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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETING

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

LODGE OF UNITED STRENGTH (228).—The last meeting of the season of this lodge was held at the Old Gate, St. John's of Jerusalem, Smithfield, on the 13th ult., the W.M., Bro. John While, in the chair. All the officers were present with the exception of a deacon, who had met with an accident, and thus caused a break in the constant and punctual attendance usual in the lodge. In the noble hall where Garrick essayed the part of the Mock Doctor, and where Dr. Johnson wrote the first reports of Parliament, the W.M. raised two brethren, passed two, and then initiated two gentlemen, one a well-known food analyst, the other a follower of Franklin's profession, and then, having resumed the third in order to finish the ceremony, the lodge was closed in the three degrees. All the work was done without calling off, and in an able manner on the part of all, the officers being Bro. Griggs, S.W., Bro. J. Hill, S.W., Bro. Halford, S.D., Bro. Killick, J.D., and Bro. Ingalls, I.G. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, and besides a full lodge gathering, with a good muster of P.M.'s, there were many visitors, among them being Bros. T. W. Haselgrove, of 475; Frederick Garbet and Stack, of 1178; F. Varley, of the Britannia; J. Ednooke, of the Royal Jubilee; J. G. Glover, of Sincerity; and W. Loxcroft, of the Domestic. The whole, work and refreshment, were passed in perfect harmony.

SOUTH MIDDLESEX LODGE (No. 858).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at Beaufort House, Walham Green—the head quarters of the South Middlesex Volunteer Rifle Brigade—on Thursday, the 22nd ult. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Kirke, the outgoing W.M., and the formal business of reading and confirming the minutes of the last regular and an emergency meeting, taking the report of the Audit Committee, was at once gone through; besides which the ballot was taken for the admission as a joining member of the Hon. and Rev. Francis Edmund Cecil Byng (Apollo Lodge, Oxford), of St. Peter's Parsonage, Onslow Gardens (an hon. member of the South Middlesex Rifle Volunteers), who had been proposed by Bro. the W.M., and seconded by Bro. Egan, J.W. This having completed the business of the lodge in the first degree, it was opened in the second, and Bro. Wemyss, who was a candidate for raising, being in attendance, was examined as to his proficiency in the former degrees and entrusted, and having retired, the lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Wemyss was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed in a most able manner by Bro. Jones, I.P.M. At the conclusion of this ceremony the lodge was resumed to the second degree, and the chair occupied by Bro. Major Ratcliffe, P.M. and Treas.; when Bro. P.M. Cooper, D.C., presented Bro. Pamphillon, S.W. and W.M. elect, to the presiding Master, to receive from him the benefit of installation; and Bro. Pamphillon having given his assent to the ancient charges prescribed by the Constitution, was obligated, and a board of installed Masters having been formed, was installed in due form into the chair of K.S., after which the Master Masons and Fellow Crafts were re-admitted, and the W.M. proclaimed with the customary ceremony. To those who know Bro. Ratcliffe it is unnecessary to add that the work was ably performed and the addresses delivered in a most impressive manner; to those who have not the pleasure of knowing him, it may be useful information to say that in him the South Middlesex Lodge possesses a member of whose talents they may well be very proud, as we do not remember to have heard any brother's working to surpass his. This lodge is the more fortunate from the fact that Bro. Ratcliffe is not the only good worker it possesses. Indeed, there are so many good workmen here that it would be

invidious to mention names unnecessarily, but we could easily count off half a dozen, at the least, of which any lodge might be proud; and that is more than can be said of some lodges. At the close of the ceremony the W.M. proceeded to appoint his officers, which he did as follows— Bro. Egan, S.W.; Bro. Singleton, J.W.; Treas., Bro. Ratcliffe, Sec.; Bro. Shuter; S.D. Bro. Todd; J.D. Bro. Bird, I.G., Bro. Pollard; D.C., Bro. P.M. Cooper; Tyler, Bro. Woodstock. The P.M.'s present were Bros. Cooper, Worthington, Weaver, Jones, Wellsman, Godwin, and Shuter; while amongst the visitors we observed Bro. E.S. Snell, P.G.D. Bro. W. L. Holt, W.M. 5; Bro. H. G. Heald, Enoch 11; Bro. Sales, I.G. 13; Bro. H. I. Reynolds, S.W. 91, P.M. 101; Bro. Wimperis, 91; Bro. H. Kirke, P.M. S. Luke's, 144; Bro. Gamble, 706; and Bro. Preston the able D.C. of the Great City Lodge 1106; and E.C. Massey (*Freemason*). The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren present reassembled at the banquet-table, and partook of a most elegant repast, which reflects the highest credit on the managers of the commissariat department of the S.M.R.V. Corps. On the cloth being drawn, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The hour, however, being somewhat advanced, short speeches were the order of the evening. In proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said: Brethren, the toast I have now to propose to you is one which I am sure you will all receive with English loyalty and Masonic enthusiasm. It is "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M.," who is to be installed on the 28th at the Albert Hall, the chief ruler of the Craft in this country, and in loyalty to whom thousands of Masons from all points will throng together, and have the honour of working with him in Grand Lodge. I wish that we could all meet there on Wednesday, but even the Albert Hall, large as it is, will not accommodate all who would like to be present, so that such a meeting is impossible. Brethren, I give you "The Health of the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales." W.M.: The next toast I have to call your attention to is "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Skelmersdale." The appointment of these noblemen to fill the offices I have named promises to be highly popular and extremely beneficial to the Craft. They are both earnest and hearty Masons, who will afford their services whenever compatible with their political or social duties. W.M.: The next toast, brethren, is a most important one; it is "The Past Grand Masters, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present." We know from our own experience what very useful helps Past Masters are, and we can therefore well believe that in managing the affairs of Grand Lodge, as well as in the conduct of our own lodge, the assistance, advice, and experience afforded by Past Officers are most valuable to those at present in office. We have one Past Grand Officer present—Bro. Snell, whose name I will couple with this toast. Bro. Snell, P.G.D., in returning thanks, referred to the great exertions that were being bestowed upon the preparations for the grand event of Wednesday, particularly those of Bro. Sir H. Woods and Bro. Fenn, and the twelve experienced Masons in the Council, not forgetting the arduous labours of our worthy Grand Secretary, Bro. Harvey. I.P.M. Bro. Kirke Proposed "The health of the W.M.," who, in returning thanks, proposed "The Health of the Visitors," remarking that the South Middlesex was always fortunate in this respect, as they always had the pleasure of seeing many visiting brethren at their lodge meetings. Bro. Holt (5), whose name was coupled with this toast, returned thanks. The W.M. proceeded to propose "The Health of the I.P.M. Bro. Kirke," and in doing so presented him, on behalf of the lodge, with a P.M. jewel. Bro. Kirke having replied, "The Health of the Past Masters and Officers" was drunk, followed by the Tyler's toast in the usual course, and the company separated at a somewhat late hour.

JORDAN LODGE (No. 201).—This lodge, which is presided over by Bro. J. Hume, held its last meeting of the session on Friday, at Freemasons' Tavern. In the summons convening the brethren to meet, appear two significant words, "No banquet." Whether this announcement, or the more private or public business, influenced the members in mustering, we are scarcely in a position to say; but certainly on this occasion, in comparison with former ones, the assembly was not numerous. We offer, however, for their acceptance our congratulations to the W.M., Bro. J. Hume, in conjunction with the support of Bros. P. Robinson, I.P.M.; Watts, P.M., Treas.; and Arliss, P.M., Sec., on this expression of their determination to endeavour to place the funds of the lodge in such a state as will enable it to continue to contribute, as hitherto, largely to the different charities. The admirable harmony which prevailed in the lodge, and the excellent working of the lodge and rendering of the ceremony of passing Bro. F. W. Kent, of the Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, who passed his examination very creditably, will compare most favourably with the best metropolitan lodges. The M.M.'s ticket for admission to witness the Grand Installation on the 28th inst. was disposed of by ballot, and, apropos, fell to the senior subscribing member, who was present below the Warden's chair. The fortunate possessor is Bro. Reed, J.D. A letter was read from Bro. Stroud, who was initiated in this lodge some years ago, but whose engagements have been of such a pressing nature as to preclude his attendance, desiring to be re-admitted. After a few favourably expressed feelings of sympathy and pleasure from Bros. Arliss, Carvill and Hammond, it was unanimously resolved to comply with Bro. Stroud's wishes. The brethren present were J. Hume, W.M.; Wagner, S.W.; J. Hammond, P.M., acting J.W.; Reed, J.D.; Watts, P.M., Treas.; H. M. Arliss, P.M., Sec.; P. Robinson, I.P.M., acting S.D. with his accustomed skill; Davage, P.M.; Carvill, P.M.; Sumner, W.M.; and another brother whose name we could not hear. The business of the evening being ended, the lodge was closed, and adjourned until the third Friday in October.

INSTRUCTION.

NEW CONCORD LODGE (No. 813).—The ceremony of consecration and installation was worked on Wednesday, April 21. About sixty members of the craft assembled. The work was most admirably performed. Among the brethren were Bros. Emmens, P.G.P., Bartlett, P.M., 813, Atkins, P.M., 813, H. J. Gabb, W.M., 813, Mather, P.M., 65, Main, P.M., Hill, Saul, Pearcey, Cusworth, Braine, Harper, Stead, Halford, &c., &c. After the closing of the lodge about forty brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Room, where a cold collation was provided, at which Bro. Terry presided. After the usual loyal toasts, the toast of "The G. Officers, Past and Present," was eloquently replied to by Bro. Emmens, P.G.P. "Continued Prosperity to the New Concord Lodge of Instruction," coupled with the name of the energetic Secretary, Bro. Main, P.M., who acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms. Bro. Bartlett, P.M., proposed "Bro. Terry's Health," thanking him for the grand treat he had afforded. Bro. Terry expressed the pleasure he had in attending, and begged to tender his thanks to the brethren for the very great attention they had paid to him, which made his work lighter; also for the excellent arrangements, and especially to the officers who had assisted him, more particularly to Bro. Walesby, Org., 813, for his musical talents. "The Health of the Host and Hostess" was facetiously responded to by Bro. Gabb, senior.

PROVINCIAL.

ROCHDALE.—HOPE LODGE (No. 54).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 14th April, at the Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale, and there was a numerous attendance of the brethren. All officers were present—Bros. Richard Simpson, W.M.; Ab. Barker, S.W.; James Burnish, J.W.; P.M. Dan Mitchell, Secretary; R. Cellingwood, S.D.; Char. O'Doherty, J.D.; Bintliffe, I.G.; James Midgley, P.M., Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form at 5.30 p.m., and the minutes of the previous lodges were read and put for confirmation, and carried unanimously. Bro. John Thomas Worth was then called on and examined, and having satisfied the brethren was then entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. J. T. Worth was admitted and duly passed to the degree of F.C. by T. B. Ashworth, P.M. Bro. J. T. Worth was invested, and retired. The lodge was then closed in the second degree. The Secretary was now called upon to read the new Bye-laws, which had been drawn up in accordance with the Book of Constitutions and the Bye-laws of the Province, and they were highly approved of by the brethren. The lodge finally closed at 7.45, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was well provided by P.M. Wm. Ashworth and his wife. After the cloth was removed the usual toasts were gone through, commencing with the Queen and the rest of the Royal Family. The other toasts were given in succession. The closing toast was given and the brethren separated, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

IPSWICH.—BRITISH UNION LODGE (No. 114).—The monthly meeting of this old centenary lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 15th ult. Present: Bros. A. D. George, W.M.; Rev. E. I. Lockwood, D.P.G.M.; W. Boby, P.S.G.W.; acting J.W.; J. J. Burton, P.P.G.D.C., Cambridge, S.W.; Emra Holmes, P.P.G.R.; W. Spalding, P.M., Sect.; H. Miller, S.D.; Rev. J. B. Tweed, J.D.; J. Allen, I.G.; and others. Visiting Bro.: A. Gamman, I.P.M., Perfect Friendship Lodge. The lodge was duly opened; the minutes read and confirmed; the ballot was taken for two brethren as joining members, and one for initiation, and all were unanimously accepted. Bro. Henry Edwards was examined and entrusted, and the lodge being opened in the second degree he was duly passed as a Fellow Craft, the W.M. performing the ceremony with his customary ability. The Secretary informed the lodge of the Grand Secretary's suggestion as to the disposal of the one ticket appropriated to Master Masons, and on the proposition of Bro. Barton it was allotted to Bro. Miller, the senior officer, not otherwise entitled to attend the Installation on the 28th. Bro. Emra Holmes said that whilst on the subject of the Installation he would venture to suggest that a new pair of gauntlets for the W.M. would be desirable, so that he might present a decent appearance in Grand Lodge. The present pair would certainly vouch for the artiquity of the lodge; otherwise they were not ornamental. The W.M. suggested that new gauntlets would be equally necessary for the Wardens. Bro. Holmes was willing if the funds admitted to propose that gauntlets for the Wardens also be procured from Bro. Kenning, the great Masonic Jeweller, who, he believed, supplied these things as cheap, if not cheaper, than other houses. Bro. Boby thought that the older the clothing the more honourable—he could not support the proposition. Ultimately the motion was lost for want of a seconder, the general feeling seeming to be that the funds of the lodge might be better applied in supporting the charities than in purchasing regalia. The routine business having been disposed of the lodge was closed, and the brethren, under the chairmanship of the W.M., sat down to an excellent supper provided by the Masonic Hall Keeper and admirable chef, Bro. George Spalding. The usual toasts were proposed from the chair. Bro. Boby responded for that of "The Provincial Grand Officers," and in a humorous and sensible speech disposed of the brother who had written to the *Freemason* to complain because in one of the recent reports of the lodge meetings in that valuable organ of the Fraternity the lodge had been described as exclusive. Bro. Boby remarked that the writer of the letter had evidently quite misunderstood the meaning of the word exclusive, or, at any rate, the meaning we put upon it. We had as a lodge no wish to exclude any one who had the true interests of Masonry at heart, no one who would be likely to act up to and carry out the true tenets of the Order, being in

mind that charity was the ruling characteristic of a Freemason's heart—no one who would act and behave like a Mason and a gentleman, and this latter word was used in its broadest sense. A glance round the lodge room would at once show that; for although we were honoured by having a peer of the realm, several distinguished clergymen, brothers learned in the law, and others in the noble art of healing, still we had brethren in a great variety of useful trades and callings, but every one a gentleman in the truest and broadest sense of the word. Bro. Bobby observed that there was no desire to restrict the members of the lodge to one particular class or profession—far from it—all the lodge insisted upon was that its members should act like gentlemen. Exclusive the lodge was in the best sense, but not exclusive in the sense supposed by the brother who wrote to the *Freemason*. He was reminded of an anecdote of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, their Grand Master. It was well known that the Prince got his clothes from Poole, the great tailor, and that H.R.H., who was always very affable, would sometimes stroll in and have a chat with Poole. One day, it is said, the Prince said, "Well, Poole, you've been away, I find." "Yes, your Royal Highness, I have been down to Margate." "Enjoyed it?" asked the Prince, pleasantly. "Well, pretty well, your Royal Highness, but the company was very mixed." "D— it, man," said H.R.H., "you surely wouldn't have them all tailors!" (Laughter.) Bro. Bobby assured the brother who wrote the complaining letter to the *Freemason* that we didn't want all tailors in the lodge. Our pleasant, genial brother sat down amidst great applause. Two or three brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening, and the meeting was brought to a close at a reasonable hour.

WINDSOR.—ETONIAN LODGE OF ST. JOHN (No. 209).—On Tuesday afternoon, 6th ult., the brethren of this lodge assembled at their usual place of meeting, the Masonic Hall, St. Alban's-street, Windsor, under the presidency of Bro. John O. Carter, the W.M., who was supported by Bros. Denne, S.W.; Cauvin, J.W.; Strange, P.M., Sec.; Pullin, P.M., Treas.; Garrett, acting S.D.; Roberts, I.G.; Dixon, I.P.M.; Reid, P.M.; Stacey, P.M.; Wilson, P.M.; Hiscock, Duffield, Spindler, Willoughby, Bladen, Lovegrove, Tully, and others. Visitors—Bros. Kent, 309; Bingham, P.M. 771; Tolley, P.M. 771; Harris, Fisk, and others. Unfortunately the five junior officers were unable to be present; but their duties were most ably performed in their absence by junior members of the lodge, who were thus afforded an opportunity of giving proof of their competency to take regular office should it at any future time be the pleasure of the W.M. to appoint them. Bro. Willoughby was passed to the second degree and Bro. H. T. Spindler raised to the third, the efficient working of the Master being a topic of conversation and commendation among the visitors present and the brethren. The usual work having been completed, the Master announced that twenty M.M.'s of the lodge had sent in their names as desirous of attending the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Order, at the Albert Hall, on the 28th April. All of those names had been duly forwarded to Grand Lodge. It was now, however, understood, though not officially, that only one M.M. could be present from each lodge, and he therefore proposed that a ballot be taken for the brother to whom the ticket should be given, supposing it to be at the discretion of the lodge. This proposal having been seconded, some conversation ensued; and an amendment was moved to the effect that the ticket be given to the senior member of the lodge on the list of those who had sent in their names to the W.M. This was put in the usual manner and lost by a large majority. The original motion was then put and carried *nem. dis.*, and a ballot taken in open lodge, the choice falling on Bro. Garrett. Upon the motion of the Secretary (Bro. J. Strange) Bros. Cobbett and Grey, two members of the lodge who resigned some years ago, were proposed joining members, as were also Bros. Fisk and Harris, both of whom desired to join the lodge after having seen the admirable working of its members. After some conversation the lodge decided (upon the proposal of Bro. G. W. Dixon) to raise the initiation fee from £5 5s. to £6 6s., and the joining fee from £1 1s. to £2 2s. The lodge was then closed in due form. Bro. Tolley, of the Chapel Royal, Windsor, ably officiated as Organist. The brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel to an excellent repast, to which ample justice was done. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and duly responded to, and the brethren separated after having spent a very pleasant afternoon and evening.

LEICESTER.—JOHN O'GAUNT LODGE (No. 523).—The members of this lodge assembled at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday evening, the 15th ult., under the direction of their distinguished Master in the Craft, Bro. S. S. Partridge, to pursue their labours in speculative Masonry. Bro. Partridge, W.M., having at a previous meeting ably inculcated the moral duties in the 1°. Bro. Gunn, who had made excellent improvement as an entered apprentice, was presented as a candidate for the 2°, and the zealous aspirant was permitted access by the winding staircase to that position which enables him to make the liberal arts and sciences his particular study. Bro. Partridge in the lecture of the degree so impressively traced the progress of the art nature and design of Freemasonry, as cannot fail to excite, in the Craftsman a spirit of enquiry, and induce him to emulate further acquisitions in Masonry. Among those present on the occasion were Bros. William Kelly, F.R.H.S., P.P.G.M.; J. T. Thorp, S.W.; W. T. Rowlett, J.W.; W. B. Smith, P.M., Treasurer; T. A. Wykes, Secretary; A. Ross, S.D.; R. Taylor, J.D.; W. C. Shout, I.G.; F. J. Baines, A.M. Duff, G. Toller, J. W. Smith, J. M. M. Allister, G. W. Statham, A. Sargeant, J. Ewing, W. Rushin, and others. The M.M. ticket for admission to the approaching installation of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales was unanimously voted to the indefatigable and worthy Secretary of the lodge, Bro. T. A. Wykes.

COLCHESTER.—UNITED LODGE (No. 697).—The installation of Bro. A. R. Clench as W.M. of the United Lodge, No. 697, took place on Thursday, 22nd ult., in the presence of the R.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Matthew Edward Clark, who made his appearance in an Essex lodge for the first time since his appointment), the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. John Wright Carr), the Provincial Grand Treasurer (Bro. J. Burton), and a very large number of visitors and members of the lodge. The ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, W.M., of the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1,224, P.M., P.Z., and Past Grand Chaplain of England; and at its conclusion the new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. T. Eustace, P.M., S.W.; T. W. Naylor, J.W.; Thos. Rix, P.M., Secretary; B. Brailey, Treasurer; W. H. Bateman, S.D.; E. Hennemeyer, J.D.; W. R. Willocks, I.G.; G. Guiver, Organist; W. Middleton, D.C.; H. Everitt and R. Emson, Stewards; and C. Gunner, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the R.W., the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the other grand officers for their kind attendance, and to Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of the day. Forty-six brethren subsequently sat down to a sumptuous banquet *a la Russe* at the George Hotel. During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and drunk, and the enjoyments of the evening were very much enhanced by the vocal renderings of several brethren, Bro. G. Guiver acting as accompanist. In connexion with the toast of the Masonic Charities some gratulatory remarks were made in reference to the great success of the Colchester case at the election for the Boys' school on the previous Monday. Among those present, either in lodge or at the banquet, were:—The Right Worshipful the Past Prov. Grand Master for Western India, Bro. R. Bolton-Barton, L.L.D.; Bros. Charles Cobb, W.M.; A. Welch, S.W.; G. Gard Pye, J.W.; P.P.S. of Works, Essex; T. R. Quilter, P.M.; G. Allen, T. A. Middleton, W. W. Daniell, and T. J. Ralling, Secretary, of Angel Lodge, No. 51; W. Shury, P.M., 167, 548, and 51; F. Wright, 213, and 1,500; J. E. Wiseman, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; and Secretary Henry York, P.M.; J. E. Richardson, P.M., P.G.S.B.; and A. Went, of Lodge of Hope, No. 433; Alfred Neck and J. Hope; and the following brethren of No. 697:—The Rev. E. H. Crate, I.P.M., P.P.G.C.; T. Rix, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Secretary; E. Williams, M.D., P.M.; T. Eustace, P.M.; W. Calthorpe, P.M., the Rev. T. C. Brettingham, E. Hennemeyer, B. Brailey, T. W. Naylor, W. Middleton, J. H. Boulton, T. Downing, G. Eustace, I. Harris, W. R. Willocks, W. H. Bateman, T. Williams, H. Harlow, R. Nightingale, G. Harvey, Bandmaster Frayling, 5th Lancers, Sergt. G. Roberts, 5th Lancers, Sergt. Major McConnell, 88th, Colour-Sergt. Hendley, 88th, and Sergt.-Major Hunt, 10th Regiment.

WARDLE (NEAR ROCHDALE).—ROYDS LODGE (No. 816).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th April, and there was a moderate attendance of the brethren. The officers present were Bros. John Ashworth, W.M.; the S.W. being prevented from attending, P.M. Stephen England filled his place; James Taylor, J.W.; P.M. James Kershaw, Treasurer; P.M. James Midgley, Secretary; John Thomas Stott, S.D.; John Helliwell, J.D.; Alf. Shore, I.G., pro tem; William Eastwood, Tyler, pro tem. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 7.30. The minutes of the previous lodge were read and confirmed, after which the W.M. called on P.M. William Davies to give an explanation of the First Tracing Board, and the brethren were very highly pleased to have had an opportunity of listening to such an interesting explanation. There being no other business, the W.M. closed the lodge at 8.45, after receiving hearty good wishes from Lodge of Hope (54) and Lodge of Benevolence (226), and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was beautifully provided by Bro. John Leach and his wife, in that homely and comfortable style which always gives satisfaction to the brethren. After the cloth was removed the W.M. proceeded with the toasts, commencing with the Queen and the members of the Royal Family, and the other toasts were given. To the toast of "The Visiting Brethren," Bro. Thomas Edward Heap, 226, responded. The last toast was given and the brethren separated after a very pleasant evening.

HAMPTON COURT.—BURDETT LODGE (No. 1293).—This lodge met for the transaction of business on Saturday the 24th ult., at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, Bro. Frederick Keily, W.M., occupying the chair. The lodge having been opened in due form, and with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last regular lodge meeting were read and confirmed. There were five candidates for raising, three of whom were present, viz., Bro. T. R. Carrell, Bro. A. Wyatt, and Bro. W. J. Burdett; and these, when the lodge had been opened in the 2°, were examined and entrusted. On their retiring the lodge was opened in the 3°, when they were re-admitted and raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being very ably performed by the W.M., a very thorough and very earnest Mason, who, by his conduct in the chair, is proving himself to be a very good workman. The lodge having been resumed to the 1°, the W.M. inquired whether the candidates for initiation—there being two on the summons—were in attendance, was answered in the negative, one being absent from an unexplained cause, and the other having met with a serious accident. In the absence of the R.W., Colonel Burdett, Prov. Grand Master, and of Bro. R. W. Little, Prov. G. Sect. (the proposer and seconder of a candidate for joining), both of whom were absent from an unavoidable cause, the ballot for the proposed joining member could not be proceeded with. The regular business of the lodge thus came to a conclusion somewhat earlier than was anticipated. Bro. Rosenthal proposed that the W.M., Bro. Keily, be recommended to the Prov. Grand Master of

Middlesex as one of the Prov. Grand Officers, which proposition was seconded and put by the S.W., and carried unanimously. After having thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him by this resolution, the W.M. said there was one matter to which he wished to call their attention before closing the lodge. He thought that the time had arrived for them to endeavour to obtain a suitable room in which to hold their lodge meetings. He had conceived the idea that they might erect a small Masonic Temple—he did not desire to interfere with the present arrangements as to banquet—but by the time of the next meeting he hoped to have some tangible proposal on the subject for their consideration. He added that he felt sure that if they did not do it some other lodge would, and he should be very sorry if any lodge but the Burdett were to take the initiative in this matter. The Secretary, he added, would please take these remarks as a notice that he, the W.M., intended to move a resolution on the subject at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed in perfect harmony. The members present were Bro. Keily, W.M.; Bro. Pearce, S.W.; Bro. Berrie, J.W.; Bro. Buss, P.M. P.G. Treas.; Bro. Southwell, S.D.; Bro. Bindoff, J.D.; Bro. E. Shaboe, Prov. Grand Chaplain, Middlesex; Bro. Woollard, Steward; Bro. R. L. Sindall, I.G.; Bro. Still, P.M.; Bro. H. Phythian, P.M.; Bro. T. Massa, P.M.; Bro. Raynham Stewart, P.P.S.G.W., Middlesex; Bro. S. Rosenthal, P.P.S.G.W., Middlesex; and many other brethren, members of the lodge. Among the visitors we observed Bro. G. Phythian, Neptune 22; J. Thompson, Tranquility 185; Alfred Clark, Harmony 255; Dr. Ramsay, M.D., S.W., 259; W. Dennison, P.M. Alfred, 306; Charles Legg, East Surrey Concord 463; W. Reed, St. James 765; and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*). When their Masonic labours were brought to an end the brethren spent a short interval in the grounds of the charming old palace, and then re-assembled at the banquet table, where a handsome dinner was set before them, to which they did ample justice. On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair, and were all most heartily responded to by the brethren present. "The Queen and the Craft" "the M.W., the G.M.," and the "Prov. Grand Master" having been drunk, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," coupling therewith the name of Bro. Raynham Stewart. Bro. R. Stewart said that many of these toasts were merely formal, but he felt that this was no mere formal toast, considering the happy event that was to take place next Wednesday, and all that is being done by the Grand Officers, Past and Present, to promote the success of the proceedings on that day. Brethren, he continued, we are about to have the Prince of Wales before the people of England and before the whole world as the Grand Master of Freemasons of England. He is doing us a very great honour, an honour that we are very proud of; but let me tell you it is a very great honour to him; when he acquires that position he will know that he has 40,000 men ready to shed their hearts' blood for him; and, therefore, I say it is not only an honour he does us, but we do him a great honour indeed. Brethren, I thank you. The W.M.—Brethren, I have now to give you a toast that is always well received in this lodge, and that is, "The Health of the R.W. Colonel Burdett, Prov. Grand Master, Middlesex." It is very rarely indeed that he is absent, and though he is obliged to absent himself this evening, we know that his heart is with us, and that he wishes himself here. I have also to call your attention to the toast of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present; I believe we have four present this evening.—Bro. R. Stuart: Brethren, I feel that you must be getting very tired of me, but at the same time I am very proud of having been your first Dep. Prov. Grand Master, but I think I did you good suit and service by retiring from you, as there are so many fresh men coming on. I thank you very sincerely for your kindness, and for the very great respect that I have always received at your hands, and I hope that I shall always merit it.—Bro. Rosenthal said that there was never much to be said by any one coming after Bro. Raynham Stewart. He was very proud to stand in the position he occupied, and he thanked them for drinking his health.—Bro. Shaboe, Prov. G. Chaplain, also responded. We have not space for his speech, which was a warm plea for the charities. He took the opportunity, as he was going as Steward at the Girls' Festival, to ask the Lodge for £5, and instanced cases which had come under his personal observation of severe reverses of fortune, alleviated by means of the Masonic institutions. We have no space to spare for a detailed report of the remaining speeches. Suffice it to say, that all the usual toasts were drunk, and all were responded to, and acknowledged, and the brethren separated at a comfortably early hour, so as to be able to reach home in reasonable time. We congratulate the W.M. on the able working of his officers, and the good feeling that pervades the whole Lodge; and we congratulate the lodge on being under the direction of so able and courteous a W.M. as Bro. Keily.

LEICESTER.—COMMERCIAL LODGE (No. 1391).—The annual festival and installation meeting of the Commercial Lodge, 1391, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Monday, the 12th ult. The almost unprecedented number of brethren in attendance fully demonstrated the brotherly love and esteem for Bro. Barber, and the warm interest in the prosperity of this young lodge which pervades the heart and minds of the brethren of the local lodges. Among those present during the evening were—Bros. Wm. Kelly, F.R.H.S. (Hon. Mem.) P.P.G.M.; Clement Stretton, P.P.G.W.; G. Toller, P.P.G.W.; R. Waite, P.G.W.; S. S. Partridge, P.G.S.W.M. 523; W. B. Smith, P.G. Treas.; J. M. McAllister, P.G. S.D.; W. Weare, P.P.G.D.; J. B. Hall, P.M., P.G.D.C. and first Master of the lodge; J. Halford, P.M., P.P.G.A. D.C.; G. Clifton, M.D.W.M.; J. W. Smith, W.M. 279;

A. Palmer, P.M.; F. J. Baines, P.M.; J. T. Thorp, S.W. 523; G. B. Atkins, Alderman Barfoot, L. L. Atwood, G. W. Statham, J.W. 279, and other officers after mentioned. The following representative brethren were also present—Bros. Scott, 27; Pank, Treas., and Dixie, Sec., 442; Dorrington, 935, and others. The lodge having been opened in due form by Bro. Dr. Clifton, W.M., and the preliminary business dispatched, our veteran brother, Wm. Kelly, P.P.G.M., took the chair, and performed the ceremony of installing Bro. Barber with more than usual effect. The whole proceedings were conducted with dignity, graced by courtesy and hospitality, and it would only be invidious to particularize when the same system has been so generally practised by the sister lodges in Leicester, and we may fairly omit enumerations where the record of good feeling is so general. The admirable working of Bro. Kelly was anxiously watched by the spirited and intelligent members of the lodge, and though unqualified to take any leading part therein, they evinced a thorough determination not to be sleeping partners in the great concern of Masonry. Bro. Barber, W.M., appointed and invested the following brethren as officers of the lodge for the ensuing year—Bros. E. Mason, S.W.; B. Moore, J.W.; R. Waite, Treasurer; J. Ewing, Secretary; A. Chamberlin, S.D.; G. Matt, J.D.; E. Butler, I.G.; C. McBride, D.C.; H. Meadows and J. W. Hunter, Stewards; and C. Bembridge and T. Dunn, Tylers. By the Treasurer's report the finance department is most prosperous, and this prosperity has enabled the lodge to contribute a liberal donation to the Boys' School. The lodge was closed in due form, and upwards of sixty brethren remained to the banquet, which was of the most recherché description. The arrangements generally reflected great credit upon Bro. C. McBride, E. Butler, J. W. Hunter, and Dr. Meadows, the officiating Stewards. The usual loyal and characteristic toasts were given, and Bro. Barber, in submitting them, enlivened and cheered the meeting with his usual urbanity of manner and social kindness. Bro. Clifton, I.P.M. in a humorous address, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was supported by Bro. Stretton, P.P.G.W., in justly merited terms of encomium, and enthusiastically received by the brethren. The W.M., in reply, shortly detailed the plan he intended to pursue as Master, and expressed his desire for the promotion of the interests of the lodge and the Craft generally. The Past Masters of the Lodge who were all present, were next complimented in felicitous terms by the W.M., to which Bros. J. B. Hall, J. Halford, and Dr. Clifton responded in a manner which truly delighted an attentive auditory. The toast of "The Sister Lodges" was responded to by Bros. J. W. Smith, W.M. 279; S. S. Partridge, W.M. 523; G. Toller, P.M.; R. Waite, P.M., and several brethren of rank, whose laudatory remarks and happy allusions to the principles of the Order did honour alike to their heads and hearts. In short, the meeting was strongly characterized by an intellectuality of enjoyment, and the greatest harmony and goodwill prevailed the whole of the evening.

HAMPTON HILL.—FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE (No. 1503).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Hill, on Wednesday, April the 14th. The lodge was opened at six o'clock by the following officers—Bros. Wigginton, P.M., &c., &c.; W. M. Saunders, S.W.; Walls, acting J.W.; Horsley, P.M., P.Z., &c., acting I.P.M.; Knaggs, Treas.; Mitchell, Sec.; Court, acting I.G. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Taylor having been examined and entrusted, was passed to the second degree, and Bro. Bennett, having satisfactorily answered the usual questions, was also entrusted and raised to the degree of a Master Mason. Both ceremonies were carried out in their beautiful entirety by the W.M. most ably and impressively, although he was suffering very severely from a painful and distressing indisposition. Bro. Horsley, P.M., then reported that, in compliance with the unanimous resolution passed at the last lodge meeting, he had seen Colonel Burdett, the P.G.M. of Middlesex, upon the subject of removing the lodge to Twickenham, and that he had agreed to the same with one condition, that it should not be removed until it had completed one year of its existence. The W.M. also reported that he had both written to and seen the Colonel upon the matter, and informed him that a deputation had been appointed by the lodge to wait upon him to explain the reasons that had actuated the members in their unanimous desire to leave the King's Arms; but that their P.G.M. had declined to receive the deputation, as he stated he was perfectly satisfied with the statements and explanation given by him (Colonel Wigginton), and that he consented to the removal subject to the one condition as expressed by him to P.M. Horsley. After some discussion, Bro. Knaggs was elected to receive the Master Mason's ticket, entitling him to be present at the Prince of Wales's Installation as M.W.G.M. In answer to the Senior Warden's question as to what was going to be done towards establishing a Lodge of Instruction in connection with the lodge, the W.M. stated that as it had been finally determined that the lodge should be removed from Hampton Hill to Twickenham, he should immediately make the necessary application in order that the brethren might have an opportunity of attending at the Albany Hotel for Masonic instruction during the summer recess, where he intended the Lodge of Instruction should be held, and that he should have much pleasure in acting as Preceptor until the requirements of the lodge should necessitate the engagement of a permanent one. The following brethren, who had been proposed by the J.W. and seconded by the W.M., were balloted for and unanimously elected joining members:—Bros. P. V. Matton, P. Prov. S.D. Nottingham, P.M. 402; Sugg, P. Prov. G. Org. Surrey, 452; John Hatton, P. Prov. G.S.W. of Suffolk, 555; Kennedy, P.M. 820, W.M. Crescent; Bayliss, 820; and Grant, 957. Some minor business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the residence of the W.M., where they were hospitably received and kindly entertained.

Royal Arch.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—A meeting of this old established Chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-st., on Tuesday, the 13th of April last. There were present Companions Smith, M.E.Z.; Watts, P.Z., acting H.; J. Hammond; Davage, P.Z., acting S.E.; Wauger, S.N.; Elsam, P.S.; Robinson, A.S.; Honeywell, 2nd. A.S.; Bentley, Janitor. The minutes of the previous chapter having been read and confirmed, the M.E., assisted by his officers exalted Bros. T. E. Walls, 141, W.S. 1381, I.G. 1503, 1512, and J. Sumner, I.G. 201. The impressive and beautiful ceremony was most excellently well performed. This being the night of installation, Companion Smith was inducted for the second time to the chair of First Principal, and Companions Hammond and Elsam to the second and third. The ceremony was ably carried out by the veteran Companion Watts, P.Z., assisted by the other Past Principals of the Chapter, viz., Companions Holbrook, Lowenstark and Davage. The other officers appointed were Companions Davage, S.E.; Wagner S.N.; Robinson, P.S.; Honeywell, First A.S.; Mander, Second A.S.; Bentley, Janitor. The report of the Auditors, Companions Smith, Watts, Holbrook, Davage, Hammond and Stevens, after considerable discussion, was received and adopted, and the chapter having been duly closed, the companions adjourned to an elegant banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and R.A. toasts were given by the M.E. with commendable brevity, and duly honoured. Comp. Elsam proposed "The Health of the M.E." in an able speech, which was heartily received. Comp. Smith, in reply, stated that he was exceedingly proud at being again elected to the first chair. He was unfortunately suffering from illness when he left Cheshire to be present at the audit meeting of the chapter on the previous day, which indisposition had increased considerably, and he hoped that under the circumstances the companions would kindly overlook his shortcomings in the chair that evening, and on that account also excuse his brevity in proposing the various toasts. He was advised, on account of his state of health, not to leave the country, but knowing that his absence would have entailed considerable inconvenience to his officers, he had determined at all risks to be present at the last meeting of the season of his mother Chapter. The M.E. then proposed "The Healths of the Newly Exalted Companions, Walls and Sumner," and stated that from the recommendations that had been given to the chapter by their proposers and seconders—viz., Companions Hammond and Elsam, and Wayne and Savage—the "Jerusalem" had received a valuable addition to its ranks, and he felt sorry that the last named companion had been unable to stay to the banquet, in order that he might have had an opportunity of responding to the toast. Companion Wallis, in reply, thanked the M.E. and the companions for the hearty manner in which his health, in conjunction with Companion Sumner's, had been drunk. The proceedings and technicalities of the R.A. were so different from the Craft that he felt quite out of his element, and hoped that any breach of etiquette he might commit upon that, the night of his *début*, would be kindly overlooked by the chapter. He then expatiated upon what he had seen of the working of the companions, and expressed how impressed he was with the solemn and beautiful ritual which had inspired them with ardour, and he hoped some day, by perseverance and attention, to arrive at the proud position of First Principal of the Jerusalem, the duties of which chair had been so ably carried out by their M.E., notwithstanding the difficulties under which he laboured through indisposition. The healths of the officers were next proposed and drunk, and severally responded to by Comps. Hammond, Elsam, Robinson, Wagner, and Davage. The M.E. then proposed "The Health of their Visitor, Comp. E. Levy, P.Z." (Joppa), and expressed how gratified he felt at having had the company of so indefatigable and zealous a worker in the various degrees of Freemasonry, and he was sorry that that companion had not been present at the working of the chapter. This toast was well received, and Comp. Levy made an excellent reply. Between the intervals of the toasts Comps. Walls, Levy and Mander vocally and dramatically entertained the companions. The proceedings terminated at midnight, and the chapter separated until October.

Mark Masonry.

BATH.—ROYAL CUMBERLAND (Time Immemorial) LODGE.—The annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday, April 19th, at 6 p.m. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., the V.W., Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.J.W. of the Grand Lodge of England, P.M., 26 and 54, took the chair, supported by the following officers:—Bros. General Doherty, as S.W.; James Dutton, J.W.; Bagshawe, I.P.M.; Carey, as M.O.; Baldwin, as S.O.; John Dutton, as J.O.; C. Wilkinson, S.D.; S. Mitchell, as J.D.; Gazzard, as I.G. There were also present Bros. Smith, Rubie, Keene, Braham, Falkner, &c. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was reported that the Extended Committee appointed to revise the bye-laws as drawn up by the three brethren previously commissioned for the purpose had met and performed their duty. These were read by the acting W.M., and adopted *seriatim*, the exact wording of one or two being left open, contingent on points respecting which it was ordered that inquiry should be made. An order was made that they should be put in type and copies distributed to the members, previous to application for the sanction of the higher authorities, and final confirmation by the lodge. Bro. Dr. Hopkins then proceeded to the only remaining business—namely, the installation of the W.M. Bro. James Dutton was presented by Bro. Bagshawe, P.M.,

and the preliminary ceremony having been gone through, the brethren were requested to retire, and Bro. Dutton was legally installed in the chair of Adoniram. On the return of the brethren, after the Board of Installed Masters had been closed, the customary proclamation, procession, and salutation took place, the working tools and other things were presented to the W.M., and he was desired to appoint his officers, which he did as follows:—Thompson, I.P.M.; Dr. Rubie, S.O.; Caser, J.O.; John Dutton, Treasurer; Falkner, Registrar; Cater, Secretary; C. Wilkinson, S.D.; S. Mitchell, J.D.; Preston, I.G.; Gazzard, Steward. The Installing Master completed his work by giving the addresses respectively to the W.M., Wardens, Overseers, and the brethren. Some discussion took place as to the appointment of a Tyler, the brother who has hitherto filled that office having died suddenly, but nothing was definitely settled, as a similar vacancy will have to be filled up by the Cumberland Craft Lodge, to which this is considered an appendage. Letters of apology for absence were read from Bros. Thompson, P.M., and Parfitt, P.M., on account of illness, and Bros. Wilton and Jelley, owing to business engagements. A cordial vote of thanks to V.W. Bro. Dr. Hopkins, for the skilful manner in which he had conducted the ceremony of installation, was carried by acclamation. After the lodge had been closed by the new W.M. the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel for a banquet, which was most liberally supplied by the host, Bro. Rubie, and a pleasant evening was spent. There appears every probability that this, which is reported to be the oldest lodge of Mark Master Masons in England, will be restored to a position of efficiency and prosperity, after having been nearly dormant for some years.

Knights Templar.

LIVERPOOL.—ALPASS PRECEPTORY (No. 123).—The installation meeting of this very prosperous encampment was held on Wednesday, and the high estimation in which the E.P. Elect, Sir Knight W. Doyle, is held, brought together a strong muster of the members of the Conclave and the proceedings were graced by the presence of some of the principal Grand Officers of the Order, and visitors from the other conclaves in the district, including Sir Knt. Beswick Royds, Sub Prior; Sir Knt. Pierpoint, P.E.C., Prov. Grand Sec.; Capt. Jones, Sir Knt. Berry, P.E.C., Prov. Grand Standard Bearer; Sir Knt. Kennett Smith, E.P.; William de la More, Sir Knt. Alpass, P.E.C., 1st Grand Standard Bearer, and P. Prov. Grand Captain; and Sir Knts. Clarke, E.P.; W. Doyle, Jaekson, Mawson, Brown, Kenyon, Shakespeare, Gallagher, Shortis, Sheath, Burrows, Evans, Matthews, Capsell, Firth, Widdows, Chesworth, Bucknall, and others. The preceptory having been regularly opened by the E.P., Sir Knt. Clarke, Em. Sir Knt. Alpass proceeded to install Sir Knt. Wm. Doyle as E.P. for the ensuing year, and this having been done in solemn and impressive form, Sir Knt. Doyle invested his officers as follows:—Sir Knts. Thos. Clarke, P.E.P. and Treasurer; John E. Jackson, 1st Captain; Moses Mawson, 2nd Captain; Richard Brown, Registrar; W. H. Shakespeare, Expert; John Kenyon, Capt. of Lines; W. O. Bulman, Almoner; W. Shortis, 1st Standard Bearer; J. Gallagher, 2nd Standard Bearer; Thos. Evans, 1st Herald; J. Capell, 2nd Herald; Samuel Hinks, Chamberlain; Fabius N. Sheath, Organist. Sir Knight Beswick Royds alluded to the meeting of the National Great Priory on the 14th of May, and having entered into explanations as to the recent alterations made in [the constitution regulating the Order, expressed a hope that the former arrangements might be restored, and the dissatisfaction which threatens the future progress of the Order avoided, a wish in which all the Sir Knights present heartily concurred. The balance of the Almoner's fund having been voted to that excellent charity the "Hamer Fund," and some other business having been transacted, the preceptory was closed, and the Sir Knights partook of the "bread of plenty and the cup of cheerfulness," which was so admirably provided by Sir Knight Ball as to call forth the unanimous approval of all present.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

IPSWICH.—VICTORIA SOVEREIGN ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.—On Monday, the 12th inst., the usual annual meeting of the members of this flourishing chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, when there were present. Ill. Bros. the Rev. T. E. Beaumont, 30°, M.W.S., and Emra Holmes, 31°; M.E. Bro. W. T. Westgate, P.M.W.S., and the following Sov. Princes, Dr. Mills, 1st General; E. J. Robinson, 2nd General; Geo. Creswell, Marshal; P. Cornell, Raphael; Rev. A. W. G. Moore, and others.

The chapter was opened with the usual solemnities, and the minutes of last chapter were read and confirmed. This being the usual meeting for the installation of the Most Wise Sovereign Elect, Ill. Bro. Emra Holmes, he was duly inducted into that high office by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Beaumont, 30°, who conducted the impressive ceremonial in a befitting and dignified manner.

Ill. Bro. Emra Holmes then appointed the following his officers for the ensuing year.—Excellent Bros. Rev. J. B. Tweed, High Prelate; E. J. Robertson, 1st General; George Creswell, 2nd General; Phillip Cornell, Recorder; Rev. A. W. G. Moore, Marshal; W. P. Mills, M.D., Raphael; M.E. Bro. W. T. Westgate, Master of the Ceremonies; Ex. Bro. A. J. Barber, Captain of the Guard; Serving Bro. George Spalding, Janitor.

It appeared by the minutes of last meeting that Bro. Clark, of the British Union Lodge, was duly proposed for perfection, but through some mistake his name had not appeared on the summons. The question arose as to whether the name could proceed to the ballot. The M.W.S. explained that the bye-laws were silent on the subject, merely requiring that a brother should be either

proposed in open chapter or at nine days' notice, he would therefore leave it to the chapter to decide. Ex. Bro. Robertson, 1st General, proposed, and Ex. Bro. Dr. Mills, R., seconded the motion, that the ballot be proceeded with, which on being put to the meeting, was carried nem. con., and the ballot being taken, Bro. Clark was declared duly elected. It was decided afterwards, however, for the sake of regularity, to insert the candidate's name in the summons for next meeting if thought necessary.

The usual courteous letters expressing inability to attend from various causes, were received from Ill. Bros. C. J. Vigne, P.M., P.S.G.C. 33°; Cap. N. G. Phillips, P.M., P.S.G.C. 33°; and A. H. Royds; also from M.E. Bro. C. V. Childs, M.W.S., Oxford and Cambridge University Chapter, and others.

The routine business of the chapter having been disposed of, and the alms of the Princes having been collected, the Sovereign Chapter of Rose, Croix H.R.D.M., was declared duly closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment.

On the removal of the cloth, the M.W.S. asked the brethren as loyal subjects to honour the toast of "The Queen," which was of course heartily responded to, the National Anthem being sung. The Most Wise then proposed "The Supreme Grand Council, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite," and in doing so, remarked that the position of that rite was stronger than it had ever been before. As the brethren were aware, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had accepted the position of Grand Patron, he was also Grand Master of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital, and was about to be installed Grand Master of the Craft. He, Ill. Bro. Emra Holmes, believed that the three offices had never before been held by a Grand Master of the Freemasons before, and he thought it augured well for the high degrees, which would now occupy a very different position to that they held before. He regretted that they had not been honoured with the presence on this occasion of Ill. Bro. Rev. A. Bruce Fraser, 32°, the newly appointed Deputy Inspector General for this district, who had been duly invited, but from whom no reply had been received, probably in consequence of the summons having miscarried. The toast was duly given, with the honours peculiar to this ancient rite.

The M.W.S. then proposed "The Past M.W.S. of the Chapter, Ill. Bro. Rev. T. G. Beaumont, 30°," and in doing so bore testimony to the admirable way in which he had governed the Chapter for the last two years, and expressed his grateful thanks for Bro. Beaumont's kindness in installing him that evening.

Bro. Beaumont in responding, spoke deprecatingly of the praise bestowed on him by the M.W.S., who he hoped and felt sure would so fulfil the duties of his station that at the termination of his year of office the brethren would beg him to occupy the post of honour for another twelvemonth. He begged to propose "The Health of their Most W.S.," whom he had great pleasure in installing with the regular ceremonial into his high office that evening. Ill. Bro. Emra Holmes, in returning thanks, expressed his deep sense of the honour conferred upon him. He would do his utmost to carry out the duties of his office to the best of his ability, and he trusted that when next year he handed over to his successors his authority as M.W.S. he might do so with the feeling that it had lost nothing in his hands. He, of course, hoped they might have to install and perfect several candidates during the year, but yet he hoped to be able to find time to devote to a lecture on the Ineffable Degrees for the information of the members. These degrees were generally given by communication, and far too little was known about them. The brethren were no doubt aware that although the 18° could only be conferred on brethren who took the obligation to the Holy and Undivided Trinity, the subsidiary degrees to, he believed, the 17th, and certainly up to the 14th, might be conferred upon Jews and others unwilling or unable to take the Christian degrees. He remarked that brethren were eligible to take all these degrees up to the 17th, so soon as they were Master Masons, though the Rose Croix degree could not be conferred on Masons of less than twelve months' standing, except by special dispensation from the Supreme Council. He thought it would be a very good thing if some of the degrees were worked at length—of course with the sanction of the Supreme Council, and he hoped at the next meeting of the Chapter to give the brethren some account of the history and ritual of the Ineffable Degrees—some notion of their origin and object. He begged to thank them for the cordial way in which they had drunk his health.

Bro. Spalding provided an excellent supper, to which ample justice was done—and a very pleasant evening was brought to an end before low twelve.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 34).—This lodge held their regular bi-monthly meeting in their Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, the 20th ult.; present—Bros. Wm. Bell, R.W.M.; J. D. Young, S.W.; D. Horne, J.W.; D. M. Nelson, D.M.; R. B. Dalzell, Treas.; J. Dick, Sec.; P. Brownlie, S.D.; J. Reid, J.D.; Past Masters T. Fletcher, Park, McMillan, and Craig, and a large attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and approved of. The business of the evening consisted of the passing of Bros. S. McHarg, H. Winslow, D. Ross and A. Berridge, the work being ably performed by Bro. Loutitt. Bro. Young, S.W., proposed that new clothing be provided for the office-bearers of the lodge, which was seconded by Bro. Horne, J.W., and agreed to unanimously, Bros. Bell, Fletcher, Samuels, Dalzell and Dick being appointed as committee to carry out the same. Bro. Fletcher, P.M., said it now involved upon him, in behalf of Bro.

R. More, to perform a very pleasant duty, that of presenting to Lodge St. John a plumb, twenty-four inch gauge, and level; they were well worthy of the lodge's acceptance, and he hoped the members would accept them in the same spirit as they were given. The R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Bell, in behalf of the lodge, said he was sure that every brother of the lodge would appreciate Bro. More's very handsome present, and, through Bro. Fletcher, thank Bro. More for his kindness. Bro. McMillan, P.M., said he quite concurred with Bro. Bell, and that he was delighted to see such a special mark of Kindness shown to the lodge by Bro. More, and he hoped soon to see him amongst them, and that he might be spared many days to be amongst them; and he would now move that an inscription plate be put upon these emblems with the donor's name, etc., engraved upon them, which was agreed to unanimously. Bro. D. M. Nelson, D.M., also moved that the Secretary be instructed to write to Bro. More in behalf of the lodge, expressing their warmest thanks and high appreciation of his very handsome present, which was agreed to. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE THISTLE (No. 87).—The Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow paid their annual visit of inspection to this lodge on the 20th ult., within the hall occupied by the latter at No. 12, Trongate. The members of the deputation were Bros. J. B. Walker, Treas.; A. McTaggart, Sec.; J. Gillies, S.D.; Geo. Thallon, J.D.; J. Ritchie, A.; Jno. Fraser, Assistant Marshal; A. Bain, B.B.; J. Balfour, Director of Ceremonies; A. Arrick Smith, I.G.; and Geo. Sinclair, Treasurer and Convener of P.G.L. Benevolent Fund. The deputation having been received in the usual form by the R.W.M. of the lodge, Bro. J. W. Barns, the P.G. Sec. (Bro. McTaggart) submitted the report of the deputation. This bore that, with some exceptions, the books of the lodge had been found in very good condition, and that the lodge continued as usual to work in accordance with Grand Lodge law. The sederunt book had been as well kept as any other the deputation had as yet examined within the province. The minute book was very good; as was also the roll book, with the exception in the case of the latter that the signatures of candidates had not been in all cases written up at the proper time. It was of the utmost importance, the Secretary said, that the roll book of a lodge should be strictly kept, and the signatures entered at once, for the reason that the latter might quite possibly be required at a future time as a matter of reference. The receipt book, he was glad to say, had been very well kept. After pointing out one or two little irregularities, Bro. McTaggart stated that it appeared the number of entrants into the lodge last year had been 26; that he was glad to observe the increase in their funds, which showed £119 6s. 2½d., as against £111 odd at previous balance. The amount of their private charity during the year was £11, and they had that night handed over to the P.G. Benevolent Fund the sum of £6. In conclusion the P.G. Sec. said that, with the few exceptions he had pointed out, the deputation might fairly congratulate the lodge upon their success. Whatever they had pointed out as amiss had been done in no spirit of fault finding, but in that of kindness, for the benefit of the office bearers and instruction of the brethren, to correct irregularities, and if possible to reform abuses. The R.W.M. (Bro. Burns), in thanking the deputation for their visit, said he was sorry to hear that the lodge had not been quite so correct as they might have been, but he was sure that they would lose nothing from the lesson that had been taught them. Bros. Sinclair, Ritchie, and Thallon having been affiliated as members of the lodge by Bro. John Fraser, P.M., the deputation retired to an adjoining apartment, where they were hospitably entertained by the Master and Wardens at a neat little hot supper, excellently purveyed by Bro. S. McPhee, of the St. Andrew Restaurant, Hutcheson-st., and P.G.L. Steward.

GLASGOW.—LODGE SCOTIA (No. 178).—The P.G.L. of Glasgow visited this lodge within the hall at 170, Buchanan-street, on the 14th ult. The R.W.M., Bro. Joseph Singleton, presided, and there was a very large attendance of brethren and visiting members. The deputation of the P.G.L. (headed by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. Montgomerie Neilson) having entered and been received with the usual formalities, the P.G. Secretary (Bro. A. McTaggart) submitted the report of the deputation, remarking, in the first place, that he had to congratulate the lodge on that large meeting; he had not before visited it and found a larger gathering or a more pleasant one. The report was to the effect that the deputation had examined the books and found them in very good condition, with the exception of the cash book—for which, however, the present treasurer was in no way responsible. The deputation also found that Lodge 178 was working in harmony with the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. With reference to the defective state of the cash book, the P.G. Secretary said that the deputation held the present treasurer entirely free from blame in the matter. But, in justice to the past treasurer, they must state that the lodge had more than doubled its funds since the year preceding. At the end of that year these amounted to £44; while at the end of last working year they amounted to £97 7s 11d. So that if the book had been irregularly kept, the funds had been much improved; and, laying that and that together, the deputation need not be too severe upon the irregularity. Thereafter, the R.W.P.G.M. briefly addressed the meeting; and, the R.W.M. (Bro. Singleton) having thanked the deputation for their visit, and Bro. Ritchie, P.G.A., having been affiliated as a member of Lodge Scotia by Bro. McTaggart, the members of the deputation retired from the hall.

GLASGOW.—LODGE UNION (No. 332).—The bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the hall, at 170, Buchanan-st., on 19th ult., when the Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow paid it their annual visit of inspection. The deputation of Prov. Grand Lodge consisted of Bros. J. B.

Walker, Treas.; Archd. McTaggart, Sec.; J. Gillies, S.D.; W. Bell, Convener of Committee; Jno. Fraser, Assistant Marshal; J. Balfour, Director of Ceremonies; J. Miller, Director of Music; W. Phillips, S.B.; and Geo. Sinclair, Treasurer and Convener of P.G. Benevolent Fund. The deputation was received with due honours, and the R.W.M. (Bro. J. B. McNair), in acknowledging in customary form the supremacy of Prov. Grand Lodge, said he was sure they would find no more loyal lodge in the province than Lodge Union. The Prov. Grand Sec. (Bro. A. McTaggart) said it gave him very great pleasure to see so many brethren congregated there that night, and to hear from the R.W.M. the assurance of the loyalty of the lodge. There was nothing more gratifying to the Prov. Grand Master and his office bearers than to hear such expressions, because they showed the existence of a mutual and kindly sympathy between the lodges of the province and the Prov. Grand Lodge. The report he, on behalf of the deputation, had to make of the state of Lodge Union was a very short one, and worded in terms much similar to those of other lodges they had visited; the reason of this being that they had found Masonry in the province this year in a very healthy state, growing in numbers, wealth, and general prosperity. As regarded the books of the lodge, he had nothing almost to say, except in the way of praise. He had not seen a better kept sederunt book this year in the province; while the minute book was unusually well kept. He would give them a meed of praise for the marginal notes with which the latter was illustrated; the book altogether gave a full record of the lodge's transactions. The roll book had been a little irregularly kept, inasmuch as in some cases the names had not been filled in at the proper time. He would recommend that on all occasions of initiation the roll book should be kept on the dais, and in each case the candidate should have to put his signature to it then and there. He was happy to see that their funds had very materially increased during the past year; while the number of members added to the lodge was 27, being the same exactly as they had made the year before. In touching upon the subject of admission fees, the Prov. Grand Sec. strongly advocated their being fixed at a higher rate; holding, as he did, that just in proportion as these fees were raised would the prosperity of Masonry in the province increase. In conclusion Bro. McTaggart hoped that the members of the lodge would take the remarks he had given in a kindly spirit, and he was sure that the deputation wished them all prosperity in the year to come. The R.W.M. (Bro. McNair) said he was sure that the brethren of Lodge Union would be very much pleased with the report which the Prov. Grand Lodge had given them; and, with reference to the raising of the admission fee, stated that it had been raised by the amount of 15s. since he (Bro. McNair) joined the lodge, and he thought that before they were many months older it would be raised still further. Before leaving, Bros. Bell, Sinclair, Miller, Thallon, and Phillips, members of the Prov. Grand Lodge deputation, were affiliated as members of Lodge Union by the R.W.M., Bro. McNair.

LODGE ST. GEORGE (No. 333).—The annual visitation of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow was made on the 14th ult., in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street. The deputation having been introduced, and the authority of the Prov. Grand Master recognized in customary form by the R.W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Alex. Thomson, the P.G. Secretary (Bro. McTaggart) submitted the report of the deputation, and added to it a few remarks. From these it appeared that, after careful examination, the books had been found on the whole to be very well kept, and that the lodge was, as before, working in harmony with Grand Lodge law. Since last visitation the lodge had increased its funds from £93 to £101 odd; they had given during the year in charity the sum of £2 9s.; and that night they had given into the Benevolent Fund £2 13s., being exactly the same amount as they had done last year; and they had made 9 admissions into the lodge. Some years their lodge had not been remarkable for the great number of entrants, but they had always been noted for being very cautious as to whom they admitted. The lodge had its own duty to fulfil in the province of Glasgow, and he trusted it would go on to prosper. Touching the subject of lodge fees, Bro. McTaggart said the Prov. Grand Lodge had been thinking whether they could not manage to have these raised considerably above the present amount; and he thought they might call upon the lodge to raise them. He had never found a single lodge to lose members by so doing, as some said would be the inevitable result. Others again said that if you raise the fees you make the Order exclusive. That he entirely denied. He did not see why a working-man lodge should not have as good a guarantee for its members as the highest lodge in the land. The highest fees charged by the lodges occupying the highest places on the roll were miserable compared with what might be paid for the benefit of the Craft. Another thing was that they ought to have a respectable test fee; in England they had test fees of £1 and more. Well, the brethren got something for their money. They had their social gatherings, at which nothing was paid; and, on these occasions, much money was frequently collected for charity, to benefit the widow and the orphan. After some suggestions as to improvement in "refreshment" matters, and having urged the cause of the Benevolent Fund, Bro. McTaggart concluded by congratulating the lodge on being, upon the whole, in a very good condition. Bro. Winton, P.M., in reply to what the P.G. Secretary had said on the subject of fees, said that, so far as No. 333 was concerned, they were emphatically a working-men's lodge, and he did not think that by raising their admission fees much higher they would improve their position. He thought, however, that they might well raise their test fee; for his own part he would be happy to see it raised from two shillings, as at present, to ten shillings. Bro. McTaggart replied that in what he had said he did not at all

mean to dictate to Lodge St. George, but merely to throw out his remarks as a hint. The R.W.P.G.M. then made a few remarks. The great desire of the P.G.L. and himself, he said, was to see that all the lodges within the province were maintained in full strength and integrity, and were working up to the ancient laws of Masonry. With regard to Lodge St. George, he need hardly say many words, as he and the P.G.L. had all matters therein conducted with strict regularity and propriety. With regard to the fewness of their numbers, that was a feature that he did not regret, because he liked to be sure that all who were admitted into the Order were select; and when he saw too many members made in one year he was inclined to think that there must have been some looseness—that the door had been opened a little too widely. As to the fees, no doubt it would be very desirable if they could be raised, but Bro. Winton had given a very good reason why they could not call upon entrants to the lodge to pay a very high entrance fee. In this connection, however, he might throw out a hint to them, which was that the Grand Lodge of Scotland were contemplating taking action in the matter of very low fees. In concluding, the Prov. Grand Master touched upon the fact of the low condition of Scotland at present, and not only hoped, but believed, that the time was not far distant when they would be able to do something much more (hear, hear). On the motion of the chairman, Bros. Bain, Phillips, and Ritchie, members of the P.G.L. deputation, were then affiliated as members of Lodge 333, the ceremony being performed by Bro. William Robertson, P.M. of the lodge. This having been concluded, the R.W.M. (Bro. Thomson) said it was with great pleasure that Lodge St. George met with the deputation of the P.G.L. there that night. They (the lodge) had only the pleasure once a year, but, in view of the instruction they (P.G.L.) gave, he should be very glad if it were four or five times a year. They of the lodge had great pleasure in acknowledging how they had been gratified by the visit of the P.G.L. The deputation then retired.

GLASGOW.—LODGE COMMERCIAL, (No. 360).—The fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held within their Hall, at No. 30, Hope Street, on 16th ult. The R.W.M., Bro. John Monro, presided, and there were present Bros. Dr. A. Martin, I.P.M.; Julius Brode, P.M.; D. Lamb, D.M.; I. M. Oliver, S.W.; James Gibson, S.D.; W. H. Bickerton, Secretary; &c. There was a numerous turn-out of visiting brethren, among whom were Bros. James W. Burns, R.W.M., 87; James Shaw, R.W.M., 354; Thomas J. Smillie, P.M. 34; James E. Wilson, P.M. 354; Dr. McInnes, S.W. 27; James Booth, S.W. 87; William Wilson, J.W. 87; John Johnson, 34; John Horn, Secretary, 275; W. B. Marr, Secretary, 441; John Peters, R.W.M. 153; James Anderson, R.W.M. 370; &c. The lodge having been opened, three duly approved candidates for initiation into the order received the E.A. degree at the hands of Bro. Lamb, D.M. Shortly thereafter, the lodge received, with all honours, a deputation from the Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow, on their annual visit of inspection. The Prov. Grand Lodge deputation consisted of Bros. W. Montgomery Neilson, P.G.M.; I. B. Walker, treasurer; A. McTaggart, Secretary; William Bell, Convener of Committee; I. Gillies, S.D.; I. Ritchie, A.; A. Bain, B.B.; I. Balfour, Director of Ceremonies; William Phillips, S.B.; and George Sinclair, Treasurer and Convener of I.P.G. Benevolent Fund. These brethren having been seated on the dais, the R.W.M. (Bro. Monro) tendered to the P. Grand Master the emblem of his authority, and had it returned to him, the Prov. G. Master well-knowing, he said, that the R.W.M. was well able and willing to rule the lodge. The P.G. Secretary (Bro. McTaggart) then read the report of the deputation, which stated that the latter had that evening examined the various books of the lodge, and found them upon the whole correctly kept; also that the lodge was working as heretofore in accordance with Grand Lodge law. In a few supplementary remarks, the P.G. Secretary added that the lodge had at their credit in the bank nearly £170, that their contribution to the Benevolent Fund for the past year was £45s., that on that evening they had distributed £10 in three cases of charity, that the number of initiates into the lodge during the past working year had been 13, and that he thought he might fairly congratulate Lodge 360 on its present position and future prospects. Bro. Sinclair having briefly explained the state of the Benevolent Fund, the R.W.P.G.M. addressed a few remarks to the brethren, in which he urged upon them a strict observance of the ancient laws and customs of the Order, taking care not to have any looseness in their forms, which were their safe-guards, and must be kept intact. Of course they knew that their grand work was benevolence. As yet, Scotland was far below other countries in this respect, and the Prov. Grand Lodge were exceedingly anxious to do something in that direction to elevate Scottish Masonry higher in the estimation of foreign brethren. He did not see why they should not put themselves in a much higher position; and they would achieve it in course of time. The Prov. G. Master concluded, as he had begun, by expressing the very great pleasure and very great satisfaction he had had in visiting Lodge Commercial that night. The R.W.M. (Bro. Monro), in the name of the lodge and for himself, thanked the Prov. Grand Master and deputation for their attendance there that evening. Their visit was an occasion which the lodge always looked forward to with much interest and looked back upon with much satisfaction. Thereafter, the following members of the Prov. Grand Lodge deputation were affiliated as members of Lodge 360, the ceremonial being performed by Bro. Julius Brode, P.M., viz:—Bros. Bell, Sinclair, Bain, Ritchie, Balfour, and Phillips. The deputation then retired, and the lodge went for a short time on to refreshment. After the usual preliminary toasts, that of "The Visiting Brethren" was duly honoured, and responded to by Bros. Burns (87) and Wilson (354); the latter proposing in return "Prosperity to Lodge 360," coupled with the name of

the R.W.M. (Bro. Monro); who having suitably acknowledged the compliment, and the last toast, "Happy to meet," &c., having been pledged, the brethren were recalled to labour, and the lodge closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. CLAIR (No. 362).—The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow made their annual visitation of this lodge at the ordinary meeting of the latter within their hall in Robertson-street, on 12th ult. The lodge having been opened by the R.W.M., Bro. W. J. Hogg, the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge were shortly after introduced and received with due honour. The deputation consisted of Bros. W. Montgomery Neilson, R.W.P.G.M.; J. B. Walker, treasurer; A. McTaggart, secretary; J. Gillies, S.D.; J. Ritchie, A.; John Fraser, Assist. Mar.; A. Bain, B.B.; and J. Balfour, Director of Ceremonies. The deputation having taken their seats upon the dais, the R.W.M. (Bro. Hogg) resigned his seat and mallet to the Provincial Grand Master, but was in a minute or so reinstated by the latter, who knew, he said, from reports received by him from his office-bearers, that the mallet could not be in better hands than that of the master of the lodge. The chairman having intimated to the meeting that the members of the P.G.L. had decided to remain until a brother had received the F.C. degree, the P.G. Secretary (Bro. McTaggart) submitted the report of the deputation, signed by each member of it. It certified that they had that evening examined the various books of the lodge, and found them in excellent condition; and also that the lodge was working, as formerly, in accordance with the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. In a few remarks founded upon the report Bro. McTaggart said he thought he might fairly congratulate the lodge on the manner in which the books had been kept during the past year. The sederunt book had been very well kept, and that was an important point; the minute book contained a very faithful record of the lodge proceedings; the roll book was in excellent order, satisfying every test that was applied to it; the cash book was in very fair condition, and the audit seemed to be very good. They had given in charity, to the widow and orphan, the sum of £6 6s., and had contributed to the P.G. Benevolent Fund the sum of £9. The R.W.P.G.M. then shortly addressed the meeting. After touching upon one or two points to which the P.G. Secretary had referred, he said that as to Masonry generally, he had not himself much to report since last he had been with them. Undoubtedly, however, it was advancing. The outer world were year by year coming to respect the Craft more than they used to do, and were not so prone to speak of it in terms of ridicule. He (the speaker) was exceedingly pleased that it should be so; because he thought it was a proof that the brethren were, and had been for some time past, conducting themselves in a manner to command the respect of the outer world. With regard, however, to their own peculiar sphere, he was exceedingly dissatisfied with the state of Freemasonry amongst them; and he supposed there was not a day but he was studying how it might be remedied. The position they occupied was very much below that occupied by Masons in other parts of the world. He did not know why this should be; and he should like it to be otherwise. They were doing more than they used to do, certainly; but by no means what they ought to do, or were capable of doing. In other countries, the speaker continued, Masons had great institutions and did great work; and he described the pleasure he had whilst in Paris last year in visiting the Grand Orient there, which was simply a magnificent place. He thought he counted within that building rooms for seven different lodges, with all appliances, and in connection with it there was another building something like a large hotel, where deserving brethren of all countries, if destitute, were provided for for an indefinite time. Perhaps in Scotland we did not require establishments on such a scale; still upon the whole he thought we ought to aim at something to put ourselves in a much better position than we were. They should have at least a place of creditable character where strangers coming to Glasgow could come and find them in some place with a good front door, and a respectable porter to attend to it—and that would show that they were not ashamed of themselves. In concluding, the P.G. Master said that as to Masonry itself he might say he had a great admiration for it, and thought a great deal more might be made of it as a grand scheme of benevolence; and not of that alone, but of honour, because he held that it was, and ought to be esteemed, a high honour to be a Freemason. After mentioning that he was in much better health this year than he had been last year, and more fit for duty, and hoping that in the future the brethren would give the P.G.L. all the support in their power and thereby strengthen their hands, the P.G.M. resumed his seat amid loud applause. In accordance with the intimation made by the chairman at the outset, a brother then received the F.C. degree at his hands; and at the close of the ceremony, the R.W.P.G.M. expressed himself as exceedingly pleased with the manner in which it had been worked by the R.W.M. The latter then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the deputation for their kindness in waiting to see the lodge work; which having been given with a will, the deputation retired.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. ANDREW (No. 465).—The fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held on 15th ult.; Bro. David Reid, R.W.M., presiding. On this occasion the lodge was honoured by receiving the annual visit of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow, the deputation being headed by the P.G.M., Bro. Montgomery Neilson. After introduction in usual form, the Prov. G. Secretary (Bro. McTaggart) read the report of the deputation, which stated that the latter had examined the lodge books and found them, upon the whole, in satisfactory condition, and that the lodge was continuing to work in accordance with Grand Lodge of Scotland law. All the minutes they had read

for reference with the roll book and the cash book they found to be strictly correct. The number of members the lodge had made during last working year was 62; there had been no applications made to the lodge for charity; and the amount of their contribution, through their initiatives, to the Prov. Grand Benevolent Fund, was £15 10s. Altogether, he thought the deputation might fairly congratulate Lodge St. Andrew on its working for the past year. Bro. Sinclair, Treasurer and Convener of the Prov. Grand Benevolent Fund, then made a brief statement as to the condition of the latter. The salient points were that the income for the past year had been £215 12s. 1d.; that there had been 40 applicants for relief, among whom had been distributed £97 13s. 1d.; and that the capital of the fund at present was £570 2s. 11d. The Prov. Grand Master thereafter shortly addressed the brethren, remarking that he was very much satisfied with what he had seen. The Chairman (Bro. Reid), in reply, thanked the Prov. Grand Master for his presence at the head of the deputation; and Bros. Sinclair and Ritchie, P.G.A., having been affiliated members of Lodge St. Andrew by Bro. McTaggart, the deputation withdrew.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CLYDE (No. 408).—A special meeting of this lodge was held within the hall, at 170, Buchanan-street, on 15th ult. The R.W.M., Bro. William Harper, presided, by whom the lodge was opened, being immediately thereafter called to refreshment. There then sat down to supper about thirty brethren, the R.W.M. occupying the chair, supported on the right by Bros. Duncan Downie and Buchanan, both Past Masters of the lodge; while Bro. Black officiated as Croupier, supported right and left by Bros. McInnes, S.W., and Cunningham, R.W.M. 347. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured the chairman proposed the toast of the evening, which on this occasion was "Health and Prosperity to Bro. Duncan Brownie, P.M." In so doing, he presented him on behalf of the lodge, and in acknowledgment of their sense of his services, with a testimonial, consisting of a handsome gold watch and appendages. Bro. Downie having suitably replied, a few more toasts and songs followed, after which the brethren were recalled to labour and closed in due form.

THE ALEXANDRA PALACE.

THE Lord Mayor, as it has been already announced, will attend in state with the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, to open the new Alexandra Palace this day (Saturday.) The civic procession will leave the Mansion House at half-past twelve, preceded by a body of mounted police, under Superintendent Manson, and escorted by the Light Cavalry Troop of the Hon. Artillery Company, under Captain Garrard. The police will keep the streets along the line of route, which will be by way of Moorgate-street, City-road, Liverpool-road, Holloway-road, Seven Sisters-road, Hornsey-road, Crouch-hill, and Park-road to the Muswell-hill gates. His lordship will be received at the western entrance of the palace by Sir Edward Lee, the chairman, and the directors of the company, and conducted to the concert-hall, the band of the Coldstream Guards heading the procession. The civic party, accompanied by the provincial mayors, will promenade portions of the building until close upon three o'clock, when they will take their seats upon a raised dais in front of the orchestra, where, at the request of the directors, the Lord Mayor will declare the Palace to be reopened. The concert, by members of Her Majesty's Opera Company, conducted by Sir Michael Costa, will then take place. This musical festival will be followed by a dejeuner, given by the directors to the civic party. The ceremonial arrangements have been organized by Sir E. Lee, the chairman of the company, and Mr. J. R. S. Vine, private secretary to the Lord Mayor. Nearly the whole of the Mayors of the United Kingdom have accepted invitations, and also a large number of the peers, and about half of the members of the House of Commons. Altogether, something like 15,000 to 20,000 complimentary invitations have been issued by the company, and out of that number but few have declined.

MASONIC CLUB.

It is with much pleasure we draw the attention of our readers to an advertisement in our columns, announcing the formation of a Masonic club in London. As the prospectus says, it is a want which has long been felt, and to country visitors will prove a great boon.

From our knowledge of the brethren concerned in the undertaking, we feel sure it cannot fail of success.

A country Mason comes up to town comparatively a stranger, and what could be more agreeable to him than to find a home; for such we consider a properly conducted club to be.

We give it our hearty good wishes, and if the brethren will only support it, as they should do (and we have no doubt they will) and thus prove themselves alive to their own interests. It is an excellent and necessary undertaking.

Obituary.

BRO. D. W. SAVAGE.

The funeral of the late Bro. D. W. Savage, of St. David's Lodge (No. 384), took place on Friday afternoon, the 23rd ult., at the Glanadda Cemetery, Bangor. The local lodges were well represented, amongst those present being Bros. J. Jones, W.M. 384; W. Robinson, I.P.M.; R. Owen, P.M.; J. Hughes, S.W.; W. Jarvis, J.D.; E. W. Thomas, P.M.; Org; R. Roberts, P.M.; Wynn Williams, S.S.; Cameron, J.S.; Wm. Thomas, P.M.; M. Roberts, I.G., &c. The service was read by the Rev. D. Evans, senior vicar of Bangor. The great majority of the places of business in Bangor were closed during the afternoon, out of respect to the memory of an excellent brother.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. JOHN LAURIE.

On Thursday evening, 15th April, 1875, Bro. John Laurie, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Past Master of Canongate and Leith Lodge of Freemasons, was entertained to a complimentary dinner in the Peacock Hotel, Newhaven, near Edinburgh. The occasion was also taken to present the honoured guest with a valuable token of the esteem of the members of the local lodge, as well as of other members of the Craft. The presentation which was very valuable, took the form of a handsome combined clock, barometer, &c.; and a massive silver tea service for Mrs. Laurie. The former contained the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. John Laurie, along with a service of silver plate, by the office-bearers and brethren of Lodge Canongate and Leith, No. 5, in recognition of his valuable services and the able manner in which he discharged the duties of R. W. Master. Leith, 15th April 1875."

About fifty brethren sat down to dinner, including members of a number of sister lodges. Bro. W. presided, and Bro. E. Drummond, acted as Croupier. After dinner the chairman proposed "The Queen," "The Three Grand Masters," and "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," with which was coupled the name of Sergeant Bryce.

The chairman then rose and asked the company to join him in drinking to the health of their honoured and respected friend, Bro. Laurie. He had great pleasure in giving this toast from the chair, although he wished it had been filled by a better man, in order to have done it full justice, but wanting in ability he excelled in a desire to pay honour to their guest. He had long and intimately known Bro. Laurie. He had seen him discharge many responsible duties in connection with their Craft—as assistant-secretary to the late Grand Secretary, as Grand Clerk, and now as occupying the responsible and laborious office of Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Those who knew what the duties of that office were would understand somewhat the amount of labour, tact, and consideration required in their discharge. In Bro. Laurie he had found one of the most urbane, generous, and kind-hearted fellows he had ever met with. But further, he discharged his duties with a capability and with a vast knowledge of details—a knowledge probably not excelled by any living member of the Scottish Craft. Knowledge, they had been told long ago by that great philosopher, Benjamin Franklin, was power, and this was fully exemplified in the person of the Grand Secretary. Many people went about him, and many irksome questions were put to him, which their friend would often feel a difficulty in dealing with, but his ability overcame all. They in Leith had been more intimately connected with him of late in the discharge of the duties of Master of Lodge No. 5. During the period he held that office he had won their respect, and also the admiration of every one who had sat under his rule and who had the interest of Masonry at heart, and in particular the honour of that lodge. He was very much gratified they had met in such large numbers to mark the thorough respect and deep esteem they entertained for him, and more so as they were able to present to him a substantial mark of that respect and esteem. He had now to ask Bro. Laurie to accept of the testimonial as an indication of the high regard in which he was held by them, and of the deep gratitude which they all felt for the very efficient and admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of Right Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 5, and in doing so he expressed a heartfelt wish that God would watch over him for good and all connected with him, and give him every abundantly grace and every blessing.

The toast was honoured enthusiastically, after which Bro. J. Laurie said he thought it was one of the most delightful features in connection with a meeting such as this that it made one feel perfectly at home. He was sure if there was anything calculated to give him confidence, placed in the trying circumstances in which he found himself that evening, it was the kind, genial faces which surrounded him. He earnestly wished he could rise to the level of the occasion, but he was sorry to say that while he did not wish to descend into anything like weakness, the rather enfeebled state of health in which he found himself exercised a depressive influence which took away all power of replying in adequate terms to the cordial toast as proposed by Bro. Officer, and so heartily and kindly responded to by them. In the very fact that they had selected Bro. Officer to preside over the meeting he recognised a kindness and consideration which he thoroughly appreciated. Bro. Officer was one of the oldest and best friends he had in connection with Freemasonry. He had given them some little account of his connection with the Grand Lodge, and had been kind enough to speak in eulogistic terms regarding him, but he assured them if he had had the happiness of gaining the approbation and earning the satisfaction of the brethren with whom he had come in contact, and in some measure discharging the duties that had fallen to his lot, it had been because such true-hearted Masons as the chairman had kindly lent him their encouragement, their countenance, and their support. And now what would he say in responding to their generous and hearty kindness, as manifested in the munificent present which they had been pleased to give as a testimonial of their regard? He felt that it was quite beyond his power to give expression to his feelings—indeed, words were too poor to say how deeply he thanked them. He thanked them not only for this expression of their esteem and respect, but for the kind expression of sympathy which had accompanied it. It was true that he had had some little experience in connection with their Craft. A good many years had passed away since he entered upon the duties in connection with their Order, and, as had been truly remarked by the chairman, he had necessarily gained a considerable knowledge of the details and matters affecting the interests of the Order, and no doubt, as he had

very aptly put it, "knowledge was power," and had greatly assisted him in being able to discharge the duties of his office. Having undertaken that office, he had endeavoured as far as it lay in his power to discharge them so as to merit the satisfaction and approbation of his brethren. He had not altogether achieved what he had hoped, and what, if spared in the good providence of God, he might yet achieve, but he was glad that, so far as time had run, he had not to look back with anything like regret upon the exercise of his offices or the contact it had led him into with the brethren. It was his ambition to be associated with the progress of their Craft in this country. As regarded his relationship to Lodge No. 5, although it was a great many years since he first had the honour of being connected with the lodge, the time in which he had the more intimate relationship of holding office in it was comparatively short. They were good enough to ask him to occupy the chair of Lodge No. 5, and even in that there was an act of kindness. At the time that that request was preferred it became a matter almost of necessity that he should in the discharge of the other office he held have the chair or Installed Master's degree. That of course he had not attained previously, and when the request was made to occupy the chair of No. 5, he recognised in it a kindly desire on the part of his brethren in Leith to set the question at rest. During the time he had the honour and happiness of occupying the chair of No. 5 he had enjoyed a most delightful twelve months. He could truly say that from the first hour he had the pleasure of coming in contact with the members of No. 5, up to that moment, he had not had occasion to have a single jarring word, or a single unpleasant reminiscence to look back upon. Their meetings were thoroughly harmonious and pleasant; and although he came a comparative stranger among them, he received such hearty support, and at all times met with such consideration, that it was impossible that a more pleasant and profitable year could have been spent. He regretted that just at its close an unfortunate ailment had overtaken him, and since then it had almost been out of his power to be present at the meetings. He regretted that very much, as he had looked forward this year to being as frequently in his place as he had been in the past, and doing whatever little lay in his power to support the present R.W.M. in the discharge of the duties of his office. It had been a source of great satisfaction to know—for he had been carefully informed of the proceedings of the lodge—that its labours had been carried on with unabated zeal. For him to say that he thanked them most sincerely and from his heart was but simply to convey to them all that words could. He had felt touched with the very kind manner in which the presentation had been made in so far as they had remembered one who was much dearer to him than himself—one who had been a sort of guiding star to him through life, with whom he had now been associated for the last twenty years—a true-hearted woman, and a devoted and loving wife. He scarcely knew how to thank them on her behalf. He knew she would feel deeply, and thoroughly appreciate the kindness they had been pleased to show her, for there was nothing that brought greater pleasure to her heart than to have evidence such as this, that her husband was respected. On her behalf he most sincerely thanked them. He had to beg that they would excuse his few rambling remarks, and on another occasion, perhaps, he would have the opportunity of saying more, and expressing to them more fully and more perfectly how deeply and how truly he felt and appreciated the generous kindness they had been pleased to show him.

Various other toasts were proposed during the evening, and the assembly broke up at an early hour, highly gratified with the proceedings.

In our number of 24th October last we called attention to the valuable improvements in mineral oil lamps which Messrs. Dietz and Co., of Carter-lane, St. Paul's, E.C., had brought before the public, under the name of the Paragon Burner. A further application of these burners has recently been made, which is of special importance to the proprietors of shops, refreshment bars, &c. This new variety is called the Tube Lamp, and its particular excellence rests in the fact that it abrogates the use of breakable reservoirs, the burner being screwed direct into the tube, so that the support of the lamp is in reality the receptacle or container for the oil. As the exact hourly consumption of each burner has been ascertained, it follows that by simply regulating the cubical contents of the tube a lamp can be supplied which can be trimmed at distant intervals. This brings the convenience of mineral oil lamps up to a level with gas, whilst, as is well known, its illuminating properties, when consumed in the Paragon Burner, are of far greater intensity than coal gas, backed by considerable advantages on the score of economy, adaptability, and safety, with no deleterious influences upon health or household fittings and decorations. Mr. Latz, the managing partner of this eminent firm, has just patented an ingenious invention, which is likely to supersede other existing methods for suspending chandeliers, as it is more reliable than the old telescopic slide, or balancing weights, and entirely removes the well-known inconveniences attached thereto. It is equally applicable to chandeliers for oil or gas.

BRO. HARTY'S PICTURE.

Bro. Harty is preparing a picture of the Installation and would be glad if brethren would send their cartes de visite to Bro. Kenning's, 123, Little Britain, for him. Bro. Harty's portrait of the Prince of Wales is much admired.

We shall publish an account of the new Grand Officer's in our next.

Masonic Tidings.

The death of Bro. Geo. Painter, who was proprietor or more than 40 years of the Ship and Turtle, took place almost suddenly at Aldborough Hall, Ilford, on Sunday, the 18th ult., in the 68th year of his age. Bro. Painter was on the court of the Vintners' Company, and was well known and respected from his long connexion with the City. The funeral took place on the Thursday following.

The Lord Mayor has received a special invitation from the Lord Mayor and Corporation of Dublin to attend a banquet to be given in that city on the 29th of June. The Lord Mayor will pay the visit with all due civic state.

The Ramblers' Club (numbering 700 members) has secured suitable and commodious premises at 66, Coleman-street. The entrance fee will, we are informed, be shortly considerably raised.

The Priory Chapter No. 1000 will be consecrated (this day, Saturday), at the Myddleton Hotel, Southend on Sea, by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, P.M., P.Z., Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex, at three o'clock. Comp. the Rev. R.S.R. Wyrant, P.Z., is the M.E.Z. Designate, Comp. E. E. Phillips, H. Designate; and Comp. A. Lucking, J. Designate. Trains leave London, as follows:—Bishopsgate-st., 10.42 a.m.; Fenchurch St., 10.52 a.m.

An emergency meeting of the Great City Lodge will be held at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Saturday, May 1st, in celebration of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., and in commemoration of the foundation of the lodge.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.—A meeting of the Prov. Grand Chapter and Lodge of London will be held on May 13th, to ballot, advance, and promote six brethren, and for the transaction of other business.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.—A meeting will be held on May 12th, to advance twenty-four brethren from the 18th to the 30th degree.

Bro. J. Unite of Edgware Road supplied the scarlet and white bunting, &c., used in the corridors and entrance at the Albert Hall, on the occasion of the installation.

The *Illustrated London News* contains this day (May 1st) two very interesting page illustrations of the Prince of Wales attired as Grand Master, and His Royal Highness's Installation.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Strickland Muggidge, son of Bro. Henry Muggidge, the well known and highly respected Masonic Preceptor.

THE MASONIC CARPET.

The Masonic carpet, laid down at the installation, was manufactured and designed at Halifax expressly by Bro. John Lewis (Westminster and Keystone No. 10) of Halifax and London, and approved by the committee under the presidency of Bro. Sir Albert Woods, G.D.C. The carpet, which has been presented by Bro. John Lewis, is of superior velvet pile, and runs the whole length from the Royal Entrance to the throne or dais. It is seven feet six inches in width, and 165 feet in length, having a border to suit. The ground is of rich Saxony blue, with the arms of the Grand Lodge of England, and in compliment to the Royal Grand Master the Prince of Wales. Feathers issuing from a crown, studded with jewellery, is also introduced alternately with the Coat of Arms. The border is composed of Grand Lodge emblems, viz.: ribbon with the wheat ear, vine and laurel inlaid in same.

The Albert Hall was visited by His Royal Highness the Grand Master, when Bro. Lewis personally received, from His Royal Highness, the very highest compliment, by expressing the great satisfaction that it gave him. Bro. Lewis had the furnishing of the Prince's Pavilion, at the Vienna Exhibition, and on that occasion the paintings even sent expressly from Savile Hall for that purpose, and Bro. Lewis received, from the Emperor of Austria, the decorations of Knight of the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour.

It is the intention to remove this carpet to the Freemasons' Hall for the Grand Lodge Room.

The dais or throne was also covered by Bro. John Lewis with crimson cloth, on which was placed a magnificent mosque oriental carpet, fully one century old, which for beauty and softness of design can only be compared to a Raphaelite painting, and to complete the arrangements a sumptuous Indian rug of pure silk of beautiful design in Porcean and gold, was placed at the foot of the chair on which rug the Royal Grand Master stood to be installed.

It may be remarked that it is only a few days since the design was approved of the Masonic carpet by the committee, and that the whole has been manufactured within a few days, thus shewing the rapidity of machinery and appliances of the present day.

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S LODGE (No. 259.)

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught received his 3^d in this lodge on Tuesday evening, when the ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. Robert Grey, Deputy Master of the lodge, the Prince of Wales being Master. The Duke of Connaught expressed himself in the highest terms of admiration of the way in which the ceremony was gone through, and afterwards remained to see the ceremony of initiation. Bro. Grey it will be seen from another portion of our impression of to-day, was on Wednesday appointed to Grand Office.

JOINT BANQUET OF THE LION AND LAMB AND THE WILLIAM PRESTON LODGES.

In commemoration of the grand event of Wednesday, the Lion and Lamb Lodge (192), and the William Preston Lodge (766) gave a joint banquet in the evening, at the Cannon Street Hotel, to which 121 brethren sat down. Among those present we noticed the following: Of those whose who belonged to the Lion and Lamb there were—Bro. G. Newman, W.M.; Bro. Conyew, S.W.; Bro. Arkell, J.W.; and Bros. Kenning, King, Roberts, Marsh, and Abbott, P.M's.: while of those belonging to the William Preston Lodge, were Bro. Braun, W.M.; Bro. Pringle, S.W.; Bro. Newton, J.W.; and Bros. Abbott, J.W.; Wm. Worrell, G. J. Klein, W. J. Miller, and B. Abbott, P.M's. There were of course a large number of visitors, among whom were the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Warwick, and some eight brethren from the Shakespeare Lodge, Warwick, besides whom there were Bro. J. M. Klenck, P.M., 1339; and Bro. Moore, 534; Bro. Yaxley, 463; Bro. Gray, 22; Bro. Jones, 1520; Bro. Woods, 87; Bro. C. Marsh, 460, and many others.

The chairman of the evening was Bro. Newman, the W.M. of the Lion and Lamb, that being the elder of the two lodges, but the toasts were so arranged that delivery of the various toasts was equitably divided between them.

The health of the Queen and the Craft was proposed by W.M. Bro. Newman, of the Lion and Lamb, after which "God Save the Queen" was sung, to the accompaniment of Bro. W. Wain, Grand Organist, on the pianoforte.

Brother Newman—The next toast that I have to propose is, I confess it, one that I feel thoroughly incompetent to do justice to; and I sincerely wish that it had been placed in the hands of my brother Braun (the W.M. of the William Preston) instead of mine. For it is the toast of the evening, "The health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M. of England." I can only say that the sight I have seen to-day, in company with many more here present—I wish I could say with all of them—was such as neither they or I can ever forget to the longest day we live. Whatever of grandeur or imposing ceremony there may be in other degrees in Freemasonry, the event of to-day marks a grand epoch in Craft Masonry. If you had seen the Prince go through the ceremonies, and had heard his speech afterwards, you could not fail to have been deeply impressed. The Prince said that he looked upon Freemasonry as being the very essence of loyalty and charity, and that he meant to stand to the Craft as far as his manifold engagements would permit, so as not to dim the lustre shed upon it by those of his family who had occupied the Chair before him. What has taken place to-day has added an immense importance to Freemasonry. Accounts of what has taken place to-day will go (are most likely going now) to every quarter of the known world, and hereafter this day will be remembered as the brightest that has occurred in the annals of Masonry. Brethren, I give you the health of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Prince of Wales.

The health of the Pro-Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Skelmersdale; and the rest of the Grand Officers, was proposed by the W.M. of the William Preston Lodge, and was drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. Worrall (P.M. of the Preston Lodge) rose and said—The toast that has been entrusted to me is the health of the W.M. of the Lion and Lamb Lodge. Loyalty and charity were the watchwords of the order, and the unanimity that existed between these two lodges was evidence of the loyalty and good feeling with which each of these lodges regard the other. Those who have been present at the Albert Hall to-day, have witnessed a ceremony such as the youngest among us cannot expect to witness again. As a Past Master of the Lion and Lamb, and William Preston Lodges, I am sure, I may say that no two Lodges ever worked together more harmoniously and more energetically to carry out truly

Masonic objects; and I am sure that you must all be struck with the hearty good fellowship that has always existed between them. I feel too, that our visitors this evening, especially those from the province, will carry away with them very pleasing recollections of the joint banquet of the Lion and Lamb, and William Preston Lodges. The toast of health of the W.M. of the Lion and Lamb has been accorded to me as P.M. of the William Preston, but I claim it as a greater privilege to propose his health, because I feel that to him I owe my introduction to Freemasonry. I give you the health of the W.M. of the Lion and Lamb Lodge.

Bro. Newman (W.M. Lion and Lamb), in returning thanks, said that it was difficult for him to respond to the toast. He was very pleased to have this assurance that he was appreciated in the William Preston Lodge. In this, his mother lodge, he felt that he was also appreciated, for he bore upon his breast the evidence of the fact in the rosette appertaining to the stewardship of the lodge that day with which he had been intrusted. It had always been his ambition to fulfil his duties in both lodges, and if he had fallen short in anything that he had done it must be imputed to his inability, and not to his intention. He felt that they had done him a very, very great turn in sending him up as a steward on this great and grand festival to-day. He should always do what he considered his duty to both lodges.

Bro. C. Hosgood, P.M., said that if their W.M. was under a difficulty, he (Brother Hosgood) laboured under a greater. The health that they had just responded to was proposed by the immediate P.M., while his difficulty was that he was not a member of the William Preston Lodge. None the less heartily, however, did he ask them to drink this toast (if possible, in a bumper)—the W.M. of the William Preston Lodge.

Bro. Braun having returned thanks, the Chairman, Bro. Newman rose and said that the toast he had to propose was one that was always received in the Lion and Lamb Lodge, and also in the Preston Lodge. It was the health of the visitors. It was always a gratification to have visitors. The two lodges were specially fortunate to-night—(here the Secretary read a list of the visitors to both lodges). Brethren I am sure that list is a very pleasing one, and I may remind you that it contains the name of one (Captain Lathbury) who is secretary to a new Masonic Club Company now in course of formation. Visitors from the country will be able to realize the boon that such a club in London would be, as they would always feel when visiting the metropolis that they had a home to which they could go. Among so many visitors he did not feel himself justified in singling any one specially to respond to this toast, and he should therefore leave them to follow their inclinations in the matter of replying to the toast.

The Provincial Grand S.W. for Warwick, having responded, as also Captain Lathbury and most of the other visitors, the health of the Stewards who had served for their respective lodges at the installation of the Grand Master to-day was proposed and duly honoured and responded to, after which the health of the Past Masters of both lodges was given from the chair, and called forth replies from several of those present. Our space however, will not admit of giving these speeches in detail; and as they more or less turned on the great event of the day, but did not educe any additional point of interest, we must content ourselves with observing that the whole arrangements at this banquet were extremely good, and that the evening's enjoyment was a very worthy conclusion to the labours of the day.

In our report of the installation meeting of the Lewises' Lodge, Ramsgate, in last week's issue, the following was omitted:—"After the ceremony of installation, a very gratifying appreciation of the brethren was shown to Bro. W. Call, P.M. 1209, P.G.S., by presenting him with a handsome jewel. This pleasing duty was performed in very feeling terms by Bro. L. Finch, P.M. 429 and 1209, P.P.G.D.C., and suitably acknowledged by Bro. W. Call.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

COMENIUS AND FREEMASONRY.

Having originally called Bro. J. Findel's attention to his remarkable statement about Comenius, I confess that I thought, with all deference to him, that his reply to Bro. Hughan, reprinted in the "Voice of Masonry" was but little satisfactory. Bro. Findel had originally stated, in page 281 of his "Geist und Form," &c. in a footnote (2nd edition) that Anderson had transferred "fast wörtlich in das Constitution's Buch," almost word for word into the Book of Constitutions, "many passages" out of the "Opera Didactica" of John Amos Comenius, who came to England in 1648. This struck me, as it did Bro. Hughan, as a most important fact, if correct, and so I called attention to it in "Notes and Queries." Bro. Findel's reply is not, however, satisfactory, from its vagueness. The "many places," "almost word for word," dwindled down to a certain "ähnlichkeit," to use a German word or figure of speech. I have not seen the "Opera Didactica" or the "Panegesia" to which Bro. Findel alludes, but I have lately perused and still have the "Via Lucis," dedicated to the members of the Royal Society in London, and published at Amsterdam, 1668. In this work he has the words "Collegium" and "Ars Architectonica," undoubtedly, and "frater," but in no passage that I have found does he give any one a fair right to say that he knows anything of the Guild or body of Freemasons. His work no doubt, has a mystical meaning under its turgid expressions, and it may well be that he was a Freemason, and probably a Rosicrucian, and his language greatly resembles some of their mystical jargon. "Via Lucis" is addressed, apparently, to the "philosophers" of his own epoch, though as, when he has the opportunity, he does not allude to the Freemasons, I do not think any one can fairly strain his words, and declare that they are Masonic. Bro. Findel is quite aware how essential verification and absolute correctness of all such statements are, and so far I feel bound to say he has not made good his original statement about Anderson and Comenius.

A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C.

THE MASONS' COMPANY.

Subsequent researches through the kind aid of Mr. H. H. Burnell, to whom I tender my best thanks, have led to the following results:—

1. Ashmole is correct in saying, that Mr. Wise was Master of the Mason's Company in that year, 1862.
 2. All the names he mentions are traceable in the minutes of the Mason's Company except Sir William Wiseman and Captain Richard Borthwick. Mr. Wm. Woodman was admitted a member of the Mason's Company in January, 1678. Mr. Thomas Shorthose's name appears frequently in the minutes, as being Warden, and also on the Court; he was Warden in 1677.
 3. There is no record of the meeting of the Company on March 10th, 1682, at least, "there is no minute to that effect."
 4. Neither is there any record of the dinner at the Half-Moon, Cheapside, on that day, as stated by Ashmole.
 5. There is no minute that the hall in Basinghall-street was lent to the Freemasons.
 6. Ashmole was not a member of the Masons' Company.
 7. Sir Christopher Wren was not a member of the Masons' Company.
 8. Robert Padgett was not clerk to the Masons' Company in 1686; his name, after a careful examination, is not to be found in the minutes of the Masons' Company.
- Such is the result of a very careful search made kindly for me by the authorities of the Masons' Company. The case, then, assumes this striking aspect. In my opinion, the meeting Ashmole alludes to was purely a speculative Freemasons' meeting, at which the Master of the Masons' Company was present. Sir F. Palgrave seems to state, that there were two companies or brotherhoods, but that the Freemasons were not incorporated. This is confirmed to some extent, by Robert Padgett's statement on the Antiquity MS., that he was "clerk to the Worshipful Society of the Freemasons of the City of London," &c. The point to which we now, I think, must look, must be the fabric roll of St. Paul's, in order to see if any light can be thrown therefrom on the old City lodges.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

THE MOIRA APRON.

If your correspondent Bro. Rev. H. J. Hatch, Chaplain and J.W. 160, will refer to "The Freemason's Magazine" volume I. for 1859, at page 386; he will find a full description of the Moria Apron. They were printed on leather as well as paper, and were sold at five shillings each.

HENRY T. BOBART, W.M. 1085.

9, Evington Lane, Leicester.
The reference is not quite correct. It is Vol. II, 1859, page 386. We will give next week a copy of the description. [Ed.]

ASHMOLE.

Can any brother give me a clue to the whereabouts of Ashmole's MSS.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1875.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

The installation of the Prince of Wales as Royal Grand Master of English Freemasonry is an event in our Masonic history, the importance

of which should not be undervalued or overlooked. In the first place, it is an answer clear and convincing to contumelious calumnies and illogical adversaries, in that the Heir to the English Throne, following the example of his great ancestors, at a time of much opprobrium and no little excitement, throws in his lot with us disloyal and disreputable Freemasons, takes our name, and places himself at our head! Surely, with such an answer to the invectives of the Ultramontane Press we may well be content, and leaving calumny and calumniators, anathema and anathematized tranquilly behind us, we can go on our way rejoicing, "spe surgentis Inli," and leaving the vindication of our good fame, our loyal character, and our benevolent efforts, to the honest and just of our fellow-countrymen. One of the popular axioms in use just now is, "Throw a sufficient quantity of dirt, and some of it must stick!" Yet, strange to say, this is not a "sequitur;" on the contrary, falsehood is always punished by itself, and sooner or later the "nec conscire sibi nullá palleescere culpá" carries straightforwardness and sincerity through the aspersions of the malevolent and the vituperations of the unjust. In the Installation of our Royal Grand Master we have the one good and sufficient reply to the allocution of Pio Nino, the excommunication of Cardinal Deschamps, the animadversions of Cardinal Manning, the disapproval of worthy but mistaken Monsigneur Dupanloup, and above all, to the childish bombast of the *Church Herald*, or the rowdy vulgarity of the *Westminster Gazette*. And in the next place, the Prince of Wales, in following the example of his Royal ancestors, and thus publicly patronizing and identifying himself with Freemasonry, is, in our opinion, not only "wise in his generation," but is pursuing a course alike honourable to himself and beneficial to society. The Masonic body, despite every allowance for mortal weakness and imperfection, is a brotherhood of very worthy men and very loyal subjects. In the darkest hours it has never failed in its rightful allegiance to the Sovereign of its native land, and the language in which the Grand Lodge of England once addressed King George the Third through its Grand Master, the then Prince of Wales, is the same "tolidem verbis" in which it would address its gracious Queen Victoria, through its Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, to-day. "We are the free citizens, your Majesty, of a free State, and number many thousands in our body. The Heir Apparent of the Empire is our chief. We fraternize for the purpose of social intercourse, of mutual assistance, of charity to the distressed, and goodwill to all. Fidelity to a trust, reverence to the magistrate, and obedience to the laws, are sculptured in capitals upon the pediment of our Institution." We think then that on this auspicious occasion it may be well to remind ourselves of that intimate connexion especially of the "House of Brunswick" with our Order, which has been so worthy of its exalted members, and so pleasurable and honourable to us. It has been said by some writers that King James I., King Charles I., King Charles II., and King William III. were all Freemasons, but, so far, no actual evidence has been forthcoming of the statement; and, leaving these good old legends to prehistoric times, let go on to see what is undoubtedly true and provable of after epochs and later generations. In Lord Darnley's Grand Mastership, from 1737 to 1738, Frederick, Prince of Wales, was, as far as we know, the first member of our Royal Family who saw the light of Freemasonry. He was admitted in 1737, at the Royal Palace of Kew, a special lodge, over which presided the well known Dr. Desaguliers. The author of "Multa Paucis" mentions Nov. 5th as the actual date, and adds, that his brother, the Duke of Cumberland, who commanded the English army at Fontenoy and Culloden, was also admitted shortly after, namely in 1743, though we believe he is the only writer who mentions this fact. Frederick, Prince of Wales, never seems to have gone beyond the degree of Master Mason. Anderson, however, dedicated to him the Constitutions of 1738. He died in 1751, and his son, George, III. not a Freemason. During the Grand Mastership of Lord Blayney, which lasted from 1764 to 1766, their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Cumberland and Gloucester became Freemasons. The

Duke of York, the King's brother, was also initiated abroad, and in 1776 they were all proclaimed Past Grand Masters by our Grand Lodge. In 1782 the Duke of Cumberland became Grand Master, and presided over the Craft most admirably for many years. During his happy administration the Girls' School was founded, mainly by the benevolent initiative of the Chevalier Ruspini and others. In 1786 the Duke of Clarence was received into Freemasonry at Plymouth, and on Thursday, February 6th, 1787, His Royal Highness George, Prince of Wales, was received into the Order, the Duke of Cumberland the Grand Master, presiding in person. On Friday, 21st November following, the Duke of York was also received by the Grand Master at a special lodge, being introduced by his brother, the Prince of Wales. In subsequent years the Duke of Kent, the grandfather of our Grand Master, was initiated at Geneva, the Duke of Sussex at Berlin, and the Dukes of Cumberland and Gloucester, were likewise admitted into our fraternity in England. We believe that the Duke of Cambridge was not a Freemason, though we are not quite certain on the subject, but if so, all the sons of good King George III. became Freemasons, with this single exception. In 1790 our excellent and zealous Grand Master the Duke of Cumberland died, and was succeeded on the Masonic throne by George, Prince of Wales. He appointed the well-known Lord Moira, afterwards Marquis of Hastings, his Pro Grand Master, and presided over the Craft until his accession to the Regency in 1813. Before he resigned the Grand Mastership one of the most remarkable Masonic banquets that ever was witnessed took place in honour of Lord Moira's appointment to the Governor-Generalship of India. Six Royal Dukes were present at the festival, and the Prince of Wales sent his "hearty good wishes." On December 1st, 1813, H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex was installed Grand Master of our Order, and remained so, a most devoted Freemason, until his death in 1843, when he was succeeded by our good old and lamented chief, Lord Zetland. The Prince of Wales, in 1813, became Patron of our Order, and remained so until his death. In 1813, the Duke of Kent was also elected Grand Master of the Athol Masons, for the purpose of promoting the union of the two divergent bodies, and healing a miserable and mournful schism. On St. John's Day, December 27th, 1813, the great Act of Union was consummated, which has tended so greatly to the progress and welfare of Freemasonry, under the auspices of the two Grand Masters, the Duke of Sussex and the Duke of Kent, the former remaining Grand Master of the now united organization, the latter becoming a Past Grand Master. We have then, surely, much cause, from this brief recapitulation of our past annals, to feel thankful to that Royal Family, whose presence has been so welcome, and whose countenance has been so beneficial, to our great brotherhood. At this moment, at a period of much anxiety, when we had lost a most effective and popular Grand Master, whose worth we all acknowledge though we deplore his proceedings, we have been cheered and strengthened by the fraternal readiness with which the Prince of Wales of to-day acknowledges our brotherhood, and assumes its leadership. His two brothers, the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold, are also members of our Order, and we, as English Freemasons, are, and may be, justly proud of the fact that our Princes have chivalrously come forward to testify to our loyal character, and to uphold our good fame before men. Under such a chief and with such rulers, and supported by some of the noblest of the land, we shall fear no enemy and be appalled by no excommunication. In 1875, the days of "Bulls" and "Interdicts" and "Anathemas," are surely over; we need no longer dread the outbreaks of unbridled fanaticism, nor the foolish idiosyncrasies of ill-regulated pseudo-religious faith. We shall march on our way a great and a loyal host, the Royal Standard and the Union Jack and the Masonic Banner over our heads, and ours will be the exulting shout of Englishmen and Freemasons. We fear no assailants, and we mean, God helping us, to advance under our gallant commander, our parole Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, our countersign, "Dieu et mon Droit."

OUR DISAPPOINTED BRETHREN.

That many of our good brethren will have been sorely disappointed at not being able to find a place at the Installation of our Royal Grand Master is, we think, certain to be the case. Independently of the fact that English Freemasons have always constituted a loyal body, "pur et simple," there is a widespread feeling of personal appreciation of the truly fraternal manner in which our exalted brother has taken upon himself the responsibilities of the Grand Master's office. Hence there has been an universal desire to be present on so glad an occasion to the Craft, and to testify to those unanimous and deeply-seated feelings of fraternal attachment and loyal regard by which all English Freemasons are animated, in respect of the Heir to the Throne. No such large gathering has taken place in English Freemasonry before, and few so numerous are likely to occur again. It is quite clear now, that had even a much larger locale been selected it would have been filled, but, with one or two exceptions, London does not possess a place of assembly which would have been equal to the emergency. And other matters, as our good brethren know, have had to be taken into consideration by the authorities. The meeting is a meeting of Grand Lodge, and the greatest care has had to be taken in order to secure the needful condition of a Masonic meeting—due provision for the members, and a perfectly tyled lodge room. It is, we believe, very doubtful whether any other site could have been found so suitable in both these respects, and so easily adapted to the proceedings of Grand Lodge. We might probably have obtained a larger area, or we might, we do not dispute, have secured greater accommodation for the brethren, but, in our opinion, all this would have been accompanied by a very serious drawback, the impossibility of properly tiling the Grand Lodge. We therefore think it well to remind our many readers to-day, some perhaps among the disappointed ones, that while the numbers seeking to be admitted is utterly without precedent, so those who have received tickets are beyond any previous calculation. Our Installation is the largest Masonic meeting ever held in England, and large as it is, it might no doubt have yet been tripled in numerical strength. Let those, then, who feel a natural disappointment consider carefully these simple facts, and they will be at once consoled by the remembrance and the knowledge that it is much more than doubtful if any other building could have been found, or safely made use of, at any rate, for the annual and festival Grand Assembly of English Craftsmen. We know with what unceasing zeal and devotion, and daily labour and anxiety, those to whom our Royal Grand Master has confided the arrangements for the Installation have striven to give effect to our august Brother's wishes, and to afford satisfaction to the Order. After the day's proceedings are over, after the installation of our Grand Master is, most happily for Freemasonry and our English fraternity, and we may add, for our universal brotherhood, a "fait accompli," we feel strongly that the best thanks of our brotherhood are due to Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, Bro. Fenn, Bro. Monckton, and our excellent Grand Secretary, for their long and sedulous endeavours to render the Installation a complete success. Their duties have been most responsible, and they have performed them in a most impartial spirit, and with true Masonic zeal, for the convenience of all, and for the honour of English Freemasonry.

OUR COUNTRY COUSINS AND THE LITTLE VILLAGE.

This week will witness an unwonted influx of our good brethren from the Provinces into the great Metropolis. It is just possible that among the many excellent and worthy W.M.'s. and P.M.'s, and members of our Order, whom the Installation has called out from their district habitations, some may never actually have been in London before, and, therefore, it is that, in the purest spirit of philanthropy and the truest sentiments of brotherhood we deem it well to offer them a few friendly words of sympathy and counsel. Many will come prepared to "do"

the "little village," and some of more tender natures than others will have brought their wives or sisters with them. Among the great mass of comers Bros. "Brown, Jones, and Robinson" will be conspicuous, who have left their home and their "belongings" for a little "outing," and mean to have a "lark," as was once the word, though we believe the more fashionable expression just now is a "spree." They are at last in London, often heard of, never seen, by many before, and where, to say the truth, they feel, as they say themselves, like "fish out of water." They find that London is a somewhat difficult place to amuse themselves in properly, unless they seek to do so on a fixed plan. Having surmounted the difficulties of a room—curious that such a difficulty should be experienced in London—and having settled where to dine and what to have for dinner, most important duties and considerations, they mostly take a stroll and look about them. Oh! fortunate nimium if some specious bird of prey does not scent you from afar, and pounce upon you in your open and enquiring and believing mood! Lucky will it be for you if some interesting stranger does not accost you with a tale of monetary splendour, and entice you, all unwary, and confiding, and sympathetic, into the attractive restaurant or the exhilarating bar. There he will forthwith proceed to appeal to your warm heart, or your full pockets. Some wonderful tale of a large legacy just left him by a deceased and amiable first cousin, some shewing of money against money, the convenient stakeholder, and the affable referee, will all follow in due course, until early or late, hazy or clear, the "yokel" finds himself in Scotland Yard, where kindly men listen intently to his tale of depression and misery; and where he finds, much to his astonishment, that the fortunate legatee is an old familiar friend of Inspector Shore, and, in that meritorious officer's emphatic words, "one of the most dangerous parties out." Now, we do not say that such will be the fate of any of our esteemed brethren—we hope not; but London is full of dangers, and if you escape one you often fall into another, "Incidis in Scyllam cupiens evitare Charybdin." We might go through other forms of temptation and peril to the impulsive and the excitable, but we forbear. We would only caution all our readers against the interesting widows of sea captains on a long sea voyage, against seedy strangers who take a sudden interest in you, against "touts" of any description, against foreign "patriots," and so-called Barons. To all such may our good provincial brethren give a wide berth! We trust, indeed, to hear that of the goodly host of Freemasons whom the Installation of our Royal Grand Master has brought to London all have carefully evaded the prevailing drawbacks and difficulties of centralized civilization, and have found profitable amusement and pleasant memories to carry back home. Our brethren come from east and west, and north and south, and far away in quiet vale or in pleasant village, or in teeming town, are those who are fondly awaiting their return to their household gods, and to whom their journey to the great metropolis is actually an event in their lives. May all our brethren have a peaceful sojourn in town, and a prosperous journey home. London, however, affords many striking amusements to the rational and active. Woolwich will delight the volunteer and patriot Masons, while the Tower will supply food for wondrous legends and dreadful tales. There are the exhibitions of English and foreign artists, all redolent with intellectual improvement, with the cultivation of artistic taste, and which cannot be too highly commended. There is the National Gallery and the Portrait Gallery, both worthy of a great people. There are the Houses of Parliament, and Westminster Abbey, and St. Paul's, all deeply interesting to the thoughtful and studious Mason. The Parks should not be forgotten, which are, as Mr. Disraeli has so well said, such a charm to London and Londoners. And if our brethren are musical they can have Mdme. Titiens or Mdme. Patti; if they are humorous, they can drop in at the Haymarket, or Adelphi, or Strand. They can see "Hamlet" at the Lyceum, or they can patronize the little Prince of Wales's Theatre, or they can if Italian

scholars, pay their respects to the great actor Signor Salvini, and look on the "sorrows of the Moor." Then having witnessed the Installation, having cheered their Grand Master, with many cheers and "one cheer more," feeling proud of their good old Order, and having enjoyed their stay in the "little village," they can go home, and delight those who have felt somewhat lonely without them, with a narrative of what they did and saw at the Great Installation Festival of the year of grace, 1875.

BRO. C. VON GAGERN.

Our brother is very combative. Even before he receives an answer to a very childish, not to say unmasonic, attack on the *Freemason*, with more zeal than discretion, he repeats his incrimination under the pretence of commending Bro. Bergmann's letter. We find no fault with Bro. Bergmann's letter; "au contraire," we think it does him all credit. All Bro. Bergmann sought, in good taste and true Masonic feeling, to establish was, which he was quite justified in doing, that the situation of German Freemasonry was one of some duration, and that all things, as we ourselves had observed, tended to rightful amelioration and careful reforms. But Bro. Bergmann nowhere attacked either our "bona fides" or our Masonic sympathies. Our remarks, which have so angered Bro. C. Von Gagern, and to some extent, apparently, even our worthy Bro. J. G. Findel, were made in all honest intent, as a Masonic writer seeking to uphold, to improve, and to elevate the brotherhood. We are very sorry if in so doing we have trodden on any brother's tender foot, or upset his favourite theories. Our remarks did not, as Bro. Bergmann saw, apply to the German Freemasons, who do not, as a body, whatever an insignificant individual now and then may do, import political discussions into their Masonic assemblies. We regret to add that the tone and temper of Bro. C. Von Gagern is, in our opinion, so thoroughly unmasonic and partizan that we do not suppose that anything we can say, could tend in any way even to a reasonable discussion of "moot" points. If Bro. C. Von Gagern represents the opinion of any considerable number of Austrian Freemasons, either Masonically or theologically, we fear the "look out" for Freemasonry in Austria must be very bad indeed. The amusing fact of the whole is, that here we are old greyheaded Freemasons, who, for six "lustra" and more, have been working actively in Freemasonry, and we forsooth, are to be set right at once by a clearly but partially instructed Mason, who has a good deal to learn before he can profess to be the mouthpiece of others, much less to teach others. We have for many years advocated the universality of Freemasonry, we uphold it still, but we equally maintain and ever shall maintain the religious character of our Order, and the happy fact that the Holy Bible is found always open in every English Masonic lodge. If that is a fault, we plead guilty to it at once. If for that we are called "retrograde," "old fashioned," "bigoted" and "effete," we consider the epithets to be compliments, as we know that we are in full accord with the vast majority of our English brethren, and that we best express the unfaltering and goodly teaching of English Freemasonry.

THE INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Those of us who witnessed the sight of the Installation of our Royal Grand Master at the Albert Hall, on Wednesday, will not, probably, ever see such a sight again, at any rate in Freemasonry. We that are old and grey, and getting a little footsore in the race, may congratulate ourselves that we have been permitted to witness so grand an assembly of our brother Freemasons. For it was a noble gathering, and the sight of that goodly hall, with the dense rows of our beaming brethren, was one which must ever leave a deep impression on all who were privileged to take part in the Installation. Our Grand Master seemed himself to be quite struck with the sight of these assembled thousands of loyal Craftsmen, and the cheers which greeted him from his entrance to his departure seemed

to overcome him almost at times, and were indeed worthy of English Freemasons. The proceedings went off without a hitch, and the arrangements were most satisfactory, reflecting the deepest credit on those able brethren to whom the Grand Master had confided the orderings of the day's important proceedings. We understand that all the details for the reception of the brethren were worked out most minutely and perfectly, and that though one or two cases may have occurred in which individual hardship may have been felt, everything was conducted on purely Masonic principles, and the greatest goodwill and forbearance were manifested by all alike. We do not think that, considering the arrangements related to the admission of many thousands of our brethren, any could possibly be more clear, more comprehensive, or more thoroughly business-like. As we said before, the coup d'œil on entering was very striking, the rows of blue collars, which appeared interminable, the serried ranks upon ranks of the brethren, ranging tier upon tier, all with a perfect view of the proceedings, convinced us how admirably and scientifically constructed the Albert Hall is. It is, in fact, a Roman amphitheatre, applied to modern uses. Its acoustic properties are also of a most satisfactory character, and, we think, prove that the Hall is a great success. It would be impossible to describe the hearty enthusiasm with which the Grand Master was greeted. Cheer followed upon cheer, and plaudits followed upon plaudits, until the great Hall fairly rang again, and His Royal Highness evidently felt deeply the warmth and loyalty of his brother Masons. The Masonic honours were given as we have never seen or heard them given before, and we never shall see or hear them given again. The speech of our Grand Master was modest, manly, and most Masonic, and appealed to the hearts and feelings of all who heard him; and when he told that vast but listening audience he should "never forget that day," those who heard the outbursts of Masonic cheering will ever retain a vivid remembrance of the scene, and the jubilant echoes, to the end of their Masonic career. Lord Carnarvon's speech was most admirable in tone, in verbiage, and in effect. His tribute to the ever loyal character of the Craft was greeted with enthusiasm; and whatever they may say or do in foreign countries, we in England as Freemasons never do and never will forget that as an Order two of its highest and most sacred duties are loyalty and affection to the Throne. Lord Skelmersdale's appointment as Deputy Grand Master was hailed with acclamations, and with some good Lancashire cheering; while the Lord Mayor of London, as Junior Grand Warden, received a perfect ovation. His elevation to Grand Office was evidently most popular, and in our humble opinion is as well conceived and deserved as it is popular. The Marquis of Hamilton, Senior Grand Warden, and the other new Grand Officers, were all well received, while the recognition of the services of Bro. Sir Michael Costa, of Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, of Bro. Thomas Fenn, were most heartily applauded. Our good brother, the Grand Secretary, received the unanimous plaudits of Grand Lodge, while the noble organ was most effectively played, amid much applause, we are told, by Bro. Willing. We cannot conclude without calling attention to the carpet, which, presented by Bro. John Lewis, of Halifax, and a member of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, attracted the ardent admiration of all. It is a masterpiece of artistic skill, and reflects the highest credit on Bro. Lewis's Masonic zeal and on our English workmen. And so the great Installation of 1875 passed over. None of us, humanly speaking, are likely to behold such another gathering of the Craft, and we sincerely trust that, as our Royal Brother so well said, this auspicious day may be an omen of much happiness, prosperity, and peaceful progress to our Order. We pray that our august head may long remain in chief rule over us, and that our grand old Craft may evidence more and more before all men its ever exalted principles of loyalty and toleration, of charity and brotherly love.

Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott has been elected on the Court of the Haberdashers' Company.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The installation of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of English Freemasons, which has been looked forward to with so much eagerness by the whole Craft, was performed on Wednesday last, at the Royal Albert Hall. The event must ever be marked as the most noteworthy that has taken place in Freemasonry. Nothing in the whole annals of the Order, certainly nothing within the memory of living Masons, will bear comparison with the gorgeousness or the magnitude of the scene that presented itself; and we doubt whether any Freemason, in the wildest dreams of his imagination was prepared for what was witnessed on that occasion. From an early hour in the morning great activity was perceptible about the Albert Hall, and it was not to Masons alone that this was confined. The outer world took great interest also in the event, and assembled in great numbers to watch the arrival and departure of the brethren. But it was more especially the departure which drew great crowds together, for when the ceremony was over, and the brethren departed, the scene was much like that which was daily witnessed at the same spot just upon 24 years ago, when the Great Exhibition was held opposite the present Albert Hall, and on the site of the Albert Memorial. Thousands of people were massed together, and hundreds of vehicles were moving about.

The stewards, numbering several hundreds, arrived at eleven o'clock, but Sir Albert Woods, Mr. Fenn, Mr. Monckton, and Mr. Long, the committee for carrying out the arrangements, were there very much earlier, some as soon as six o'clock. The workmen in the building were banished from the scene at ten o'clock, and the edifice was left in sole possession of Freemasons. The stewards received the final instructions on their arrival, and their places were pointed out to them. Punctually at one the doors were opened to the brethren generally, and the arrangements were so complete that, with all the necessary precautions taken against the admission of the uninitiated, a concourse of between 7,000 and 8,000 Masons were passed to their places in perfect order by half-past two. When all were assembled the scene was most impressive. The usually sombre appearance of English gentlemen in evening dress may have led the uninitiated to fancy that the aspect of the hall would be very dull, but the fact was that all entitled to be present had a silk collar in right of their position in the Order. These, for the most part a light blue, gave their colour to the whole assemblage, and enlivened the scene in a very tasteful way. Here and there were gentlemen clothed in collars of different colours—some of deep crimson, others of a dark blue, while here and there was the blue and yellow of Sweden, or the scarlet coat of a military brother. The grand Old Throne and chairs presented by the late Duke of Sussex, and which form so conspicuous a feature in the Temple, were there, the Throne being again, after a lapse of many years, surmounted by the Prince's plume. Behind the throne, and in front of the organ, was the Royal Standard, in front of which was the Masonic Banner. The seats behind and to the right and left of the Throne were occupied by Past Grand Officers, clothed in their splendid collars and aprons, covered with jewels and gold embroidery, giving the dais a most magnificent appearance. The arrangement of the canvas screen above gave an additional peculiarity to the scene, those in the arena being all in shade, while those above caught the light, and appeared of quite a different complexion.

The route of the procession was covered with a splendid carpet bearing the Masonic arms and the Prince of Wales' plume. This carpet was manufactured specially for the occasion by Bro. Lewis, of Watling Street and Halifax, and presented by him to Grand Lodge.

At about ten minutes past three a blare of trumpets announced the Royal entrance, and the head of a procession appeared slowly pass-

ing down the stairs to the solemn music of the organ, and traversed the aisle before-mentioned to the dais. The order was as follows:—

The Grand Stewards of the Year.
Grand Pursuivant (T. Cubitt).
Past Grand Organists.
Grand Organist (W. Kuhe).
Past Grand Sword Bearers.
P. A. G. Director of Ceremonies.
Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Grand Director of Ceremonies (Sir A. Woods).
Past Grand Superintendents of Works.
Grand Sup. of Works (F. P. Cockerell).
Past Grand Deacons.
Grand Sec. for German Corresp. (E. E. Wendt).
Grand Secretary (J. Hervey).
Pres. of Board of Gen. Purp. (J. B. Monckton).
Past Grand Registrar.
E. J. McIntyre, Grand Registrar.
Grand Treasurer (S. Tomkins).
Past Grand Chaplains.
R. P. Bent and J. Simpson, Grand Chaplains.
Past Grand Wardens.
Past Provincial Grand Masters.
Provincial Grand Masters.
Illustrious Visitors.
H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught.
Junior Grand Warden.
Senior Grand Warden.
Junior Grand Deacons.
Representve. from the G.L. of Denmark | Deputation from the G.L. of Sweden.
Dep. from G.L. of Ireland according to their respective ranks. | Dep. from G.L. of Scotland according to their respective ranks.
Acting Deputy Grand Master.
Grand Sword Bearer (J. J. Collins).
M.W. Pro-Grand Master—Senior G. Deacons.
Two Grand Stewards.

In this procession were found the following noblemen and gentlemen:—Bros. John Fawcett, Durham; Rev. Dr. Bowles, Herefordshire; Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., North Wales and Shropshire; Lord Leigh, Warwickshire; Lord Methuen, Wiltshire; R. J. Bagshaw, Essex; Lord Sherborne, Gloucestershire; Marquis of Hartington, Derbyshire; Mr. Gundry, Dorsetshire; Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., Kent; Lord Waveney, Suffolk; Duke of Manchester, Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire; Lord de Tabley, Cheshire; Duke of Newcastle, Nottinghamshire; Mr. T. M. Talbot, South Wales (eastern division); Mr. A. H. Royds, Worcestershire; Rev. J. Huyshe, M.A., Devon; Earl of Limerick, Bristol; Earl of Bective, M.P., Cumberland and Westmoreland; Lord Pelham, M.P., Sussex; Earl of Carnarvon, Somersetshire; Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., Berkshire and Buckinghamshire; Colonel E. C. Malet de Carteret, Jersey; Mr. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Hampshire and Isle of Wight; Earl Percy, M.P., Northumberland; Lieut-Colonel Charles Lyne, Monmouthshire; Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Staffordshire; Major-General J. S. Brownrigg, C.D., Surrey; Earl of Hardwicke, Cambridgeshire; Lord Skelmersdale, western division of Lancashire; Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Cornwall; Earl Ferrers, Leicestershire and Rutland; Major J. A. Lloyds, western division of South Wales; Mr. F. T. Halsey, M.P., Herts; Earl of Zetland, North and East Ridings of Yorkshire; Sir H. Edwards, West Riding; Captain Charles Hunter, East Aberdeenshire, P.S.G.W. of Greece, &c. In addition to these Bros. H. Murray, Sandeman, S. Rawson, Dr. Hamilton, A. M. D. Ritchie, Adam, Dobie, Sir Pryse-Pryse, Bart., Lieut.-Colonel Ramsay, and Lieut.-Col. Vernon represented the Colonies and Past Provincial Grand Masters. The Past and Present Grand Wardens present were—Bros. Earl Jersey, Balston, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Colonel Cole Maxwell Close, Bonamy Dobree, J.R., H. W. Eaton, M.P., Lord R. Grosvenor, M.P., Gilbert Greenall, John Havers, Lord Londesborough, A. W. Novelli, H. C. Okeover, F. Pattison, W. S. Portal, Captain Platt, Colonel Stewart, Lord Tenterden, Lord H. Thynne, M.P., Hon. J. C. Vivian, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Victor Williamson, Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Colonel Whitwell, and Robert Cunliffe. Of Past and Present Grand Chaplains there were present—The Rev. W. K.

R. Bedford, J. S. Brownrigg, R. P. Bent, J. Edmund Cox, D.D., C. R. Davy, A. B. Frazer, Sir J. Warren Hayes, E. M. Moore, C. J. Martyn, T. F. Ravenshaw, Joseph Senior, J. J. Sedgwick, D.D., R. J. Simpson, W. Fisher, Canon Simpson, A. R. Ward, and A. F. A. Woodford, F. Roxburgh, Q.C., Past Grand Registrar and Deacon, S. J. Blake, C. Beaumont, H. Browne, Brackstone Baker, J. P. Bell, M.D., Lewis Crombie, Major Creaton, John A. Clabon, N. R. Callender, M.P., H. de Crespigny, J. Beighton, H. J. P. Dumas, J. Cooper Foster, G. Francis, E. J. Turner, R. H. Giraud, C. Hutton Gregory, W. E. Gumbleton, H. Grissell, James Glaisher, H. Hancock, Benjamin Head, Jabez Hogg, M.D., Richard Havers, ex-Sheriff Hutton, W. J. Hughan, G. W. Latham, J. P. Leith, H. Manser, J. Merryweather, L. P. Metham, J. B. Monckton, Town Clerk of London, C. A. Merton, E. Phillips, G. Plucknett, W. A. Powell, E. T. Rayne, J. L. Parkinson, F. A. Philbrick, G.C., J. A. Rucker, Francis Bennoch, Past Grand Steward; J. Savage, E. S. Snell, Bentley Shaw, E. B. Sutton, J. A. Saunders, Raynham W. Stewart, J. M. Tomkins, S. Leith Tomkins, T. B. White, Benjamin Webster, G. Locock Webb, and J. M. Wike were also present. The Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies:—N. Bradford, D. Coombs, C. C. Dumas, T. Fenn, Dr. Harcourt, W. Hickman, S. C. Hadley, J. Symonds, and J. Whichcord. Past Grand Swordbearers E. Bannister, Busher, Bulley, Cope, Collins, Elkington, Filer, Holland, Mason, Dr. Hyde Pullen, E. Roberts, R. J. Spiers, Oxford, and Joshua Nunn, also took part in the ceremony. Music was represented by Past Grand Organists Sir Michael Costa, J. Coward, Wilhelm Ganz, Wilhelm Kuhe, E. Ransford, and J. Stimpson; and the list was wound up with the Past Grand Pursuivants, Messrs. Adams, Breitling, Brett, Coutts, Cottebrune, Collitt, Emmens, Ough, Smith, and Boyd. Besides these were present many distinguished visitors, who represented Scotland, Ireland, America, Sweden, Denmark, and the Grand Lodges of the Continent.

The procession was an extremely lengthy one, and when it had passed, and every one had taken his place on the dais, the following distinguished Masons were there:—

Past Grand Registrar.—Roxburgh, Fras., Q.C.

Past Grand Deacons.—Blake, J. J.; Beaumont, C.; Brown, H.; Baker, B.; Bell, J. P.; Crombie, L.; Creaton, Major; Clabon, J. M.; Callender, W. R., M.P.; De Crespigny, Herbert; Deighton, John; Dumas, H. P.; Forster, J. C.; Furner, E. J.; Giraud, R. H.; Gregory, C. H.; Grissell, H.; Glaisher, James; Hancock, Hy.; Head, B.; Hogg, John; Havers, Rd.; Hutton, C. W. C.; Hughan, W. J.; Leith, J. P.; Maudsley, H.; Melborn, L. P.; Monckton, J. B.; Maston, C. A.; Phillips, E.; Plucknett, G.; Powell, W. A. F.; Payne, E. F.; Parkinson, J. C.; Philbrick, F. A., Q.C.; Rucker, J. A.; Savage, John; Snell, E. S.; Stow, Bentley; Sutton, E. B.; Saunders, J. E.; Stewart, R. W.; Tomkins, S. L.; Webster, B.; Wheeler, R. W.; Webb, C. L.; Wike, J. M.

Past Assistant G.D.C.—Bradford, Nicholas; Coombs, T.; Dumas, C. C.; Fenn, T.; Harcourt, Dr.; Hickman, W.; Hadley, S. C.; Symonds, J.; Whichcord, John.

P.G. Sword Bearers.—Bannister, C. J.; Busbee, E.; Bulley, H.; Cope, R.; Collins, J. T.; Elkington, C. W.; Filer, A. J. D.; Hollon, R. W.; Mason, J.; Moore, Dr.; Nunn, Joshua; Pullen, H.; Roberts, E.; Spiers, R. J.

P.G. Organists.—Costa, Sir M.; Coward, Jas.; Ganz, Wilhelm; Kuhe, Wilhelm; Ransford, Edward; Stimpson, James.

P.G. Pursuivants.—Adams, T. A.; Boyd, John; Brett, J.; Coutts, J.; Cottebrune, C. P. A.; Cubitt, T.; Emmens, J.; Ough, W.; Smith, Joseph.

Provincial and District Grand Masters.—Beech, W. B., M.P.; Bective, Earl; Bowles, Rev. Joseph; Bagshaw, Robert John; Burdett, Lt. Col. Fras.; Cunliffe, R.; De Carteret, Col.; Davy, Richard; De Tabley, Lord; Edward, Sir Henry; Fawcett, John; Ferrers, Earl; Gooch, Sir D.; Gunery, Jos.; Hamilton, Dr. R.; Hartington, Marquis of; Holmesdale, Viscount;

Huyshe, Rev. John; Hunter, Captain Charles; Hardwick, Earl of; Halsey, Thos. F., M.P.; Leigh, Lord; Limerick, Earl of; Lyne, Colonel C.; Methuen, Lord; Manchester, Duke of; Murray, Henry; Mount Edgcombe, Earl of; Pelham, Lord; Phillips, Major; Read, W. H.; Roys, Albert; Ritchie, A.; Sandeman, W. D.; Starkie, Le Gendre Nicolas; Skelmersdale, Earl of; Scott, Robert; Walpole, Hon. Fred.; Wynn, Sir Watkin; Whitwell, Colonel J.; Waveney, Lord; Wike, J. M.; Zetland, Earl of.

Past Provincial Grand Masters.—Adair, Lieut. Colonel Alex.; Dobie, Alexander; Kelly, William; Mercer, Hon. W. T.; Pryse, Sir Pryse; Rowson, Samuel; Vernon, Lieutenant-Colonel.

Past Grand Wardens.—Alston, Fras. B.; Balfour of Burleigh, Lord; Campbell, A. G.; Cole, Colonel Arthur; Close, Maxwell C.; Dobree, John B.; Eaton, H. W., M.P.; Grosvenor, Lord R., M.P.; Greenall, Gilbert, M.P.; Havers, John; Jersey, Earl of; Londesborough, Lord; Londonderry, Marquis of; Novelli, S. H.; Okeover, H. C.; Pattison, F.; Portal, W. S.; Platt, Captain; Stuart, Colonel; Tenterden, Lord; Thynne, Lord H.; Vivian, Hon. J. C. W.; Williamson, S. H.

Past Grand Chaplains.—Bedford, W. K. R.; Brownrigg, J. S.; Bent, R. P.; Cox, Dr.; Frazer, A. B.; Hayes, Sir J. W.; Moore, E.; Martyn, E. J.; Ravenshaw, T. F. G.; Senior, Dr.; Sedgwick, Dr.; Simpson, R.; Short, W. F.; Simpson, Canon; Ward, A. R.; Woodford, A. F. A.

The procession entered the hall while the organ was played by Bro. Willing, and Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Earl of Carnarvon, who was received with immense cheering. When his Lordship took his seat, he was again heartily cheered, and was visibly much moved by the wonderful cordiality of his reception.

The Earl of Carnarvon, as Pro Grand Master, took the chair; that of the Senior Warden being filled by the Right Hon. Lord H. Thynne, M.P., and that of the Junior Warden by Bro. H. C. Okeover. The Grand Lodge was then opened; the minutes of the last Grand Lodge read, from which it appeared that, on the motion of Brother Standish Grove O'Grady, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been unanimously elected to the office of Grand Master. These minutes being now confirmed that election was completed.

The Pro Grand Master then directed Sir A. Woods to form a deputation to introduce his Royal Highness; and mentioned in doing so that a telegram had just been put in his hands from Grand Lodge of Genoa offering their hearty congratulations (great cheering).

The deputation then went to the Prince's room, and in a few minutes the silver trumpets (Brothers Howard Reynolds, W. Neutzerling, S. West, and F. Magrath, Heralds,) drew attention to the entrance of the Prince and his sponsors in the following order, the organ playing a processional march, composed especially for the occasion by Brother Sir Michael Costa:—

Four Grand Stewards of the Year.

The Gloves and Apron of the G.M. on a cushion borne by the Master of a Lodge.	The Collar and Jewel of the G.M. on a cushion borne by the Master of a Lodge.
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Grand Director of Ceremonies, Sir A. Woods.
Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey.
Pres. of Board of Gen. Purp., Bro. Monckton.
Grand Registrar, Bro. McIntyre, Q.C.
Grand Treasurer, Bro. S. Tomkins.
Grand Chaplains, R. P. Bent and Dr. Simpson.
Six Past Grand Wardens.

Six Provincial Grand Masters—viz., the Earls of Shrewsbury and Limerick, the Marquis of Londonderry, Lords R. Grosvenor, Tenterden, and Londesborough.

The PRINCE OF WALES, Grand Master.

Two Grand Stewards.

The Prince of Wales was received with deafening cheers from the assembled brethren, which were again and again renewed until some time after he had taken his seat on the left of the Earl of Carnarvon. His Royal Highness seemed

much gratified, and bowed his acknowledgments as often as the cheering was taken up. The Duke of Connaught stood all this time almost motionless, but apparently much struck with the impressive scene.

Everybody concerned having, under the direction of Sir A. Woods, taken his proper position, the brethren arose, and a prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain. The Prince was then, with certain formalities, invested with the collar and jewel of his office, and placed in the chair; and the trumpets once more having challenged attention, Sir Albert Woods proclaimed to the brethren in the following form:

Be it known that the Most High, Most Pious, and Most Illustrious Prince, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Duke of Saxony, Duke of Cornwall and Rothesay, Earl of Chester, Carrick, and Dublin, Baron of Renfrew, and Lord of the Isles, Great Steward of Scotland, K.G., K.P., K.T., G.C.B., Knight Grand Commander of the Star of India, Knight of the Elephant of Denmark, Knight of the Golden Fleece, has been elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Freemasonry in England. Whom the Great Architect of the Universe long preserve!

The formal salutes having been given,

The Earl of Carnarvon.—Your Royal Highness and Most Worshipful Grand Master,—It has been from time immemorial the custom when any Master of the Craft was placed in this chair to remind him of the duties that he then undertook, and although it is unnecessary that I should remind your Royal Highness, who is so conversant with all the affairs of the Craft, of those duties, it is right that that old and time-honoured custom should not absolutely disappear, and therefore it is my duty to address to you a few words on this occasion. Sir, your Royal Highness knows well that Freemasonry possesses many titles to respect, even in the eyes of the outer world. It has first of all a great antiquity—an antiquity ascending into the sphere, I may say, of immemorial tradition. Secondly, it is known and practised in every country, in every clime, and in every race of civilised men, and lastly, in this country, above all, it has associated itself with human sympathies and charitable institutions. (Cheers.) Let me say further, that whilst in these modern times it has changed its character in some respects, it has lost nothing which can claim the respect of men. (Cheers.) Formerly, through the dim periods of the middle ages, it carved its records upon the public buildings of Europe, upon the tracery of the cathedral windows, and the ornamentation of palaces. Now, as I have said, it is content to devote itself to works of sympathy and charity, and in them it finds its highest praise and reward. Let me draw one further distinction—no one will say that it is an invidious one. In some other countries it has been unfortunately the lot of Freemasonry to find itself allied with faction and intrigue—with what I may call the darker side of politics. In England it has been signally the reverse. (Cheers.) The Craft here has allied itself with social order, with the great institutions of the country, and, above all, with Monarchy, the crowning institution of all. (Cheers.) Your Royal Highness is not the first, by many, of your illustrious family that have sat in that chair. By the lustre of your great name and position you will reflect honour upon the Craft to-day; but it is also something, Sir, to be at the head of such a body as this vast assembly now represents (cheers), for I may truly say that never before, in the whole history of Freemasonry, has such a Grand Lodge been convened as that on which my eyes rest at this moment. And there is this further and inner view to be taken—that far as my eye can carry me over these serried ranks of white and blue, of gold and purple, I recognise in them men who have solemnly undertaken obligations of worth and morality, men who have undertaken the duties of citizens and the loyalty of subjects. (Cheers.) Sir, I am but expressing, though very feebly, the feelings and the aspirations of this great assembly when I say that I trust that the connection of your Royal Highness with the Craft may be lasting, and that you may never, Sir, have occasion for one moment's regret or anxiety when you look back upon the events of to-day. (Loud cheers.)

His Royal Highness the Grand Master, who, on rising, was received with enthusiastic applause, said: Brethren, I am deeply grateful to the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master for the excessively kind words which he has just spoken, and to you, brethren, for the cordial reception which you have given to them. It has been your unanimous wish, brethren, that I should occupy the chair in which you have this day installed me as your Grand Master. It is difficult for me to find words adequately to express my deep thanks for the high honour that has been bestowed upon me—an honour which has already been bestowed on several members of my family, my predecessors—and, brethren, in whose footsteps it will 'always be my most ardent and sincere wish to walk; and by God's help to fulfil the duties of that high office to which I have been called to-day in the same way that my illustrious predecessors fulfilled them. (Cheers.) The Pro Grand Master has told you, brethren, and I feel convinced it is so, that such an assemblage of Grand Lodge has never been known, and when I look round this vast and spacious hall, and see those who have come from the north and the south, from the east and the west, to be present on this auspicious occasion, it is, I trust, an omen of good. (Cheers.) The various public duties which in my position I have to perform will not enable me so frequently as I could wish to attend to my many duties connected with the Craft. But you, brethren, may rest assured that I shall do my utmost to maintain the Craft now in its present prosperity, and to do my duty by it and my duty by you on every possible occasion. (Cheers.) It would, brethren, I feel sure, be useless for me, at a moment like this, to recapitulate anything which has been so ably told you by the Pro Grand Master relative to Freemasonry. Every Englishman knows that the two watchwords of the Craft are "loyalty" and "charity." (Cheers.) As long as those are our watchwords, and as long as Freemasonry keeps itself from being mixed up with politics, so long will, I am sure, this great and ancient Order flourish, and its benign influences will tend to maintain the integrity of this great empire. (Hear hear.) I thank you once more, brethren, for your cordial reception of me to day, and especially those who have come such immense distances to welcome me on this occasion. I assure you I shall never forget to-day. (Great cheering.)

Deputations from Scotland, Ireland, and Grand Lodge of Sweden were then presented to his Royal Highness, consisting of the following brethren:—

Scotland.—Bros. the Earl of Rosslyn, Representative of the Grand Lodge of England, R.W. Past Grand Master of Scotland; the Earl of Mar and Kellie, R.W., Deputy Grand Master; J. T. Oswald, of Dunniker, R.W., Sub-Grand Master; Lord Rosehill, R.W. Junior Grand Warden; the Hon. W. H. Gray, D.D., R.W., Grand Chaplain.

Ireland.—Bros. Robert W. Shekleton, Deputy Grand Master; Lord Dunboyne, Junior Grand Warden; Arthur Bushe, Grand Treasurer; Sir John M. Stewart, Pro Grand Master; the Hon. David Plunket.

Grand Lodge of Sweden.—Bros. Count Saltza, Admiral Lagercrantz, Baron Beck-Früs, Baron de Mecklenburg, Oscar Dickson.

The Grand Orient of France being most desirous of expressing their cordial participation in what they regard as an intentional event, sent, through Mr. Hyde Clarke, a letter of congratulation to be personally presented to his Royal Highness the Grand Master, as they had done to his predecessors, the Earl of Zetland and the Marquis of Ripon (Cheers).

An address of congratulation was presented from Rome as follows:—

"A. G. D. G. A. D. U. Massoneria Universal Commerione Italiana Liberta Fratellanza Ugua-glianza.—Grand Orient Della Massoneria in Italia en elle Colonie Italiane. To his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England.—May it please your Royal Highness to permit the Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Italy to unite the heartfelt applause of all our Italian brethren to that of our

beloved brethren in England, who hail the elevation of their present Grand Master as one of the most auspicious and most memorable events of universal Masonry. By this event English Masonry, which has already deserved so well of universal humanity, will acquire even fresh titles to the gratitude and admiration of the whole civilised world. Italian Masonry, therefore, rejoices at the new lustre shed upon our world-wide institution, and sincerely prays that between the two Masonic communities may be drawn even more closely those fraternal ties which, through want of the official recognition which we venture to hope will soon be effected, have always bound us to English brethren, whose profound intelligence and unswerving activity we constantly appreciate and seek to follow. Accept then, Royal Highness, with all good wishes for your continued long life and prosperity, the expression of our profound homage and fraternal affection."

This address was presented by Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D. on behalf of the Grand Orient.

His Royal Highness then proceeded to appoint the officers of the Grand Lodge for the year ensuing as follows:—

The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. Grand Master.
Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master.
The Marquis of Hamilton, Senior Grand Warden.
The Lord Mayor, Junior Grand Warden.
The Rev. James Simpson, D.C.L., and the Rev. Spencer Robert Wigram, Grand Chaplains.
Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer.
Æneas J. M'Intyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar.
John Hervey, Grand Secretary.
Ernest Emil Wendt, Grand Secretary, German Correspondence.

Montague J. Guest and William Speed, Senior Grand Deacons.

Robert Gray and Frederick P. Morrell, Junior Grand Deacons.

Frederick P. Cockerell, Grand Superintendent of Works.

Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Bro. R. Woodman, Grand Swordbearer.

Wilhelm Kuhe, Grand Organist.

John Wright, Grand Pursuivant.

Eleazer P. Albert, Assistant Grand Pursuivant.

Charles B. Payne, Grand Tyler.

His Royal Highness the Grand Master then announced that Bro. Sir A. Woods was authorised to take the rank and wear the clothing of P. J. G. W.; and Bro. Fenn, of P. S. G. D., in acknowledgment of their services in the proceedings of the day. (Cheers.) Bro. Sir M. Costa was likewise authorised to wear the clothing of P. J. G. W., and Bro. Thos. Cubitt of P. G. Pursuivant.

The names of the brethren returned by the lodges appointing Grand Stewards for the year ensuing were presented and approved, and the Grand Lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

The Prince of Wales, attended by his officers, then left in procession, and the proceedings terminated at five minutes to five o'clock.

The whole of these protracted ceremonies, of which the above account discloses merely a tithe, were conducted with remarkable precision by Sir A. Woods, Garter, who was Director of Ceremonies. The admission and seating of the brethren, which, as we have already stated, was admirably managed, was under the direction of Bro. Thos. Fenn, Bro. Monckton, the President, and the other members of Committee of the Board of General Purposes, were indefatigable and most successful in the discharge of their duties, and it must be a matter of great satisfaction to the Craft in general that so large a gathering, exceeding 10,000 in number, could be congregated and dispersed without the slightest confusion or difficulty.

THE BANQUET.

The banquet took place, as usual on such occasions, in the large hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, and in consequence of its comparatively limited proportions but a very small number of those who were at the Albert Hall had an opportunity of being present. There were, however, about 400 brethren fortunate enough to obtain that privilege, and amongst them a large proportion of Grand

Officers. The hall was very tastefully decorated with flowers, and everything appeared to have been done to give it a picturesque appearance. At half-past seven His Royal Highness entered the hall amidst the greatest applause.

Amongst those present at the banquet were the Grand Secretary, President of the Board of General Purposes, Grand Registrar, Grand Chaplain (Rev. Canon Simpson), Grand Treasurer, A. Bushe (G.T. Ireland), Lord Dunboyne (J.G.W. Ireland), Sir John M. Stewart (Ireland), Baron Mecklenburg (Sweden), Hon. David Plunket (Ireland), Robert W. Shekleton (D.G.M. Ireland), R. Hamilton (G.M. of Jamaica), Earl of Rosslyn (Scotland), Count Saltza (Sweden), George Laurie, P.D.G.M. of Turkey, Lord Leigh (P.G.M. Warwickshire), the Grand Director of Ceremonies, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, the Marquis of Hamilton, Lord Methuen, the Deputy Grand Master; Admiral Lagercrantz (Sweden), the Duke of Manchester (P.G.M. Northamptonshire), Lord Holmesdale (P.G.M. Kent), Earl of Mar and Kellie (Scotland), Rev. John Huyshe (P.G.M. Devon), Baron Beckforius, Albert H. Roy (P.G.M. Worcestershire), Oscar Dickson (Sweden), Hugh D. Sandeman (District G.M. of Bengal), S. T. Oswald (Sub-Grand Master Scotland), Dr. Gray (G.C. Scotland), Grand Chaplain (Rev. Spencer R. Wigram), W. Mann (P.G.W. Scotland), Junior Warden, the Right Hon. Lord Mayor. The above were the brethren who occupied seats at the table presided over by H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master. Amongst the other brethren present at the other tables were Colonel Burdett, the Earl of Hardwicke, Lord Balfour, Lord Limerick, Sir Daniel Gooch, Lord Shrewsbury, General Brownrigg, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Sir H. Williamson, Hon. F. Walpole, Lord Tenterden, Lord Suffield, Bros. Francis Knollys, Thomas Fenn, F.A. Philbrick, Romaine Callender, &c., &c.

It was nine o'clock before the dinner was finished, and, the tables having been cleared,

The Most Worshipful Grand Master rose, amid prolonged cheering, to propose the first toast. He said: Brethren, the first toast I shall have the honour of proposing to you this evening is one which, I know, will require as few words as possible, as it is that toast which is always drunk with enthusiasm (cheers) on all great gatherings of Englishmen, more especially at the meetings of the Craft (loud cheers). I propose "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen, the Patroness of Our Order" (prolonged cheers).

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

The Duke of Manchester: Your Royal Highness, M.W.G.M. of Freemasons, my Lords, and Brethren, I now propose to ask you to drink "The Health of her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales." (Loud applause.) It is not necessary for me to praise her. You all admire her and praise her in your ordinary conversation (Hear, hear.) Those who have the pleasure and honour of knowing her esteem her and praise her most of all. (Cheers.) In the words which you will soon hear sung, and with which you will sympathise,

"May heavenly flowers bestrew her path,

May wisdom guide her feet!

That blessings on her head may fall

We here our prayer repeat."

(Loud applause.) I have to propose to you "The Health of the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family." (Cheers.) We have for the first time amongst us, as Most Worshipful Grand Master, the eldest son of Her Majesty, and his brother, the Duke of Connaught (cheers), whom we all most highly esteem and love as the sons of a father whose memory we all so fondly cherish, and whom we so much regret. (Loud cheers.) I propose to you "The Health of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family."

The toast was received with every demonstration of loyalty.

The Duke of Connaught (who was greeted with hearty and loud applause) said: Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren,—In the name of her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and the other members of the Royal Family, I beg to thank you most sincerely for the very kind way in which you have receive

this toast. I am sure that you are aware—in fact, the Pro Grand Master, who I am sorry to say is not here to-night, told you—how great an interest the Royal Family had always taken in Freemasonry. (Cheers.) I hope that those of the Royal Family who are following their ancestors, including the M.W. Grand Master and myself (prolonged cheering), I hope that we shall prove ourselves no less worthy members of the Craft than the Duke of Sussex and the Duke of Kent. (Cheers.) I am sure that, as the M.W. Grand Master said this afternoon, the fact that the great mottoes of the Craft are "loyalty" and "charity" is alone sufficient to make the Royal Family take the deepest interest in a Craft with such good mottoes as those. (Cheers.) Brethren, before sitting down, I may say that a great honour has been conferred upon me, and that is no less than that of proposing to you "The Health of our Most Worshipful Grand Master." (Reiterated applause.) I only wish, brethren, that this task had fallen to one who is more worthy to propose it, as you all know I am the Junior Master Mason of England. And being in a very humble position, I am naturally careful, and what is more, nervous, in speaking before you all (cheers) on a toast of such great importance as this is. (Hear, hear.) Another reason that I am sure will suggest itself to you is that I am doubly related on this occasion to our Most Worshipful Grand Master. (Cheers and laughter.) It will not do for brothers to be flattering each other, but I am sure, from the way in which the mere mention of our Most Worshipful Grand Master's health was received, that you all respect and admire him in his new and important office. (Applause.) I can assure you, brethren, that there is no one—I will challenge every member of the Craft on this point—who has taken a deeper interest in Freemasonry than His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master. (Loud cheers.) I am sure you will find in him one who will uphold the honour and the integrity of this most noble and most ancient Craft. (Applause.) Brethren, I propose to you "The Health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master."

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, the cheering being again and again renewed.

The Prince of Wales: Brethren, I beg to return my most sincere and my most grateful thanks to the Junior Master Mason of England (laughter) for the kind way in which he has proposed my health, and to you, brethren, for the cordial manner in which you have received it. This is the first time, brethren, that I have had the honour of presiding at the grand festival. I can assure you I am very grateful for your kind reception of me this evening, and I sincerely hope that we may have the pleasure of meeting together on these festive occasions many many long years to come. I shall never forget, brethren, the ceremony of to-day (hear, hear), and the reception which you gave me. I only hope that you may never regret the choice you have made of your Grand Master. Brethren, I assure you on all occasions I shall do my utmost to do my duty in the position in which you have so kindly placed me. (Hear, hear.) Before sitting down, brethren, I have a toast to propose, which I feel sure you will all drink with cordiality, and which to me is a specially gratifying toast, that is, "The Health of our Illustrious Brother the King of Sweden and Norway." (Applause.) It affords me especial pleasure to propose this toast, as seven years ago I became a member of this Craft, initiated by the late King, the brother of the present one. Thereby I consider I have a more special interest in Sweden, and I hope that the Grand Lodges of Sweden and of England may always be bound together in good will and in fraternal feeling. Our illustrious brother the King has been especially pleased to send over five distinguished brethren to take part in my Installation. (Applause.) Therefore it affords me special gratification to drink to the health of one who I know is such a keen Freemason at heart, and so keen an Englishman that he has frequently visited our shores. Most cordially and most heartily do I call upon you, brethren, to drink to "The Health of our Illustrious Brother the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Sweden, his Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway."

Count Salcza responded, speaking in French. He passed a high eulogium on Freemasonry, and expressed his great gratification at the magnificent ceremony that had been witnessed in the afternoon, laying especial stress upon the Masonic good feeling between Sweden and Great Britain.

The Grand Master then rose and said: Brethren, we are honoured here this evening by the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of Ireland, and of Sweden, and I feel convinced that you will all drink with me most cordially and most heartily to their health (cheers). The Grand Lodge of England is most desirous on being on the best possible terms with the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland. Although separate through having other Grand Masters, still those three Grand Lodges may consider one another more or less as one. I have great pleasure in proposing the health of my noble friend and brother, Lord Rosslyn, as representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and I cannot forget the kind reception I met with at Edinburgh some years ago when he was Deputy Grand Master, and I received the rank of Patron of Scotch Freemasons at the hands of the late Earl Dalhousie. It also gives me great pleasure to propose the health of the representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, coupled with the name of Bro. Shekleton, Deputy Grand Master. I have also the great privilege of being Patron of the Irish Grand Lodge. I also remember, a few years ago, my reception from the late Duke of Leinster, who was the popular Grand Master of Ireland at that time, and the reception I met with I shall not easily forget. As the representative of the Grand Lodge of Sweden it affords me great pleasure to couple with this toast the name of the admiral on my left, who with the other gentlemen of this deputation from the King of Sweden are present here this evening. As my earliest associations in Freemasonry have been with the Grand Lodge of Sweden, I know when I address those gentlemen I see before me they will appreciate the pleasure it affords me in proposing this toast. (Cheers.) Brethren, I give you the toast of "The Grand Lodges of Scotland, Ireland, and Sweden," coupled with the names Lord Rosslyn, Brother Shekleton, and Admiral Oscar Dickson. I also include in this toast all the other Grand Lodges.

The toast having been drunk,

Lord Rosslyn said: Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren,—The honour that your Royal Highness has done the deputation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland is warmly felt and appreciated by them, and I regret exceedingly that our Right Worshipful Master is upon this most interesting occasion prevented from being present by severe domestic sorrow. One other also of our deputation, one to whom all members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland have a great regard, our Grand Secretary, is prevented from being present on this occasion by a very severe and dangerous illness. But I am glad, indeed, to have had the opportunity, after so many years connection with the Grand Lodge in Scotland—no less than 25 years—of congratulating the Craft of England, and your Royal Highness also, upon the most magnificent scene I have ever witnessed in my life. I am glad also to think that the splendour, and, I must add, admirable management of the display to-day, does not quite efface from your Royal Highness's recollection the scene upon a similar scale which we endeavoured to offer you when we had the honour of having your name as patron of the Scottish Craft. Your Royal Highness has been good enough to say that you have not forgotten the occasion. I can assure your Royal Highness no Scotchman will ever forget it, and I can speak on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, with which I have been so long connected, having served every office in it, from Junior Deacon up to Grand Master, having been not quite a holiday Freemason, but worked my way from the ranks up to the position I have the honour to hold now. His Royal Highness has this day told us what the duties of Freemasonry are, and there is no doubt he has summed them up in two words—loyalty and charity; which includes mercy, a quality which has been described by the greatest poets as becoming "the throned monarch better than

his crown." There can be no doubt that under the auspices of the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Grand Lodge of England will flourish, and will continue to be a standard for Masonry all over the world. (Hear, hear.) I beg to thank you on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and I should have felt entirely happy in all the arrangements that you have given me the opportunity of addressing you this evening, if I had not found that the brother about to follow me is in a much better position than myself; for, while we are placed, according to the book of songs before me, "By the sad sea waves," he has the pleasure of being "By Celia's arbour." (Laughter.)

Bro. R. W. Shekleton, Deputy Grand Master of Ireland, said: Your Royal Highness, my Lords, and Brethren,—I have been deputed by his Grace the Grand Master of Ireland to express to you his great personal regret that his official duties as a Viceroy of her Most Gracious Majesty debar him from being present here in person to do all honour to your Royal Highness, and in his behalf to bid you all hail in the name of the fraternity of the sister kingdom. Your Royal Highness and Brethren of England, on behalf of his Grace I desire to tender to you his most grateful acknowledgments for the way in which his name has been received, and the invitation which was extended to him to take part in the imposing and august ceremonial of to-day. But, your Royal Highness, there is another matter which, as far as I am aware, his Grace is not cognisant until to-day, and that is the honour you have conferred upon him by installing his son in the Grand Senior Warden's chair (applause). As his Grace takes great interest in Freemasonry, the honour you have thus conferred upon his son is one of the greatest honours you could confer upon him personally (hear). On behalf of those who represented the Grand Lodge of Ireland I should be wanting in my duty if I did not take this opportunity of thanking you for this opportunity of taking part in the ceremony of to-day, which we have seen, and which probably will never be seen again—an event which will be an era in our Masonic lives. We thank you also for having been invited to take part in this festive ceremony, which, as most of the outside world will suppose, was most indispensable to us, whom they regard as a gormandising fraternity. (Laughter.) In an assemblage of English Masons it may seem absurd to talk about loyalty, but I can assure your Royal Highness that no Masons are more loyal than the Masons of the Emerald Isle (immense applause), which God grant may never cease to be an integral portion of Her Majesty's dominions; and we pray that the Emerald Isle may never be woven in the crown of any stranger. In our lodges we have no treason, no plots, or conspiracies—we form no secret societies; but we are remarkable for our fear of God, our fealty to the Sovereign, love to the brotherhood, and a friendship to all classes and creeds. Those are the principles which are inculcated in Irish lodges, as well as English, and therefore it is absurd to speak of us in the way we have been spoken of. Your Royal Highness has been threatened with certain pains and penalties if you visit our shores. I can assure your Royal Highness, as far as that is concerned, we are only too happy to see your Royal Highness on any occasion, and I think there will be no necessity to put his prerogative of mercy into operation if you visit us. I have said that we are loyal, and I say it on behalf of my impulsive countrymen that they are loyal to the heart's core; and that although we have not had the honour of seeing the members of the Royal Family as often as we would like, yet I know it is only necessary that they should be as familiar to us in Ireland as in England to be equally beloved as in England and in Scotland; and somewhat to alter the words of one whose genius as a writer we may admire, though we may not agree in his political opinions, I would say—

"Come in the evening, come in the morning,

Come when you will, or come without warning,

Bright smiles of welcome you'll find there before you,

And the oftener you come the more we'll adore you."

Brother Admiral Oscar Dickson (who spoke in a clear English accent).—Speaking in the capital of England, may it please your Royal Highness, Most Worshipful Grand Master, to receive the humble thanks of the Swedish Grand Lodge for the honour which you have conferred upon them (applause).

The most Worshipful Grand Master.—It is now my duty to propose to you the last toast which I shall have the honour of giving you. It is one which is always at this, our annual meeting, received most cordially and enthusiastically. On this occasion the toast will be that of "The Pro-Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Masters, and the Grand Officers" (cheers). I regret very much the absence, from domestic affliction, of the Pro-Grand Master (hear, hear). He is not able to be in his accustomed place to respond to this toast, but the Deputy Grand Master is here this evening, and I shall have great pleasure in coupling his name with it (cheers). To the Provincial Grand Masters, who I see before me and around me this evening, I beg to tender my sincere thanks for their kindness in supporting me both this afternoon and now, and to assure them what gratification and pleasure it has given me to see them muster so strongly at our ceremony of to-day (cheers). I know that upon several of the Grand Officers devolved the duty of making the arrangements for carrying out that ceremony, and I can only tender them my sincere thanks for, and at the same congratulate them, upon the admirable manner in which the arrangements were carried out (applause). This evening, during the dinner, I received a communication, dated at 7.35, from Brother Wentworth Cole, who was present to day, in which he says "that after dismissing the police and shutting the doors, the police report was that no casualty or mishap of any kind had taken place" (loud cheers). There were between 7,000 and 8,000 brethren at that hall, and they all entered and left it without accident, which is a great thing to be able to say (cheers). I beg of you now to drink the health of those brethren whose names I have just mentioned (loud applause).

Lord Skelmersdale.—Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren—In the name of the numerous assembly on behalf of whom I have to respond, I beg to return you our hearty thanks. No one can regret more than I do the absence of the Pro-Grand Master, but I think you will agree with me in saying that we owe him a deep debt of gratitude for having laid aside his sorrow and come forward to take part in the ceremony of this afternoon (hear, hear). I need not dilate on the admirable way in which he performed his duty (cheers). He always does everything he undertakes in the same way, and I repeat that we owe him a deep debt of gratitude for what he has done for us to-day (cheers). I only hope that he has happier days before him, and that he will long enjoy the honours which have been conferred upon him (applause). I am sure you will feel it is almost presumptuous in me to say anything on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers, being such a junior officer myself; but perhaps I may do so having the honour of holding the rank of Grand Master in one of the largest provinces in the country (hear, hear). I am sure all the Provincial Grand Officers will, equally with myself, feel delighted, honoured, and gratified at seeing his Royal Highness placed in the position he now occupies (cheers), and only wish that he may occupy it for many years to come (applause). I assure him that we will do all we can to lighten his duties and to make his task an easy one (hear, hear). For my own part, I can assure you that I feel deeply sensible of the honour which has been conferred upon me this day. I only hope that I shall be able to do the duty of the high office confided to me, and I trust to be able to do it with all my heart (hear, hear). If anything would add to my anxiety to do so, it would be the invariable kindness I have personally received from his Royal Highness, and the invariable kindness and attention which he has given to Masonic matters (applause). I can assure you that that attention has not been lightly taxed lately (hear, hear). Brethren, in

the name of the grand officers and those enumerated in the toast which has been so kindly proposed, I beg to thank you most heartily for the kind way in which you have received this toast, and to assure you that we hope to do our duties to the best of our abilities (loud cheers).

The Marquis of Hamilton (Senior Grand Warden): Your Royal Highness, my lords, and brethren, the toast which I have now to propose to you is that of "The Stewards of this Festival," and in proposing this toast I must claim your indulgence, as this is the first time that I have had the honour of addressing you as an officer of Grand Lodge (hear, hear). Although this toast is put down in the book as the last, I do not think it should be considered the least, and for two reasons. One is that the brethren whose names are connected with this toast come from no less than 18 lodges in the United Kingdom, and amongst them are members of the highest and most important degrees connected with Freemasonry (hear, hear.) Another reason is that the brethren with whose names I couple this toast have had their attention this evening closely and carefully connected with our material and, I might say also, our interior welfare and happiness (hear, and laughter). Brethren, you witnessed this morning a magnificent spectacle in the Albert Hall—a spectacle which can never be surpassed in the annals of Freemasonry in this country (hear, hear, and applause). Every particle, every minutiae of detail was most exactly and splendidly carried out (applause). Those brethren who had the duty of carrying out that magnificent ceremony have had their name duly proposed and honoured this evening. It is therefore, with great pleasure that I propose to you "The Health of the Stewards," and I am certain that you will all honour it upstanding with three cheers. In giving you this toast I beg to couple with it the name of Brother Erasmus Wilson (applause).

Bro. Erasmus Wilson, President of the Board of Stewards, in responding, said—M.W.G.M., your Royal Highness, and Brethren,—The Grand Stewards of the year are deeply grateful to you for your generous recognition of our very humble but most cordially rendered services. (Hear, hear.) The Grand Stewards constitute a useful and somewhat curious link in the venerable and patriarchal chain of our Masonic organisation; and prominent amongst their functions is the very important one of engaging the brethren in the happiest and most necessary of the ceremonies consequent on our sublunary existence. (Laughter.) It is for the Grand Stewards in an essential degree to endeavour to please the brethren, and, in the beautiful words of our ritual "to lead them to unite in the grand design of being happy, and communicating happiness." (Cheers.) It is likewise for the Grand Stewards to realise, in the interests of the brethren, that after labour should follow refreshment—(hear, hear)—and although the labour of this great day has been in a supreme degree a labour of love, yet our convictions must have proved to us that love is none the less an active promoter of appetite. (Cheers and laughter.) I therefore trust that the poor efforts of the Grand Stewards to relieve that necessity of our nature, aided by the practical help of our good brother Francatelli, may not have proved labour in vain. (Cheers.) But as with our bosom our heart is next door neighbour to the stomach, so may the comforts and refreshments of the stomach further warm our hearts to a fervent congratulation on the events of this most auspicious and never-to-be-forgotten day. (Applause.)

The Duke of St. Albans was unable to be present on account of domestic affliction.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Mr. Wilhelm Kuhe, who was assisted by Miss Edith Wynne, Miss Annie Sinclair, and Madame Patey, and Messrs. George Perren, Thomas Baxter, Carter, Theodore Distin, F. Penna, and Maybrick. Mr. Kuhe was also assisted by Mr. Wilhelm Ganz, Past Grand Organist, and Mr. Carrodus performed on the violin.

The banquet was admirably supplied by the

Freemasons' Tavern Company's manager, Bro. Francatelli, and, drew forth the special commendation of Dr. Erasmus Wilson.

Bro. Harker, the City toastmaster, officiated on the occasion.

The banquet concluded shortly after ten.

The whole of the floral decorations at the Albert Hall were supplied by Bro. J. Wills, of the Royal Exotic Nursery, Onslow-crescent. The Prince's room was very tastefully decorated with a choice collection of handsome foliage and flowering plants, which were very judiciously arranged in groups about the room, the great feature of the decoration being the table usually in the centre of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's room, the surface of which was entirely covered with undulating banks of lycopodium, on the raised portions of which were hillocks surrounded by graceful palms, interspersed with the beautiful orchid, *Odontoglossum Alexandria*. The groundwork below was embellished with lilies of the valley, arranged naturally, as if growing on mossy banks. These were relieved by masses of Marshal Niel roses, *Jardinias*, *Stephanotis*, and various other sweet-smelling flowers. On the four corners of the table were placed Masonic emblems—in one the square and compass, arranged with lilies of the valley and light blue cinerarias, the opposite corner being occupied by the square, the centre of which was composed of blue cinerarias, with a margin of lilies of the valley; in the other two corners the plummet and compass were similarly depicted. On a raised terrace in the centre of this lovely plateau the following initials were placed—"H.R.H. A. E., M.W.G.M.," wrought in dark blue cinerarias. Right and left of the stairs leading to the dais were handsome groups of plants, consisting of palms, draccenas, azalias, and many other growing and foliage plants, the whole being surrounded by an undulating bank of *isolepis* and lycopodium, the surface of the dais being covered with crimson cloth. Bro. Wills had arranged a margin of yellow *genistas* beneath a canopy of graceful palms, which imparted to the eye the appearance of a charming prism, the whole being in complete harmony with the other decorations of this noble hall. Bro. Wills was ably assisted in the above arrangements by Bro. A. F. Barron, superintendent of the Royal Horticultural Gardens at South Kensington and Chiswick.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE M.W.G.M.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A new epoch has occurred in the annals of English Freemasonry. The eldest son of our Sovereign, and heir to the Throne of England, has graciously accepted the office of Grand Master of the Order.

This event is in itself of great importance to the Craft, and cannot fail to make more popular an institution which adopts as its three grand principles Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and, to quote the words of our M.W.G.M., whose watchwords are "Loyalty and Charity."

The great increase in the numbers of the brethren within the last few years is satisfactory proof that Freemasonry is flourishing, and we trust will, by the favour of the Great Architect, continue to extend its beneficent influences in proportion to the fostering care of those who administer its affairs; while the condition of the three Masonic institutions (admitting all that remains to be done) bears ample testimony that the brethren are not unmindful that of all the virtues which adorn mankind, "the greatest of these is Charity."

Our Royal and Illustrious Grand Master may see fit to commemorate his accession to the throne of King Solomon by some act gratifying and advantageous to the Craft, and I venture most deferentially to suggest whether his Royal Highness could give his assent to any proposition more calculated to increase (if it were possible) his own popularity, or more likely to afford gratification to the general body of Masons, than by any enlargement of the present very limited number of Grand Stewards.

Since the Act of Union of 1813, the number of Grand Stewards has, in spite of the vast increase in the numbers of the Craft, remained at Eighteen. Has not, therefore, the time arrived when the honour of wearing a red apron might be consistently conferred upon a few more of the ancient and distinguished lodges, serving thereby to awaken a new interest, and rendering still more useful and popular the occasion of the Grand Festival, by admitting a larger representation of the various lodges.

I trust an abler pen than mine will take the subject up, and that some distinguished brother will bring the matter before Grand Lodge, feeling convinced that, with the concurrence of that assembly, His Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. would confer a privilege and honour which would be most gratefully appreciated.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,

P.M.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

Yesterday the ceremony of the installation of Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., as Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, as successor to the Marquis of Ripon, took place at Halifax. West Yorkshire, for a period of 14 years, had been well and ably governed by the Marquis of Ripon, whose installation took place in Leeds, in 1861, but on the secession of that nobleman from the English Church, the faith he embraced precluded him from longer remaining a member of an Order like that of Freemasonry. Many were the opinions as to who should succeed the Marquis, but ultimately the choice of the Prince of Wales fell upon Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., a gentleman of undoubted popularity in the entire county of Yorkshire, and immediately associated in many ways with the province of West Yorkshire, and, a gentleman whose openness of heart, magnanimous disposition, and firmness of character, will make him an able and respected ruler. The ceremony of installation took place in the Drill Hall, Halifax, and the preliminary lodge was opened up by Bro. James Menzies, W.M., and the officers of the Probity Lodge, 61, of which lodge Sir Henry Edwards is a P.M. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by W. Bro. Bentley Shaw, D.P.G.M., and the brethren assembled numbered about 600, representing 58 out of 59 lodges in the Province. After the customary salutation of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Bentley Shaw said he once more thanked the brethren for the kind expression of their feeling towards him. This, he said, was the last time he should preside over their meetings, and even on this occasion he would have to crave their indulgence for not making a lengthened speech. Owing to the very feeble state of his health, having just come from home after a month's severe illness, they must excuse him saying more than from his heart he thanked them for their present and many previous kindnesses.

Bro. Major Le Gendre N. Starkie, Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, in acknowledging the salutation of the brethren, said he was glad to be present on this occasion, knowing well the enthusiasm of West Yorkshire Masons. He paid a high compliment to Bro. Bentley Shaw, for the able manner he had always discharged the duties of his office.

The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with by Bro. Starkie, and he was conducted to the chair by Bro. B. Shaw, who stated that Bro. Starkie had kindly consented to perform the duty of installation most readily. They were all glad to see him in West Yorkshire again. The royal patent of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been granted to Sir Henry Edwards, and Bro. Shaw expressed his belief that as their late chief had been respected and loved by the brethren, so would their brother who had been selected for the distinguished office of Provincial Grand Master, receive their loyal love, and that fraternal devotion which it was the duty of every loyal Freemason to render to their chief.

Bro. Starkie, in taking the chair, said they were met on an occasion of no ordinary Masonic interest. This was patent when they reflected on that nobleman who had till lately so ably, so loyally, and so kindly governed them. He was a man who stood high, not only in this province, but in the craft generally, and who, by his moral and honourable character upheld the tenets of Freemasonry and the interests of the Craft. The Marquis of Ripon was always honourable in action, upright in character, and bold in principle. West Yorkshire would miss him at its gatherings, but whilst they deeply regretted the cause of his resignation, they would esteem his actions, and respect his memory. In his successor, however, they had a worthy brother, and he hoped the members of that lodge, and the brethren of the province would render to him a truly Masonic honour, and had faith in that if they would entrust to him their confidence, be guided by his counsel, and conform to his ruling, the high position and character of the province would be maintained, and that West Yorkshire would retain that prestige in the Craft that had been left it by its late distinguished chief. (Applause.)

The patent of Sir H. Edwards having been examined and read, he was conducted into Provincial Grand Lodge, and was addressed by Bro. Starkie in reference to the high and dignified office to which he had been appointed, and was exhorted to maintain a firm but honourable rule in the province.

Having entered into the necessary requirements of Provincial Grand Lodge, Sir Henry Edwards was invested with the apron, chain, and jewel of his office, and was conducted to the throne amid the applause of the brethren, and saluted according to ancient custom.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master then addressed the brethren, saying he felt deeply sensible of the condescension of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in appointing him to the important office of Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, the

largest and, he believed, most compact province in England, numbering 59 lodges, and nearly 3,000 brethren. When the Prince of Wales first intimated his wish to appoint him to the office, he accepted the post, but it was loyalty that prompted him to accept it, yet he did so with trepidation and diffidence. He said he should have to rely on their forbearance for his shortcomings in the discharge of his duties. Already he was assured of the support of their respected, able, and, he might say, illustrious brother, Bentley Shaw. (Loud and prolonged applause.) He regretted that that gentleman could not longer fill the post he had so ably done for the period of eleven years, owing to failing health. During that eleven years he had only been absent from one meeting. Referring to his own office, he said, now that the time had arrived he felt more alarmed at the duties of the office, and would stand aghast did he not feel assured of the same support his predecessor had received. It would always be his aim to serve the interests of the Craft, and assist in promoting the three grand principles upon which the Order is founded. In concluding he urged the brethren to observe the necessity of acting the part of true Freemasonry, which he found fully portrayed in a passage of holy writ—"Honour all men; love the brotherhood; fear God; honour the king."

The following brethren were then appointed, and invested, to the various offices:—

Bros. Thomas Wm. Tew, D.P.G.M.; Major T. G. Parker, P.S.G.W.; W. H. Brittain, P.J.G.W.; Rev. A. W. Hamilton, Rev. G. S. Dunbar, P.G.C.; R. I. Critchley, P.G.T.; E. M. Wavell, P.G.R.; Henry Smith, P.G.S.; W. Tasker, P.S.G.D.; Thos. Heaton, P.J.G.D.; C. Mandall Hartley, P.G.S. of W.; W. Roddewig and W. J. Beck, P.G.D. of C.; F. Crossley, P.G.S.B.; F. W. Nicholson, P.G. Organist; A. E. Powlony, and J. Richardson, P.G.P.; J. R. Armitage, J. Ibberson, Allen Jackson, Geo. Haigh, J. Marshall, and Henry Ward, P.G.S.; Joshua Lee and Jonas Sheard, P.G.T.

The R.W.P.G.M. then proposed, and the D.P.G.M. seconded a vote of thanks to Bro. Bentley Shaw for his invaluable services during his period as D.G.M. of this province, which was most enthusiastically carried.

In replying Bro. Shaw eulogised the character of Lord Ripon, at whose hands, he said, he had always received the greatest possible kindness; and he never knew a better friend or a more sincere brother.

The brethren were then marshalled into procession, and headed by the band of the 2nd West York Yeomanry Cavalry, proceeded to the Parish Church, where an able discourse was delivered by one of the Provincial Grand Chaplains.

After these proceedings a sumptuous banquet was served in the Assembly Rooms, where about 100 brethren sat down. After dinner the chair was occupied by Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, P.G.M., and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily received.

Dewsbury was decided on as the next meeting place of Provincial Grand Lodge, under the banner of Three Grand Principles, 208.

TASMANIAN MASONIC BENEVOLENT FUND.—REPORT FOR 1875.

The committee of management, in addressing the subscribers and contributors to the Tasmanian Masonic Benevolent Fund, has again to congratulate them upon the continued success which has attended the operations of the institution during the past year, and desires to express its appreciation of the increased amount of subscriptions from individual brethren, and the enlarged sum contributed by the several Masonic bodies, thus fully meeting the increased amount of expenditure required, and augmenting the balance to the credit of the fund.

The statement of accounts and balance sheet fully explain the income and expenditure during the past year, as well as the present position of the fund; and the committee earnestly trusts that this association, which has been and still is of material benefit to aged brethren, and widows and orphans of departed ones, may receive the continued and increased support of the fraternity, so that more adequate means may be provided for enlarging its sphere of usefulness, and extending its benefits, which should keep pace with the present unexampled progress of the Craft.

Correspondence.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is with feelings of great reluctance I write to complain of what I consider the unnecessary interference of the Installation Committee, or

Grand Secretary, if he be the responsible person, in suggesting, or, as in this case it has proved, dictating the manner of disposing of the single M.M. tickets for the Albert Hall issued to each lodge. Who, Sir, are the men to whom the proceedings on next Wednesday are likely to be most interesting and useful? The Junior Officers of lodges; and I imagine, in consequence of the suggestion made in the circular addressed by the Grand Secretary to the Secretaries of lodges, few (if any) of these gentlemen are likely to be present on the occasion.

The Senior Subscribing M.M. is, generally speaking, a man who, from disinclination for work, or perhaps other more satisfactory private reasons, desires to rest on his laurels, and therefore refuses year after year to accept office, and only occasionally attends the working of his lodge, thereby allowing his juniors to step before him. I maintain that the fairest way would have been to have given the Junior Officers the first offer of refusal in rotation, which I believe would have been the plan adopted in my own lodge but for the circular above alluded to, and I should not then have had to sign myself as I do now,

A DISAPPOINTED J.D.

[Our Brother has, we think, overstated the force of the recommendation. It was a fraternal and Masonic recommendation, but nothing more. Each lodge had full power to act upon it or not, as it seemed advisable to the feelings and judgment of the Brethren. There was no binding or constraining power in what was intended only as a considerate suggestion.—ED.]

INSTALLATION JEWEL.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am not aware whether or not it has been decided to have a Jewel struck in commemoration of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and every brother who attends permitted to wear one. If such should be the case, it will give a splendid opportunity of assisting the Masonic Schools or Charities, by requiring every brother who wears one to pay as a fee of honour, say, half a guinea. I venture to say there would be very few who would not be proud to do so. By ventilating the matter in the *Freemason*, I have but little doubt the above suggestion will meet with the approbation of the brethren generally.

I am, yours fraternally,

A PAST MASTER.

[We have already suggested that a "Commemoration Jewel" should be authorized by the G.M., in addition to the Stewards' Jewel.—ED.]

THE GUILDHALL LIBRARY.

Last week Dr. Sedgwick Saunders, the Medical Officer of Health and Public Analyst of the City of London, was presented with a handsome testimonial, consisting of a pair of candelabra, a Warwick vase, and a silver claret jug, in recognition of his public services in connection with the new Guildhall Library. The presentation was made at the Mansion House by the Lord Mayor, in the presence of Alderman Sir William Rose; Alderman Sir Thos. Dakin; Alderman Sir Chas. Whetham; Mr. Alderman M'Arthur, M.P.; the President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Mr. F. Le Gros Clark; the President of the Statistical Society, De Guy; Rev. Dr. Sparrow Simpson; Mr. Janson; Mr. John Symonds, Chairman of the Library Committee of the Corporation; Sir John Bennett; Mr. R. A. Gray, and many others. Dr. Saunders made a suitable acknowledgment of the compliment. In the evening Mr. John Symonds, the chairman, and the members of the Library Committee entertained about eighty guests at dinner at the London Tavern, including the Lord Mayor; Major-Gen. Brownrigg, C.B.; Major Bousfield, M.P.; Sir Thos. Chambers, M.P.; Mr. Alderman Figgins; Mr. Warren de la Rue, F.R.S., the President of the London Institution; Mr. R. B. Martin; Mr. James Glaisher; Sir Albert Woods; Mr. McIntyre, Q.C.; Dr. Saunders; Rev. W. Rogers; Dr. Zerffii; Mr. Geo. Grove; Mr. Deputy Shephard; Mr. John Staples, and others. Towards the close of the entertainment, Mr. Glaisher, responding to a toast with which his name had been connected, took occasion to say—referring to the fatal balloon experiment in Paris—that he had been exceedingly pained to read the results, and that he could not but feel that a great mistake had been made. M. Tissandier, with whom he was well acquainted, had previously been with him, and they had talked together about the power of man to ascend a certain altitude, even to the height of five, six, or seven miles. Mr. Glaisher argued then, as now, that no man, however experienced, should attempt to exceed that extreme limit who had any heart disease or any pulmonary affection, for in either of those cases, after ascending to a height of four miles, death might occur at any moment.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Friday, May 7, 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, MAY 1.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
Precep. 127, Bard of Avon, Hampton Court.
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, MAY 3.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms St. James's
" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark Lodge, 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., 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, MAY 4.

Colonial Board, at 3.
Lodge 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 171, Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
" 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent's Masonic Hall, Regent-street.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's Mason's Hall, Mason's Avenue, Basinghall-street.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Precep.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. C. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheat-sheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
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, MAY 5.

Grand Chapter, at 7.
Lodge 1491, Athenaeum, Athenaeum, Camden-road, Hol-loway, at 5.
Mark Lodge, Old Kent, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
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, Ab-lychurch-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, MAY 6.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate.
" 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Duke of Edinburgh, New Wimbledon.
" 1412, La Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
Chap. 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel.
Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arms 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.
Bury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsoby-st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Buil and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, MAY 7.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
Chap. 3, Fidelity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
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, Precep.
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 Couits Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.
Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Precep.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 8, 1875.

MONDAY, MAY 3.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Assembly Rooms, Preston.
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Lodge 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liver-pool, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, MAY 4.

Lodge 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liver-pool, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5.

Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.
" 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh.
De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, at 7.30.
Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

THURSDAY, MAY 6.

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, MAY 7.
" 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, May 8, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, MAY 3.

Lodge 20, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Lesmahagow.
" 124, Kilwinning, Union Tavern, Ayr.
" 129, St. Mirren's, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.
" 138, Operative, Blue Bell Hotel, Ayr.
" 237, St. John, Masonic Arms, Girvan.
" 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 556, Clydesdale, Crown-street Assembly Rooms.
Chap. 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-street, Glasgow.

TUESDAY, MAY 4.

Lodge 34, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 7, Hamilton Kilwinning, Masonic Hall Hamil-
ton.
" 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 87, Thistle, 12, Tron-gate.
" 173, St. John, Masonic Hall, Largs.
" 198, Royal Arch, Maybole Town Hall, Maybole.
" 233, Hamilton, Spalding's Hotel, Hamilton.
" 331, St. Peter's, Portland Arms, Galston.
" 406, St. John, Dalziel Masonic Hall, Motherwell.
" 433, St. Thomas, Eglinton Hall, Dalmellington.
" 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.
" 497, St. John's, Brewery Hall, Catrine.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5.

Lodge 0, Mother Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Kilwinning
" 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 21, Old St. John, Masonic Hall, Lanark.
" 86, Navigation, Commercial Hall, Troon.
" 126, St. Andrews, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 128, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston.
" 166, St. John, 29, Graham-street, Airdrie.
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 442, Neptune, Kilwinning Masonic Hall, Ardrossan.
Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Tron-gate.

THURSDAY, MAY 6.

Lodge 11, St. John, King's Arms, Maybole.
" 22, St. John's, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 149, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Irvine.
" 157, St. John, Main-street, Beith.
" 202, St. Clements, Trades Tavern, Kilmarnock.
" 320, St. John, Masonic Hall, Ardrossan.
" 370, Renfrew, Masonic Hall, High-street, Paisley.
" 465, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Garnagad-road.
" 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.

FRIDAY, MAY 7.

Lodge 114, Royal Arch, Masonic Hall, Cambuslang.
" 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
" 135, St. James, Crown Inn, Farbolton.
" 215, St. Andrew, Avondale Inn, Strathavon.
" 217, Cumberland, Town Hall, Port Glasgow.
" 242, Houston, Cross Keys Hotel, Johnstone.
" 244, Union St. John, Black Bull Hotel, Stonehouse.
" 248, Lockhart, St. John, Masonic Hall, Carnwarth.
" 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, MAY 8.

Lodge 28, St. John, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch.
" 458, St. John's, Wilson's Hall, Busby.
" 544, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 8, 1875.

MONDAY, MAY 3.

Lodge 429, St. Keti-gum, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.