merry, J. D.; Knight, I. G.; Cay, Whittaker, and Frazer; Stewards; Stone, Tyler. Amongst the brethren present were, H. Hillam, P.P.G.S.W., P.M.; I. Worsnop, P. M.; R. Bennett, S. W.; J. Miller, I. E. Holloway, W. W. Vincent, I. Caborn, I. Poxon, T. Day, I. Harper, T. Roe, Junr. W. M. 102; W. P. Morris, P. M. 815; W. F. Fowle, P. M. 815; W. H. Marsden, P. G. Sec.; W. J. Gardner, 411; W. Boden, J. D. 353; James Merry, P. M. 1179; W. Loveroch, W. M. 787; G. Small, P. M. 787; J. H. Biggs, J. D. 802; B. Cooper, S. W. 787; T. H. Warner, P. M. 802; The lodge having been closed, the brethren then adjourned to a sumptuous banquet provided by Bro. Baldock, the proprietor of the hotel, in his usual faultless manner, at which upwards of 40 brethren sat down; the W. M. occupied the chair, supported by the Past Masters of the lodge and visiting brethren, the S. W. occupying the vice chair. After the cloth was drawn, "The Queen and Craft," was given from the chair, next, "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England," "R. W. Pro G. M. the Earl of Carnarvon. The Earl Skelmersdale, and rest of the Officers of Grand Lodge." "The R. W. P. G. M. of Derbyshire, the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., the R.W. D. P. G. M., H. C. Okcover, Esq, and the P.G.L. Officers." "The Worshipful Master," was proposed by Bro. P. M. Smith, P. Prov. G. J. W., in suitable terms, congratulating him upon the position he had attained in the lodge, and wishing him a happy and prosperous year. The W. M. responded in a manner which showed how fully he appreciated the honour that had been conferred upon him, and assured the brethren that his best exertions should be put forth to maintain the high character which the lodge had acquired. The W. M. then gave "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Gee," congratulating him on his popularity with the brethren, and the manner in which the business of the lodge had been conducted during the last 12 months, when with a few more suitable remarks he affixed to his breast a very handsome Past Master's jewel, voted by the lodge. The applause of the brethren evinced how thoroughly he had given expression to their sentiments. Bro. Gee responded, thanking them for their kind expressions and handsome present, remarked that the most cordial unanimity had existed in the lodge during the year, and it had been to him a most happy one, and he hoped his successor would have one equally agreeable. The W. M. proposed, "The Health of the Installing Masters and Past Masters of the Arboretum Lodge." "The Visiting Brethren" by the S. W. The "Officers of the Lodge," by the W. M. and the "Tyler's Toast" brought to an end one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent in the Arboretum Lodge.

**WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862)** held its last meeting for this season at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday, March 15th. The lodge was numerously attended, the W. M. was well-supported by his officers:—Bro. T. Kingston, S. W.; W. Walker, J. W.; G. Pritchard, S. D.; Wainmsley, J. D.; W. Harlstone, P. M.; F. Smith, I. P. M.; Jones, P. M.; N. Quilty, Treasurer; R. W. Little, Secretary Girls' School, P.G.S. Middlesex; and Bro. James Weaver, P.M. 862, and 1312, P.Prov.G.Org. Middlesex. There were several visitors; the W. M. passed to the second degree Bro. Cole and Brown. Bro. Weaver then took the chair, and raised to the degree of a Master Mason Bro. Holland, giving the whole of the ceremony with the traditional history and explanation of the tracing board. The lodge will send a Steward to the Albert Hall to represent the lodge at the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, where a sumptuous repast awaited them.

**GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).**—The March meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, 18th inst., Bro. J. Forbes, W. M., in the chair, assisted by R. Bescoy, S. W.; E. Lancaster, J. W.; R. Christie, J. D.; G. West, I. G.; G. Webb, Treasurer, P. M.; and P. G. Jupe, Sec. There were present T. H. Staton, I. P. M.; and H. T. Reed, P. M.; also Bro. Arkell, Barnes, Bathord, Buszard, Hawtin, Hitchcock, Jones, Jenkins, Lancaster, Robinson, Scherl, Tewkesbury, Timberlake. The business of the evening consisted of raising Bro. Short and Hitchcock, and in passing Bro. Jones, Barnes, and Jenkins. The W. M. commenced by examining Bro. Jones and Barnes, and passing them to the second degree, afterwards passing Bro. Jenkins. Bro. Hitchcock was then examined, and raised to the sublime degree. Bro. Short not being in attendance, the W. M. brought forward the notice of the installation of the M.W.G.M., when it was proposed by Bro. Staton, I.P.M., that Bro. Webb, P.M., be nominated as Steward. This was unanimously agreed to, and as there were several members absent, it was decided to send a circular to all, asking for an answer by return, if they intended to be present at the Albert Hall. Bro. Webb returned thanks for the compliment, and there not being any business to transact, the W. M. closed the lodge in due form.

**ROCK FERRY.—ROCK LODGE (No. 1289).**—This lodge met on Friday, the 12th inst., when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Friend, P.M., performed the ceremony of initiation, the candidates afterwards receiving the lecture of the degree, delivered in an admirable manner, by Bro. S. Sprathy, M.D., P.Prov.S.G.D. of Chesire. The W. M., Bro. Ellis, then assumed the chair, and raised a brother to the degree of M.M., in his usual careful and efficient style. About twenty-eight brethren afterwards partook of supper, and a very harmonious evening was spent by all.

**WEST DERBY.—PEMBROKE LODGE (No. 1299).**—The annual installation meeting of this excellent suburban lodge was held on Friday, the 19th inst., at the West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool, where there was a very large and influential gathering of members and visitors. The business commenced shortly before three o'clock, when the lodge was opened by Bro. Peter Macmurdrow, W. M., and the officers who supported him at the initial proceedings were Bro. Joseph Clegg, I.P.M.; Wm. Crane, P.M.; W. Jones, S.W.; R. Bennett, J.W.; H. Liversage, Treasurer; A. E. Kirkpatrick, Secretary; G. Aspinall, J.D.; J. Capell, I.G.; W. S. Bennett, Steward; and H. Robinson, Tyler. The members of the lodge present were Bro. W. Brown, W. Hiles, J. Sutcliffe, P.M.; F. R. Bramham, J. Stephenson, J. Lonsdale, H. Hargreaves, T. Baxter, J. Holmes, J. Dawson, and J. Christian. The visitors present were Bro. W. Doyle, P. Prov. J. G. D., P.M. 667; J. Skeaf, P.G.Org., P.M. 216; J. Lunt, P.G.S., P.M. 1086; J. W. Baker, P.M. 241; Rev. Dr. Hyde, 1016; J. P. Bryan, O. 1035; C. Humphries, W.M., 1013; R. Yelland, S.W.; 1094; W. J. Chapman, 667; H. Nelson, W.M., 1505, P.M., 673; W. Wood, P.M., 1182; W. T. May, P.M. 673; R. Brown, S.W., 241, &c. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. Wm. Jones, the W. M. elect, was presented to Bro. J. Clegg, P.M., by Bro. P. Macmurdrow, P.M., and Bro. Crane, P.M., for the benefit of installation. Bro. Clegg last year performed this ceremony in a remarkably effective manner, and although called upon for the second time at a few hours' notice, he went through the performance of the installation and the investiture proceedings in a creditable manner. Bro. Wm. Jones, after being placed in the chair of W. M. with the usual ceremonial, chose the following as his officers:—Bro. P. Macmurdrow, I.P.M.; Richard Bennett, S.W.; G. Aspinall, J.W.; H. Liversage, Treasurer, (unanimously re-elected for the third time); A. G. Kirkpatrick, Secretary; J. Capell, S.D.; W. S. Bennett, J.D.; John Dawson, I. G.; Joseph Clegg, P.M., D.C.; John Holme, S.S.; W. Hiles, J.S.; and H. Robinson, Tyler. At the conclusion of business, the brethren sat down to a capital banquet, provided by Bro. Rawlinson, "mine host" of the hotel in which the meeting was held. The W. M. briefly gave the toasts, "The Queen and the Craft," "Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," "Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. England, R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire, and his Deputy, Bro. the Right Hon. F. Stanley." "The Health of the W. M." was pointedly and happily proposed by Bro. P. Macmurdrow, I.P.M., and then followed the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. J. Clegg, P.M." The W. M. afterwards proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. P. Macmurdrow," to whom, in the name of the lodge, he presented a handsome Past Master's jewel, referring to the excellent way in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair. "The Past Masters of No. 1299" was responded to by Bro. W. Crane, P.M.; "The Officers of No. 1299," by the S.W., Bro. R. Bennett; "The Visitors," by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Hyde; and "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," Bro. R. Brown, the Hon. Sec. to the noble charity. The Tyler's Toast brought the after-dinner proceedings to a termination at an early hour, and afterwards the lodge was closed in due form.

**IVY LODGE (No. 1441).**—The brethren of this lodge responded very numerously to the call of the W. M., which summoned them together for Masonic business on Tuesday the 16th inst., at Bro. Plock's, the Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark Bridge Road, and some twenty visitors were also present to share in the working of the lodge, and the subsequent festivities which crowned the occasion, it being the night of installation in the lodge. The lodge was opened in due form at the appointed hour by Bro. Charles Smith, W. M., and founder, who, during his tenure of office, since the consecration of the lodge in the year before last, has discharged the duties of the chair in a manner which we trust will be long treasured up in the memories of the brethren of the Ivy Lodge, as one to be followed and imitated by every succeeding W. M. More especially we signal out for special approbation his careful husbanding of the funds of the lodge, the balance-sheet showing that the lodge has obtained, during its brief existence under his Mastership, a very satisfactory position, being not only free from debt, but with a considerable sum devoted to the benefit of the Masonic charities, and the promotion of a private benevolent fund attached to the lodge. Bro. Smith, who, we were sorry to observe, was suffering from indisposition, having opened the lodge, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed; the lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. D. H. Ashford was investigated as to his proficiency in the science preparatory to his being raised to the sublime degree, which was ultimately conferred upon him. The lodge having again been resumed to the proper stage, Bro. C. A. Cotterburne, P.G.P., presented Bro. G. Mattock, S.W. and W. M. Elect, to receive from the hands of the W. M. the benefit of installation, a duty which was discharged by Bro. Smith in a manner which elicited the highest compliments and felicitations from the many eminent brethren who were present; he was rapturously applauded at the termination of his labour. In due course the officers were appointed for the ensuing year. Bro. Smith addressing each in appropriate terms on the duties of his station, viz., Bro. J. J. Cattle, S.W.; C. F. Poupard,

J. W.; Smith, Treasurer; C. S. Jolly, Secretary; L. Cornelissen, S.D.; W. Ashwell, J.D.; J. F. K. Smith, I.G.; T. H. Cox, W.S.; R. Forster, D.C.; and G. T. Fox, P.M., Tyler. The ceremony of installation being concluded, the newly installed W. M. gave the brethren a taste of his quality, by initiating in a very creditable manner, Messrs. A. H. Miller and R. M. C. Gloag, two professional gentlemen of eminence, after which Bro. Mattock addressed the brethren thus:—"Brethren, I have now a duty to perform, which occasions me great satisfaction and pleasure. It is to present to Bro. Chas. Smith, our retiring W. M., a jewel, as a token of the affection and high esteem in which he is held by the members of the Ivy Lodge, and also a testimonial on vellum, expressing those sentiments entertained by the brethren. I need not make any comment upon his abilities as a Mason, or upon his conduct in public and private capacity. Suffice it to say that he is every where equally respected by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance and friendship. May he live long to be amongst us." The jewel was then affixed to Bro. Smith's breast, and the testimonial presented, which was elaborately emblazoned and surrounded with an admirably executed border, emblematic of the plant from which the lodge derives its name, and bearing the following inscription:—"Ivy Lodge, No. 1441: This testimonial, accompanying a Past Master's jewel, is presented to Bro. Charles Smith, one of the Founders and First Worshipful Master of the above Masonic lodge, upon his retirement from office, as a token of the sincere respect and admiration entertained by the brethren for the efficient manner in which he fulfilled the duties of that important position. In verification of which we have subscribed our names this 16th March, 1875. (Signed)." Bro. Smith expressed his acknowledgement in a few well chosen sentences, which showed that he fully appreciated the kind expressions of good will emanating from the brethren. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren proceeded to the Bridge House Hotel, where a superb banquet awaited them. The retiring W. M. was unable to remain with the brethren, having only left a sick room to discharge what to him was a solemn and imperative duty; and his absence from the banquet table was most materially felt.

**HAMPTON HILL.—FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE (No. 1503).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel on the 10th inst. In consequence of the unavoidable absence of Bro. Col. Wigginton, the W. M., the proceedings were opened by Bro. Hammond, P.M., and W. M. of 1512, who kindly officiated in his stead, assisted by Bro. Saunders, S.W.; Tomlinson, P.G.S.D. of Norfolk, J.W.; Walls, acting S.D.; Deekes, J.D.; Vinaggo, Treasurer; Mitchell, Secretary; Jenkins, acting I.G.; Harrison, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Hammond raised Bro. Court and Vaughan to the sublime degree. The ceremony was well carried out. Bro. Horsley, P.M., &c., then assumed the position of W. M. and passed Bro. Bennett to the degree of Fellow Craft in an excellent manner. The W. M., Bro. Col. Wigginton, having arrived, then initiated Mr. W. Taylor into the Craft with his customary ability. The notice of motion, given by the W. M. at the last meeting, that the W. M. of the Francis Burdett Lodge for the time being should have the sum of £10 10s. voted to him to head his list as Steward to one of the three charities, was then fully discussed, and ultimately a resolution was unanimously passed to the effect that the W. M. for the time being, or a member should become a Life Governor of one of the three charities alternately. The W. M. also moved that a Masonic lending library should be formed and a Committee appointed to carry it out, consisting of the W. M., P.M.'s the Wardens, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, who should be annually elected. This was seconded by the S.W. and unanimously carried. The W. M. further moved that a Lodge of Instruction—to be held under the sanction of the lodge—should be formed as soon as practicable; this was also seconded by the S.W., and carried without dissent. In introducing the next and last motion on the agenda as to the removal of the lodge, on account of the insufficiency of accommodation, the W. M. stated that he had personally used every endeavour to obtain at the last licensing sessions a licence for the house, but on account of the strong opposition and influence of one of the residents, the application was refused, and he believed that another petition would fare no better next year, and consequently, although he would rather have remained at the King's Arms Hotel, yet, as many of the brethren resided in town, it was necessary that some place should be obtained where the trains were more frequent, and where adequate refreshment and other accommodation could be obtained. He then called upon Bro. Horsley, P.M., to move a resolution upon the matter. Bro. Horsley said that as he had on the last occasion brought the matter forward at length, he should not trouble the brethren with many remarks on the subject that evening, but as he had heard that there was good accommodation to be had at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham Station, and as there were frequent trains to and from town from that place he should move that the Francis Burdett Lodge should be removed to the Albany Hotel, subject to the sanction and approval of Col. Burdett, the P.G.M. of Middlesex, or to some other place in its vicinity. This resolution was seconded by Bro. Saunders and unanimously carried, and a committee—consisting of the W. M., the Wardens, and Bro. Horsley, Knaggs, and Mitchell, appointed to wait upon Col. Burdett upon the matter, and, if his consent were obtained, to immediately carry out the necessary arrangements. Some minor business having been transacted the lodge was duly closed and the brethren separated.

**METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).**—The regular March meeting of this lodge was held on the 18th inst., at the Metropolitan Club, 269, Pentonville-road, under the presidency of Bro. James Willing, jun., W. M. Among the brethren present were Bro. J. J. Michael, S.W.; T.

Williams, J.W.; R. Rose, Treas.; George Tims, Sec.; H. Child, S.D.; R. T. Kingham, J.D.; J. T. Doreglass, I.G.; R. Fowler, D.C.; C. Scales, Steward; Rapkin, Side, Coles, Cheek, Tims, jun., Easy, Sainsbury, Shand, Cavet, Stiles, Gilbert, Clarke, Horton; and visitors, Bros. Tubbs, P.M.; Harris, P.M.; and H. M. Levy, P.M. Bros. Trimmings, H. G. Rapkin, Rogers, J. Timms and Hatton were raised, and Bro. Sainsbury, Shand and Tritton, passed; after which Mr. William Read, of Holford-place, was initiated into the Order. The brethren then proceeded with the elections, and Bro. Michael, S.W., was chosen W.M. for the next year. Bro. R. Rose was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. H. Daly, T. A motion of the W.M.'s was carried, "that a summer festival, at which ladies are to be present, be held in the month of July," and a committee consisting of Bros. Scales, Side, Rapkin, Cheek, and Jones, was appointed to carry out the details. A P.M. jewel of the value of ten guineas was voted to Bro. Willing for the success which the lodge had attained during his year of office, there being now forty eight members on the roll. It was decided to have an emergency meeting on the 15th proximo for the dispatch of business, and the lodge was afterwards closed. The lodge work was succeeded by an excellent banquet, and the brethren wound up the evening by honouring the usual masonic toasts.

HAMPTON.—HEMING LODGE (No. 1512).—A strong meeting of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, Hampton, on Thursday, the 18th inst., it being the last meeting of the season, and the night of election of W.M. The proceedings commenced at six o'clock in the evening. There were present—Bros. Hammond, P.M. 201, W.M. 1326, P.G.S. Middlesex, &c., W.M.; E. Hopwood, P.M. 141, S.W.; S. Hill, P.M. of several lodges, J.W.; J. Hammond, P.M., Sec.; Rawe, P.M. 969, acting I.P.M.; Hurst, S.D.; Walls, 141, 1381, W.S. 1503, I.G., acting J.D.; Jessop, acting I.G.; Gilbert, G.T. of Middlesex, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Watts, P.M. 201; Carvell, P.M. 201; Wagner, S.W. 201; Jenkins, 382, 1503; Sadler, 1293. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., with the assistance of his officers, initiated Mr. Kent into the mysteries of the Craft, and passed Bro. Arnold to the second degree. The impressive ceremonies of both degrees were carefully and ably performed by the W.M. The Secretary then formally read the bye-laws, in compliance with the Book of Constitutions, which were passed without dissent. The ballot was then taken for the election of a Worshipful Master, which resulted in Bro. Hopwood, the S.W., being unanimously elected. The W.M. congratulated the S.W. on his success, and assured the lodge that their choice had fallen on a brother who would reflect honour on the position, as he was a P.M. of many years standing of one of the oldest lodges in the City of London. Bro. Hopwood having returned thanks, the ballot was taken for the election of a Treasurer in the place of Bro. Jephson, who had resigned that office in consequence of failing health, which ballot unanimously resulted in favour of Bro. Rawe, P.M. 969. A vote of condolence was ordered to be sent to the widow and family of Bro. Limpus, P.G.O. of Middlesex, Organist of the lodge, whose melancholy and premature death has cast a gloom in Masonic circles, where he had endeared himself by the exercise of those genial and musical abilities which he so amply possessed. Bro. Hopwood moved and Bro. Hill seconded, which was unanimously passed, that a Past Master's jewel should be presented at the next meeting to the W.M., who had carried out the duties of his position so ably. Bro. Hammond in reply to this mark of confidence and esteem said that he should prefer that the sum kindly voted by the lodge to purchase the decoration should be devoted towards purchasing a life governorship of one of the charities for some member of his family. The J.W. then addressed the lodge and said he hoped the W.M. would not pass the matter in that way, as he was of opinion that a P.M.'s jewel should always be awarded a W.M., when found deserving of the distinction, and should be worn by him as an incentive to those young members who were anxious to attain the chair. Bro. Walls also supported this view and said that as the W.M. was one of the founders of the lodge, and would hold next year the proud position of being first P.M., it was a duty he owed the lodge to accept the jewel and he respectfully hoped that Bro. Hammond would accede to the general wish of the lodge on the matter. The W.M. said that after the views that had been expressed by the several speakers and the unanimous vote of the lodge having been taken he would withdraw his request that the money should be devoted to one of the charities and desired to express his grateful acknowledgment for the honour of receiving a Past Master's jewel, which had been so kindly awarded him by his brethren of the Hemming Lodge. The lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren having partaken of refreshment, the lodge was adjourned until October next.

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GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MUNGO (No. 27).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on the 18th inst. Bro. Dugald Butler, R.W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported on the dais by Bros. Geo. Sinclair, P.M.; Archdeacon McTaggart, D.M.; Jas. W. Burns, R.W.M. 87; John Miller, P.M. 87; Alex. Bain, P.M. 103; and A. R. Wilson, Chaplain 27. Bros. Dr. McInnes, S.W.; McComb, J.W.; and W. Niven, Secretary, occupied their respective positions. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and passed, the chairman announced that at their next regular meeting, on 1st proximo, they would have the annual visitation of the P.G.L. of Glasgow, and thereafter would be favoured with a lecture from the Rev. Mr. Jamieson, of St. Matthew's Established Church. In the latter he expected a treat, and he hoped they would

have a large and respectable meeting. The lodge was then called for a short time to refreshment, during which the chairman proposed the toast of "The Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow," coupled with the name of Bro. Geo. Sinclair, Treasurer and convener of the P.G.L. Benevolent Fund. In acknowledging the compliment, Bro. Sinclair said he hoped that P.G.L. would be found continuing on as they had done in the past. It had done a good deal to raise the status of Masonry generally in the province, to keep the working of the various lodges in proper order, and see that their books were correctly kept, and in relieving poor and distressed persons—widows of Masons especially—who might have claims upon their sympathy. This last year, towards the fund, they had received from the lodges, from initiation fees, £190 5s., which represented, an addition of 761, to the membership of the Order, being an increase of 61 over the year preceding. Their total income for the year was about £215, and they had disbursed in charity the sum of £100. In some instances the grants awarded were of £4, £5, and even £6, respectively. They had also been instrumental in aiding not a few into a way of doing for themselves; one case being that of a widow whom they had managed to put into a little shop, whereby she now not only supported herself, but five of a family. The present gross capital of the fund was about £750; but the R.W.P.G.M. was presently taking steps to interest in the matter a few gentlemen who did not attend lodges, but could well spare a £5 note; and he (the speaker) saw no reason why they should not before long have £1,000 invested. When that was accomplished, they would be able to do much more in the way of benevolence. The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was then given by the S.W., and responded to by Bros. Burns, R.W.M. 87; A. C. Lindsay-Gray, D.M. 102; and A. Sage, P.M. 4. The lodge having thereafter been recalled to labour, it was moved by the R.W.M., seconded by the P.M., and agreed to, nem. con., that honorary affiliation to the lodge be conferred on Bro. Stewart, of Lodge Commercial, 360. The ceremony of affiliation was then performed by Bro. A. McTaggart, and Bro. Stewart having acknowledged the compliment paid him, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE THISTLE (No. 87).—The 113th anniversary of this lodge was celebrated by a supper and ball, held in the Crown Rooms, Sauchiehall-street, on the 16th inst. At about eight o'clock the chair in the supper-room was taken by the R.W.M., Bro. James W. Burns, who was supported on the platform by Bros. John Mackie, John Miller, and John Fraser, Past Masters of the lodge; C. H. Jenkins, D.M.; and James Love, S.M.; Thomas Paton, Treasurer; Archd. McTaggart, P.G. Secretary; Robert McDougall, R.W.M. 553 (St. Vincent); and W. B. Paterson, 27. Bro. James Booth, S.W., officiated as Croupier, supported by Bros. William Wilson, J.W.; D. McDougall, Secretary; &c. There was a large attendance of brethren of the lodge and other lodges, with their wives, sweethearts, and daughters, and in all about 120 sat down to a supper at once amply and admirably purveyed for by Bro. S. McPhee, of the St. Andrew Restaurant, Hutcheson-street. The substantial having been disposed of, the chairman proposed in order the toasts of "The Queen, Prince of Wales, and Royal Family," and that of "The Three Grand Lodges." He then gave the toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," coupling with it the name of Bro. McTaggart, P.G. Sec. In acknowledging the compliment, Bro. McTaggart said that he would fail in his duty to the company, as well as to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, if he did not return them his sincere thanks for the honour they had, through himself, done the Provincial Grand Lodge. And why, he would ask, was this honour always accorded, not only on all high and festive occasions, but on all occasions on which the brethren harmonised in the light? The answer, to his thinking, was easy. It was because, as he thought, the office-bearers of the different lodges, as well as the members generally, were satisfied that the Provincial Grand Lodge had endeavoured to do its duty. In regard to some of its schemes, it had no doubt failed; and amongst these might be reckoned the erection of a grand Masonic Temple in our midst—the scheme for the education of Masons' "bairns,"—and that of houses for decayed brethren, their widows and orphans. Still, when the past history of Masonry in Scotland came to be told, it would be discovered that, allowing for the poverty of their country, they had done their duty. All would have been made right but for the untimely death of Bro. Capt. Arch. A. Spiers, of Elderslie, their late P.G.M.—than whom one more worthy never filled the chair, or was actuated by more noble principles. Death took him away; but, in his place, we have a man and a brother who will follow in his noble footsteps to elevate the principle of Masonry here, and extend it elsewhere. With regard to other very important objects, the speaker believed that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow had succeeded. They had succeeded, first, in bringing the working of the individual lodges into better order, and in giving them a better tone. Formerly there was no control over them whatever; but by their visitations and constant and regular supervision, the Provincial Grand Lodge had brought them into harmony. Again, they had made the lodges more tolerant of each other, readier to reciprocate kindnesses, and more harmonious in their relationships. Further, they had succeeded in fostering the principles of benevolence and charity. (Applause.) The membership was not a "benefit" society, but a benevolent society; they did not enter into it to get good, but to do good. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow had a hard fight to gain their object; but ultimately, through the assistance of the Grand Lodge, they succeeded in establishing a permanent benevolent fund. One of the chief of those who early laboured in this direction was Bro. James Thomson, who strove for it from the beginning, and who left it flourishing.

(Applause). So much so, that they had a handsome sum funded, and were able to disburse a very large amount per annum amongst applicants who were found worthy of recognition and support. (Applause). They had succeeded in another point—that was, in endeavouring constantly to inculcate a knowledge of the higher esoteric principles of the Order, to illustrate its symbolism, and expand its higher allegorical allusions. Finally, the P.G.L. of Glasgow had led the van of Provincial Grand Lodges in Scotland, had thrown in its lot unreservedly with Grand Lodge, and had prevented dissensions and even schisms, which in past years were loudly and widely prevalent. In conclusion, he (Bro. McTaggart) hoped that in the future they should go on, until they saw the ancient Order flourishing in its pristine purity and unity. (Applause). Before sitting down Bro. McTaggart said they would allow him to propose the toast of the evening—viz., "Lodge Thistle, 87." The lodge, he said, had seen its days of prosperity and of adversity, but now it had prosperity along with it. For the last ten years, he believed, it had been going on to prosper, and adding at the rate of about thirty per annum to its membership. It was due to the lodge to mention the Past Masters who had earnestly worked for its prosperity. And foremost among these they could not omit the name of Bro. Thomas Payton, who presided over it for no less a period than eleven years. (Applause.) To him succeeded Bro. John Fraser, the active and loyal brother; and next came Bro. John Miller, who occupied the chair—not for the first but second time—for three years. Now they had in the seat of honour to-night, Bro. Burns, in whose hands they expected the lodge would continue to flourish as it had done in time past. (Applause). The speaker concluded by stating that in its intercourse, whether at labour or at refreshment, he hoped the lodge would always harmonise in the light, whether it might be in the light of brotherly love, moral truth or intellectual progress and forbearance. The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm. In briefly replying to it, the chairman said that he was comparatively a young member of the lodge. He had, on his right hand, the oldest member of 87 at the present moment, Bro. Mackie, who had been connected with it for over thirty years. Next to him was Bro. Miller, who had been twice Master during twenty-four years; and at the other end of the table was Bro. Sinclair, a member for twenty-one years. Under these circumstances he felt very young indeed; seeing he had been a member for only five years. Referring to a time previous to that, he said he was once so sceptical about secret societies of every sort—especially Freemasonry—that he denounced them and scoffed at them. He said to himself that he would become a Freemason from sheer curiosity, and then he could laugh and scoff at them more than ever. So strong was his scepticism, and utter abhorrence, that if he had been told when he entered Lodge 87, that within five years he would be Master, he would have replied that the man who said so would be in Gartnaval, or in his grave before he (the speaker) took the chair. However, he was not long in finding out how mistaken he had been, that the principles of Freemasonry are what the Almighty teaches in His holy works, and that those who deviate from its principles could not believe in the Bible. In a few words, with reference to the lodge affairs, the chairman stated that, in Nov. 1873, their cash in hand amounted to about £105; and in November last (1874) to over £119. After paying all their expenses last year, which amounted to about £30, and giving away £14 in charity, the balance in hand was the sum mentioned (£119) which the lodge had on hand to dispense in charity if required. The sum thus disbursed last year might, he stated, have been trebled, if it had been wanted. Immediately on concluding his reply, the chairman said he had now the most arduous duty of the evening to perform, namely, a presentation to the late Master of the lodge, Bro. John Miller, who had twice occupied the chair, and the last time for three years in succession. After a few complimentary remarks, the chairman accordingly made formal presentation to Bro. Miller of a valuable gold watch, together with a silver tea set and salver for Mrs. Miller. On the watch was an inscription stating that it was presented by brethren of the lodge and friends as a mark of respect and esteem. The salver was also suitably inscribed. Bro. Miller, in feeling terms, acknowledged the gifts. He had, he said, for some time been making up his mind to withdraw, in a great measure, for the Order. He thought he had done his duty, and wanted to make room for new blood. However, this token of their respect had put a binding tie upon him in such a manner that he could not withdraw from it just yet a while. Amongst the remaining toasts on the programme, subsequent to the presentation, were "The Ladies," proposed in unusually happy terms by Bro. Wilson, J.W.; and replied to by Bro. McDougall, Secretary; "The Press," by Bro. W. P. Paterson, acknowledged by Bro. W. H. Bickerton (Freemason); and "Visiting Friends," by Bro. John Fraser, P.M., responded to by Bro. R. McDougall, R.W.M. 533 (St. Vincent). The routine of toast and speech, we should add, was agreeably varied by music, vocal and instrumental, and the proceedings in the supper room having been concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," the majority of the company proceeded down stairs to the ball-room, where dancing was commenced forthwith, and kept up with unflagging spirit till an early hour.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MARK (No. 102).—The third of a series of harmony meetings got up in this lodge was held on the 16th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. J. F. Mitchell, presided, supported by Bros. Halket, P.M.; Harper, R.W.M. Lodge Clyde, 408; John Smith, Secretary; and a large number of visiting brethren. The business in chief of the evening was the delivery of a lecture on "Coal Mines, and a Visit to a Coal Pit," by the R.W.M. The subject, as might have been expected under the circumstances, was handled in a masterly manner, and at the close the lecturer received a cordial vote of thanks from the lodge. The next lecture is to be delivered by Bro. Bairnsfather on

29th inst. The subject is "Egypt," and the lecture will be illustrated by pictures exhibited under the lime-light.

**PARTICK.**—**LODGE ST. MARY** (No. 117).—The bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held on 17th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. W. Wylie, presided, supported on the dais by Bro. Ferguson, R.W.M., 503; and the P.M., D.M., S.M., and Treasurer of the Lodge 117. There was an unusually large attendance, including deputations from Lodge St. John, Dalmeir; and St. Vincent, Glasgow, (553). The business consisted of passing, a raising, five candidates having been duly initiated by Bro. Bain, D.M., and eight passed to the F.C. degree, and subsequently raised to the sublime degree, by Bros. Borland and R.W.M., Wylie. The lodge, we may mention, has arranged for erecting a new hall, the plans for which are already out of the architect's hands.

**GLASGOW.**—**LODGE ST. GEORGE** (No. 333).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday 10th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. Alexander Thomson, presided, and there were also present as officers of the lodge, Bros. John M'Farlane, D.M.; Jas. Forsyth, S.W.; Robert Anderson, J.W.; Archd. McIntyre, Secretary; Thomas Hill, J.D.; and Jno. McDonald, Architect. The lodge having been opened, two candidates, namely, Robert Fairbairn and James Rutherford, farrier-sergeant 5th Dragoon Guards, who had both been duly recommended, received the E.A. degree at the hands of Bro. Wm. Robertson, P.M. of the lodge. The latter candidate, his case being one of emergency, was subsequently passed to the Fellow Craft degree by Bro. Robertson, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Bro. J. O. Park. Thereafter, the R.W.M. stated that there had been forwarded to him by Bro. Wm. Dobson, of the Theatre Royal, a petition to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, craving that body to sanction the erection of a new lodge within the Province of Glasgow, for the special benefit of members of the Craft belonging to the musical and dramatic professions. The petition referred to the fact that, owing to the peculiar exigencies of these professions, the members thereof were debarred from attending lodge meetings at the hours at which such were usually held, and stated that, to meet these exigencies, the hour of assemblage of the proposed lodge would be three o'clock p.m. The proposed name of the lodge was to be "The Dramatic," and the place of meeting at 163, Renfield-street, corner of Cowcaddens. The petition had been sent to Lodge St. George for the purpose of having the signature of the Master and Wardens of the latter attached thereto, should the lodge acquiesce in its prayer. The R.W.M., after explaining the scope of the petition, announced his decided objection to its being endorsed by Lodge St. George. He thought there was no present necessity whatever for the erection of a new lodge in the district; and there was a particular objection in the case of such a lodge as that proposed, namely, that they could not have a staff of permanent office-bearers. The nature of the "professional's" avocations forbade this. They were migratory in their habits—here this week and gone the next. Under these circumstances, they could not have a staff of office-bearers such as was requisite to the regular conduct of a lodge. He therefore moved that Lodge St. George have nothing to do with the petition, but send it back as they had received it. The motion was seconded by Bro. John M'Farlane, D.M., and unanimously agreed to. The lodge was thereafter closed in due and ancient form.

The anniversary of this lodge was celebrated on the 19th inst. in the large hall of Bro. Middleton's dining rooms, Trongate, when between sixty and seventy brethren sat down to an excellent supper soon after eight o'clock, p.m. The chair was occupied by Bro. Alexander Thompson, R.W.M.; Bro. Andrew McIntyre, P.M., officiating as Croupier. Supporting these there were Bros. John Winton, Wm. Robertson, and Robert Adam, P.M.'s of the lodge; James Forsyth, S.W.; John Clark, Chaplain; A. McIntyre, jun., Secretary. The tables having been cleared after an excellent supper, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, including that of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," were given in succession and duly honoured. The chairman then delivered a short address, in the course of which he said that Masonry was a great moral institution. Its principles were taken from the Bible—and the latter was the great luminary of their Order. Bereft of the Bible, Masonry was bankrupt. The objects of Masonry were not prohibited, nor were they confined to any denomination or any sect. It had been the means of uniting millions of men of all nations and of all creeds in one common bond of amity. The name of the Prince of Wales was a guarantee that loyalty to their sovereign and country was their true and sterling watchword, and they had the experience of 3,000 years to show that charity to mankind and love to the brethren were and had been the leading and guiding principles of their noble Craft, and the great and ultimate ends of their association. The toast of "Lodge St. George, 333," was then given by Bro. Gilchrist, drank with enthusiasm, and responded to Bro. Writon, with whose name it had been coupled. The chairman then said:—I now rise to perform a pleasing duty, namely, to present our friend Bro. Writon with a small token of our respect. I have no doubt some might perform the duty with more ability; but no one could do so with kinder and more brotherly love than I now do. It is not the value of the article I am about to present, but the way in which this testimonial has been got up that makes its value; and nothing could be more pleasing to Bro. Writon, or to any man, than to receive in so brotherly a way the approval of those with whom he has been long associated. I am pleased at being the medium through which this is to pass; and I trust he may be long spared to use it; and that every time the hands pass round the dial it may remind him that his time on earth is one hour less, so that he may with greater earnestness prepare for entering the Grand Lodge above. The chairman then

said he had great pleasure in formally handing over to Bro. Winton the testimonial in question, which consisted of a very handsome marble ormolu time-piece and a pair of heroic bronze figures. After a brief interval, Bro. Winton in suitable and feeling terms acknowledged the compliments paid him. Among the remaining toasts were "Past Masters of 333," acknowledged by Bro. Robert Adam; "Visiting Brethren," acknowledged by Bro. Peter Stewart, of Seone Lodge, Perth; "Absent Brethren," "The Festival Committee," "The Chairman," "The Croupier," and "The Health of Bro. Middleton," Purveyor.

**GLASGOW.**—**LODGE COMMERCIAL**, No. 360.—The regu-fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, No. 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, on Friday, the 19th instant, Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., occupied the chair, Bro. J. Mj Olliver, S.W.; Bro. T. Graham, acting J.W. There was also present, Bro. John Davidson, P.M.; Bro. J. E. Spiers, S.M.; Bro. W. H. Bickerton, Secretary, and many other members of the Lodge. Among the visitors we noticed Bro. W. Shaw, R.W.M., Lodge Caledonian, No. 354; Bro. Wm. Wylie, R.W.M., Lodge St. Mary, No. 117; Bro. L. Moritz, and a deputation from Lodge Caledonian, 354. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. John Monro, and the Secretary read the minutes of last meeting, which were approved of. The lodge was raised to F.C., and Bros. W. Harrison and A. Martin were passed to that degree, Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., officiating in his usual efficient manner. There being no other business the lodge was closed. The next regular meeting of this lodge will take place on Friday, 2nd April, in their hall, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow. (Business passing and raising). Visitors are cordially invited, and a full attendance of members requested.

### Mark Masonry.

**ROCHDALE.**—**LODGE OF FAITH**, (No. 20).—The quarterly meeting of this M.M.M. lodge was held on Thursday, March 4th, and there was a numerous attendance of the brethren this being, the annual festival. The lodge was opened in due form at 6.15, and the minutes of the last lodge were read and put for confirmation and were unanimously carried. Bro. J. J. Smith of Naphthali Lodge having been proposed by letter, was balloted for and approved, he was then admitted and regularly advanced to the rank of a M.M.M., by P.M., William Davis. Bro. F. B. Ashworth having served the office of W.M., in the Craft in such a manner that the brethren unanimously elected him to the office of W.M., of this M.M.M.'s, lodge, and he was duly installed according to custom by W. Davis, P.M., supported by Bros. W. Roberts, P.M.; W. H. Prince, P.G.S.W.; C. W. Jones, P.M. The installation of the W.M., being finished the Board of Installed Masters was closed, and the brethren were admitted, and the W.M., appointed the following officers, Bros. J. Bell, S.W.; J. Partington, S.W.; R. Gorton, M.O.; J. Holt, S.O.; Richardson, S.O.; J. J. Smith, Chaplain; D. Mitchell, P.M., Treasurer; W. Briggs, Secretary; H. Chadwick, Reg. of M.; J. Burnish, S.D.; W. Davis, P.M., Dir. of Cer.; C. O'Dhorty, J.D.; W. Schofield, I.G.; P.M., J. M. Taylor. After rendering the communications and receiving hearty good wishes from the Prov. Grand Lodge of Lancashire, and the Prov. Grand Lodge, West Yorkshire, also from Roberts Lodge, No. 24. The lodge was closed at eight p.m., and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was sumptuously provided by P.M. W. Ashworth. The W.M. took the chair and was well supported by his officers and brethren after the cloth was removed the M.W. proposed "The Health of the Queen." The W.M. next gave "H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, and the Members of the Royal Family." The W.M. next gave the W.M. Grand Mark Master Mason, the Rt. Hon. Earl Percy, and with it the M.W. Past Grand Mark Master Masons, the Rt. Hon. Lord Leigh Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Vicount Holmesdale M. P.; W. W. Beach Esq. M. P. and the Rev. George Raymond, Portal, M. A. The next toast given was the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Limerick, and the rest of the Grand Officers. The W.M. gave the R. W. Provincial Grand Master for Lancashire—The S.W. gave Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale Deputy, P.G.M. The J. W. gave the rest of the P. G. Officers. The Health of the newly Installed Master was next proposed. The W.M. on rising, thanks the brethren very heartily for having once more placed him in the honourable position of W.M. and assured them that it would be his constant study to merit their esteem. The Health of the Installing Master was given and briefly responded to. The W.M. gave to all poor and distressed &c. and the brethren separated after having spent a very pleasant evening.

### SOCIETATIS ROSICRUCIANÆ IN ANGLIA.

A meeting of the Rosicrucian United College of Manchester, Liverpool, and the Northern Counties was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, the 20th inst. There were present R. W. Frater C. Fitzgerald Matier, 19°; C. A. Frater J. Yarker, P.S.G. (F.C.O.); Fraters G. Turner, J. Wood, Entwistle, Brockbank, Robinson, Leather, Clark, Green, Petty, Hine, H. Nelson, Wilson, and others. The M.C. was opened at half-past four o'clock, and after confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held at Liverpool and ballot for aspirants the following were admitted to the grade of Zelator:—Bros. Joseph H. Woodworth, Ohanness Andrasian, R. Hardman Holt, and Thomas Wainman Holmes. Frater Yarker afterwards read a paper upon "The Egyptian Ritual of the Book of the Dead." He commenced by quoting the words of St. Matthew, "Out of Egypt have I called my Son," and drew from thence arguments favouring the divine nature of Jesus. He then showed the doubtful and uninspired nature of the biblical chronology, and the arguments upon which the antiquity of man was

founded, and the general derivation of all nations from the highlands of Central Asia. Frater Yarker passed from this to the cosmogonical theories of the Chinese, Babylonians, Egyptians, &c., and from thence to the doctrines of the "Book of the Dead," which he showed to embrace an antiquity of from 5,000 to 10,000 years, and to include all the salient points of the Christian faith. Quoting from this ancient source he showed the divine origin of man, the immortal nature of his soul, and the temptations to which he is subjected in the future state until justified by Hesper the "meek-hearted," the primitive man soul, who gave His own blood that we might partake of His divine nature, the Chauratic father, brother, and spiritual judge, like all living souls "begotten by Ptah out of Neith," or the male and female primal source acted upon by Turn, the Polar rays through Saturn or Rhea—time and space. At length the Hesper, A.B. (discard), is crowned as a faithful servant of the gods, who address him:—"Thy father Turn has bound Thee with this good crown of justification, with that living frontlet, beloved of the gods, thou livest for ever." After a short discussion, led by the R.W. Chief Adept, Frater Matier, a vote of thanks was carried to Frater Yarker by acclamation.

### EARLY GRAND ENCAMPMENT, SCOTLAND.

The quarterly communication of Grand Council of the Early Grand Encampment was held on the 6th inst., at the Sun Inn, Kilmarnock, the M.N.G.A., Sir Knight Hodge, presiding. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Council proceeded with their usual business.

The Encampments were not so well represented at this meeting as they generally are. The Encampment of Muirkirk, which, to a certain extent, has seceded from the general body, and though notified to attend, did not put in their appearance. They, however, intimated by letter the cause of their absence. For certain reasons their expulsion from the Early Grand Encampment of Scotland was agreed upon.

The following motion, being proposed, seconded, and carried by acclamation, that, having considered the conduct of Muirkirk, and their pertinacity in retaining in their possession the paraphernalia, the property of Grand Encampment, their time having expired to their rightful use of the same; and although Grand Encampment, acting upon legal advice, could easily recover the same, they do not wish to bring the matter so far, as being quite inconsistent with our Masonic teachings, they have, however, resolved to expel from their body the Encampment of Muirkirk. The said Encampment of Muirkirk shall henceforth neither hold name or number in the records of the Early Grand Encampment of Scotland from this date.

This resolution of Grand Encampment was arrived at with much regret; better by far to have withstood the tyrannising and usurpation of Muirkirk, than be forced to adopt such stringent measures as this. The previous warnings of the Grand Encampment being set at nought, their willingness to accede to any honourable proposal, made by Muirkirk, and the many methods adopted to bring a happy termination to the matter being utterly futile, they have, with much sorrow, been forced to part from and expel the Encampment of Muirkirk.

A petition, praying for a charter of erection in Airdrie, was presented, and having met with approval, will be granted in the usual way.

The Most Noble Commander informed the Sir Knights that Grand Encampment was in communication with various places in Scotland, desirous of erecting Encampments under the sanction of the E.G., and in all likelihood, petitions from several parts of the country would be presented at next quarterly communication of Grand Council. This enterprising spirit on the part of our brethren proves that our labours are not neglected, and our Order, in receiving such an unexpected impetus, augurs well for the future prosperity of the Early Grand Encampment.

The sentinels, being withdrawn from their posts, the Grand Encampment was duly closed.

### 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.]

#### INSTALLATION OF THE PRINCE OF WALES AS M.W. GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

As a W.M., I wish to attend the installation of His Royal Highness, and have noticed the agitation as regards the dress to be worn on that occasion. I am not rich, but wish to carry out the principles of Masonry to the best of my ability. I intended to become a life subscriber to the Boys' School, but if I must buy a dress coat for that occasion, and possibly never want it again, it will deprive the charity of that amount which is so much wanted. Is not the idea absurd?

Yours fraternally,

J.H.

[The worthy brother must see that there must be some regulation on the subject. He had better wait to see it, before he complains.—Ed.]

#### COMMEMORATION JEWEL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Up to the present time, I have heard no suggestions as to the jewel to be struck for this occasion; doubtless it will have due attention, as to style and size. Nevertheless, I venture to offer an opinion, that it should be a solid gold circular medal, with bust of H. R. H. the M.W.G.M. on the obverse, and a suitable inscription on the reverse, suspended by a ribbon of Craft blue with edges of Grand Lodge purple, forming three stripes. In such a

medal there would be no pretension, no failure of design (such as we have too often to lament in Masonic decorations) and yet it would be an ornament which any Mason could display with pleasure and pride. It need not be larger than between the size of a shilling and florin, nor thicker than a sovereign, so there would be no difficulty in supplying a thoroughly well struck medal, in good quality gold, at the proposed price. Another point I would notice as to the Craft blue collar, required to be worn in Grand Lodge. In the case of Prov. Grand Officers who attend Grand Lodge, this collar is usually worn over the purple collar, with the provincial purple and gold apron, the effect of which is too well known to need remark. It is to be hoped upon this occasion this requirement will not be insisted on, and so the effect for large numbers of brethren in purple and gold will not be marred.

I am, sir, yours fraternally,  
AN OLD P.M. AND A PROV. G. OFFICER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I hope the suggestion of your correspondent of last week will be carried out, viz.: that an Albert Edward Commemoration Jewel will be struck, and which said jewel may be permitted to be worn by the whole Craft who are "Master Masons" on the date of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, this being an event which will only happen once in a lifetime, and all know the universal satisfaction that was felt throughout the Craft when it was announced that the heir to the throne of England would accept the Grand Mastership of the Masonic Order.

I would suggest that the jewel, of whatever device it may be, should embrace the "Prince of Wales' Feathers," in honour of His Royal Highness. That it should be made of "gold," and also in "silver gilt," so as to come within the means of all, and to be applied for by the brethren through the Masters of their own lodges.

Hundreds of Masons would apply for this jewel, and a moiety of the price of each one sold could be set aside and applied to a fund to be equally divided between the three charities after they were all disposed of.

Yours fraternally, D. H. A.

THE APOLLO UNIVERSITY LODGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention has been called to a letter of "An Old P.M." in your edition of March the 6th. I think it would have been better, in the first place, if "An Old P.M." had written to the W.M. or Secretary of the Apollo Lodge, to know if the report was correct. The report was not sent up by the W.M. or any person authorised by the lodge to send it, and though in the main correct, it was a very short report, and in the particular noticed by your correspondent was not accurate; a dispensation to initiate more than five candidates at one time was and is always obtained and read, and the lodge was closed in the usual way, viz., "in due form and order with solemn prayer and adjourned." The statement that it was closed in "ample form," was probably made for brevity's sake, but it is inapplicable and inaccurate.

I am sir, yours fraternally,  
FRED. MORRELL, I.P.M. 357, P.S.G.W. Oxon.  
Black Hall, Oxford, March 17th, 1875.

THE ENSUING ELECTIONS OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have just received the voting papers and description of the candidates for the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys, London, and have made the following scrutiny of their contents.

For the girls there are 31 candidates for 13 vacancies, one of whom had applied twice before, and five once, the remaining 18 being their first application; 26 of the candidates are fatherless, two, the parents are both dead, one is motherless, and the parents of two are both living.

The fathers of the candidates have on an average subscribed to the Grand Lodge (or their lodge) for nine years, but one had only been a member for one year, another not three years, and 17 for less than the average of nine years.

The subscriptions, then, of the average nine years' members, with their initiation fees would cover the cost of the maintenance of the candidates if all were elected for about six months!

Of the 31 brethren whose daughters are now candidates for the R.M.I. for Girls only two were subscribers to the Masonic charities, Bro. Richard Phillips being a Life Governor of the Girls' School, and the lamented Bro. Jesse F. Owens having served six stewardships and contributed to each. Four are said to have subscribed through their lodges, whatever that may mean, but except such an equivocal form of contribution, 29 of the brethren out of 31 have never subscribed to either of the institutions, and the majority appear to have been of little use to the fraternity else.

For the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys there are 48 candidates for eight vacancies, 20 applying for the first time, 11 once before, 10 twice before, two the third time, two for the fourth time, two for the sixth time, and one for the seventh time.

40 of the candidates are fatherless, 6 have lost both of their parents, and two have their parents still alive.

The fathers of 45 of the candidates have contributed to their lodges on an average for 8½ years, but only six out of the 48 have subscribed to either of the Masonic charities.

The average contributions and initiation fees of the brethren whose sons are candidates for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys would be sufficient to maintain the 48 candidates for about four months, or in other words each

brother in question during his life-time—excepting the few who subscribed to the Masonic charities—contributed sufficient to his lodge to support his son in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—for education, clothing, &c., for about four months, and in all probability not a hundredth part even of his subscription reached the institution in question.

Of course it should be remembered that several of the brethren contributed to their lodges until their decease, but the facts remain unaltered that out of 79 candidates for 21 vacancies in the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys the fathers of only eight of the children subscribed to either of the Masonic charities during their lifetime, or presumed prosperity, and their average subscriptions and fees together contributed to their lodges for all purposes would scarcely pay for the maintenance of one of each of their children at either of the institutions for six months.

W. JAMES HUGHAN.

THE STATUS OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you allow me a few words on this vexations question? I write, with all due respect to older and wiser Masons, and with no wish to reopen the subject if now at rest.

Let us take it as follows, A. B. and C. pass the chair of K.S. respectively, A. and C. in, say the year 1850, B. in 1852. A. and B. belong to one lodge, say No. 1, C. to another, say No. 1000. These several brethren having passed the chair and received the benefits thereof, are for life Past Masters or Installed Masters (quocumque nomine vocantur).

A., from private or unforeseen causes, ceases to be a subscriber to his lodge, therefore losing right of speaking and voting (membership) in Grand Lodge (vide constitutions) and his own lodge. B., his successor as senior Past Master in his own lodge, still subscribes. Likewise, C., his own equal in standing in the other lodge, to said other lodge. What is A.'s position?

A., having taken the rank of Past Master, and received the benefits thereof, is a Past Master for life, only by the Constitutions he is unable to speak or vote in Grand Lodge until he has again passed the chair of K.S.: or in his own lodge till he has re-joined. In Grand Lodge, the governing body of the Craft, A., having now again qualified by passing the chair, takes his seat again; from which date therefore does his rank count? Be it remembered he has not taken the degree again, but simply passed the chair a second time to qualify for membership.

But now, in his position in his own lodge, A., in re-joining, re-acquires the power to vote and speak; he is no longer senior Past Master of said lodge, B. occupying that position as successor to A., but in the Craft at large, A. ranks as the senior, equal in fact to C., if he be visiting said lodge No. 1.

A. becomes in fact in Lodge No. 1, a co-equal Past Master, as to status with C., as a visiting brother, and has by courtesy, precedence, according to standing in the Craft, but as to visiting power or personal status in the lodge B., his successor, still remains senior Past Master.

A. is a Past Master (according to date of receiving the degree) for ever, but on taking the chair (a second time after default) in his own lodge, he ranks in that lodge (quâ that lodge) only in the same position as if he had just received the degree. Courtesy precedence only can be given him, as if he was a senior Past Master of another lodge, visiting!

Having given my ideas without wishing to raise a controversy, I leave the matter in the hands of wiser and clearer heads than my own.

I am, sir and brother, yours fraternally, A.P.M.

MIR. BRADLAUGH AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I can say a word or two in regard to this question, and I express the hope that our brethren will in prudence do no more than set our brethren in different parts of the world on their guard against this cowan and intruder, for your space and our time are too valuable to be wasted over "Iconoclast."

A few years ago my professional duties threw me into the company of a Frenchman who wore a Masonic jewel. I tested him in every possible way, but he knew none of our signs at all, so I challenged him with making a show of being that which he was not. He declared that he was a Mason, and I asked him of what lodge. His answer was the name of one—which I forget—held at the Eclectic Institute, a democratic meeting-house used by Irish and foreigners of the agitating classes, and he gave the name of Bradlaugh as the "Venerable." I had the pocket-book with me and searched for the name in vain among the list of lodges—else I might have been temporarily deceived. I told him then that there was no such lodge, and that, moreover, Bradlaugh could not be a Mason, for it was well known that Masons were obligated in some form or the other, taking pledges of faith, and how, I asked him, could an atheist be bound in faith to his fellows?

The answer shows the idolatry of these impious men. It was that the brethren were "obligated" to the "Goddess of Reason" The men who deny God bind themselves to an unknown "Goddess!" He declared too, and our Grand Lodge ought to inquire how far it is true, that this precious assemblage of idolatrous atheists is recognised by the Grand Orient of France. I do not believe it. I know from my experience abroad, that foreign Masons are very chary of letting even proved Masons see their "working" of the ceremonies, and I expect that all Bradlaugh has been admitted to in America has been to a gathering like his own—children of the "Goddess of Reason."

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

DEUX ETOILES.

THE GLASGOW ST. MUNGO LODGE, NO. 27, AND ITS PARENT LODGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your elaborate and well-arranged reports of the Scottish lodges, I see an account of the 46th anniversary of the Lodge St. Mungo, No. 27. In that account I observe the R.W.M. stating that—"The history of their parent lodge was very ancient, dating as far back distinctly as the days of Michael Canmore, A.D. 1068, more than 800 years ago." Now I have for some years back taken an interest in the rise of Freemasonry in Glasgow, and I confess that if Bro. Butler can really "distinctly" prove his assertion, he will have added something to our knowledge of the history of Freemasonry in Glasgow. Four years ago I was authorised by the St. Mungo Lodge to examine its old minute books, which I did, but I know of nothing in them to support Bro. Butler's statement, but the very opposite.

I would therefore request him either to back up his statement by informing us upon what foundation he makes it, or, if he cannot do that, let him apologise for making it, and never make it again. I consider he has simply been misled in the matter.

I am, yours fraternally, W. P. BUCHAN.

AN IMPOSTOR.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you lend the brethren of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442, your assistance in putting the members of the Craft generally on their guard against relieving a man who is travelling through the country asking alms, he gives his name "F. G. Risse," and represents himself as being a member of this lodge.

He is not, and never was, on the roll of St. Peter's, but letters of enquiry are constantly reaching us from all parts of England, and, unfortunately, in many cases, assistance has been rendered him before the truth of his story has been ascertained.

The man is nothing more or less than an impostor, and it is expressly the wish of the brethren of this lodge, that after this caution, members of the Craft will not assist him in what is really a system of "obtaining money under false pretences."

The man is about 60 years of age, height about 5 feet 10 inches, hair grey, has a slight limp in his walk, and speaks with a foreign accent.

Brethren in distress ought never to be relieved unless their certificate is produced.

I am, dear sir, very fraternally yours,  
W. DIXON, Secretary.

Poetry.

28TH APRIL, 1875.

All hail to England's hope—heir to the British Crown,  
The Free-Masonic Chief, who dared Rome's deadly frown;  
Who, spite of Peter's curse—regardless of the fray—  
Accepted our defence, our Battle fights to-day!

The insult "Pio mad" with bitter hatred hurl'd,  
(As though his "single will" were Master to the World),  
Gallant Albert Edward, like our good king of old,  
Resents with scorn and swears—like him, good, true, and bold,—

That no Italian priest, in self-made thunders clad,  
On England's soil shall rule! It must be very sad,  
(Oh, pardon, Pope, the rub), for imbeciles to see,  
How Albert Edward treats,—Infallibility!

'Tis done! Our Mason's chief, is this day crown'd with love.

With truth his brow is deck'd,—the truth of Him above!  
This truth,—Masonic Truth,—poor Pio never knew,  
He ne'er had this, and that is why he hates the "Blue."

We've had for ages past, to bear with much from him,  
Who now proclaims aloud, that Masonry is sin!  
Yet, true and faithful to Masonic rules and laws,  
We have but pitied those who've tried to crush our cause.

May Pius get some sense, and judge of what we learn  
By our own acts, and see if he can find the germ  
Of aught that's bad in those. We're taught, on broadest grounds,  
To love our neighbour with the love that knows no bounds.

E'en then for him, we let no curse rise aloft,  
But e'en for him, we wish but blessings sweet and soft;  
Yet heed he must that voice now ringing through the land,

"God bless our noble Prince, chief of our Holy Band!"

WM. WIGGINTON,

W.M. 1503; P.M. 902 and 1298;  
P. Prov. G. D. C. Worcestershire.

INSTRUCTION.—The ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be worked by Bro. James Terry, P.Prov. G. D. C. Herts, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in the Southwark Lodge of Instruction, held at the Southwark Park Tavern, on Wednesday, March 31st.

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## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1875.

## THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

The announcement we made last week, on authority, that the arrangements for the installation are under the direction and management of Bros. Sir Albert W. Woods and Thomas Fenn, is one calculated to afford unqualified approval to the entire Order. The main arrangements are in the care of Sir Albert W. Woods, so long our Grand Director of Ceremonies, while the direction of the accommodation for the seating of the large number expected to attend could not possibly be more appropriately confided than to Bro. Thomas Fenn. We feel sure that all that skill can effect and thoughtfulness contrive will be effected and contrived by those two distinguished brethren. It is a feature in Freemasonry that duties, which, at ordinary public meetings, are fulfilled by paid officials, are on occasions like the present discharged by the members themselves. The number of Masons volunteering their services as Stewards on this occasion for such duties is very large, including many Grand Officers and other Masons of high standing, all willing to undertake any duty which may be assigned to them. The provinces have been invited to send also a prescribed number of Stewards—and they will, no doubt, have appropriate work found for them. It is, however, obvious that the greater part of the real work must fall upon the London brethren, who are alone in a position to attend meetings at the shortest notice, and who will no doubt have several preparatory assemblies to attend. The details of the arrangements have not, we believe, been finally approved of, so as to be published with authority, but we are informed that from the fairness and clearness by which they are specially marked they are calculated to give

general satisfaction. The executive are evidently exercising an earnest desire to meet, so far as is practicable, the wishes of the brethren and the loyal anxiety of the Craft. As we pointed out a fortnight ago, the seats of the Albert Hall being arranged in the form of an amphitheatre a view of the whole proceedings can be obtained from every seat. The advantage of this form of building on the present occasion will be this, that no one seat can be better than another. Under these circumstances the arrangements can, if thought necessary, be made with a regard to colour and effect, and no brother need be or can be dissatisfied, who is asked to change his seat with this object. We hope to give more detailed information next week.

## MR. CHARLES BRADLAUGH.

It seems, from what has appeared in our columns, that this well-known person, who has been attending one or more meetings of Freemasons in the United States, is not a regularly made Freemason under the English Constitution at all, nor indeed under any regular constitution at all. According to his own account, he was made in the *Loge des Philadelphes*, 9th March, 1859, a spurious political and unrecognized Order, and he adds that he was received in the *Loge de la Perseverante Amitié*, Grand Orient of France, 11th March, 1862. We, however, can find no such lodge under the Grand Orient. Mr. Bradlaugh was, it appears, admitted a joining member of the High Cross Lodge, Tottenham, 754, after some discussion, to which he modestly alludes, on his anti-theological opinions, a somewhat curious expression, though he does not state in what year. He only, however, subscribed one year. Upon the accession of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, Mr. Bradlaugh returned his certificate to our good Bro. Hervey, cancelled. At the time, then, of Mr. Bradlaugh's visit to America, he was unaffiliated to any lodge, and more than this, he was not, in our opinion, legitimately a Freemason at all. In his original initiation he was radically wrong, and nothing but a member of a spurious fraternity. If the *Loge de la Perseverante Amitié* be a regular lodge under the Grand Orient, even his reception there does not do away with his original vicious admission, and at the time he joined the High Cross Lodge, Tottenham, he was, as far as we understand his own position, ipso facto, ineligible, being made in an illegal and unwarranted lodge. Mr. Bradlaugh complacently tells us that he was an avowed atheist then, as at all times, and that the fact was known to the brethren of the High Cross Lodge. We feel bound, therefore, with these facts before us, to ask for a little explanation. How did Mr. Bradlaugh get into the High Cross Lodge? At the time he was admitted, how did they know that he was a Freemason? We must all of us greatly deplore the laxity manifested by that lodge. Here is a person of known atheistical opinions, made in a spurious political lodge, mixed up with revolutionary proclivities, admitted into a respectable English lodge. Even on Mr. Bradlaugh's own showing there was a taint on his original admission which, as far as Freemasonry is concerned, is in itself fatal to his joining an English lodge. But what is *La Perseverante Amitié*? Is it under the Grand Orient of France, or is it under the Rite Ecossaise, or the so-called "Rite of Misraim"? What certificate had he when visiting the American lodges? Answers to these questions will serve to make the matter more clear, though enough has been said and put forward to prove, that Mr. Bradlaugh has no right to call himself a Freemason, or to claim the privileges of Freemasonry. We hope that the members of the High Cross Lodge can give some satisfactory explanation of a most anomalous and unprecedented proceeding.

## OUR LODGE MEETINGS.

We alluded, in our last issue, to the lodge meetings of other days. We propose to call attention now to the meetings of our lodges "de mense in mensem." We have no right or warrant for believing that there is much difference in the general routine, though we have heard

that some of our younger W. Masters and Past Masters are not so well up and attached to our purely oral ceremonies as we used to be. Otherwise we presume that there is little difference. The same round of customary work goes on there, the same old familiar ritual, with all its beauties is performed, and their business being over, the brethren adjourn to refreshment. Whatever way have been the want of memory or want of interest previously, we fancy no one need complain of the attendance of the majority of the brethren at this mysterious and agreeable degree. The symbols suggest a good deal to the thoughtful mind. Curiously enough it is the only degree which all are equally willing to take part in, and it is one which seems to commend itself to the objectiveness and subjectiveness, to use some fine modern words, of us all alike, old or young, neophyte or veteran. And no doubt, just as of yore, our lodge meetings are still very pleasant. They are meetings, for the most part, of good men and true, honest fellows and loyal friends. For a little hour the conventionalities and conflicts of the outer world are at an end, we breathe an atmosphere of moral freedom, we live in a land of harmony and geniality where all these things are forgotten. What matters to us, as Freemasons, the quarrels of mankind, the controversies of theologians, the insane disputes of the "big-endians" and the "little-endians." We are brethren, we are friends, we are happy, and we are contented. Life has few rosier hours for any of us harassed mortals, than those which, within the peaceful portals of a Freemason's lodge, have made us a "band of brothers." Long may it be so! and still, as time moves on, and years fade, though our goodly gatherings grow less numerous, may we, as Freemasons, united in the sacred bonds of a friendship which never wavers, an interest which never grows selfish, a brotherhood which never decays, find many of the happiest moments of our little lives, in that good old lodge of ours, with which are stored up all the gracious memories of our Masonic career. But it has been said that "sameness tires," and that the "chilling influence of routine diminishes interest, and weakens satisfaction." It may be so, and therefore we have thought well to add one or two further suggestions for those who now mainly direct the course of our lodges. Could not something be done to arouse a little intellectual activity in the lodges? Would not a series of lectures, or of conversaziones, in which the artistic, or scientific, or archæological, or mystical aspect of Freemasonry is set forth, serve to animate any flagging interest, or to stimulate waning activity? Indeed, we do not see why our sisters should not be pressed now and then into the service of our gallant Craft. They have, we know, the best of intentions; they are endowed with the warmest of hearts; and were we but to ask them now and then to grace our gatherings, and shed a lustre on our secluded halls, we should, we are bold to think, make our Order more generally popular amongst the fairer sex than it is. For the most part they are apt to regard us with a mingled feeling of doubt, suspicion, and fear. They hear queer stories; their "lords and masters" are sometimes late. Bro. Thomas and Bro. Partington have on more than one occasion not re-appeared at the deserted domestic shrine until the "wee sma' hours," and both Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Partington have blamed Freemasonry of course. Now we would say to our readers, give up late sittings and go home early. But "en revanche," every now and then, invite the partners of your joys and your heart, present and future sisters, to a little Masonic "swarry," to a cup of tea, to a pleasant re-union. Once within the mysterious *locale*, once feeling themselves permitted to lift, if even but a corner of the veil, over the shrouded "Isis," they will begin to feel quite "Masonic." Of course such a luxury must not be indulged in too often, as, dear creatures as they are, good and true, they are still descendants of mother Eve, and always like to know as much as they can. But every now and then, once or twice a year, as an occasional "fillip" to the W.M., and the officers, and the brethren, after the long routine of lodge labours, we can think of no better or pleasanter a contrast, than the beaming faces and silvery voices of those who still continue to make an Eden of this world of ours, for toiling, and contentious, and ungrateful man.

### THE CANDIDATES FOR THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

At the next election, April 10th, out of 31 candidates, 13 are to be elected. The candidates come mostly from the provinces. There are nine London candidates; three from Devonshire and Middlesex each; two from Staffordshire, Suffolk and Lincolnshire; and one each from South Wales, Hants, Monmouthshire, South Africa, Kent, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Durham and Antigua. No words of ours are needed to prove the universality alike of the wants of our Order, and the benefits to the recipients. There is no institution in the land which can surpass the Girls' School, either in the perfection of its adaptability as a means to an end, just as there is no educational establishment we know of, comparable to it, in its good order and efficiency, in the home character it imparts, and the practical education which it gives. We wish Bro. Little, heartily, all success.

### MASONIC BORES.

Most of us know what a "bore" is. We are privileged to have one in our families and circle of friends who is always the "enfant terrible" of domestic life. He is always in the way, always says something he ought not to say, always does something he ought not to do; he frightens the old, he fidgets the young by his irrepressible garrulity, and his hopeless "betise." But there he is, we avoid him, we are afraid of him, we complain of him, but we cannot get rid of him, so we shrug our shoulders and resign ourselves through life to that terrible infliction the bore "par excellence." And as Freemasonry is a counterpart of worldly struggles and domestic life in some respects, we are not without that interesting individual, even in our more sheltered and select assemblies. Alas! who of us does not know well the Masonic bore? We hear him—nay, we see him now. Loud in tone, noisy in utterance, loquacious and cheeky, self-opinionated, and of intense importance, the brassy tones of that grating voice vibrate still on our acute if suffering ears. He is always to the fore; go where you will, you meet him, always ready for the banquet, always full of self assurance. He is ever positive and ever wrong. You never hear him say anything which does not work back upon himself, you never know him do anything out of mere love for Masonry. We have met this awful character under various forms and in different scenes, but he is always consistent in praising himself, and even when he spouts Masonry in making his platitudes and his volubility minister to himself, and himself alone. We make allowances for the earnest advocate for some good cause, betrayed by human infirmity into an occasional "lapsus linguæ," we sympathise with the able lecturer who now and then precipitates himself on the horn of a dilemma, through the impetuosity and impulsiveness of his psychological formation. But what can we say for a Freemason who bores us on every occasion, who will speak when an abler man is present, to whom all are willing to listen, who will give us his dreary iterations and his commonplace verbosity, when we wish to gain mental illumination from one of the lights of Masonry? He is a dreadful infliction, the Masonic bore, and many of our lodges are suffering from his presence and his patronage. We shall some of us remember how Brown, Jones, and Robinson, in their continental tour met and dodged the bore on the "glorious Rhine" and amid the ruins, of Heidelberg; the terror with which his presence impressed them, and the happy manner in which a good genius rescued them from his clutches in the pleasant town of Frankfort-on-the-Maine. We fear that no such good luck is in store for us Freemasons. The bore exists; the bore talks; the bore holds forth; the bore lays down the law; the bore has got a tongue; the bore knows "what's what," and the bore "won't be put upon;" and many a happy gathering, and many a cheery fraternity, are overpowered by his mournful eloquence. "O, fortunati nimium," we say to all who are yet free from this pernicious parasite on the good old tree of Freemasonry. May you never know, and may you never ex-

perience, what it is to be bored hopelessly by "eccentric assumptions" as Mr. Disraeli says, by pretentious ignorance, and by unabashed audacity.

### FOREIGN FREEMASONS AND THE INSTALLATION

In answer to numerous enquiries, we print a copy of the official reply to all such applicants.

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 22nd March, 1875.  
"Sir and Brother,—I regret to have to inform you that the applications for admission to the Royal Albert Hall from brethren who are subscribing members of lodges under the English Constitution, are so numerous as to render it impossible to comply with your request to be present on the occasion.

"Yours fraternally, "JOHN HERVEY, G.S."

### DRESS FOR THE INSTALLATION.

The following circular has been sent to querists on this important point:—

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., March, 1875.  
"Sir and Brother,—Application for Tickets to attend the Installation Ceremony at the Albert Hall, on Wednesday, the 28th April next, or for any information on the subject, must be made to the W. Master or Secretary of the Lodge of which you are a member. Full particulars and instructions have been forwarded to the W.M. of every Lodge. No Brother who is not a Subscribing Member of a Lodge under the English constitution is eligible for admission to the Hall on the occasion. Full directions as to Dress and other matters will appear on the Tickets, which will probably be issued about the second week in April. The banquet at Freemasons' Hall is under the sole control of the Grand Stewards of the year, to whom application must be made for Tickets. The name and address of the Secretary to the Board of Grand Stewards is—J. E. MIDDLETON, Esq., 37, Ludgate-hill, London, E.C.

"Yours fraternally, "JOHN HERVEY, G.S."

"To Bro. — Lodge No. —"

We believe that the matter will be finally decided this week, and we hope to announce the actual regulations on the subject next week.

### THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426.) GRAND ENTERTAINMENT TO THE LORD MAYOR AND SHERIFFS OF LONDON.

One of the most splendid Masonic entertainments ever witnessed in the City of London, was given on Saturday last, by this young but pre-eminently famous lodge, at the City Terminus Hotel. Having closed their year of labour, on the previous Saturday, and elected a new Worshipful Master for Installation in October, the brethren resolved to hold an emergency meeting for the initiation of some gentlemen into the Order, and for a Grand entertainment to the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London and other civic dignitaries, as well as a large company of visitors, Officers of Grand Lodge and others. The meeting was arranged to take place on Saturday last, and every endeavour was made by the W.M. and his officers to make the event a complete success. In this they were not disappointed, for as a reward of all their labours, the entertainment was pronounced by every one who was fortunate enough to take part in it, unexceptionable. The lodge was summoned for four o'clock in the afternoon, and long before that time had arrived, the brethren began to assemble in great numbers. Lodge was not, however, opened at that hour, the brethren coming in very fast about that time, and as all of them had to sign before entering the lodge, an operation which took a long time, for their convenience, as an opportunity was given to every one to see the lodge work, the opening of the lodge was delayed till half past four. The officers of the lodge were most assiduous in the discharge of their duties, and those of director of ceremonies, which were exceedingly onerous on this occasion were most ably discharged by Bro. T. Preston, the Director of Ceremonies for the year. Lodge was opened by Bro. Nathan Bryant Headon, W.M., with the assistance of his officers, Bros. Townend, S. W.; and W.M. Elect; Seex, J. W.; James Stevens, I. P. M.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Chaplain; Edward Moody, Secretary; Freeman, Treasurer; Stanway, S.D.; Blackie, J.D.; Catchpole, I.G.; Taylor, S. Steward; Hamer, Junior Steward; Bro. T. Preston, D.C., and the other brethren present. The company during the evening numbered over 180, and among these were Bros. N. B. Headon, W.M.; J. H. Townend, S.W.; J. Seex, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, Chaplain; J. Stevens, I.P.M.; J. Freeman, Treas.; Edwd. Moody, Sec.; T. Stanway, S.D.; G. W. Blackie, J.D.; Thos. Preston, D.C.; W. H. Hook, Org.; W. H. Catchpole, I.G.; T. Hamer, S.S.; C. Taylor, J.S.; F. T. C. Keeble, F. W. Potter, R. Hooker, J. Hancock, T. W. Headon, Hooper, Kibble, R. H. Townend, Portway, Hannaford, Bowen, J. Hervey, G. Sec; Fendick, Tompkins, Skinner, Roberts, Stamp, Moore, Davis, Phillips, Hicks, J. Thompson, F. T. Davis, A. T. Rolfe, E. Girdham, R. T. Measures, R. White, G. Page, J. R. Colmer, Jackson, C. W. C. Hutton, J.G. Deacon; T. Robinson, Dulan, H. Thompson, P.M.; Baber, Burrows, Hartley, C. Stuart Barker, jun., Jenkins, Archer, Bumpus, Browne, Boulton, Stanley Elliot, Macqueen, J. H. Gray, L. Lewis, E. Crickmay, W. Muddleton, J. Tullidge, D. H. Stone, Lord Mayor; Farmer, McNiven, Durrant. Visitors: Collings, 22; Heald, 163; Thos. Ford, Riffe Lodge, Edinburgh; Col. Francis Burdett, P.G.M., Middlesex; S. Tomkins, G. Treas.; Sir J. Bennett, 1; J. W. Ellis, Alderman and Sheriff, No. 1; Die, 1421; J. Saunders, P.G.D.; Noehmer, 186; Mann, 144; Terry, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, P.G.D.C. Hertfordshire; R. W. Little, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, P.G. Sec. Middlesex; F. Binckes, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for

Boys, P.G.S.; H. G. Buss, P.G. Treas. Middlesex; C. C. Dumas, P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., P.G.C.; J. Dixon, P.M., 73; J. Savage, P.G.D.; Sir Albert Woods, Garter, G.D.C.; Thomas, Fenn, A.G.D.C.; J. C. Parkinson, J.G.D. D.P.G.M., Middlesex; J. A. Rucker, S.G.D.; E. M. Haigh, P.M. 29, P.G.S.; T. Meggy, P.M. 21, P.G.S.; J. D. Gay, 766; Medwin, 192; Swallow, I.P.M. 382; Trot, P.M. 192; Poore, P.M. 720; Luff, W.M. 622; J. L. Thomas, P.M. 142; Boon, 1306; C. Bennett, P.M. 25; Massey, P.M. 619; Geo. Payne, W.M. Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1; Kew, S.S. 144; Tallent, P.M. 186; While, W.M. 228; Styan, Treas. 1216; Egginton, 1101; Stagg, 192; Basham, 144; J. B. Monckton, Pres. B. Gen. Purposes, P.G.D.; J. Taylor, 584; W. Sharp, 463; W. Pitt, 463; W. J. Farmer, 463; O. Roberts, P.M. 188; D. R. Still, P.M. 1293; H. Brechley; J. Tugwell; J. H. Cambridge, 15; C. Stuart Barker, sen., 19; Dr. Pinder, P.M. 7; J. Oliver, W.M. 1328; R. N. Field, W.M. 902; George Abbott, P.M. 192; C. Daniel, J.D. 65; Partridge, 1445; Leverson, P.M. 655; Kempster, P.M. 245; Walker, S.D. 27; Mardon, 205; Woodward, 376; Thompson, 1329; Lyon; J. Allen, W.M. elect 1297; J. Constable, P.M., 185; Jacob Norton, of Boston, U.S.A.; Woodruff, W.M., 1206; Devenish, 172; George Kenning, P.M. 192, P.G. Deacon Middlesex; J. Crawford, P.M.; Shearing; W. Allen, 1471; Light, 959; Hogg, 58; Galpin, 1515; Glover, 778; Middleton, W.M., 29; Larham, J.W., 1216; Whitaker, 765. Letters of apology and regret for absence were received from Lord Tenterden, P.G.S.W.; Earl Percy, M.P., P.G.S.W.; A. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G. Reg; Sir. F. Wyatt Truscott, W. S. Gover, No. 1; J. Symonds, P.G.D., and Sheriff Shaw.

After the opening of the lodge Messrs. H. Durrant, D. McNiven and W. H. Farmer were initiated, the work being performed by the W.M. and his officers in a style which elicited the warmest approval of all the brethren present. From the date of the constitution of the lodge, May 3rd, 1873, down to the present time, the lodge has been celebrated for the excellence of the working of its Worshipful Master and Officers, and on Saturday last no exception was made to the rule, for in all particulars the lodge working was perfection. Nothing was omitted which could give impressiveness to the ceremony; and an excellent organ accompaniment by Bro. W. H. Hook, the Organist of the lodge, greatly assisted the proceedings.

When the ceremony was completed the Lord Mayor was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge, on the motion of the Master, seconded by the Master Elect. For this compliment his lordship returned thanks, and said that he looked on membership of this lodge as a very great honour, and added that it would give him great pleasure to see the Great City Lodge the foremost lodge in the City of London. There was no further Masonic business before the lodge, and it was then closed, and the company adjourned to the great hall, where a sumptuous banquet was spread, and where the walls were decorated with a fine display of the flags of different nations. The Worshipful Master presided, having the Lord Mayor on his right hand, and Bro. James Stevens, the Immediate Past Master of the lodge, on his left. During the progress of the dinner the band of the Grenadier Guards, under the direction of Mr. Dan Godfrey, played a selection of beautiful music. At the clearing of the cloth grace was sung by Bros. Hodges, G. T. Carter, and Chaplin Henry, under the direction of Bro. W. H. Hook, with Bro. C. Warwick Jordan at the piano. The toasts were then proposed and honoured.

The W.M. in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said that as time was fast advancing, all the speeches would be very brief; but this was a toast that there was no need to expatiate upon, for all he would say would only amount to what the brethren already knew, and felt in their hearts. He would not attempt to extol the virtues and excellencies of Her Majesty further than to say that she was a pattern to all her sex, and an example to all her subjects.

The W.M. then said it was with the sincerest pleasure and gratification that he proposed the next toast, "The Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of Freemasons." He had the privilege of being present in the Grand Lodge as one of the representatives of the Great City Lodge on the 3rd inst., at the election of His Royal Highness, and when he was proclaimed M.W.G.M. in the presence of one of the largest assemblies of Masons that had ever been known. He was gratified and delighted beyond measure to hear the applause which followed the announcement, and to-night they would re-echo that applause, and so endorse all that was done at last Grand Lodge. They were all on the tip-toe of expectation with regard to the ceremony of installation, which would be performed on the 28th April, and he believed it would be one of the greatest ceremonies that had yet taken place in Freemasonry. There would be a greater assemblage of Freemasons at that meeting than had ever been gathered at the installation of a Grand Master, and he (the W.M.) hoped, as the representative of the Great City Lodge, to be there.

The W.M., in giving the next toast, "The Pro Grand Master—the Earl of Carnarvon," said it would ill-become him, in the presence of so many Grand Officers, to attempt to eulogise their Pro Grand Master, whose great abilities and administrative talents were so well known and fully recognised throughout the Craft. It was a matter for the highest congratulation that they had such an efficient and distinguished Pro Grand Master, than whom there was no member of the Order more respected or highly esteemed. In his recent sad bereavement he had the deepest sympathy, not only of every member of the Great City Lodge, but of the Craft.

Col. Burdett, in responding to the toast, said he thanked the W.M. very much for the kind and flattering way in which he had put before the brethren the virtues of the Pro Grand Master. All would agree with him that it re-

quired a better member of the Order than he (Col. Burdett) to reply properly to this toast. (No, no.) He felt that he did not do it as he ought, but it was a great pleasure to him, nevertheless, to have to respond to such a toast in the presence of perhaps the largest assemblage of Freemasons in a private lodge that had ever met together. He would not trespass on the time of the brethren by dilating on the virtues, high qualities, and excellences with which the Pro Grand Master adorned his position, but would confine himself simply to thanking the brethren for the way in which the toast had been proposed and drunk.

The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and reminded the brethren of the cheerfulness and readiness with which all the Grand Officers performed the very important duties which devolved upon them. Composed as the Great City Lodge was of business men, and situated as it was in the midst of a great hive of industry, they could appreciate the exertions of hard-working men. At the present time competition was so great that everything was conducted at express speed, and therefore the Grand Officers' duties were the more arduous that they had to be discharged in time which was snatched from other engagements. The Grand Officers made great sacrifices for the Craft, and the brethren who were present, he was sure, would be glad to have this opportunity of acknowledging their sense of the benefits conferred by the Grand Officers. (Cheers.)

Bro. the Rev. J. Edmund Cox, L.L.D., Past Grand Chaplain, replied, and thanked the lodge on behalf of himself, and all the past and present Grand Officers whether at the table, or dispersed throughout the kingdom. Whilst doing so, he thanked the brethren also most heartily for the privilege accorded to him and the other Grand Officers around for being allowed to see so good an assemblage. But more he congratulated the lodge and the Craft generally on the admirable working which they had all witnessed that evening. It was of the highest character, and offered a pattern to the lodges throughout the metropolis. He was not disposed to flatter, but, as almost the father of the Grand Officers of England, having been connected with Grand Lodge for nearly 30 years as a Grand Officer and Past Grand Officer, and in that character having visited many lodges, both in the metropolis and the provinces, he could say, without fear of contradiction, that he had never in the whole of his Masonic career witnessed the initiation of brethren with so much pleasure and delight as he had that evening. But he must not forget that he had to respond for the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers, and he hoped he would not be considered as travelling out of the record when he said that it was also a pleasure to find the principles of the order so well enunciated as they had been that night by the Worshipful Master. It was a matter of immense importance that they should be then assembled in the City of London—a gathering together of Masons from all quarters of the world, at a time when Masonry was distinguishing itself as it had not distinguished itself for many and many an age past, when it was producing that universal love of freedom which was the cementing bond of the nations, and more especially in one quarter, where it had mounted itself above the depression which had been put upon it in times past—it was a great thing that such a lodge as this should be found working so correctly, manifesting the highest principles of the Craft, and showing that there was something more in Freemasonry than the outer world gave it credit for, and something more than that for which pedantry and bigotry condemned it. Conducted as the Great City Lodge was, no men being admitted into it without the tongue of good report being most thoroughly heard in their favour, which was a most vital thing at a time when Masonry was making such great strides, he could not doubt that in all its members quality and not quantity was considered. When the members of the Order were men of character and respectability it mattered not what their circumstances were. But if there were anything like a stain on their characters, or if they sought Masonry for private purposes, let Masons have none of them. These guiding principles had made the order what it was—a cementing bond of unity, which brought "peace on earth," and promoted "goodwill amongst men." (Cheers.)

The Rev. R. J. Simpson, P. G. C., said that by the permission of the I. P. M., Bro. James Stevens, he was privileged to propose "The Health of the W.M." In doing so he might be permitted for a moment to say that, as there were two kings of Brentford, so there was a kind of dual government in this Great City, they had the chief magistrate of the City of London present, and the chief magistrate of the Great City Lodge. He was sure he would not be considered guilty of what was called in another place a "breach of privilege" when he asserted the title for this lodge of *imperium in imperio*. There would be no brother so ready to acknowledge the claim as the right hon. brother who had that evening been made a member of the lodge. He would have wished, in the presence of the initiates, to speak of the principles of Freemasonry; but time did not admit of it; still he could point to a glorious past, in which our ancestors asserted not only the principles of the Order, but that independence of thought and freedom from that spiritual domination, which unhappily prevailed even in the 19th century. He could point, too, to that glorious future to which Masons were taught to look, to that future which "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard." But he would not do so. He would speak of the living present, of those glorious principles founded upon piety and virtue, of those symbols which set forth to all not only that which put them in mind of what was noble, but which descended into the practical duties of every-day life; and in doing so he could not do better than speak of the Master of the lodge. Bro. Cox had so well and eloquently described the working of that night, that

he (Bro. Simpson) would not dilate upon that subject. Speaking not of what he had witnessed only on that evening, but as a frequent attendant at the lodge during its short but brilliant history, he could testify to the admirable working of the lodge, and the excellent conduct of its business. He would advise brethren to come to it not on a grand night such as the present was, but to "steal in, as the inspectors of schools did sometimes" (a laugh), on an ordinary occasion, and he could promise them always a treat as great as they had just had. The W.M. had commended himself to all his brethren, not only by his able working, but by his urbanity, constant courtesy, and kindness, and in proposing his health he felt sure that the visitors as well as the members of the lodge would acknowledge the efficient manner in which he had that evening presided. (Cheers.)

The W.M., while acknowledging most heartily the compliment just paid to him, said he would not profess to have any new words to reply to this toast, which was drunk at every Masonic meeting, and therefore imposed a great difficulty on a brother to find something fresh to say. He felt it a high privilege to be the Master of this lodge, and if they would really believe in him as a friend as well as a brother, he would feel it a greater pleasure than they could imagine. He hoped for many years to be associated with the brethren then around him, and he also hoped that he might never fail to receive that which he had hitherto always enjoyed—the very highest respect and regard of his brethren.

Bro. Joseph C. Parkinson, G.J.D., proposed "Prosperity to the Great City Lodge, and Bro. James Stevens, the Immediate Past Master." He said, Worshipful Master, my Lord Mayor, Bro. Sheriff, and brethren,—I have the pleasing duty of proposing success to the Great City Lodge, and I do so with the greater confidence by reason of the presence of the Lord Mayor and a Sheriff of the City of London, for Freemasonry and civic institutions have, I think, much in common. Benevolence, education, and hospitality are inscribed on the shields of our ancient city guilds, and in countries where civil liberty and religious freedom are assured the vast revenues and potent social forces of Freemasonry are devoted to the same ends. (Hear, hear.) The principle of self-government is enshrined in our Masonic constitutions, and our annual election of Masters, our profound obedience to laws made by ourselves, and binding upon all who take our obligations, whether rulers or ruled, our perfect system of representation, whereby every lodge sends its representative to Grand Lodge—the deliberative assembly which alone has power to alter or repeal laws—all these have their types in that free municipal life of which the City of London has been for 800 years the proud exemplar (cheers), which provides that representation and taxation shall go hand in hand, and that local communities shall be ruled by those whose public services, worth, and character have caused them to be selected by their fellow-citizens for distinction, honour, and power. (Hear, hear.) It is natural, therefore, that Freemasonry should in these, the days of its great prosperity, find a congenial home in the powerful City within whose walls it and its principles were cherished, even in times when the outer world looked coldly on. This Great City Lodge recalls by its title those far-off days when our brother, Elias Ashmole, the antiquary, had to travel some hundreds of miles to the City, as the only place where he could see an initiation, to other days when Wren was Deputy Grand Master of England, and erected the noble city cathedral which forms his monument, to days when the civil rights and religious liberties of the English people were assailed by the Popish monarch James, and when the only two Freemason's lodges in England which, according to Preston, worth working, were presided over, one at St. Paul's by Sir Christopher Wren, and the other at St. Thomas's Hospital by Sir Robert Clayton, the then Lord Mayor of London. (Cheers.) After the first general assembly of English Masons, in 1717, it was in the City where the Duke of Montagu was installed Grand Master, the ceremony taking place in Stationers' Hall. Before the Freemasons had acquired the property they possess now the great city companies were always ready to show their sympathy with the Craft by lending it their halls. In 1723 the Duke of Buccleuch was installed Grand Master in the hall of the Merchant Tailors' Company, in the presence of 400 Masons; and in 1731 Lord Lovel, afterwards Earl of Leicester, succeeded the Duke of Norfolk as Grand Master, and was installed in the hall of the Mercers' Company; and it would be easy to multiply examples. This Great City Lodge represents, therefore, by the circumstance of the present Lord Mayor of London (cheers) being one of its founders, and its striking numerical success, the close union which has long subsisted between the City of London and Freemasonry. (Hear, hear.) And, if I may turn for a moment to another memorable city, I will say that the most significant and the most encouraging spectacle the Masonic world has seen for many a century is the peaceful establishment of a Masonic temple within the walls of ancient Rome. (Loud cheers.) Liberty of conscience, natural equality, and mutual dependence, the fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man, being the broad watchwords of Freemasonry, the capital of England might well send Masonic greetings to those brethren who, after years of persecution, have established themselves under the beneficent protection of Italian unity to proclaim their principles in spite of opposition, and in the face of the whole world. (Cheers.) For it is a good test of the government of a country to mark whether Freemasonry be fostered or proscribed. (Hear, hear.) Spiritual tyranny and civil oppression dread light; and wherever it is dangerous to admit yourself to be a Mason, wherever the Craft is denounced and punished, the historian need not look far for evidence of an unconstitutional government and an enslaved people. (Hear, hear.) In Italy, as in England, members of the ruling dynasty now give their active per-

sonal support to Freemasonry; and we shall, I trust, learn in due course, of meetings such as this, where the chief civic dignitaries of Rome will meet their brethren under the banner of a great city lodge. In London we have Freemasons numerously represented in the City guilds, in the Common Council, on the aldermanic bench, and among the high officers of the corporation. (Hear, hear.) The magnificent public buildings with which the City authorities have adorned their metropolis during the last few years, edifices combining the utmost architectural beauty with the greatest public usefulness, have been designed by and erected under the superintendance of a popular member of our fraternity, Bro. Horace Jones, the City Architect. The duties of the Town Clerk of the City are discharged by no less a person than the President of our Board of General Purposes, Bro. Monckton; and, culminating honour of all, in the year when the future King of England will be installed Grand Master, under circumstances of pomp and splendour such as the Craft has not seen since the days of Solomon, we have an experienced Past Master filling the high position of Lord Mayor of London, able by his Masonic rank to witness the greatest Masonic pageant the centuries have seen. Brethren, if I say that the Great City Lodge is worthy of the connection between the City and the Craft of which I have given evidence; that during its brief, vigorous life, it has been presided over by so excellent a working Mason as our Bro. James Stevens; that it has kept to its original programme and by its Saturday afternoon meetings conducted into our mysteries members of the great commercial community, whose multifarious duties and occupied lives make the day and hour especially convenient; that its contributions to our charities have been, thanks to its self-denial, most liberal; and if I further appeal to your knowledge of the benevolent character and excellent qualities of its present Master, to whom we are all indebted for the magnificent reception of to-night, and to whom the success we are commemorating is greatly due—I shall have said more than enough to ensure an enthusiastic reception to the toast I now submit to you, "Success to the Great City Lodge." (Cheers.)

Bro. James Stevens, I.P.M., said that the warmth with which the toast had been received was at once a reward, and an ample reward, for all his past labours on behalf of the lodge, and an encouragement to persevere in future efforts on behalf of Freemasonry in general, and of the Great City Lodge most particularly. For the other portion of the toast, "Prosperity to the Great City Lodge," he felt he should be wanting in his fair duty towards the brethren if he did not a little dilate on the subject of "The Lodge." He would, however, do so briefly. For himself, as well as for the other members of the lodge, he might say they had very great pride indeed in the past transactions of the lodge. It had been launched, after some amount of difficulty, and was put into its present position after encountering some storms. They all felt a pride in now being able to receive the chief magistrate of the City of London, and it was a still further pride to them that he felt happy to be one of them. They had reached this distinguished position by small steps, and he (Bro. Stevens) was quite sure that such an example would have a good effect on other lodges. They had strongly supported the charities of the Order, and they had the good wishes of all their brethren, and it would be very much their own fault if they did not do still greater things. (Applause.)

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Lord Mayor." The brethren did not all know, although the founders of the Great City Lodge knew, that the Lord Mayor was with them in sympathy and in spirit from the very inception of the Great City Lodge. His signature appeared on the petition for the charter which he (the W.M.) had now the honour to hold. From a variety of circumstances, however, and the great pressure of other engagements, the Lord Mayor was unable to associate himself with the brethren at the formation of the lodge—a circumstance, he thought, that any of the brethren would not now regret, for, had it been otherwise, they would not have had the pleasure that night of enrolling his lordship as an honorary member of their lodge, and entertaining him as their guest. (Addressing the Lord Mayor, the W.M. said: My Lord, we feel it a very high and great privilege, and pleasure, to have had the opportunity of enrolling you to-night as a member of our lodge. I feel that I might dilate upon this toast to a most inordinate length, but I will only say how proud I am, and how happy we all are, to know that you have been pleased to accept the honorary membership of our lodge. We trust we may have many opportunities of greeting you at our meetings. I shall now call upon the brethren to respond to the toast I propose with the greatest enthusiasm. (Cheers, in the midst of which the toast was duly honoured.)

The Lord Mayor, in reply, said—I thank you, sir, very much for the kind way in which you have proposed my health, and the brethren present for the way in which it has been received. I should be ungrateful indeed if I did not warmly acknowledge the kind reception you have given me this evening. I consider myself to be, although rather an ancient Mason, yet somewhat of a negligent one. I must say that, having arrived at a certain position in Masonry, I have not stuck to it as I ought to have done. But I am now under the influence of this very, I may say, cordial reception you have given me to-night. I may say I am undergoing a kind of revival. (Laughter and cheers.) I begin to feel again that the respect and esteem of my brethren in Masonry is a possession worth having, and I feel that the honour you have paid to the office I hold is that which should be encouraged. All who hold that office should endeavour to obtain the esteem and the respect which you have shown to me this night. I also feel that you have called upon me in a year which is likely to be most eventful. We have already elected as our Grand Master the Prince of Wales. That

is again a revival. (Laughter.) It was some years ago that the Grand Master of Masons was also a member of the Royal Family, but it is many more years since we have had, as the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, the heir to the throne. This year, I am sure, will mark a great epoch in Freemasonry. When we meet together in that large and noble hall which has been erected for other purposes, but which will now be sanctified and made honourable by the ceremony of the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, I feel that we are now, if Masonry did require it, though it does not, being placed before the world in a better light than we have ever been. Our private charities and benevolence can never be much more than they are, but the knowledge of the beauty of them and the good they do may be increased and better and more widely promulgated than it has been. We know at the present time there is a contest going on between darkness and light; we know that Popery and the Pope himself are determined on putting down freedom and goodwill to men. It is the object of us Christians, and of us in this country, and of the Prince of Wales himself, to insist that light shall prevail, and that everything that is good, and graceful, and honourable, and beneficial, shall stand upward and be put most forward before all mankind (Hear, hear). Brethren, it is not for me to enlarge more upon this subject. I only wish to show you that although I have been rather neglectful, I have not been forgetful of the great principles of Freemasonry. I do now say that I feel very grateful indeed for the honour you have done me to-night in electing me a member of your Great City Lodge, and thus connecting my name, as chief magistrate of this City, with Freemasonry. Brother Parkinson, in his excellent speech, has shown that it is the duty of every official in this great Corporation of London to unite himself with Freemasonry. He has brought forward sufficient proof to show that this great city had much sympathy with Freemasonry, and this is a subject which should be deeply engraven on all our hearts. It shows to me that within the short space of two years so large a lodge as this has been collected together, has earned for itself such respect and esteem that a large body of Grand Officers have now met around your table. When I look on my right hand, and on my left, and see so many distinguished Freemasons present, I feel that it is an honour indeed to be elected a member of the Great City Lodge. They give to us very great countenance and support, and I hope to show you, by my acts rather than by my words, how great an honour I consider it to be a member of a lodge so highly esteemed. (Cheers.)

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Hutton, G.J.D., then proposed "The Health of Sheriff Ellis," and remarked that it was a fact that deserved to be noted, that the Great City Lodge, after not two years' existence, should be able to entertain such a gathering of the brethren as were then assembled. Bro. Parkinson had alluded to the fact of municipal institutions going hand in hand with Freemasonry. He (Bro. Hutton) knew as a fact that for the first time the position of the municipality of the City of London had been attempted to be dealt with and interfered with, at, curiously enough, about the time that the Great City Lodge was instituted. Singularly enough, too, the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of the present year were all Masons—one of them, he was sorry to say, was absent through illness. When they saw men in such responsible positions in this metropolis of the world coming forward as Freemasons, and inculcating the principles of Masonry, the Order commended itself to the whole world, and they could confidently look forward to the future of Freemasonry. When they looked also to the circumstances under which Ultramontanum was defeated by taking up the gauntlet when it was thrown down, they had also much to congratulate themselves upon, and he thought those points would soon be brought to a very crucial strong test. It was not for any of those present to say what the effect might be; but this they knew—what was going on in Europe—it was a struggle between light and darkness, between intelligence and ignorance. No one knew this better than a Sheriff of London and Middlesex, who came in contact with scenes which proved it. The office was a very old and important one, although it had been shorn a good deal of late years. It went back many hundreds of years, and ranked only second to Her Majesty in the country. Bro. Ellis had not been neglectful of his Masonic duties, and he would no doubt soon become a famous Mason.

Bro. Sheriff Ellis, in reply, said he was afraid he should be unable to gather together the various threads which Bro. Hutton had entangled so as to address the brethren in a suitable reply to so able a speech as he had made, but he should not be wanting in his reply to the spirit in which the brethren had accepted the toast. He had been mightily delighted that evening to find that he was still again becoming a member of the institution of his country, which he believed had raised it to the pre-eminence it had attained. He remembered well that speaking in the Guildhall, one of our statesmen said, that individuals might form communities, but it was its institutions which made a nation. He, Bro. Ellis felt that this was addressed to Englishmen of every class. It was the institution of our country that had made our country great, and it was only when our country should forget what she owed to our institutions that the greatness of England should fall. From what he had heard since he had been a Freemason, he felt that Masonry might rank amongst the most glorious institutions of this country. He had been honoured among his fellow citizens; he had, at various times, had reason to be proud; but he had never felt a greater gratification than he had experienced on that occasion when he had been associated with the Lord Mayor of London. He believed there was nothing more glorious than for a man to be selected by his fellow citizens for that high and honourable office. Men had rarely, if ever, filled that post that had not risen from the ranks; but the most glorious point in the position which they occupied, was not that they should

only occupy that position, but that from century to century, and from age to age, the glorious people of England should so maintain their integrity and their sense of the duty that was thrown upon them, as to place them in the same position—that he should honour them while they honoured him. Those were the sentiments which animated every Englishman, and the Craft of Freemasonry was only a concentration of freedom, and liberty, and religion, which every Englishman was proud of. Therefore, on that occasion, he was delighted to be present, and to be honoured by the brethren as he had been that evening. (Applause.)

Bro. John Savage, P.G.D., proposed "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D., responded, and referred to the fact that the Lord Mayor would take the chair at the Girls' School festival, and that Bro. Headon would represent the Great City Lodge as Steward on that occasion, with a list which he believed would be the largest known. It might be thought that he (Bro. Rucker) would be disposed to take advantage of this opportunity in order to call upon the brethren to be liberal towards the institutions, but when he looked at the position in which the charities stood, and the manner in which they had been supported by the members of the Craft throughout the length and breadth of the land, his duty, he thought, was to thank them for what they had done, rather than to exhort them to do more in the future. Every man knew his own power, and he (Bro. Rucker) was quite satisfied that every man who had been initiated, passed, and raised in Freemasonry, would do everything he could to support the institutions.

Bro. Farmer replied for "The Initiates."

Bro. John Hervey, G.S., in proposing "The Visitors," humorously alluded to the W.M.'s first speech, in which he said that the speeches would be brief. As far as he could see, the brethren had not thought fit to carry out the principle of brevity which was promised, and even the W.M. himself had not observed his own rule. He (Bro. Hervey) would however, even at that late hour, set the example, and as it was known that the visitors wanted no utterance of his to make them more happy than they had been at their reception that night, he should simply propose their health, and hope that this was not the last time they would assemble around the board of the Great City Lodge.

Bro. Samuel Tomkins, G.T., replied, and thanked the brethren for the admirable working and the hospitality of the lodge. He hoped that the energy and thoughtfulness exhibited would not be diminished in future. (Hear, hear.)

The toast of "The Officers" was responded to by Bro. Edward Moody, Secretary, and the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a termination about 12 o'clock, when the brethren separated.

Bro. Goodchild was an excellent toastmaster.

#### FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

The annual installation of the officers of the Waterloo Lodge (S.C.) took place in the Masonic Hall, Boulcott-st., Tuesday, Dec. 8. Bro. Gillon, P.M., presided as installing officer, and the following officers were invested according to ancient form:—Bros. Dr. Johnston, R.W.M.; Player, S.M.; Press, S.W.; M'Comisky, J.W.; Powles, P.M., Treasurer; Innes, Secretary; Lindsay, S.D.; M'Kirdy, Stevenson, I.G.; Sealy, Organist; Burns, Steward; Buck, Tyler. The Depute Master elect, Bro. Downes, was absent through illness. Bro. Lambert, P.M., acted as Director of Ceremonies. After the installation, upwards of fifty brethren sat down to the usual banquet. The R.W.M. occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Gillon, P.M.; Woodward, P.M. Pacific Lodge; Toxward, P.M. Pacific Lodge; and Igglesden, W.M. elect of the Pacific Lodge (E.C.). The vice-chair was occupied by the retiring R.W.M., Bro. George, supported by Bros. Powles, P.M., and Koch, P.M. A considerable number of visitors were present, as well as members of the Pacific Lodge. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and several excellent songs sung. The party broke up shortly before midnight, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

The annual meeting of the Pacific Lodge, E.C., took place on 29th December (St. John's Day) in the Masonic Hall, Boulcott-street, the principal business being the installation of the W.M. and officers for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance of brethren and visitors, the work of installation in this instance being shared in by Bros. C. White, P.M.; E. Butts, P.M.; and T. J. Ladd, I.P.M.; was performed in a satisfactory manner. The brethren below the rank of Past Masters having withdrawn, a board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. C.M. Igglesden was duly inducted to the chair of K.S. The brethren having been recalled, the W.M. proceeded to invest and appoint the following officers:—Bros. T. J. Mountain, S.W.; N. Marchant, J.W.; Rev. Nicholls, Chaplain; R. Lambert, P.M., Treasurer; J. M. Taylor, Secretary; G. Sample, S.D.; F. C. Binns, J.D.; C. Hardy, and K. Wilson, Stewards; S. Brown, I.G.; E. Buck, Tyler. Immediately after closing the brethren adjourned to the banquet, provided by Bro. Donnecker in his usual recherché style, after the enjoyment of which the W.M. gave the first toast "The Queen and the Craft." This was honoured by the brethren singing the first verse of the National Anthem. "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. designate," was received with enthusiasm, the brethren singing a stanza of "God Bless the Prince of Wales." Other loyal and Masonic toasts followed, as also some excellent singing by some of the musical brethren, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The Pacific Lodge is to be congratulated on the selection of so earnest a Mason as Bro. Igglesden to fill the "curule chair."

Probably there is no other town of its size (about 2000 inhabitants) in the Southern Hemisphere where Masonry is so revered and regarded as a "labour of love" as in Grey-mouth, Westland, N.Z., the following lodges, chapters,

&c., being in full work: Greymouth Lodge and Chapter, E.C.; Grey River St. Andrew Lodge and Chapter, S.C.; Lewis Mark Lodge; E.C., Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge, a conclave of the Knights of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine, and a sanctuary of the K.H.S. A petition is now being forwarded to the proper authorities, through Sir Knt. E. Archer, for the degrees of Knights Templar and Rose Croix. Surely our brethren may eventually exclaim "Consumatum est!"

#### FREEMASONRY IN BERMUDA.

An emergency meeting of the Loyalty Lodge (No. 358) was held on the 31st Dec., in the Hall of the above lodge, Ireland Island, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Bray, S.W., investing the officers for the ensuing year, and for celebrating the festival of our patron Saint John the Evangelist. The brethren assembled at the stated time, 6.30 p.m., when the lodge was opened with solemn prayer in due form by Bro. W. E. Warder, W.M., supported by Bros. P.Ms. Thiele and Tucker; Bros. J. Bray, S.W.; W. T. Llewellyn, J.W.; W. Balls, S.D.; J. Soby, J.D.; W. Downing, I.G.; and T. F. Barnes, Tyler. The lodge was then passed to the second degree, and the ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and in a very solemn and impressive manner, Bro. J. Bray, W.M. elect, was inducted into the oriental chair of K.S. as W.M. of Loyalty Lodge, No. 358, the ceremony of installation being conducted by Bro. W. E. Warder, I.P.M., assisted by Bros. P.Ms. Thiele and Tucker. Too much praise could not be accorded those brethren for the very able manner in which it was carried out.

Bro. G. Bray, W.M., then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. W. E. Warder, I.P.M.; W. T. Llewellyn, S.W.; W. Cann, J.W.; C. Thiele, P.M., Treasurer; T. F. Barnes, Secretary; R. Pike, S.D.; E. Marsh, J.D.; D. Heath, I.G.; and A. E. Fiddy, Tyler.

Bro. W.M. Bray then, in a very neat and appropriate address to each of his officers, reminded them of the responsibilities they had this evening taken upon themselves, and desired them to look well to their different stations in the lodge, and finally congratulated the brethren upon their choice of Treasurer in the person of our most worthy and highly-esteemed Bro. P.M. Thiele, who had held that important office so long and so creditably.

The ceremonies of installation and investiture being completed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, numbering about 65, sat down to an excellent repast, prepared by the Stewards, Bros. Bray, Warder, and Pike.

The very tasteful manner in which the hall was decorated reflected great credit on those brethren, who had devoted their time to that purpose, under the directions of the Stewards, while the table was such as to show into what able hands that department had fallen, and the brethren showed their appreciation of the provision made by doing ample justice to the good things provided.

The cloth being removed, several loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, among which were the most prominent:—"The Queen and Craft," "Navy and Army," "M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, and the Grand Officers," "W.M. and Officers for 1875," "Retiring W.M. and Officers," "Guests," "Stewards," "Visitors," "Ladies," and, last but not least, "All Sick and Distressed Masons throughout the Universe."

"The Queen and Craft" was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by all the brethren, singing "God save the Queen."

The W.M., in proposing the toast "The M.W.G.M. and Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom," did not forget our near neighbours, the Grand Lodge of the City of New York, to which our Bro. R. A. Young, in his very agreeable style, responded in particular on behalf of the Grand Lodge of New York, expressing the pleasure he felt at being present at such a meeting, and above all the pleasure of being a member of such a well-conducted lodge as Loyalty, and concluded by wishing Bro. W.M. J. Bray and his officers a most happy and prosperous year.

On the toast of "The Retiring W.M. and Officers" being proposed, Bro. Bray, W.M., in congratulating Bro. Warder, I.P.M., on the prosperity of the lodge during his year of office, remarked that it was indeed something to be proud of, to be able to say that he had been the W.M. of Loyalty during one of the most prosperous years in the annals of the lodge, next in numbers to the worthy P.M. Bro. Tucker.

Whereupon Bro. P.M. Warder responded in the most able manner, giving a short but very clear account of the work of the year, concluding with the most hearty wishes for the continued prosperity of the lodge.

The toast of "The W.M. and Officers of 1875" being proposed by Bro. Warder, I.P.M., it was received with the most hearty applause and drank with true Masonic honours.

When Bro. Bray, W.M., responded and endeavoured to make the brethren understand that it should be his most earnest endeavour and constant study to convince them that their confidence had not been misplaced, and, as he had received the warrant from his predecessor, so he would labour hard to hand it to his successor, pure and untarnished as he had that evening received it, and after a few neat but appropriate remarks to his officers, asked their regular and continued support, for the well-being of the Order generally and the continued prosperity of the lodge.

Bro. Cann, J.W., then responded on behalf of "The Officers" in a few but appropriate words, in which he showed the brethren that as he had then taken one step on the Masonic ladder he assured them that he would work hard to reach the topmost round, keeping that object in view, which every good Mason should strive for.

The toast of "Our Guests" was very ably responded to by Bro. Tucker, P.M., expressing sincere regret at the absence of those esteemed brethren, Bros. Watkins, P.M., and Darrell, P.M., who were then suffering—the one from bodily illness, the other from an accident. Their speedy

and safe recovery was drank with enthusiasm. The other toasts then followed and were ably responded to by the several brethren.

While song and sentiment were proceeding in a very agreeable and pleasant manner the solemn tones of the clock struck the hour of 12. The W.M. then intimated that another year had passed away with all its hopes and fears, and the new year, 1875, had dawned upon us in its most pleasant form, and while we were enjoying the good things of this world let us not forget all sick and distressed brethren throughout the universe; and to close one of the most pleasant evenings "Auld Lang Syne" was sung right heartily, and the brethren retired to their respective homes.

### Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

#### MASONIC SONG.

In answer to my excellent Bro. Constable, I beg to say, that I, with others, feel indebted to him for pointing out the "whereabouts" of a somewhat remarkable song. I had seen some of its words before, but did not know, nor do I yet, in what Masonic collection to find them. They do not exist in Stephen Jones's "Muse of Masonry" of 1797 and 1811, but they may be found in some other collection. In the "Institutes of Masonry," &c., addressed to the "Sea Captain's Lodge," and published at Liverpool in 1788, in Masonic Song 24, occur these two verses at its close, and which have a good deal of likeness to the last two verses quoted by Bro. Constable:—

Let's lead a good life while power we have,  
And when that our bodies are laid in the grave,  
We hope with good conscience to Heaven to climb,  
And give Peter the password, the token, the sigh;  
Saint Peter, he opens, and so we pass in,  
To a place that's prepared for all those free from sin,  
To that Heavenly lodge which is tyed most secure,  
A place that's prepared for all Masons who're pure,  
To all pure and upright Masons.

There is also a Song, No. 38, in the same book, which travels somewhat over the same ground, but is neither so clever, and much more coarse than Bro. Constable's quotation. This is one verse about Noah:—

Then, after the flood, like a brother so true,  
Who still had the good of the Craft in his view,  
He delved the ground, and he planted the vine,  
He formed a lodge, aye, and he gave the lodge wine.  
This song is to the tune of "Derry Down."

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

#### ARCHIVES OF THE MASON'S COMPANY.

I am happy to announce, that by some researches kindly made for me, through the courtesy of the Master and of H. H. Burnell, and Mr. Hunter, the present clerk, by Mr. Gwatkin, in the records of this ancient company, Mr. Wm. Gray, Mr. Samuel Taylor, and the two Mr. Wises, all mentioned by Elias Ashmole, have been found to be members of the Masons' Company at the period mentioned by Ashmole. I hope to learn something more before long, as I have asked the favour of other researches being made; though whether we shall clear away all the doubts and difficulties of the case, may be a question. Elias Ashmole, if I read his words aright, makes a difference between the "Society of Freemasons," and the "Masons' Company," and it is, I think, more than probable that they were two and distinct sodalities.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April 2, 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, MARCH 27.

Lodge 1297, West Kent, Forest Hill Hotel, Forest Hill.  
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.  
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.  
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 29.

Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.  
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. Gotheil, 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), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-sr, 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.  
Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 30.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.  
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.  
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, 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.  
Frosperty Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.  
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.  
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.  
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.  
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975) Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.  
Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood. Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31.

Lodge 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.  
Chap. 435, Mt. Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
Red Cross Ball, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
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 Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 1.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
" 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate.  
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
" 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
" 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.  
" 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.  
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.  
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.

Chap. 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 9, Moriah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.  
Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arm's Hotel, Peckham Rye, W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.  
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, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.  
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.  
The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.  
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 2.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.  
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
" 1480, Marquis of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls-Pond-road.  
Chap. 259, Prince of Wales's, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
Mark Lodge, 8, Thistle, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.  
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 (1298), 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, Preceptor.  
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.  
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.  
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.  
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 Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.  
Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 3, 1875.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 29.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.  
TUESDAY, MARCH 30.  
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 6.30.  
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.  
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31.

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

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 1.

Lodge 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.  
" 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, near Liverpool, at 6.  
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 2.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.30.  
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.  
" 1387, Chorlton, Mas. Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.  
" 1505, Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, March 27, 1875.  
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 29.

Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-street.  
Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James's-sq., Kingston.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 30.

Chap. 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 1.

Lodge 11, St. John, King's Arms, Maybole.  
" 22, St. Johns Kilwig, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.  
" 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.  
" 149, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Irvine.  
" 157, St. John, Main-street, Beith.  
" 165, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr.  
" 202, St. Clements, Trades Tavern, Kilmarnock.  
" 320, St. John, Masonic Hall, Ardrossan.  
" 370, Renfrew, Masonic Hall, High-street, Paisley.  
" 465, St. Andrew, Garngard-road.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 2.

Lodge 114, Royal Arch, Masonic Hall, Cambuslang.  
" 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.  
" 135, St. James, Crown Inn, Tarbolton.  
" 156, St. Barchan, Mason's Arms, Kilbarchan.  
" 215, St. Andrew, Arondale Inn, Strathavon.  
" 217, Cumberland, Old Town Hall, Port Glasgow.  
" 242, Houston, Cross Keys Hotel, Johnstone.  
" 244, Union St. John, Black Bull Hotel, Stonehouse.  
" 248, Lockhart, St. John, Masonic Hall, Carnworth.  
" 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.  
" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-street.  
" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.  
" 459, Kelburne, Cumbræ Hotel, Millport.  
" 512, Thorntree, Masonic Hall, Thornliebank.  
" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Larkhall.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 3.

Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.  
" 458, St. John's, Wilson's Hall, Brisby.  
" 544, St. Andrews, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 3, 1875.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 1.

Lodge 97, St. James, St. James's Hall, Writers'-court.  
FRIDAY, APRIL 2.  
Lodge 291, Celtic of E. and L., Ship Hotel, E. Register-st.