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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

## METROPOLITAN.

NEW CONCORD LODGE (813).—The brethren of this lodge met at the Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, on Thursday, April 15th. All the work was performed by Bro. Gabb in an excellent manner. The ticket for the Installation of H.R.H. was given to Bro. Sinclair, Treas., he being the oldest subscribing and initiated member. Bro. Fowkes, Crystal Palace Lodge, was the only visitor. The votes of the lodge were solicited and given to Bro. Emmens, P.M., on behalf of the candidate, Bro. Cooper. At the supper, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Emmens, P.G.P., responded for the Grand Officers. Bro. Cusworth, J.W., replied on behalf of the charities, particularly for the Boys' School, at whose festival he is a Steward. Bro. Main, P.M. and S., responded for the Past Master, urging the necessity of attending Lodges of Instruction, and drawing attention to the ceremonies to be worked on the 21st at the New Concord Lodge of Instruction. The S.W. being prevented by domestic affliction from staying to the supper, the Treas. replied for the Officers. Bro. Fowkes, as a visitor, acknowledged the hospitality, also the admirable way in which the W.M. carried out all his duties. Some good singing and recitations from Bros. Baylis, Swales, Salisbury, and Cusworth were much enjoyed, and the Tyler's toast finished an agreeable evening.

GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held last Saturday at the City Terminus Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. N. B. Headon, P.M. There was a very large attendance of the brethren, and the officers were all in their places. Lodge was opened at three o'clock, and the work was immediately commenced. Assisted by Bro. James Stevens, I.P.M., and the officers, the W.M. performed five initiations, two raisings and seven passings. Messrs. Wm. Henry Rowe, John Liscombe, Charles Lord, George Goodman, and Thomas Benskin took the First Degree; Bros. E. Crickmay and Gray, the Third; and Bros. White, Bristow, Measures, Hicks, Durrant, McNiver, and Farmer the Second. There were several propositions for new members; and the brethren, after calling off for refreshment at six o'clock, proceeded with the business of the lodge afterwards; and when this was entirely completed, adjourned. The whole of the work was, as usual, well performed.

## INSTRUCTION.

STABILITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 217).—The annual festival of Bro. Henry Muggeridge's celebrated Lodge of Instruction was held, according to ancient custom, on the Friday succeeding Grand Festival. As usual, it was very numerously attended, and the large lodge room at the City Terminus Hotel, as well as the Great Hall, where the banquet was subsequently spread, was crowded on the occasion. The character which the lodge has obtained for its correct working was fully maintained. Bro. Muggeridge presided in lodge, and after its formal opening proceeded with the lectures of the Second Degree. Bro. Bailey gave the answers in the 1st Section; Bro. Russell, 2nd; Bro. Jonas, 3rd, and Bro. Scriven 4th and 5th, Lodge Board. All these brethren were afterwards congratulated on their proficiency, and the readiness with which their replies were given. The following sums were voted to the Masonic Institutions:—Ten guineas to Girls' School; fifteen guineas to Boys' School; ten pounds to Benevolent Institution. Bro. Scriven proposed, and Bro. Jones seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. Muggeridge, the Preceptor, which having been carried, Bro. Edward Spooner proposed, and Bro. Thomas James seconded, a vote of condolence and sympathy for the great calamity that has befallen Bro. Muggeridge, in the death of his son, Bro. Strickland Muggeridge, the Secretary. Bro. E. S. Snell, P.G.D., proposed, and Bro. R. Townend seconded a vote of thanks to the Working Brethren. 25 new members were then elected, and the lodge was closed. There were present among others, Bros. Muggeridge, W.M.; Russell, S.W.; Jonas, S.W.; Scriven, S.D.; Bailey, J.D.; Storr, J.D.; Colonel Burdett, G.M.M.; E. S. Snell, P.G.D.; E. M. Hubbuck, P.G.S.; I. F. Jackson,

P.G.S.; John Bodenham, P.G. Treasurer, Staffordshire; Larkins, P.G.S.; Winkfield, D. Crombie, Morgan, P.G.S.; T. James, Paddle, Vickers, Birdseye, Gale, Myres, Henry Marsh, Henry Mellon, Copestick, Phythian, F. W. Bryant, Thomas Corgill, Bennie, Crossfield, Batten, Fellows, Kibble, G. Kenning, C. Arkell, and a large number of brethren. The visitors were—Bros. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M.; Goepel, P.M.; and Scott, P.M., all of Liverpool. It was nearly nine o'clock before the brethren left the lodge for the banquet; at which, however, Bro. Muggeridge did not take part on account of his recent domestic affliction. This threw a gloom over the whole proceedings of the evening, and the mirth that prevailed was of a very qualified description. Colonel Francis Burdett, Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, took the chair, supported on his right by Bro. E. S. Snell, Past Grand Deacon. Many of the brethren present were visitors from the country, who had come up for the Installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and availed themselves of the opportunity afforded of witnessing the working of the Stability Lodge. The banquet was admirably provided by Bro. Spencer, and on the removal of the cloth the musical brethren (Baxter, Donald King, and Theodore Distin) rendered grace ("Not unto us, O Lord") in excellent style. The toasts were then proposed. Colonel Burdett, in proposing the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," said that Masonry, as Lord Carnarvon mentioned on Wednesday in the Albert Hall, in very few words but an excellent speech, consisted of loyalty and charity. He (the Chairman) need not say much about loyalty, because every brother was as loyal as could be desired; and in following up the principles of loyalty for which they were famous, he would call upon them to honour the toast he now proposed. The toast having been heartily received, was followed by the "National Anthem." Colonel Burdett next proposed "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales." It was a toast which he felt confident would be drunk that evening with even more enthusiasm than the brethren had ever displayed before. Masons had now actually got His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as their Grand Master. He had taken them by the hand, and now ruled them in a kind and goodly spirit. He would do everything he could for them in his position as Grand Master. His appreciation of the Order was manifested by his introduction of two of his brothers into it. In a short time it was to be hoped these brothers would hold a high position in the Craft. They were sure to be good Masons, as they took up Freemasonry as enthusiastically as did the Prince of Wales. This was the first time His Royal Highness's health had been drunk in a body like that since the Installation, and it was therefore with additional pleasure he (Colonel Burdett) now proposed it. Colonel Burdett then proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Officers." The brethren all knew how well the Grand Officers performed their duties, and lately some of them had had very arduous and difficult duties to perform. They had, however, carried them out in a most exemplary way, and on Wednesday especially. Nothing could have been better than the arrangements on that occasion. It was for them to uphold the position of the Grand Master, and they would best do it by performing their duties in the same satisfactory way as heretofore. He would couple with this toast the name of an old Grand Officer, who had been a constant member of this Lodge of Instruction for many years, and who was then present, Bro. E. S. Snell, Past Grand Deacon. New song, Bro. Donald King: "Our Song." Bro. E. S. Snell said he thought it was 28 years ago when he joined this Lodge of Instruction, and he had never felt greater pleasure than when he was receiving instruction in it. He had the greatest possible regard for Bro. Muggeridge, its Preceptor, and looked with satisfaction on the wide diffusion of a knowledge of Freemasonry which he had been the means of effecting. The Grand Officers had been spoken of by Colonel Burdett in a very flattering way, and their performance of their duties had drawn forth great praise. Bros. Sir Albert Woods and Thomas Fenn had lately been working like slaves, and they had had the pleasure of seeing their exertions crowned by the most unexampled success. Never had such a scene been witnessed as that of Wednesday previously, and many persons would wonder how a body of men nearly 8,000 strong could have acted with such regularity. The truth was that Sir Albert Woods and Bro. Fenn had managed things so well that this consequence was produced. At the dinner in the evening he received a message from Bro. Wentworth Cole to say he had dismissed the police, locked up the hall, and found there was not a single accident to report. (Cheers.) Colonel Burdett proposed "The Lodge of Instruction, and Bro. Henry Muggeridge," and said he did so with a great deal of pleasure and a great deal of pain. They had all known Bro. Muggeridge for a very long time, and they all appreciated him. All appreciated his great loss, and regretted his unavoidable absence at the banquet table. Bro. Muggeridge gave a great deal of time to this Lodge of Instruction, and worked it in a most praiseworthy manner; but Bro. Muggeridge must be very proud of many apt pupils which he had, and of the way they performed their work. Under the melancholy circumstances of the occasion he (Col. Burdett) thought it best not to say any more. Bro. E. S. Snell, P.G.D., proposed "The Health of Col. Burdett," a representative of Grand Lodge of Ireland in Grand Lodge of England, a Past Grand Warden, and Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, who was always ready to take the chair and perform any services he could for Masonry. Col. Burdett responded in his usual happy and kindly way, and expressed the great gratification it afforded him at any time to be of service to Freemasonry. He then proposed "The Working Brethren, Bros. Wm. Bailey, J. E. Russell, John Jonas, and J. B. Scriven," and after a song by Bro. T. Distin, "Mine Host," Bro. Wm. Bailey and J. B. Scri-

ven replied. Bro. J. G. Marsh proposed "The Sister Lodge of Instruction," and Col. Burdett concluded the business of the evening by proposing "The Masonic Charities," after which the brethren separated.

GREAT CITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1426).—The Lodge of Instruction in connection with the Great City Lodge met on Thursday, the 29th ult., at the lodge rooms, 111, Cheapside, when a very large muster of the Craft were present. Bro. James Stevens, I.P.M., took the chair, for the purpose of performing the ceremony of installation. Bro. N. B. Headon, the W.M. of the Great City Lodge, was the W.M. Elect for the occasion. Among other brethren present were the principal officers of the parent lodge, and among the visitors—Bros. J. H. Graham, J.L.D., P.G.M., Quebec; Greene, New York; Isaac Watts, Lodge of Fortitude, Plymouth; Wm. Cole, Lodge of Loyalty, Southampton; Page, No. 39, Exeter; Ven, No. 49; Staley, No. 1216; Allen, Islington Lodge; R. N. Field, W.M. No. 902, Hounds, Birmingham, and many other distinguished brethren. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed, and after the business of the lodge was finished the brethren adjourned to Bro. Townend's, Kennan's Hotel, Cheapside, and partook of a very sumptuous repast. Afterwards the usual loyal toasts were honoured, and "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Headon," was most cordially received, the more so as he had put aside an important engagement in order to forward the interests of the lodge, Bro. Wm. Cole, by permission of the W.M., proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," and referred to many services which had been rendered by that brother to Masonry in the province of Devonshire and elsewhere. "The Health of the Visitors" was proposed by the W.M., and in replying, Bro. Graham spoke in terms of unqualified satisfaction of the working of the ceremony he had witnessed that evening, and of the cordiality with which he had been received, not only in that Lodge of Instruction but in many other lodges with which he had had an opportunity of being connected during the time of his stay in London. He also referred to the grand ceremony which he had witnessed on the previous evening. He was followed by Bro. Greene, of New York, who in similar terms expressed his great appreciation of English Masonry, as he had found it carried out both in private lodges and at the Royal Albert Hall the day previously. Bros. Cole, Page, and other brethren also thanked the W.M. and officers of the Great City Lodge of Instruction for the great treat with which they had just been favoured. The evening was highly satisfactory, and the catering of Bro. Townend was warmly praised.

## PROVINCIAL.

ROCHESTER.—GUNDULPH LODGE (1050).—On Wednesday, April 28, the installation of Bro. G. H. Curell took place in the presence of a number of distinguished brethren. The ceremony of installation was performed by P.M. Bro. John Nicholls, in his usual eloquent and impressive manner; after which the Worshipful Master presented to the outgoing Master a very handsome Past Master's jewel. The W.M. then appointed his officers as under—Treasurer, P.M. Wyles; Secretary, P.M.G. Watson, I.P.M.; Bro. T. Newton; S.W. Bro. T. Watson; J.W. Bro. J. P. Griffin; S.D. Bro. M. Barnes; J.D. Bro. A. Randall; I.G. Bro. W. Henderson. Stewards, Bros. Abbott and Barnett; D.C. Bro. F. Newman; Tyler, Bro. Fearne. After which the brethren to the number of 60 partook of a banquet. The usual toasts were well received and responded to. Amongst those present were P.G.S.W. Bro. Page, and Bro. Blakey, Royal Navy.

## Scotland.

WISIWA.—LODGE ST. MARY'S, COLTNES (No. 31) had a meeting on the night of the 28th ult., which was largely attended by the members, in order to celebrate the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Freemasons of England. The chair was occupied by Bro. Kelso, R.W.M., who gave the toast of the evening "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which was responded to with great enthusiasm by the brethren. Bro. T. Young likewise gave an address in praise of H.R.H., in the course of which he said, that through the Pope winning a Marquis Freemasonry had gained a Prince, which was received with great cheering from the brethren. The night was spent in song and sentiment.

ALLOA.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 69).—A special meeting of the brethren of Alloa St. John's Lodge of Freemasons was held in the Prince of Wales Hotel, on Wednesday, the 28th April, 1875, in honour of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master Mason of England. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. G. B. Graham, W.M., assisted by Bros. John Philp, S.W., and James Brown, J.W., and other office-bearers, and members of the lodge in the apprentice degree, and was thereafter called from labour to refreshment, when the brethren partook of a service of cake and wine; the W.M., G. B. Graham, in the chair. The toasts of "The Queen, and Craft," and "The Three Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland," being given from the chair, and duly drank in true Masonic style, thereafter the W.M. called for a special bumper for the toast of the evening, and the cause of our meeting here as congregated Masons. The W.M. said they had assembled for the purpose of doing honour to His Royal Highness, who had that day been installed into the high position of Craft Masonry, and trusted he would be long spared to wield the sceptre of Masonic power; and after a few other appropriate remarks, gave "Long Life and Happiness to our Noble Brother, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master Mason of England," which was drank amidst great enthusiasm, the brethren singing "Long Live the Prince of Wales." Bro. John Philp, S.W., gave "The Health of our Noble Brother, Lord Mar-

and Kellie, Deputy Grand Master of Scotland," and expressed a wish the day was not far distant when his Lordship would fill the seat in Scotland which his Royal Highness had been installed into this afternoon in England, and he (the S.W.) knew he was expressing the feelings of every member of the Alloa Lodge 69, along with his own, when he said that would be a proud day for the Masonic brethren of Alloa, and an honour to the Craft at large, to have the Throne occupied by such a keen Mason and warmhearted nobleman as our brother Lord Mar and Kellie. I now ask you, brethren, to join with me in drinking long life and happiness to our much respected noble brother, Lord Mar and Kellie, which was drank in true Masonic style, after which Bro. Todd sang "The Braes of Mar." At this stage of the proceedings it was arranged that a couple of telegrams of congratulation be sent to London, one to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the other to the Grand Lodge of England—the one to his Royal Highness on his ascension to the Masonic Throne of England; the other congratulating the members of the Grand Lodge of England on having H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to rule over them. Bro. William Knox then gave our noble selves in proposing No. 69 Alloa. I don't know whether other lodges in Scotland have met to-night or not, but this I have to say is, that they ought to have done so, as true Masonry and Loyalty are inseparably allied. This is a memorable day in the history of England, and who that has the heart of a Freemason within him does not glow with rapture when he thinks of the future King of Britain being this day installed as Grand Master Freemason of England. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in thus placing himself at the head of this beneficial Institution has proved himself a worthy son of Albert the Good, and of our noble Queen, whose reign has been distinguished by that golden quality mercy, which is mightiest in the mighty, and becomes the throned Monarch better than his crown. We regard it as a sign that he appreciates the spirit of the time in which he lives, and the genius of the constitution over which he is destined, we believe, one day to preside. If there is any thing that places Great Britain above the other nations of the earth it is the multitude and variety of her benevolent institutions. It is to be hoped that some day, not far distant, our noble brother, the Earl of Mar and Killie, will occupy the position of Grand Master of Scotland, an honour which he justly deserves, and which we would regard as an honour to ourselves. The toast of our noble selves having been replied to by Bro. S. N. Morrison, one of the oldest members of 69, the company was favoured with a song from one of the brethren. Bro. Morrison then gave the next toast, "The Visiting Brethren," coupling the toast with the name of Bro. Goudie, of Berwick, who replied in feeling terms, expressing his and the other stranger brethren's warmest thanks for the kindness No. 69 had shown them this evening. Bro. Goudie then favoured the brethren with the song "My mither ment my auld breek," Bro. Philp gave "The Health of our W.M." Bro. Graham replied in appropriate terms. Bro. Hill gave the toast "The Health of our S.W., to which Bro. Philp made a suitable reply. Other toasts and songs having been given, and about 11 p.m. the brethren were called from refreshment to labour. After spending a most enjoyable evening, the W.M. closed the lodge in due and ancient form. On the following day, Thursday, 29th, the following telegram was duly received from Sir H. Knollys, Marlborough House, London, to the W.M. of Alloa St. John's Lodge of Freemasons:—"The Prince of Wales desires me to thank you very sincerely for your congratulations and good wishes."

GLASGOW.—LODGE ATHOLE (No. 413).—At the fortnightly meeting of this lodge, on 27th ult., the P.G.L. of Glasgow paid it their annual visit of inspection, the deputation consisted of Bros. A. McTaggart, Sec.; James Gillies, S.D.; G. Thal'om, J.D.; J. Ritchie, A.; John Fraser, Assist. Marshall; and A. Arrich Smith, I.G. These brethren having been received with the usual formalities, and taken their seats upon the dais, the P.G. Sec. (Bro. McTaggart), after congratulating the R.W.M., Bro. John Wallace, on having such a large and pleasant meeting that evening, reported that the deputation had examined the books of the lodge and found them in excellent condition, and also that the lodge continued to work in harmony with the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. In connection with the books, the P.G. Sec. referred specially to the admirably well kept state of the cash book, and paid a high compliment to the esteemed Treasurer, Bro. Peter Agnew. He had to congratulate the lodge on having in that office so able a brother, such an old, well-tried, and faithful servant, and he thought they were well entitled to award him a hearty vote of thanks for his past services. He (the P.G. Sec.) was glad to observe that their funds had increased during the year to the extent of about £10. At last visitation the amount to the good was £88 15s. 7d., this year it was about £98. They had distributed in private charity the sum of £6 10s., and had made during the year fourteen new members. Bro. McTaggart having concluded, the R.W.M. (Bro. Wallace) said he was sure they must all be much gratified at the favourable character of the P.G.L. report, as he was sure they would all have been very much dissatisfied had it been otherwise. From the character of their officers, however, they might have believed it would be such as it had been. He had very great pleasure in asking the brethren to propose a hearty vote of thanks to the deputation for their visit, and for the inquiry they had made into the lodge books; and said he was sure that since these periodical visitations were commenced the lodges had been far more punctual in their payments and more correct in their working generally. The vote of thanks having been accorded with enthusiasm, Bro. McTaggart returned thanks for the same, in the name of the deputation and of the R.W.P.G. Master himself. It was some little consolation to the deputation for their labours to get a reception such as they had met with that

night. They had endeavoured to do their duty, and they hoped another year to find Lodge Athole in as good condition as they had that night found it. With reference to what the R.W.M. had said concerning the good result of these visitations, he (the speaker) had simply to state that this year the deputation had to note a visible, marked, and distinct improvement in all the lodges over the existing state of matters in former years. This, he thought, augured well for the future of Masonry within the province; and he believed there was not a member of the deputation but would do all that he had done in regard to these visitations over again, if he thought it would do the province good. The deputation shortly thereafter retired.

GLASGOW.—CATHEDRAL ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER (No. 67).—The regular monthly meeting of this chapter, on 27th ult., was likewise the occasion of their annual supper. It was held in the Masonic Hall, at 22, Struthers-street, Calton, First Principal, James Duthie, presiding. After a substantial and excellently-served supper, purveyed by Comp. Malcolm, the chapter was opened on the Royal Arch Degree, and the Scribe E. read the minutes of the two former meetings, which were duly approved of and passed. The companions then went on to harmony, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured with enthusiasm, more particularly that of "The Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Prince of Wales." The toast of "Cathedral Royal Arch Chapter" was given by the charman. He said—It is customary to drink healths, whether sick or doing well. Now, the Cathedral Royal Arch Chapter seems like being in good health at present, and so are some of the companions here to night. Whether the chapter gets on well or ill she always looks healthy-like on one night as the year goes round, and that is on the night of the annual supper. You must be all aware, companions, that we are here to-night enjoying ourselves, when the Cathedral Royal Arch Chapter is in its last year of the first quarter of a century. Having been established in the year 1850, the chapter is now 25 years old, and it is to be hoped that before another 25 years pass by, she shall have many captives made free, so that when her year of jubilee does come round it will be a season of great joy and festivity amongst her companions, which I hope may grow and increase into a multitude, and disperse, carrying her name with them to every clime, through the length and breadth of the universe. The toast list having been concluded, the chapter was closed in due and ancient form; and the companions separated after having spent a most harmonious and happy evening.

GLASGOW.—COMMERCIAL CHAPTER (No. 79).—This chapter continues to make satisfactory progress, and is now in what might be called good working order, since its reposal last autumn. We visited it on the evening of Friday, the 30th ult., and were much pleased to see a good attendance. Companion Brode, First Principal of the chapter, was present and presided, the other offices being filled by their respective occupants, or in their absence, by well qualified substitutes. There were two candidates for the Royal Arch Degrees who were duly admitted into the Mark Lodge connected with the chapter, as a preliminary to their further preferment and exaltation at another time. The ceremony was most efficiently performed by Bro. David Lamb, whose accomplishments as a careful student of the ritual are such as to entitle him to the highest honour in the Order. We must say that his rendering, not only of this, but of the Craft degrees, is at once instructive and striking. Calling his elocutionary powers into requisition, he invests the lectures, which in other circumstances are but dry, with a pathos and beauty which to be fully appreciated needs to be seen and felt. On this occasion Bro. Lamb if possible surpassed himself, and we congratulate the candidates on their good fortune in having had the degree conferred upon them at his hands. After the Mark Lodge was closed, the Royal Arch Chapter was opened for the purpose of investing Bro. Lamb as Deputy Principal of the chapter. This office was recently created in the chapter by a bye-law having been adopted for this purpose, and consequently this is the first time it has been held by any one. Companion Brode obligated and invested Companion Lamb, and afterwards presided at the reception of Companion James Duthie, Z, No. 67, who had been proposed as an honorary affiliated member of Chapter 79, in recognition of the many acts of kindness which he has rendered to the chapter since its reposal, by giving his able services in the various ceremonies at all times when called on, and otherwise assisting and encouraging the Office Bearers in their duties. Companion Duthie was hailed by those present with much applause as a member of the chapter. No further business being before the meeting, the chapter was closed in due and ancient form. The regular meetings are held on the last Friday monthly, in the comfortable hall of the Lodge Commercial (360), at No. 3, Hope-street.

### Obituary.

#### FUNERAL OF BRO. CAPTAIN BRIDGES.

The mortal remains of Capt. Henry Bridges, whose lamented decease, in his 70th year, was announced last week, were conveyed to their last resting-place, in the Bridgwater Cemetery, on Saturday. The distinguished position which the deceased held in Freemasonry gave rise to the natural expectation, as soon as the fatal termination of his protracted illness became known, that the funeral would be a Masonic as well as military one, and that an opportunity would thus be afforded all those with whom he was intimately associated of paying, in public, their last token of respect for one who was held in such general esteem,

From an early hour in the morning the flags usually displayed in the town, with several additions, were half-mast high; many of the shops were partially closed; and during the forenoon a large number of visitors entered the town from the surrounding neighbourhood, and also by the trains. Special facilities were afforded to Masonic brethren by the Great Western, Bristol and Exeter, and South Devon Companies, and it was evident that a large number had availed themselves of the privilege, their mourning costume being an indication of the purpose for which they had come. The members of the 26th S.R.C., who mustered in full strength, paraded in front of the Armoury at a quarter to two o'clock. The corps was soon afterwards marched to West-street, there to await the arrival of the hearse, mourning coaches, &c., from Long Thorns, the late residence of the deceased. In the meantime the Masonic brethren, according to arrangement, met at the Royal Clarence Hotel, where the Lodge of "Perpetual Friendship," Bridgwater No. 135, has its head-quarters. On this occasion the lodges of Perpetual Friendship and Rural Philanthropic, Highbridge, No. 291 (of which the deceased was P.M. and one of the most active members), united, and a dispensation having been obtained from the R.W.P.G.M., the Right Hon. Earl of Carnarvon, brethren from a distance were invited to an emergent meeting of these united lodges for the purpose of taking part in the funeral. The ordinary lodge-room not being sufficiently large to accommodate all the brethren, the assembly-room was specially fitted up as a lodge. The room proved to be of just about the required capacity, and answered the purpose remarkably well. Before entering the lodge-room each brother was supplied with a sprig of acacia, which was worn in the button-hole of his coat, and a memorial card, setting forth the positions which the deceased brother held in Freemasonry, of which the following is a copy:—

"In memoriam V.W. Brother Henry Bridges, of lodges 1,296, 1,222, 906, 818, 683, 471, 446, 135, 106, 53, and 41. P.M. of 797, 772, 710, 463, 291, 33. P.G.S.B. England; P. Prov. S.G.D. Surrey; D. Prov. G.M., Somerset; P.Z. 291; P.G.D.C., G.C. of England, &c., born 2nd September, 1805; died 10th April, 1875."

Bro. George Ricks, W.M. of No. 135, assisted by Bro. Rev. J. C. Pigot, P.P.G. chaplain and W.M. No. 291, performed the duties of W.M., and Bros. Hunt and Batten those of S.W. and J.W. respectively. Letters were acknowledged to have been received from several Freemasons of distinguished rank, expressing regret at their inability to attend, and Bro. Rev. J. C. Pigot delivered a short and very fitting address in reference to the loss the brethren had sustained. Subsequently, the brethren, all of whom wore black mourning costumes and white gloves, as well as their Masonic clothing and jewels, every apron having thereon crape rosettes, were formed into procession, which was marshalled by Bro. J. B. Soper, P.M. 135, and Bro. H. W. Batten, J.W. 291, who officiated throughout as directors of ceremonies. The various lodges represented ranked in the procession according to seniority, the junior preceding and the members of the united local lodges bringing up the rear. As the brethren, walking two and two, and numbering about two hundred, wended their way through High-street, the whole length of which was fully occupied, the sight was a very imposing one. It was nearly three o'clock before the hearse, mourning coaches, and private carriages, &c., arrived from Long Thorn into West-street.

The band played the "Dead March in Saul," and when the cortege arrived at the cemetery gates the coffin of massive oak, with brass handles, &c., and having within it a lead coffin and shell, was removed from the hearse and borne upon the shoulders of some of the Volunteers. The mourners, including three brothers of the deceased, and accompanied by Messrs. J. and F. Parsons (medical men), next alighted from their carriages, and the Masonic brethren having formed into line on either side of the pathway, Bro. Rev. M. Shackleton, M.A., of Wincanton, Prov. Grand Chaplain, Somerset (who walked in the procession in his white robes of office), commenced reading the burial service—"I am the Resurrection," &c. In the church, which could only accommodate comparatively a few of the brethren, the Rev. J. West, of Aisholt, impressively read the next portion of the service. The family vault of the deceased, close to the edifice, was, by this time, surrounded by a large number of Freemasons, the firing party having also taken up a good position, and room having been made for the officiating clergymen and mourners, the concluding and most solemn portion of the service was read by the vicar of St. Mary's—Rev. W. G. Fitzgerald. The coffin, from which had been just previously removed some of the insignia of the order of Freemasonry and Volunteer uniform worn by the deceased, but which still had upon it a beautiful wreath of flowers, was then lowered into the vault.

The ceremony having concluded, the Rev. M. Shackleton, P.G. Chaplain, appropriately addressed those assembled.

Immediately after the delivery of the address the firing party discharged a volley.

Before leaving, the whole of the brethren dropped upon the coffin the sprigs of acacia they had worn, and the procession was then re-formed, the members of the senior lodges on this occasion walking in front, and the visiting brethren bringing up the rear. Although diminished in number, a great many spectators still lined the various thoroughfares along the route. The Masonic brethren again entered the lodge, which was closed in the usual form.

On the following (Sunday) morning, at St. Mary's Church, the vicar (Rev. W. G. Fitzgerald) preached an appropriate sermon.

The *Graphic* of this day's issue contains illustration of the Installation and Banquet.

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

## INSTALLATION OF THE PRINCE OF WALES AS GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The assemblage of Royal Arch Masons gathered together on the occasion was larger than has been known hitherto in this Degree. Acting on a natural presumption that as soon as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England had been installed in that high office he would supplement his position in the Craft by taking the seat which goes as a matter of course with it in the Arch, Freemasons held the belief that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales would present himself for Installation as First Grand Principal on Wednesday; but there was no authoritative announcement made or information given that this would be the case. The paragraph in the daily press the day before that this event would occur was entirely unauthorised; and though the result proved the accuracy of the intelligence given the information was supplied only on supposition. But on arriving at the Hall it was evident that His Royal Highness was expected, for in place of the Zetland Room being prepared for Grand Chapter, as is usually the case, the Temple was arranged for the meeting; and the many companions who assembled on the assumption that they would see another installation of the Heir to the British Throne were not likely to be disappointed. In the clothing and signing room the companions were very numerous, and on repairing to the Temple there was found to be a still larger gathering, and the seats, which were very comfortably and symmetrically disposed, were well filled. The appearance of the Temple at this time was very pleasing, the showy, yet uniform, clothing of the companions, giving an exceedingly picturesque character to the assembly. It is almost needless to say that as a spectacle it was not to be compared to the grand sight of the former Wednesday, because there the immense number of Masons collected together naturally had the advantage of giving a more imposing effect; but the convocation of last Wednesday, though consisting of about a fortieth part of the same number, was striking even to the eyes of Royal Arch Freemasons. The Royal Arch Chapter is always more remarkable as a spectacle than the Masonic Lodge, and its "furniture" partakes much of the character of "stage properties." The ceremony of exalting a brother into the degree of the Royal Arch is also somewhat dramatic; but the Royal Arch has, notwithstanding, less members by many thousands than the plain Craft, the Mason's "first love," and to which he looks with never-failing affection. The Installation of the Prince of Wales as First Grand Principal, therefore, was attended by fewer Masons than his Installation as Grand Master, not because it was of less interest, but because the Royal Arch Companions are so much smaller in number than the Craftsmen, and because the fact that His Royal Highness would actually come up for Installation was not known among the companions.

It is impossible to give the names of all the companions present, but among them we recognised Companions Sir Albert Woods (Garter), Hugh D. Sandeman, S. Rawson, John Havers, Thomas Fenn, Hyde Pullen, John B. Monckton, Peter de L. Long, Joshua Nunn, the Lord Mayor, Rev. H. C. Levander, Dr. W. R. Woodman, E. S. Snell, R. J. Spiers, Rev. J. Edmund Cox, D.D.; A. J. McIntyre, Q.C.; C. A. Murton, Francis Roxburgh, Q.C.; Joseph C. Parkinson, J. E. Saunders, H. Browne, Benjamin Head, W. Speed, John Hervey, F. Pattison, N. Bradford, J. A. Rucker, R. Wentworth Little, Major Creton, James Lewis Thomas, James Brett, John Boyd, Thomas W. White, Griffiths Smith, John Savage, W. Hilton, W. Ough, H. Muggeridge, James Terry, W. H. Nochmer, Robert Gray, Charles Lacey, George Neal, James Glaisher, Joseph Smith, W. Smith, C.E.; John Coutts, Jeffreys, Montague, H. Garrod, G. K. Lemann, C. F. Hogard, W. Paas, George King, Jun., D. R. Still, J. K. Stead, H. G. Buss, A. A. Pendlebury, John Hart, T. R. Parker, James Stevens, W. Stephens, Collard Mouttrie, J. W. Halsey, Dr. Goldsboro, George Bolton, Colls, Trego, G. A. Smith, W. H. Green, Peter Matthews, Charles Watson, W. Mann, A. D. Lowenstark, J. H. Bellerby, and F. Adlard.

At the opening of the Grand Chapter, Comp. Havers took the Z. chair; Comp. S. Rawson, H.; Comp. H. D. Sandeman, J.; Comp. John Hervey, S.E.; Comp. J. E. Saunders, S.N.; Comp. J. A. Rucker, P.S.; Comp. S. L. Tompkins, 1st A.; Comp. E. S. Snell, 2nd A.; and Comp. J. C. Parkinson was Sword Bearer.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of last Convocation,

Comp. Havers said he had to inform Grand Chapter that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of Free and Accepted Masons of England, was in attendance that evening to be installed and take the chair as Grand Z. of the Order. (Cheers.) He would therefore request the Grand Director of Ceremonies to form a deputation of companions to retire and conduct His Royal Highness into Grand Chapter.

The deputation, composed of Comps. A. J. McIntyre, Q.C.; F. Roxburgh, Q.C.; Rev. J. Edmund Cox, D.D.; and F. Pattison, under the conduct of Sir Albert Woods, thereupon retired, and shortly afterwards returned, bringing with them the Prince of Wales and Lord Skelmersdale. As soon as the Prince of Wales entered Grand Chapter, the companions, who stood to receive the procession, cheered most heartily. His Royal Highness was conducted to the proper point in Grand Chapter, and addressed by

Comp. Havers, who said that His Royal Highness having been elected by the unanimous voice of the Craft to be their Grand Master, he succeeded by right of that office to the possession of the chair of Grand First Prin-

cipal. In accordance, however, with the laws and constitution of this Order, it was necessary that he should first go through a ceremony.

The Prince of Wales having bowed assent, he was formally constituted Grand Z., invested, and placed in the chair. The action was received with immense applause.

The Prince of Wales then proceeded with the official appointments for the year, and said that the Earl of Carnarvon, by virtue of his office as Pro Grand-Master, would be Pro Grand First Principal.

Lord Skelmersdale would be Grand II.

Lord Skelmersdale was then constituted Grand Second Principal, according to ancient form.

Lord De Tabley was re-appointed J.

John Hervey	... ...	S.E.
The Marquis of Hamilton	... ...	S.N.
The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor	P.S.	
W. Speed	... ...	1st A.
Robert Gray	... ...	2nd A.
Samuel Tompkins	... ...	Treasurer.
A. J. McIntyre, Q.C.	... ...	Registrar.
Frederick Morrell	... ...	Sword Bearer.
S. G. Humphreys	... ...	Standard Bearer.
Dr. W. R. Woodman	... ...	D.C.
C. B. Payne	... ...	Janitor.

On the completion of these appointments,

The Prince of Wales said: Companions, it affords me great pleasure to bear this office; but I regret that my other engagements will not allow me to stay throughout the business of the evening. I can, however, assure you that it will be most agreeable to me to come among you on future occasions, and, I may add, that I have seized the first opportunity that occurred after my Installation as Grand Master to come up to Grand Chapter, and take the chair. (Cheers.) I return you my best thanks for your kindness to me on this occasion.

His Royal Highness then retired, accompanied by Lord Skelmersdale, the Lord Mayor, and the deputation, amidst renewed hearty cheering.

Comp. Havers resumed the Z. chair, and Comp. S. Rawson the H. chair, and the other business was proceeded with.

Comp. Havers said that by an oversight there had been omitted from the agenda paper the election of six members to serve on the committee for the year, but they would now proceed to supply the omission.

Comps. J. L. Thomas, P.Z. 13; James Brett, H. C. Levander, John Boyd, J. E. Saunders, and Joseph Smith were nominated, seconded, and elected as these six members of the Committee of General Purposes, and

Comp. Havers announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had nominated Comp. John Savage, President, and Comps. Benj. Head and J. L. Creton members of the same committee.

The following report of the Committee of General Purposes was then brought up by Comp. Sandeman, and ordered to be entered in the minutes.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 20th January, 1875, to the 20th April, 1875, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance 20th January	... ...	£526 4 0
" Subsequent Receipts	... ...	475 13 0
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		£1,001 17 0
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By Disbursements during the

Quarter	... ...	191 15 6
" Balance	... ...	810 1 6
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		£1,001 17 0

which balance is in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., Bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

The committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:-

1st. From Comps. Thomas Cooke, junior, as Z, John William Hancock as H, Robert Bindley as J, and eleven others for a chapter to be attached to the Marmion Lodge, No. 1060, Tamworth, to be called "The Marmion Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Tamworth, in the county of Stafford.

2nd. From His Grace the Duke of Manchester as Z, Edward Israel Orford as H, John Clark Duncomb as J, and eleven others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Merit, No. 446, Stamford, to be called "The Montagu Chapter," and to meet at the George Hotel, Stamford, in the County of Northampton.

3rd. From Comps. John Coutts as Z, William Bourne as H, James Summers as J, and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Ebury Lodge, No. 1348, Millbank, to be called "The Ebury Chapter," and to meet at the Morpeth Arms Tavern, Ponsonby Street, Millbank, Westminster.

4th. From George William Harvey as Z, Murray Richard Gissing as H, Charles Broad as J, and ten others for a chapter to be attached to the Pacific Lodge, 1453, Reefton, New Zealand, to be called "The Reefton Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Reefton, in the Province of Nelson, in Westland, New Zealand.

These petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted, although they have not lost sight of the fact that the Pacific Lodge, No. 1453, has not been three years in existence. As, however, it is situated in the Province of Nelson, where at present no chapter exists, the Committee recommend that the accustomed limitation of three years be not in this case insisted on.

The Marquis of Ripon having addressed a letter to the Grand Scribe, E., resigning the Trusteeship of the Funds of Grand Chapter, the Committee recommend that the

resignation be accepted, and that necessary steps taken for carrying it into effect.

It is with very sincere regret that the Committee have to impart to Grand Chapter the melancholy intelligence of the decease, on the 9th of March last, of the E. Comp. W. Pulteney Scott, who had uninterruptedly presided over them since May, 1864. The Committee desire to record their deep feeling of sorrow at this sad event, and to express their sense of the great loss Royal Arch Masonry has sustained thereby, a sentiment which they feel assured will be unanimously participated in by the Members of Grand Chapter.

(Signed) HUGH D. SANDEMAN,

Capt. Sandeman moved and Comp. Saunders seconded the granting of all the above mentioned chapters, and the motions were carried unanimously. With reference to the Pacific Chapter, he reiterated what he had said on former occasions. The lodge not having been three years in existence, it had been the custom of Grand Chapter not to issue charters for chapters to be attached to them; but it had been brought to the notice of Grand Chapter, especially by himself as having a large experience of Freemasonry abroad, that it would be a dangerous thing not to give a certain degree of elasticity to this rule. As Royal Arch Freemasons Grand Chapter was in a great difficulty, inasmuch as brethren might join chapters working under the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and he thought it would be imprudent on the part of Grand Chapter of England if they made a hard and fast rule and not allow these applicants to join together as a chapter. If they were not so allowed they would go over to another constitution. He therefore recommended the granting of this petition. With reference to the paragraph in the report referring to the letter from the Marquis of Ripon, resigning his trusteeship of the funds of Grand Chapter, he moved the acceptance of the resignation and that steps be taken to fill the vacancy.

This having been seconded by Comp. Saunders, and carried,

Comp. Sandeman proposed the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon and the death of the Earl of Zetland, subject to the acceptance of the office by Lords Carnarvon and Skelmersdale.

Comp. John Savage seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

Comp. Sandeman, with reference to the last paragraph in the report as to the late Comp. W. Pulteney Scott, said he should like to add a word to it. Every member of Grand Chapter would gladly sympathise with the Committee in the expression they had put on record of their very great regret at hearing of the death of one who had so long been connected with Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. Scott presided over the Committee of General Purposes for nearly eleven years, and the Committee wished to record their feelings of sorrow at losing him. Although they did not come before Grand Chapter with any proposition, the Committee felt that all in Grand Chapter would heartily sympathise with what they had done that night by putting on permanent record an expression of their sincere regret at the loss of a very loved and esteemed companion (Hear, hear.)

Comp. John Savage (President of the Committee of General Purposes) said that Comp. Scott filled the office so well, and behaved with so much courtesy to every one, that he was sure Grand Chapter felt that Royal Arch Masonry had sustained a very serious loss by his death.

Comp. Havers said he must add his testimony to what had been already said. He heartily and entirely concurred in what had fallen from Comps. Sandeman and Savage, and he grieved at the loss of such a right-minded and excellent companion.

The resolution was put and carried nem. con.

Comp. Sandeman thought that companions would be glad to learn that the Committee of General Purposes had carefully gone over the regulations, the alterations in which were confirmed at last quarterly Convocation, and he believed Grand Scribe E. would announce that they would very shortly be ready for distribution as altered.

Comp. John Hervey said they would; and he thought it but due to their excellent friend who had just addressed Grand Chapter to say that he had been good enough to take very great pains in revising the regulations for Grand Chapter, and he (Comp. Hervey) was personally deeply indebted to him for the assistance he had given him in the revision of those regulations. (Hear, hear.)

Grand Chapter was then closed.

## BRO. CONSTABLE'S DRAWING.

RESULT OF BALLOT, 5th MAY, 1875, (GIRLS' SCHOOL).

133 J. L. Mather, Lime-st., City.

226 J. Warner, Chancery Lane.

430 Name of purchaser wanted, sold by Bro. Jabez Garrett.

582 Lizzie Downing, Brixton.

776 Name of purchaser wanted, sold by Bro. Robbins.

1006 Wm. Evans, Grove Road, Wallasey, Cheshire.

1276 N. Gluckstein, 127, Brixton Road.

1326 Edgar Halestrap, 12, Little Moorfields.

1512 Name of purchaser wanted, sold by Bro. T. Griffiths, P.M. 907.

2156 N. E. Jauralde, 9, Coleridge Road, Holloway.

2049 Brownrigg Lodge of Unity, 1424, Chatham.

2395 W. J. Parish, St. Helena.

2603 Chalmers Izett Paton, 115, Princes-street, Edinburgh.

2820 John R. Stead, 39, Great Tower-street, E.C.

3085 W. Brown, 99, High-street, Marylebone.

3137 Name of purchaser wanted (sold by Bro. Rigg, Sheerness).

3231 Edward J. Sears, 14, Jerrard road, Lewisham.

3623 E. Wilson, 78, Lime-street, Liverpool.

We shall call attention to the subject next week.

CONSECRATION OF THE "BECTIVE" LODGE,  
CARLISLE.

On Friday, 23rd ult., a new lodge was opened and consecrated in Carlisle, its name being the Bective, No. 1532. There are, therefore, now two lodges in Carlisle, the name of the other being the Union, No. 310. A number of years ago there were two lodges, but for a long time Carlisle has only had one lodge of Masons, so that the "merrie city" cannot be said to have been taking its position in the county as regards Freemasonry. Wigton, with perhaps 4,000 inhabitants, has a lodge of forty brethren, Cockermouth, with a little larger population, a lodge of nearly the same number, and Whitehaven has long had two lodges. Amongst Masons, therefore, it has been felt that the county town, with over thirty thousand inhabitants, was behind the towns in the county with Freemasons' Lodges, and it has long been a matter of surprise that another lodge has not ere this been applied for. A few months ago a few of the members of the old lodge resolved to try to establish a new one, and sent up a petition to the Grand Lodge, and the preliminary and necessary inquiries having been made and satisfactorily replied to, a warrant was granted by the Grand Lodge, it being one of the first bearing the signature of the new Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, and intending members of the new lodge pushed forward their preparations with energy. A capital suite of rooms was secured, and a lease taken of them. They are situated at the top of Mr. C. Ling's building in English-street, opposite the Steel monument. The rooms are five in number, and comprise a spacious lodge room, banqueting room, business room, &c., &c. They have all been entirely fitted up and decorated anew, in excellent taste. The lodge room, especially, has been artistically and Masonically decorated, and the whole of the arrangements are about as perfect as possible. The lodge furniture, too, is very complete and handsome.

At first it had been intended to have the consecration on the 16th of this month, but Lord Bective, R.W. Provincial Grand Master, having fixed for the preliminary provincial meeting for the province to take place at Carlisle on the 23rd, it was resolved to hold both affairs together. The result consequently was to make the meeting one of the largest and most important of the kind ever before held in the province, as there would not be many short of one hundred brethren present—an attendance unprecedented in the province, either at a provincial meeting or the consecration of a lodge.

The proceedings commenced with the opening of an emergency lodge, by Bro. Taylor, P.M., Union Lodge, Carlisle, and P.P.G.D.C. The officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge were then announced, and were received with the honour appertaining to their distinguished position, the W.M.'s chair being taken (in the unavoidable absence of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Earl Bective, M.P., by the Right Worshipful Bro. John Whitwell, M.P., Grand Warden of England, and Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The impressive and imposing and very ancient ceremony of the consecration of the new lodge was then gone through by Bro. Porter, Provincial Grand Senior Warden, of No. 327, Wigton, in a very prefect and able manner, assisted by Bro. the Rev. F. W. Wicks, of Whitehaven, Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. P. T. Freeman, Provincial Grand Organist, presiding at the organ with consummate skill and taste. A most efficient choir of brethren took the musical part of the ceremony with great effect.

The installation of the first Master of the new lodge then took place, when Bro. James Cook was duly presented, and was declared duly elected by the brethren of the Bective Lodge. He was then duly installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. Porter, P.M., P.G.S.W., and Bro. Gibson, P.M., Prov. G. Secretary, in their usual masterly manner. After being duly installed by the largest board of Installed Masters ever perhaps present at any installation in the province, no fewer than thirty-one being present, the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers, which he did as follows:—Bros. George Potter, S.W.; James Caddy Mason, J.W.; the Rev. Joshua Tyson, Chaplain; William Jobling, Sec.; Thomas Hodgson, S.D.; George Nookes, J.D.; George Thorpe, Org. Bro. George Hetherington was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. Martin Higgins, Tyler.

The Worshipful Master then closed the Craft lodge, and the Provincial Grand Officers took their chairs again, and the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was proceeded with. The Charity Committee had met previously, and their reports were unanimously adopted, and the votes of money for charitable purposes duly confirmed. The motion of Bro. Dodgson, of Millom, on the question of establishing an educational organisation for the education of children in the province being sons and daughters of deceased or poor Masons, stands over until next meeting, as does also the motion made by Bro. Alsop, of Whitehaven, as to the desirability of the brethren attending church in procession on the occasion of the provincial meeting.

The business of the lodge being finished, it was duly closed, and at about half-past three o'clock the brethren sat down to the number of nearly fifty to a banquet at the County Hotel, of which little more need be said than that it did every credit to the establishment. As well as everything in season being placed before the guests in most admirable style, the waiting and serving were perfect, and called forth the laudation of the company.

The chair was taken by Bro. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., R.W.D.P.G.M., supported right and left by Bro. the Rev. F. W. Wicks, P.G. Chaplain; Bro. Gibson, P.G. Secretary; Bro. Talbot, P.G.S.W.; Bros. Captain Heron Maxwell, the Rev. J. Beeby, P.G.A. Chaplain; Lemon, P.G. Treas.; J. Wheatley, P.M.; W. Carrick, Carlisle; W. Alsop, P.P.G. Pursuivant; J. Tyson, J.W., Whitehaven, &c. The vice-chair was taken by Bro. James Porter, of Wigton, P.M., P.G.S.W., supported by Bros. Kenworthy, P.P.G.J. W.; Cook, W.M., Bective Lodge; Taylor, P.M., P.P.G. D.C.; Thorpe, Organist, &c. Amongst the brethren

present we noticed Bros. Gate, of Wigton, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Mc. Meehan, W.M., St. John's 327, Wigton; Quarter-Master Sergeant Noakes, 55th Regiment; Bain, W.M., Harrington; the Rev. Joshua Tyson; Pratchit. Bro. Thope presided at the pianoforte. The toast list comprised the usual loyal and patriotic toasts until the room was "tyled," after which the Masonic toasts were given by the chairman and others. One novelty we noticed which is worthy of notice. Whether it was the fact of its being the anniversary of the birth of Shakespeare, or whether it was owing to the Shakesperian proclivities of some brother who had a hand in the arrangements did not appear, but, in addition to the regular toast list, there was a Shakesperian list, each toast being followed by a most apt quotation from the great poet. For instance, after the toast of "The Queen" came the quotation from Richard III:—"Many years of happy days befall our gracious Sovereign, our most loving liege. Until the heavens, envying earth's good hap, add an immortal title to a crown." After the toast of the Right Worshipful Grand Master was the line from Henry IV:—"A braver place in our heart's love hath no man." In the course of an excellent speech the chairman alluded to the formation of the new lodge in Carlisle, and expressed his opinion that in a town of the size of Carlisle there was quite room for both the lodges. He said they had now nearly 900 Freemasons in the province, and he hoped their excellent Secretary, Bro. Gibson, would before very long have a thousand members' names on his books. After spending an hour or so in a truly Masonic and agreeable manner, the meeting broke up at half-past six o'clock, and concluded what was altogether one of the most important and successful Masonic meetings held in the north for some time.

It ought to be mentioned that the furnishings of the lodge were supplied by Bro. G. Kenning, of London, and were very much admired by all the brethren present. The decoration of the hall was done by Bro. Hill, of Carlisle, and is of a very suitable and tasteful character.—*Carlisle Journal.*

## FREEMASONRY IN TRINIDAD.

At a meeting of the Trinidad Kilwinning Royal Arch Chapter, Port of Spain, Trinidad, 126, on the Registry of the S.G.R.A.C. Scotland, held on the 23rd of September last, Comp. Paulin Jesse Delisle was re-elected First Principal of the chapter, and the following companions were duly elected to the following offices:—Hubert St. Hilaire, Second Principal; and Nathaniel Augustus St. Hilaire, Third Principal; William Hunter, S.E.; John Edward Lafargue, S.N.; Louis Ernest Desroses, Treasurer; Thomas Murrell, Principal Soj.; George Downes, Second Soj.; John Warren, Janitor; and they were all duly installed in their respective offices. Comp. Past First Principal James MacDonald Reid assisted.

At a meeting of the above chapter held on the 24th of November, 1874, the following brethren were duly exalted as Royal Arch Masons, namely, The Honourable Michael Maxwell Philip, Her Majesty's Solicitor-General of Trinidad; John Arthur Harrington, Warden of the Corwa Ward Union, Trinidad; Francis Brandon Jones and Arthur Simon Eckstein, Merchants; Hamilton Wainwright, Clerk in the Colonial Hospital; Andrew Hamilton, Writing Clerk; and Comp. John Locke, of the Chapter Union Demerara, 247, on the Registry of the S.G.R.A.C. of England, Accountant, Colonial Bank, Trinidad, was duly affiliated as a member of the chapter, he having been first duly instructed in the Mark and Excellent degrees.

At the last meeting of the Athole Royal Arch Chapter, No. 145, San Fernando, Trinidad, under the registry of the S.G.R.A.C. of Scotland, in February last, Robert Guppy, Esq., M.A., Barrister-at-Law, and Past Deputy District Grand Master, Trinidad (E.R.), together with Bros. McPhail and Whitney, were duly exalted Royal Arch Masons.

At a meeting of a Royal Ark Mariners' lodge, held on February 20th, under the Trinidad Kilwinning Royal Arch Chapter, 126, at Mount Moriah, Port of Spain, Trinidad, Comp. Jesse Delisle, assisted by Comps. H. St. Hilaire and L. E. Desroses, proceeded to confer the degree of Royal Ark Mariner upon Comp. James Hubert Rat, a member of the Kilwinning Chapter and W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge (E.R.), and upon Comps. Lewis Alcazar and Louis Gonzales, both of the Kilwinning Chapter, 126.

At a meeting of the Trinidad Kilwinning Sovereign Prince Rose Croix Chapter, 5, Port of Spain, Trinidad, on the registry of the Supreme Council of the 33rd and last Degree of the Ancient, Free, and Accepted Scottish Rite of Scotland, held on December 27th, 1874, pursuant to the charter granted by the Supreme Council of Scotland, Ill. Bro. Joseph Rodriguez, 30th degree, by virtue of the authority granted to him for that purpose, proceeded to instal the office-bearers of the chapter into their respective offices, namely: Comps. James MacDonald Reid, Most Wise Sovereign; Paulin Jesse Delisle, High Prelate; Hubert St. Hilaire, Senior Warden; Nathaniel Augustus St. Hilaire, Junior Warden; Louis Ernest Desroses, Treasurer; William Hunter, Secretary; George Downes, Master of Ceremonies; John Edward Lafargue, Chancellor; and Thomas Edward Murrell, Inner Guard.

At a meeting of the United Brothers Lodge, 251, Port of Spain, Trinidad, on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Glasgow, held on December 27th, 1874, Bro. Robert Knaggs, who had been re-elected, was duly installed as W.M.; Bros. Hubert St. Hilaire, as S.W.; and Jarrel, as J.W. After the installation the brethren took dinner together at Mount Moriah. Bros. J. M. Reed, D.P.G.M. Trinidad (S.R.); P. J. Delisle, S.P.G.M. Trinidad (S.R.); L. E. Desroses, P.M. Eastern Star, 368; Joseph Rodriguez, P.M., Azilio de la Paz, Bolivia, and several other highly respectable Masons were present.

At a meeting of Lodge Eastern Star, 368, Port of Spain, Trinidad, held on January 9th, 1875, Bro. Paulin Jesse

Delisle, who had been re-elected, was duly installed as R.W.M.; Bros. John Knox, as S.W.; G. W. Sparrock, as J.W.; Andrew Hamilton, as Secretary; and all the other office-bearers were also duly installed in their respective offices. After the installation, the brethren retired to the banqueting-hall, where they partook of a substantial repast, prepared under the direction of Bro. Thomas E. Murrell for the occasion. Amongst the visitors were Bros. A. S. Eckstein, W.M. of the Royal Prince of Wales Lodge; C. F. Besson, P.M. United Brothers Lodge, 251; James Hubert Rat, W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge; Joseph Rodriguez, P.M. of the Lodge Azilio de la Paz (Bolivia); Dr. Manuel Maria Ortiz, P.M. of the Royal Phoenix Lodge; and W. D. Beridge, of the Colonial Bank, Trinidad; John Roberus, of Port of Spain; and several other distinguished visitors from Venezuela. After dinner, and before the toasts were proposed, a beautiful display of fireworks took place. On resuming, the usual obligatory toasts were drunk, and the brethren separated highly gratified.

The following address has been presented to the esteemed and worthy Bro. P. J. Delisle, W.M. 386, Trinidad.

"Port of Spain, Nov. 1874.

"To the R.W. Bro. P. J. Delisle, W.M., L.E.S., No. 368.

"Worshipful Sir and Brother,—

"We, the office-bearers, members, and honorary members of Lodge Eastern Star, No. 368, upon the registry of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, having learnt, with much concern, that you are about to visit one of the Sister Colonies for the benefit of your health, respectfully take leave to present you this address, in token of our sympathy, and as a tribute of our esteem and affection.

"It will no doubt be a source of satisfaction to you to know that the good wishes we desire to convey to you are shared by our sister lodges,—members of which have hereto attached their names.

"The valuable services you have already rendered to the Craft are well known to us, and have always met with our hearty appreciation: your election as our chief for fourteen years bears witness to this.

"It is our earnest prayer that in your search after health the G.A.U. will guide and watch over you; and that it will please Him shortly to restore you with renewed strength and vigour to the bosom of your dear family and brethren.

"We remain, Worshipful Sir, yours fraternally,

"J. M. REID, D.P.G.M., &c., &c.

"ERNEST DESROSES, P.M., L.E.S., No. 368.

"CHARLES RENAUD, P.S.M., L.E.S., No. 368.

"JOS. RODRIGUEZ, P.M., L.E.S., No. 368, &c."

Besides these signatures, follow those of 84 brethren of the various Scottish and English lodges in the Island, among them those of Bros. Hon. M. M. Philip, P.M. of R.P.W., No. 867; J. Palmer, W.M., L.A., No. 438; W. Cuthbert, P.M., L.A., No. 438; Rev. R. C. Nelson, P.M., L.A., No. 438; Jas. H. Rat, W.M., R.P. Lodge, No. 911; and A. Eckstein, W.M., R.P.W. Lodge, No. 867.

Bro. Delisle made the following reply:—

"To Bros. J. M. Reid, D.P.G.M., S.R., &c., &c.; Ernest Desroses, P.M., L.E.S., No. 368; Charles Renaud, P.S.M., L.E.S., No. 368; Jos. Rodriguez, P.M., L.E.S., No. 368; and others.

"Dear Brethren,—

"I have listened with feelings of the deepest pleasure to the address you have just read to me, on account of the kindly sentiments for me therein expressed, and because their expression being spontaneous, I have every reason to believe them sincere. I thank you for reminding me of the number of years I have occupied the post I hold, it makes me push my thoughts further back, and embrace the whole period of my Masonic career; this career, chequered though the pavement of its path has been, has always been cheered by a love for Freemasonry, and I feel truly thankful for the assurance now given me that the esteem and affection of my brethren is the rich reward of that career. Accept my deep and sincere thanks for your sympathy with my infirm state of health, and good wishes for my voyage to regain strength, and believe me that nothing will afford me greater pleasure than to return speedily with renewed health to labour with you, and enjoy your society.

"I remain, dear brethren, very fraternally yours,

"P.J. DELISLE."

## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE PUNJAB.

An emergent meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab assembled at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on Friday, the 26th February, 1875, at 7.30 p.m. Present: Bros. G. Daly, P.D.D.G.M. of Bengal, as D.G.M.; M. A. Saunders, D.G.S. Warden; W. Mellor, D.G.J. Warden; Rev. J. B. Brumesson, B.A., D.G. Chaplain; Major W. Haddow, D.G. Registrar; Major W. H. Mackesy, D.G. Treasurer; George Davies, D.G. Secretary; Captain Fred Grundy, D.G.S. Deacon; James Wilkinson, as D.G.J. Deacon; Henry T. Tanner, C.E., D.G. Superintendent of Works; Captain Lewis W. Taylor, D.G. Organist; C. W. Calthrop, M.D., D.G.D. of Ceremonies; William Bull, D.G. Pursuivant; J. W. Lemarchand, J. J. Davies, J. B. Tapp, Stewards; George Read, Tyler; Leighton, Barrister-at-Law, and R. Keene, Visitors.

The following lodges were represented: Himalayan Brotherhood, 459; Charity, 563, Hope and Perseverance, 782; Wahab, 988; Ravee, 1215; Indus, 1279; Jumna, 1394; Mayo, 1413; Light in the Himalayahs, 1448; Sutlej, 1442; St. John the Evangelist, 1483; Industry, 1405.

District Grand Lodge was opened in form at 7.30, prayer being evoked by the D.G. Chaplain.

The acting District Grand Master informed the brethren that this District Grand Lodge had been assembled for the purpose of installing R. Wor. Bro. Marmaduke

Ramsay as District Grand Master of the Punjab. The District Grand Director of Ceremonies having informed the Offg. D.G.M. that the deputation appointed to conduct the R.W.D.G.M. into Grand Lodge was ready, it was duly announced, the whole Grand Lodge standing to order, the organ playing a Grand March. The R.W.D.G. Master was conducted to the front of the Altar, and duly presented by Bro. W. E. Ball, P.D.G.S.W. The Offg. D.G.M. called upon the D.G. Secretary to read the Patent of Office from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of Freemasons of England.

The District Grand Secretary then read the Patent of Office.

The R. W. District Grand Master then addressed District Grand Lodge as follows:—

Wor. Sirs and Brethren,—

I do not intend to keep you long, but I feel on an occasion like this I am bound to say a few words. It is now nearly 41 years since a D.G. Master addressed you from this chair, Right Wor. Bro. Mercer's last appearance having been at the communication held on the 27th October, 1870. During 1871 and up to October, 1872, Wor. Bro. Basevi presided over our meetings as D.D.G.M. with full powers. Since then I have had the honour of doing so in a similar capacity.

First let me return my best thanks to Wor. Bro. Daly for his kindness in coming up to instal me, and to congratulate him on the part of all here present on the admirable and impressive manner in which he has performed the ceremony.

Early last year, when Right Wor. Bro. Mercer intimated his intention of resigning, and desired to have the opinion of the leading brethren in the district as to a successor, a circular was issued addressed to all W. Masters, Past Masters and Wardens, and requesting that the replies might be sent to a committee of D.G. Lodge Officers, who were to open and record them.

I need hardly say, brethren, I saw none of the replies, so am quite ignorant of how any brother voted, or who voted or who did not; but I do know that the result of the voting was that a very large majority did me the high honour of naming me as the most acceptable successor in this Chair. The high office in which I have been installed this evening, I am happy to think I owe chiefly to the suffrages of the brethren over whom I am now to rule, and this makes the pleasure I feel at being appointed to so exalted a position in the Craft doubly pleasant to me. I return you all my most hearty thanks for the honour you have done me, and sincerely trust that I may prove myself deserving of the confidence that has been placed in me; and, the G.A.O.T.U. helping me, I will do all in my power to realise the wishes and hopes of the brethren.

The appointment of a new D.G. Master being a new starting point in Masonry, let us review very shortly the progress of the Craft during the past years. This District was founded, as you all know, in accordance with a petition sent to the M.W. the G.M. in 1868, and Right Wor. Bro. Mercer was installed in this Hall on the 12th March, 1869. There were at that time 7 lodges only in the province: Himalayan Brotherhood, Charity, Khyber, Hope and Preservance, Wahab, Phoenix, and Ravee, and the first returns showed the total number of subscribing Masons as 217. At the end of 1869, Indus and Multan had been added to our roll. In 1870 Light of the North sprang into existence. In 1871 no new lodge was added to our number, but Lodge Phoenix having ceased to work for two years was placed in abeyance. In 1872, Jumna and Mayo got their warrants, but 1873 was the year in which Masonry took its stride in advance, the warrants of no less than six lodges having been either received or applied for during that year: Morning Star, Sutlej, Industry, Light in the Himalayas, Northern Star, and St. John the Evangelist. During 1874 the work of consolidating and strengthening went on, and no new lodge was opened, but the returns of the last quarter of 1874 show that we had on the 31st December on our rolls no less than 463 Masons. Thus since this province was raised to a separate District our lodges have increased from 7 to 17, and our subscribing Masons from 217 to 463. No one can deny that this is a real solid step in advancement; and not only has our number of lodges increased, but all are progressing in a most satisfactory manner. During the last two years every lodge I think has been officially visited by myself or one or other of the higher D.G.L. officers, and in every case the report has been a most cheering and satisfactory one.

The other point to which I wish to draw your attention is our Masonic Institution. It commenced first with Lodge Hope and Perseverance, and took its present shape in 1871. If you look back to the D.G.L. meeting of the 14th January of that year you will find the scheme all laid out in a proposition brought before the Board of General Purposes by W. Bro. Basevi, who was then D.G.S. Warden. We received from the funds of Lodge Hope and Perseverance about Rs. 4,000. At the end of 1874 we had so increased this sum that the account stood as follows: Invested money Rs. 12,800; in bank and Hon. Secretary's hands Rs. 636-6-4, or a grand total of Rs. 13,436-6-4. We are educating four boys, two at the Bishop's School at Simla, and two at the Lahore High School. So we may consider this Institution as financially in a most satisfactory state, and that the grand virtue of our Order, "Charity," is not neglected in the province.

In conclusion, brethren, a few words as regards myself. I cannot express to you that I feel to-night the highest honour to which a Mason can hope to rise, and which so few are able to attain, is now mine—thanks mainly to the brethren of this province. I don't care to make, and I am sure you don't care to hear, long protestations; but I ask you to believe that I speak from my heart when I say that all I can do to advance Masonry in this province, to

distribute the honours of the purple fairly and impartially, and to endeavour to retain the fraternal affection of one and all of the brethren over whom I am now to rule, shall be done by me with all the earnestness and sincerity which I can bring to bear on it.

Before sitting down, brethren, I have to inform you that I have appointed W. Bro. Major G. N. Money, Past D.G.S. Warden, as D.D.G.M. of the district. I have also appointed W. Bro. J. R. Campbell, W.M. of Lodge Mayo, and an old P.M., to be D.G. Director of Ceremonies in room of W. Bro. Colonel Minchin, who, being unable to take up the duties, has to my great regret placed his resignation of that office in my hands.

Vote of thanks to Bro. Major Beamish, 36th Regiment, for making over the Vice-Presidency of P.M.I. to the District Grand Master for the time being.

Resolution.—That this District Grand Lodge desires to return its most cordial thanks to Bro. Major Beamish, 36th Regiment, for having made over the Vice-Presidency of the P.M.I. to the District Grand Master of this district, and directs that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to that brother with their fraternal good wishes.

The District Grand Secretary read warm and hearty letters of congratulation from the R.W. Acting D.G. Master of Bengal, from "Lodges Hope and Perseverance," "Ravee," "St. John the Evangelist," and "Industry," and other lodges of the district, which were ordered to be recorded and suitable replies returned.

Apologies were then read from the brethren who owing to distance and other causes were prevented from being present, which were ordered to be duly recorded.

There being no more business before D.G. Lodge it was closed in due form with prayer, at 10 p.m.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE PRIORY CHAPTER (No. 1000).

On Saturday, the 1st inst., at the Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, a fourth chapter was added to the roll of Royal Arch Masonry in Essex.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation were performed by E. Comp. R. Wentworth Little, P.Z., Grand Scribe E. Middlesex, in his usual faultless and painstaking manner, very ably assisted by E. Comps. J. Percy Leith, P.Z., P.G. First Assist. Soj., as acting H.; J. Boyd, P.Z., Prov. G.P. Soj. Middlesex, as acting J. After the chapter had been opened in ancient form, the companions were admitted, and were marshalled by E. Comp. H. G. Buss, P.Z., Prov. G. Treasurer Middlesex, who acted most efficiently as Director of Ceremonies.

In addition to the above mentioned, there were present Comps. Rev. S. R. Wigram, P.Z. 214, Grand Chaplain of England; Col. Wilkinson, P.Z., P.Prov.G.P. Soj. Cheshire; H. A. Dubois, 1326, Prov. G.D.C. Middlesex; G. Cooper, M.E.Z. 214; J. H. Spencer, 73; Mason, 73; F. Dawson, 188; W. T. Christian, 544; C. Eltham, 544; W. Skillet, 829; J. G. Marsh, 975; J. Green, 975; E. E. Phillips, 379; A. Lucking, 1293; Spencer R. Weston, 7; J. C. Johnstone, J. A. Wardell, 1293; Rev. H. J. Hatch, 1293; Jas. Willing, jun., 177; T. W. Gower, 1293; W. T. Allen.

Those present who had signed the petition, having signified their approval of the companions named in the warrant to be the Principals, viz., Comps. Rev. S. R. Wigram, Z.; E. E. Phillips, H.; and A. Lucking, J., the chapter was duly consecrated. That interesting ceremony being ended, the installation of the Principals was proceeded with and carried out in a most able manner. The following officers were then nominated and elected—Comps. S. R. Weston, Treasurer; J. C. Johnstone, Scribe E.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, Scribe N.; J. A. Wardell, P. Soj.; Jas. Willing, jun. 1st Assistant Soj.; J. W. Gower, 2nd Assistant Soj., E.B., Mountain Janitor.

The musical arrangements were carried out under the direction of Comp. F. Dawson, 188.

The rank of Honorary Member was unanimously conferred upon E. Comps. R. W. Little, J. Percy Leith, J. Boyd, and H. G. Buss.

Several brethren were proposed for exaltation.

The business of the day having terminated and the Chapter closed, the companions adjourned to a sumptuous banquet provided by Bro. F. Cantor, and presided over by the M.E.Z. The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given and responded to. E. Comp. J. Percy Leith, replied for the Grand Officers. In responding to the toast of the "The Masonic Charities" E. Comp. Little, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, made an excellent speech, and in the course of his remarks mentioned that the Chapter would be represented at the annual festival on the 11th of May, as Comp. A. Lucking, J., had expressed his intention of serving as Steward. During the evening Comp. Rev. H. J. Hatch sang a song composed by himself in commemoration of the Installation of the M.W.G.Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which was enthusiastically received. The Janitor's toast having been given, the companions separated, all well pleased with a happy, instructive, and delightful day.

It is superfluous to add that everything passed off admirably, and that the chapter bids fair in every respect to be a worthy adjunct to the lodge from which it derives its parentage and name.

The furniture and appointments were manufactured by Comp. Geo. Kenning, and were very much admired.

The sixth Triennial Festival of the Railway Guards' Universal Friendly Society was held at the City Terminus Hotel, on Wednesday; total amount received £1,551; Bro. George Abbott's list amounted to £183.

In our report of the appointments of Grand Officers, we omitted to state that Bro. S. G. Homfray, Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Monmouth, was appointed Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

#### THE LONDON MASONIC CLUB. Communiqué.

As society advances in the paths of civilization the development of moral and social virtues increases with every step. Each stride in general culture owes its impulse to a different source, but whether attributable to the development of morality itself or to any violent and coercive measures of a progressive legislation, its results are always beneficial to the cherished Palladium of Masonry. Probably no social events can measure the welfare of the general community so well as the extensive establishment and patronage of societies for promoting sociality and general kindness, and when this barometer records the development of the original project into an important movement extending all over the country, and points to the simultaneous establishment of numerous prominent clubs in great centres of Masonry, it argues well for the health and strength of our Craft and the universal acceptance of our fundamental precepts; for as Masonry teaches, clubs realise.

It is therefore with unfeigned pleasure that we welcome the announcement of another club, which shall not only promote the laudable ends of all its confrères, but will be particularly devoted to the interests of Masons, and the practice of their immortal principles. Masons will be the only persons eligible for membership, and in the social seclusion, so to speak, of their club-house, surrounded by their brother Masons, encompassed by the paraphernalia of the Craft, with a library teeming with historic records and works speaking but of "universal good will," all friends and brothers without introduction, practising their mysteries over their after-dinner wine, recognising congenial comrades through the aromatic fumes of the smoking room, they will have nothing to remind them of the outside world, its doubtful pleasures and lamentable vices. This picture, if realized (and we see no reason why it should not be realized) represents a club as it should be, but as it can only be where the moral code of Masonry reigns in undisputed sway, and where every member knows his co-member to be free from those social vices which are tolerated in society, but which are inconsistent with the teachings of their common Craft.

The impulse which Masonry has received by the recent Installation of the Prince of Wales, the prominence into which it has been called by this great ceremony, the additional force which has thus been infused into its world-wide ramifications, render the new project most plausible. The concourse of provincial and continental brethren which has assembled in this great metropolis, will not fail to be surprised at the absence of an institution which in their localities has long been established, and found to be necessary and successful; and the good sense of the projectors in bringing their scheme before the public at so propitious a moment cannot but be fraught with pleasing results.

The project originated in the restless philanthropic activity of some of our brethren, who have wisely formed themselves into a Limited Liability Company, for the better consummation of their scheme. It will be seen that to render this project the success it deserves to be the movers must throw themselves entirely upon the generosity of their brethren, and we are sure that now the prospectus is published it will hardly be able to fall through for lack of support. It must be recollect that although Masonry is one great club in itself, and the entire world the scene of its labours, the practice of its moral and social precepts is better realized in centres specially devoted to their development, and acquires greater force from such excellent demonstration of their utility.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE OF THE ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.—The M.W. Frater, H. C. Levander, M.A., Master of the Temple, held the Quarterly Convocation at the Royal Masonic Hall, 68, Regent Street, W., on Friday, the 30th April. Present—R. W. Little, Dr. Harrison, Dr. Woodman, Hubbard, Matier, Dr. J. K. Smith, Goepel, George Turner, 11. C. Levander, Church, Cubitt, White, Stanton Jones, Mackenzie, Thomas, George Kenning, P. M. Holden, and others. The following were ballotted for and admitted to the grade of Zelator—Bros. Charles Horsley, 2, Staple Inn, E.C.; Capt. George Cockle, 9, Bolton Gardens, South Kensington, W.; Edward Amplett, 32, Wimpole Street, Cavendish Square, W.; John Wm. Ellison Macartney, M.P., House of Commons, S.W. Frater Frederick Hockley, 167, Liverpool Road, N. (of the Bristol College), was admitted as a joining member.

"THE BATTLE OF THE DIETS."—It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good, and the recent discussions that have taken place as to the value or worthlessness of various kinds of prepared foods, however distasteful they may have been to the manufacturers, who, from ignorance of scientific principles, have been extracting all the nutriment from their farina, seem likely to teach the public at large how to distinguish with ease between good and bad. A good general rule was laid down by Dr. Stone in a letter to the *Times* on the first ultimo. He tells us that whenever the food is perfectly white and of extreme fineness, it should be rejected as being almost entirely composed of starch alone. When, however, the natural brownish colour has been preserved, and nutrition has not been sacrificed to appearance, these foods contain even more nourishment than meat. One of this latter description is Dr. Ridge's Patent (cooked) Food, which has been long recognized as a most valuable article of diet, and the only efficient substitute for milk for infants and invalids, as while the process to which it is subjected during preparation renders it exceptionally easy of digestion, none of the nutritious properties of the pure wheat of which it is composed have been driven off, and it is therefore rich in all the substances necessary for forming flesh, blood, and bone.

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## BIRTHS.

WEAVER.—On the 28th April, the wife of Bro. James Weaver, P.M. 862 and 1319, P. Prov. G. Org., Middlesex, of a son.

## Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 12 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

The following stand over and will be inserted next week:—

Letters from T. C. G. L.; W. Kelly; Edwin Prior; "A New Order in Yorkshire." Poetry: "The Installation;" "Ode," W. S.; "The Berkshire Masons." Reports of Lodges: 21, 141, 332, 464, 1018, 1138, 1239, 1309, 1381, E. C., Grand Lodge of Scotland.

## THE GRAPHIC

This Week, May 8, contains the following Fine Engravings: Portrait of Miss Elizabeth Thompson (Drawn from Life), Painter of the "Roll Call," &c. "Off Duty," from the Picture by G. Pope. Collision Between a Ship and an Iceberg off Cape Horn.

## THE FREEMASONS

At the Albert Hall. The Earl of Carnarvon leading H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the Throne. Signor Tommaso Salvini, the great Italian Tragedian. The Transit of Venus: An Observatory Station in the Australian Bush. Patent Reversible Lifeboat for Ships. The Civil War in Spain: Don Carlos attending Mass at the Cathedral of Tolosa. Old Country Seats: Seighford Hall, Staffordshire. School Revisited: One of the Heads from Mr. G. D. Leslie's Picture in the Royal Academy Exhibition (Extra Double-Page Engraving on Plate Paper). The Threatened War in Burmah: A Bore on the Sitang River. Our Obituary Record: Portraits of Baron Brunnow, Sir Arthur Helps, Canon Selwyn, H. W. Pickersgill, R.A., and Mr. T. Wright, the Prison Philanthropist. The Snake-eating Snake at the Zoological Gardens. The Arctic Expedition: Patent Gun for Shooting Walruses; Snow Boot. A Gondola Race at Venice. A New Story by Mr. George Macdonald, entitled St. George and St. Michael, is continued in this Week's Number.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1875.

## MEMORIES OF THE GREAT INSTALLATION.

By this time most of our good brethren have gone home again, and find themselves amid the joys and comforts of their "own fireside." We trust that they will carry a tale back to those who will eagerly listen, of all that is precious and

pleasant connected with that red letter day henceforth in our Masonic calendar, April 28th, 1875. They will, we think, take away with them, at least we hope so, many pleasurable reminiscences. They saw and heard their Grand Master, in all the warmth of his amiable kindness, and in all the manly sincerity of his genial nature. They witnessed a sight, that they will never forget, in the enthusiastic fervour of commander and brethren, and the most famous, and best disciplined meeting that our Order has ever been privileged to hold. Why, even today we are still regarding with astonishment and pride those serried lines of exulting Craftsmen. We even still can behold their manipulations. All honour to them! They came from all directions, and they proved themselves to be what we knew them to be, despite the vicinations of some and the fear of others, a most warm-hearted, gentlemanly, amiable and loyal body of men, obedient to lawful authority, and eager to please and be pleased. Even the profane press, the *Times* for example, is deeply struck by the order, the zeal, the perfect subordination of that mighty assembly, and there can be no doubt, that that noble gathering has given, and will give, much additional "eclat" and "prestige" to our Order generally. The banquet passed over as well as the meeting, and the speeches were equally marked by good taste, much happy facility, and above all with true Masonic teaching. Anything more thoroughly and truly in the spirit of our old Grand Masters than the heartfelt expressions of our august Grand Master, we have never read, and we augur well indeed for the Craft and for him. The Duke of Connaught was loudly cheered, as he well deserved to be, and the Duke of Manchester's opportune little address deserves to be specially commended. Bro. Erasmus Wilson and his Board of Stewards demand all praise and many thanks. The genial Doctor himself made a very effective speech, and under his skilful direction there could be no doubt that not only was the festival itself a great success, but the guests thoroughly enjoyed their dinner. Some one has said that "the things of to-day are the things of to-morrow," but we doubt the truth of the axiom as regards April 28th, 1875. We shall never behold such another assembly again. It was quite pleasant to see so many old Freemasons, and to shake hands with so many ancient friends, and we are not likely or willing to let go its agreeable souvenirs. But, like as when one bids adieu to an old mate who is setting off for a distant clime, or just as when we leave some old familiar spot with a sigh and a wrench of the heart, so as we wish good bye to our great Installation gathering, as we say "valé" to its brilliant pageant, and its glorious heartiness, we do so with mingled pleasure and regret. Pleasure to have been present, regret that it is now a thing of the past! But for us in England it will ever remain an event of imperishable recollections, and nothing can ever lessen its value or dim its grandeur to our English and loyal Craft. As Moore sang of old, it is still ever true in this mundane existence of ours, in great things as well as in humble—

You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will,  
But the scent of the roses will hang round it still.

## THE ADVANTAGES OF DISCIPLINE.

It is well known that it is not an easy matter to move a large body of men. In theory it may seem a facile operation, and the book of manœuvres may be very precise, but yet in practice it requires, as all know who have anything to do with such things, no little carefulness, much self-possession, and a great deal of "savoir faire," to say nothing of a "memoria technica." And so to many the control over from 7 to 8,000 Freemasons seemed somewhat dubious, and not a little hazardous. And yet here "without a casualty," such is the police report, they all moved in and they all moved out, without the least difficulty or the smallest confusion. Too much praise cannot be accorded to their commanders, too much admiration cannot be expended upon them. We do not know to whom exactly belongs the praise of drawing out the scheme for the ar-

rangement of the brethren, but we believe it to belong to Bro. Albert W. Woods and Brother Thomas Fenn alone. Whoever it was, has a clear talent for organization, and we may be glad that we have one brother or more capable of successfully handling and controlling large masses of Freemasons. But still equal *hudos*, we think, ought to be given to our brethren. An old soldier once said that the "greatest merit of all was to know how to obey orders," and certainly no body of men could have been more docile or more tractable than those many thousands of Freemasons on April 28th. Indeed, Freemasonry teaches us all the good lesson of discipline, whether general or personal, from first to last. From the time we see the light until we pass away from all of earth, so long as we are affiliated—and all Masons ought to be affiliated Masons—ours is a continuous exhortation, alike to discipline of self and discipline in the lodge. We are, as Lord Winchelsea once said of the great Duke, "taught to command by learning to obey," and he, in our opinion, is the truest Freemason who has learnt the best of all lessons next to self discipline, namely, obedience. And though Freemasons, like all Englishmen, have a slight tendency to grumble, they are not as a general rule either "frondeurs" or insubordinate. They are, for the most part, a very cheerful, contented, easily gratified, orderly body of men, amenable to authority, and loyal to their chiefs. We have, happily, few disagreements, and no cabals amongst us; complaints are unfrequent, and controversy is at a discount. Hence we have every element of stable prosperity and peaceful progress. And long may it so continue. Long may we be free from idle questions and hurtful logomachies, long may we remain a loving, a forbearing, a tolerant, an united Order. When we are gone, and another generation has taken our places, and they talk of our great Installation of 1875, may they be as happily cemented as we are in all fraternal good will, may they equally manifest the advantages of discipline, and of obedience to authority.

## THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

We have much pleasure in being enabled to publish the following short memoirs of some of the new Grand Officers:—

## JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

The Lord Mayor was initiated in the Tuscan Lodge, 14, in the year 1855; in 1857 joined the Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1; served all the offices, including Master; appointed Grand Steward by the Grand Masters' Lodge; served the office and was appointed President of the Grand Stewards. Joined the Moira Chapter, R.A.; filled the three chairs and is M.E.Z., and will be promoted to Grand Chapter on Wednesday. Subsequently became a member of a Surrey lodge, the Frederick of Unity, also joined chapter connected with it. Is also a member of the Rose Croix and a K. Templar. Has served the office of Steward on several occasions.

## GRAND CHAPLAIN.

The Rev. Spencer Robert Wigram, M.A., Balliol College, Oxon, vicar of Prittlewell, Essex, and rural dean, was initiated in Romford, Lodge Hope and Unity, No. 214; Past Grand Chaplain of the Province of Essex; J.W. Priory Lodge, 1000, and P.M. and P.Z. 214. Son of Bro. Octavius Wigram, of Bryanstone Square, for many years Governor of Royal Exchange Assurance, a very hard-working Mason; has devoted a great deal of time to the interests of the Craft in Essex, and is well known and extremely liked by all who have the pleasure of coming in contact with him.

## JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Robert Grey was initiated into Freemasonry on the 13th February, 1860, in the St. Andrews-in-the-East Lodge, No. 222, and passed the chair of that lodge in 1865-6. He joined the Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 259, on the 23rd February, 1864, and represented that lodge as Grand Steward in 1866. In 1869 he acted as one of the Stewards at the Inauguration Festival. In 1874, on the occasion of the Installation of the Prince of Wales as W.M. of the Prince of

MAY 8, 1875.

Wales's Lodge, H.R.H. appointed Bro. Grey his Deputy Master, to which office he was re-appointed this year. Bro. Grey assisted H.R.H. in the ceremony of initiating his brother, the Duke of Connaught, in March, 1874, and raised His Royal Highness to the third degree on the evening preceding the great event at the Royal Albert Hall. Bro. Grey served on the Board of General Purposes in 1865 as W.M. of the St. Andrew's Lodge; and is again a member this year as Deputy Master of the Prince of Wales's Lodge. He is Vice-President of each of the charities, of which he has served the stewardships four times. He is also P.Z. of Chapter No. 7.

## GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Dr. William R. Woodman, Grand Sword Bearer in Grand Lodge, Grand Director of Ceremonies in Grand Chapter, is the son of an Exeter surgeon. He was a pupil of the late John Haddy James, surgeon to the Devon and Exeter Hospital, and a distinguished Waterloo officer; he afterwards served the office of house surgeon. He was appointed assistant surgeon to the "North Star" in the Arctic Expedition under Captain Sir Edward Belcher, but the appointment was not finally confirmed. When he had completed his medical career in London he went to Paris, to benefit by further study, and was just in time to volunteer his services as surgeon to attend the wounded of the Coup d'Etat of December 2nd, 1851, and was under fire during the three days and nights of that exciting period. He was initiated in the St. George's Lodge, Exeter, in April 1852. He afterwards joined the Grenadiers' Lodge, No. 66, worked his way up from the lowest office to that of W.M. in 1863 (this lodge has always been distinguished for its perfect working and strict ritual). He entered the Royal Arch in 1864, in the Britannic Chapter, No. 33, and served all the offices with distinction, and his working in the chair was unusually excellent and thorough. He was one of the leading brethren who assisted Bro. Little in transferring the Bard of Avon Lodge from Stratford-on-Avon to Middlesex, and saving it from extinction. He assisted in founding the Campbell Lodge in Middlesex, and is also a member of the Royal Middlesex Chapter. He is a Prov. Grand Steward of Middlesex, and Prov. Grand Sojourner in the same Province. He served the office of Secretary to the Lodge of Union (No. 44), Starcross, Devon, and is now S.Warden and W.M. elect. He has ever been an ardent supporter of the charities, all of which he has served with zeal, and it was a great pleasure to him to be called on Thursday, the day after the Installation, in company with the Secretary (Bro. Little), to assist the Earl of Shrewsbury in escorting the deputation from the King of Sweden to the Royal Masonic Girls' School. He has also done good service in the Christian Orders, and has long held the office of Grand Recorder in the Red Cross and Secretary General in the Rosicrucian Society. He is a Mark Mason (No. 1 Lodge), a Knight Templar, and a Rose Croix.

## ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. E. P. Albert was initiated in the Lodge of Joppa (No. 188), 23 years ago, passed the chair and all the various offices, and has acted as Hon. Secretary for 12 years. Was one of the founders of the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017; acted as W.M. for two years under an emergency, on the death of the first Master, and has been Hon. Secretary of this lodge for 7 years. Is a Royal Arch Mason, and served the Chapter, as M.E.Z., similarly to that of W.M., on a pressing occasion, receiving the thanks of the lodge and chapter (inscribed in the minutes), besides substantial marks of their favour in the shape of a service of plate and a number of jewels; is an Honorary Member of the Lodge of Friendship (S.C.) at the Mauritius, which was unanimously voted to him for his services in procuring for the brethren a warrant under the Constitution of Scotland, electing him also Proxy Master to represent their interests at Grand Lodge. He is also an Honorary Member of the oldest lodge of Scotland (the Canongate and Leith), unanimously awarded to him for supporting the dignity of the Scotch lodges on some special occasion.

[We shall continue these notices next week.]

## THE WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

We have perused the report of this useful subsidiary Educational Institution with much interest and attention. It seems, to use the words of the report, that "continued prosperity, progress and usefulness" are the happy lot of this benevolent offshoot of West Lancashire educational sympathies. The society has now vested funds to the amount of £11,515 1s. 4d., and the interest of the same amounts to £481 12s. 11d. To this has to be added the proceeds of the Masonic ball, £224, and donations and subscriptions to the amount of £588 19s., making a total of actual income of £1299 in round numbers. If to this is added the balance of 1873, £695, and the repayment of a Mersey Dock Bond, £510, the audit side of the balance sheet reaches to £2516 1s. 10d. Per contra, paid for educating 46 children, and for the advancement of 2, £288 15s. 7d, some minor miscellaneous expenses, £61, in round numbers, and £1950 invested. The balance that is carried forward is £215 1s. 4d. Financially this is a very satisfactory report, and reflects great credit on the managers and the West Lancashire brethren. The committee propose now, "in certain cases," to grant also "clothing," and we think the suggestion a very good one, and likely to tend to the personal elevation of the children. The amount paid for education seems to range from £10 to £1 5s. annually, as the maximum and minimum amount respectively, and we feel strongly that the mere payment of a fixed sum is not in itself the only test of good education. We should like to ask one question, in all friendliness and good will, having had for years the education of the young very much at heart, how is the worth of such education tested? Is there any examination of the children? Any ascertaining of their actual proficiency? We are, from long experience, impressed with the advisability, in order to render education both valuable and lasting in its effects, of imbuing children with something of that "esprit du corps" which arises from a regular school residence, from kindly treatment, careful supervision, good food, healthy recreation and the continuous training under skilled direction. As an assistance to many struggling widows and widowers, as a great blessing to many a poor orphan, as a preservation, above all, from the workhouse, we think the West Lancashire Educational Institution, however, deserving of much commendation, and all "hearty good wishes." We wish indeed well to it and all our warm-hearted Lancashire brethren.

## THE GRAND ORIENT AND THE CHAPITRES.

As some of our readers know, some time ago the Grand Orient of France decided by a large majority, to exclude in future all the representatives of the "Chapitres" from their body, that is, all who did not belong to symbolic Masonry. To this resolution no one had a right to object, as, even supposing, as some alleged, a "concordat" to exist between the High Grades and Symbolical Masonry, it was clearly in the power of either side to terminate such an arrangement. Indeed, we do not profess to understand how such an agreement ever could endure for any length of time, and we fully sympathized with the French Grand Orient in the difficulties of their position, and thought that on the whole their decision was the best solution of all the existing controversies, "qui juris nodos et legum enigmata solvit." But owing, it appears, to some intricate arrangements of which we do not quite realize the good or object, it is evident that, notwithstanding their removal of all the delegates of the "Chapitres" from the Grand Orient, the Grand Orient still claims to keep the control over and the regulation of the "Chapitres," through "Le Conseil de l'Ordre." Now, this it is which we cannot understand. They have dissolved the "liens" which bound the "Chapitres" to the Grand Orient, and yet it is asserted that "Le Conseil de l'Ordre," emanating from the Grand Orient, is still the supreme authority to which all the "Chapitres" are

amenable, and which Conseil de l'Ordre is still practically the mouthpiece of the Grand Orient. So that the Grand Orient still legislates, in some fashion, for the Chapitres, though the Chapitres have nothing to do with the Grand Orient any longer. One would have thought that the simple and more Masonic way would have been to have allowed the Chapitres, henceforth, "entiere liberté," so that, if they liked to form a "Grand Chapitre de la France," they might have the opportunity and full consent of the Grand Orient to do so. It is, in our humble opinion, the only possible arrangement by which peace and fraternal good will can be preserved. It is impossible to suppose that the "Chapitres" will be content with the government of the Conseil de l'Ordre, and it is in vain for the Grand Orient, in our opinion, to try to do what no one else has ever succeeded in doing in this world, namely, to "have their cake and eat it." They have severed the Chapitres from the Grand Orient, and the Chapitres are "dans leur droit" in now seeking to form a government and central authority of their own. The Grand Orient have condemned three chapters, the chapter of "Candour," the "Star of Progress," and the "Free Knights of St. Andrew of Scotland," all in the Valley of Bordeaux, which have declared that, in consequence of the resolution of the Grand Orient previously alluded to, they have separated from the Grand Orient, and ceased all direct and indirect relations. We regret the step of the Grand Orient in the interests of Masonic toleration, justice, and fair play, as we cannot understand why the Grand Orient should wish to keep any authority over the High Grade Chapters which they have resolved are not to be represented in the Grand Orient itself. We are complaining against the Roman Catholic authorities for foolish interdicts and unreasonable condemnations, and here we have before our very eyes, such is the inconsistency of us all, proving too truly, "que nous sommes tous mortels," the Grand Orient of France, "frappant" with "major and minor excommunication," these three "chapitres" in France. We are sorry for it, we repeat, as we think it a mistake, and we venture frankly to say so, because we are of opinion, though not belonging to the High Grades ourselves, that they have a right to fair play and Masonic consideration! It is their undoubted privilege, we venture to conceive, to establish, under their altered circumstances, a grand governing "Chapitre" of their own, rendered necessary for their independence and preservation, by the act of the Grand Orient itself.

## THE PRINCE OF WALES AND THE "SCOTTISH FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE."

We most deeply deplore, in the best interests of Freemasonry in Scotland, and as an act of injustice to a most loyal body of men, the Scottish Freemasons, the utterly uncalled for and very unbecoming remarks on this subject in our contemporary of May 1st. We believe that such opinions in no way represent those of our good brethren across the border, and will be at once repudiated by them one and all. The Scottish Freemasons are every whit as loyal as the English Freemasons, and the distinguished deputation from Scotland was most warmly greeted in Grand Lodge, April 28th.

## Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

## AN INSTALLATION JEWEL.

*To the Editor of the Freemason.*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Deeply delighted as I was with the Installation, being privileged to be present, I yet cannot but feel for many excellent and disappointed brethren. It has occurred to me that, as a consolation to many who, absent in body, were present in spirit, our Royal Grand Master might authorise the institution of an Installation Commemoration Jewel, to be worn by all affiliated Freemasons at the date of his installation. Such a jewel would be a happy commemoration of a great event. If the jewel had simply an enamel miniature of our Grand Master, surmounted by the Prince of Wales's feather, and on the reverse the five-pointed star, with these watch words, "Loyalty and

Charity," April 28th, 1875, it would commend itself to the devotion and sympathies of thousands of our Order. I trust too that, well managed, such an institution might greatly benefit our charities and Masonic benevolence. All applications should come through the Masters of Lodges to the Grand Secretary, on a form prepared for that purpose, and the jewel should be sent to the W.M., and given in open lodge.

If the Board of General Purposes would issue a notification to the Craft that they would receive a design for such a jewel, many, no doubt, would be sent in, and, selecting the most appropriate, they could contract with some one Masonic jeweller to supply the authorities with the number they required from time to time. The price for each, as delivered to the W.M., would be fixed by the Board of General Purposes, the W.M. and lodge would be responsible for the amount, and after the jeweller was paid as per contract, the overplus on each jewel, which on the whole would amount to a considerable sum, could be divided by the Board of General Purposes among such of our Masonic Charities as most needed it, or might be paid over to the Grand Treasurer for the Fund of Benevolence. Some may object to the mixing up of charity with such a matter as the institution of a Commemoration Jewel, but I, on the contrary, think it a very good and wholesome restraint on any tendency we have to fine ornamentation, as I have felt that those who want a "pine apple" must pay for it. Besides, as our Order is emphatically a charitable as well as a loyal Order, in this as in everything else, we are true to our watchword, and make loyalty and charity go hand in hand.

I am, dear Friend and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

A PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN.

THE EARL OF CARNARVON ON FREEMASONRY.  
*To the Editor of the Freemason.*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The great Masonic event which has just taken place, and which is so well portrayed in your columns—viz., the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as the Grand Master of the English Freemasons—is one which will long be remembered, and prove a landmark in the annals of the Craft. After the Prince had been duly robed and chaired, he was therefrom addressed or admonished by the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, in a most admirable speech, which might have been faultless had the Right Honourable Speaker not marred it by unnecessarily introducing certain pseudo historical remarks, based, as it appears to me, not upon fact, but upon fiction. The words which I object to are in the latter portion of the remark—"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." And further on, where the speaker says—"Formerly, through the dim periods of the middle ages, it carried its records upon the public buildings of Europe, upon the tracery of the cathedral windows, and the ornamentation of palaces." Now, as a student of the history of Freemasonry, I beg to say that, so far as I can judge from the records which I have perused, our Freemasonry is not of "great antiquity," for no evidence has been produced of its existence even so recently as two hundred years ago. (Even you, yourself, brother Editor, at page 178 of to-day's *Freemason*, relegate the "legends" of King James I., Charles I. and II., William III. being Freemasons to "pre-historic times.") Consequently to talk of it "carrying its records" upon cathedrals and palaces "in the middle ages" is simply absurd. If however our Right Honourable brother is possessed of private evidence supporting his statements, as yet unknown to other Masonic students, I shall be both ready and willing to withdraw, and apologise for the foregoing criticisms so soon as I have seen or heard and duly weighed this new evidence. In concluding this letter I would beg leave to add that it is written in no mere captious spirit, but from a pure desire to support or bring out the truth. I am very glad indeed that the void left by the retrogression or retirement of the Marquis of Ripon has been more than filled up by the accession of the Prince of Wales, who I trust will long be spared to fill with honour the high position he holds.

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

Glasgow, May 1st, 1875.

THE FATHER OF FREEMASONS.

*To the Editor of the Freemason.*

Dear Sir and Bro.—

"The Father of Freemasons," says the *Illustrated London News*, in their issue of April 10th, commenting upon the decease of a Bro. D. Osmett, who died at Sherborne, Dorset, on the 21st ult., at the advanced age of ninety-nine years, "was the oldest member of the Craft." This is incorrect, as the respected deceased brother was initiated in the Lodge of Benevolence No. 459, Sherborne, in January 1820, and, being partially blind, his deserving and honourable conduct caused his election as an annuitant on the Royal Masonic Benevolent Fund till the time of his death. During the last four years he was a constant worshipper at the Abbey Church, Sherborne, celebrating his last three birthdays by partaking of the sacred Eucharist, his health being good till within a few weeks of his death. Deceased was born on Midsummer-day 1775, and lived with his daughter (Mrs. Guppy), who devoted much loving affection towards him in his declining years. The *Illustrated* is in error regarding "The Father of Freemasons." Our correspondent acknowledges the respect due to the advanced age of 99 years, but he veritably assures us that Bro. Isaac Townsend, a younger man, born in Essex, July 26th, 1793, *Sic in copy*, is an older member of the Craft, he being initiated into the rites of Masonry in Lodge 79, Greenwich, in March, 1793, *Sic in copy*, subsequently affiliating himself to Lodge 158, of Sheerness (Adam's), on the 7th January,

1834. Bro. Townsend was W.M. in the year 1840; Z in the Royal Arch 1845; G. R. for the province of Kent 1853, and 28 years Secretary of Adam's Lodge. He has the pleasing recognition of his untired services to the Craft by the presentation of a valuable watch, as also a pair of gold spectacles, in case mounted with silver, with a suitable inscription, for his energy and zeal, in forwarding the cause of Masonry. We are also creditably informed that P. W. Thorpe, of Ashford, although younger, is an older Mason than the deceased brother.

"HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE."

[We do not understand these dates.—ED.]

#### SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL.

We are glad to be able to publish this appeal in the interest of common humanity.

*To the Editor of the Freemason.*

Dear Sir,—

Permit me, on behalf of the committee of the Seamen's Hospital, to draw your kind attention to the accompanying appeal for funds in aid of an institution so worthy of your support—the applicants for admission are numerous—the need of help is urgent—donations will be thankfully received; but specially do the committee plead for additional Annual Subscriptions, to impart increased persistence and steadiness to their operations.

The committee rely upon the generous support of the Press to aid them in their present great necessities.

I am, dear Sir, yours sincerely,

H. BURDETT, Secretary.

*To the Editor of the Freemason.*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly state in your next edition whether H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh is a member of our ancient Order or not, as I often read of his health being proposed as such. I think it quite necessary every Freemason should be in possession of this information, and I know of no better means than through your valuable columns.

Your early reply will oblige,

Yours fraternally, "MASTER MASON."

[The Duke of Edinburgh is not a Freemason.—ED.]

*To the Editor of the Freemason.*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In looking over a periodical the other day I saw the assertion that a lady was a Freemason, and she was likewise the founder of the Dublin Benevolent Institution for Orphan Daughters of Masons, and it further states that she was the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth; will you kindly inform me, through the medium of your paper, if these facts are true. T. R. D.

[Mrs. Aldworth was a Freemason.—ED.] A Portrait (1s.) and a Memoir (6d.) may be had at the office of this paper.

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

##### THE MOIRA APRON.

The following is the description of the Moira Apron taken from "Freemasons' Magazine," November, 19, 1859, page 386, Vol. II., 1859, or rather Vol. I., new series:—

"The design of this apron is truly unique. I shall state the outline in reference to the figures represented in the margin.

"Fig. 1. Enoch, the Priest, Excellent Grand Master, in posture of adoration. 2. Moses reading the Tables of the Law, and the measuring rod with Aholiab and Bezaleel. 3. St. John with his banner and the lamb. 4. His Royal Highness the Prince Regent. 5. The Earl of Moira, A.G.M.; and the Duke of Sussex, D.G.M. 6. A perfect Masonic Abraxis surrounded by rays, the iris in a peculiar manner. 6. The G.M. of Scotland, the G.M. of Ireland, and the Earl of Moira in the centre pleading for a union of all the lodges. 7. Solomon King of Israel, Hiram King of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff. 8. St. John with the Holy Bible. 9. Z, H and J. All the figures are most beautifully engraved in their respective and appropriate robes, and printed on leather for an apron, and on paper for a frame.

"L. HAYES,  
"2, Lower College-street, Bristol, January 6th, 1813."

My quotation about the "Moira Apron" is quite correct, viz., "Freemasons' Magazine," Vol. I., for 1859, "not Vol. II." Volume II. is for the first half of the year 1860.

HENRY T. BOBART.

[Our brother is correct in part and so are we. The quotation occurs in the 2nd part of the actual volume for 1859, though it is Vol. I. of the new series. Vol. I. is properly the volume from January to June.—ED.]

##### THE MASON'S COMPANY.—No. 2.

The *Freemason* for May 1st, 1875, will not only be remarkable because of its being the Royal number, but I venture to state that the communication from Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., on the above subject will also make it one of the most valuable ever issued in an archaeological sense.

Bro. Woodford has condensed the result of his inquiries of the Clerk of the Masons' Company under eight divisions, as follows:—

1. Ashmole is correct in saying, that Mr. Wise was Master of the Masons' Company in that year, 1682. (Not 1862 as in *Freemason*.)

Ashmole makes the statement in his diary March 10th, 1682, and which is the second time he alludes to Freemasonry in that interesting journal. The first is dated October 16th, 1646, and is to the following effect:—"I was made a Freemason at Warrington, in Lancashire, with Colonel Mainwaring of Karticham, in Cheshire; the names of those

that were then at the lodge, Mr. Richard Penket, Warden; Mr. James Collier, Mr. Richard Sankey, Henry Littler, John Ellam, and Hugh Brewer."

2. All the names he mentions are traceable in the minutes of the Masons' Company, except Sir William Wiseman and Captain Richard Borthwick. Mr. William Woodman was admitted a member of the Masons' 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.

The extract alluded to by Bro. Woodford is as follows, by which it will appear that no mention is made of "Sir William Wiseman" referred to by our indefatigable brother, but of Mr. William Wise. May this not account for his name not being found in the register? If so it is worth another search, as in all probability Mr. William Wise was a relative of Mr. Thomas Wise, the Master of the Company in 1682.

Under date March 10th, 1682, occurs this important entry of Ashmole's.—"About 5 p.m. I received a summons to appear at a lodge to be held the next day at Masons' Hall in London. Accordingly I went, and about noon was admitted into the fellowship of Freemasons by Sir William Wilson, Knight; Captain Richard Borthwick, Mr. William Woodman, Mr. William Grey, Mr. Samuel Taylour, and Mr. William Wise. I was the senior fellow among them (it being thirty-five years since I was admitted); there was present, besides myself, the fellows after named, Mr. Thomas Wise, Master of the Masons' Company this present year; Mr. Thomas Shorthose, Mr. Thomas Shadbolt, —Wardsford, Esq.; Mr. Nicholas Young, Mr. John Thompson, and Mr. William Stanton. We all dined at the Half Moon Tavern, in Cheapside, at a noble dinner, prepared at the charge of the new accepted Masons."

3. There is no record of the meeting of the Company on March 10th, 1682, at least, "there is no minute to that effect."

If there had been it would not follow that it meant the one described by Ashmole, and as there is internal evidence of the two Societies being distinct, we quite agree with Bro. Woodford that the assembly at which Ashmole was present was a purely speculative lodge of Freemasons.

4. Neither is there any record of the dinner at the Half Moon, Cheapside, on that day, as stated by Ashmole.

We should like to know, however, if the Masons' Company was in the habit of dining at the "Half Moon," for it is not unlikely that the two Societies were on most intimate terms.

5. There is no minute that the Hall in Basinghall-st. was lent to the Freemasons.

Was there another Masons' Hall in London at this date? If so, where? Was it usual for a minute to be made when the Hall was lent for other purposes than those required for the Company, and is it not likely that the Hall was not used exclusively at the period in question for the Company's business? We still think it likely that this Hall is the one referred to by Ashmole, but of course without further evidence it is impossible to decide the matter, and so we must wait patiently and gratefully for any subsequent information from Bro. Woodford's most important researches on a subject hitherto either neglected by Masonic students, or beyond their abilities to secure an authentic account of, as it has proved with us.

6. Ashmole was not a member of the Masons' Company.

This statement, brief as it is, is about the most suggestive of the whole, and to our mind establishes the fact, that the society which met in 1682, as already noted, was not the Masons' Company.

7. Sir Christopher Wren was not a member of the Masons' Company.

This is also a fact which should be carefully considered, for as our old documents are discovered, and neglected MSS. are studied, they one by one appear to confirm the fact of Sir Christopher Wren having had little to do with our Freemasonry..

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.

Bro. Padgett's signature occurs to the "Antiquity MS." of which an exact transcript is to be found in our "Old Charges of British Freemasons," and, as Bro. Woodford points out, he describes himself as "Clerk to the Worshipful Society of the Freemasons of the City of London," which would not be the title of the Masons' Company, and consequently proves the two Clerks, just as the two societies, were distinct.

I wish Bro. Woodford every success in his examination of the fabric rolls of St. Paul's, and congratulate him most sincerely on his success in his researches respecting the Masons' Company. I do so the more warmly, well knowing what such a pursuit involves, and also being aware that other Masonic students (including myself) have not succeeded in achieving what he has done. His question also about the Ashmole MSS. will, I trust, be answered to the satisfaction of all concerned and interested in such enquiry.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHES.

Who is the author of the poem recently quoted in the *Freemason*, from which the stanza, beginning "We shall watch for the gleam of the flapping sail" is taken?

J. W.

Invalids too often fruitlessly exhaust every effort to obtain release from their sufferings, when a little reflection and moderate faith would supply them with a remedy for Rheumatism, Gout, Colds, &c. Holloway's Ointment, well rubbed upon the skin, after repeated fomentations, gives instant relief on these diseases. Thousands of testimonials bear witness to the wonderful comfort obtained from this safe and simple treatment, which all sufferers can instantly and successfully adapt, without any further advice, than is afforded in the accompanying directions. Holloway's Ointment, assisted by the judicious use of his Pills, is specially serviceable in assuaging the suffering from cramps, other muscular pains, and the great inconvenience of varicose veins.—Anvr.

## VISIT OF THE SWEDISH DEPUTATION TO THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

On Thursday, the 29th ult., the day after the Installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bros. Count Saleza, Admiral Lagercrantz, Baron Beck-Friis, Baron de Mecklenburg, and Oscar Dickson, the deputation from the King of Sweden and Norway to the Installation, accompanied by the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot and Viscount Ingestre, Dr. W. R. Woodman, Grand Sword Bearer, and Bro. R. Wentworth Little, paid a visit to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise. On their arrival at the school they were met by some of the members of the House Committee, including Bros. Griffiths Smith, Joshua Nunn, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, and Alderman Randall, of Oxford, Alderman Spiers, of Oxford, and Bro. Massa, Surveyor of the Institution. They were then introduced to Miss Davis, the head governess, and the other governesses, and conducted over the building and grounds. At the conclusion of the inspection Miss Davis put the children through their calisthenic exercises, and vocal and instrumental musical performances. The children afterwards gave several recitations in English, French, and German. The Earl of Shrewsbury addressed the children, and the Count de Saleza also spoke, expressing the great pleasure he and the other members of the deputation had experienced in visiting the school, and seeing all the inmates so well, so happy, and so admirably educated and cared for. He concluded by asking for a half-holiday for the pupils, and on this being granted he was saluted with ringing cheers from the whole school. The Earl of Shrewsbury also expressed his pleasure at what he had witnessed, not for the first time; and after many cordial greetings the company returned to town.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this School met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, and was numerously attended. Bro. John Wordsworth was in the chair, and the other brethren present included Bros. A. H. Tattershall, Raynham W. Stewart, Jesse Turner, John Symonds, Hyde Pullen, W. Mann, Benjamin Mallam, Leopold Ruf, S. Rosenthal, Benjamin Head, H. Browne, R. B. Webster, W. H. Saunders, J. G. Chancellor, J. Llewellyn Jones, W. F. C. Mourie, F. Adlard, W. Clifton Crick, S. R. Wilson, H. Dubosc, E. M. Haigh, D. W. Pearse, and F. Binckes (Secretary). Two petitions were received, and two outfits granted to ex-pupils; after which the nominations for the House and Audit Committees took place, and the brethren proceeded to discuss other subjects, which kept them engaged for nearly two hours. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution assembled on the 29th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. The chair was taken by Major J. Creton, M.P., who was supported by Bros. H. Browne, A. H. Tattershall, Raynham W. Stewart, Dr. Ramsay, Thomas W. White, H. M. Levy, the Rev. J. M. Vaughan, H. A. Dubois, H. Dubosc, Richard Spencer, Robert B. Webster, Capt. Wordsworth, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and R. W. Little, Secretary.

There was but little business before the meeting. The minutes of former meetings were read and passed, and the petitions of three candidates were received and admitted. One petition was deferred.

The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques in payment of bills, and after a vote of thanks had been accorded to the Chairman the meeting separated.

## Poetry.

ODE TO THE CRAFT.  
WRITTEN FOR APRIL 28TH, 1875.

Oh! from our ancient Order,  
Widespread throughout the land,  
Rings forth the heart-warm echo,  
God bless our Master Grand.  
Heaven bless him for our country,  
Our Queen, and Princess dear,  
And hear our prayer to spare him  
Thro' many a future year.  
Oh! from our, &c.  
  
With loyal hearts applauding,  
With joyous loud acclaim,  
We hail our new Grand Master—  
Our Royal Brother's name.  
'Tis fit our Prince beloved  
Chief of our Craft should be,  
Whose bonds for Love united  
And Heaven-born Charity.  
Oh! from our, &c.

J. R.

A SERIOUS FIRE.—Many brethren will regret to hear that St. James's Hall, Liverpool, owned by Bro. Sam Hague, was almost entirely destroyed by fire last Saturday evening. The whole of the roof of the hall was destroyed. The scenic effects, properties, dresses, instruments, &c. were also burned, and the interior of the once beautiful hall is now a mass of charred ruins. A short time ago Bro. Hague bought the building for £30,000. The loss is to some extent covered by insurance, the building being insured for £5000, and the fittings for £4000, but Bro. Hague will suffer much by the occurrence, and the greatest sympathy is expressed for him on all hands. Among the articles destroyed was Herr Schalkenbach's marvellous electric organ, which cost him 15 years' labour and study, and which it will be impossible to replace.

## Masonic Tidings.

NOTICE.—The brethren are requested to kindly return any articles they may have picked up in Albert Hall, to the Grand Secretary's Office.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., gave a dinner at Marlborough House, on the 30th ult., to Count de Saleza, Admiral Lagercrantz, and Mr. Oscar Dickson, the members of the deputation who were appointed by his Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway to represent the Grand Lodge of Sweden at the installation of his Royal Highness as Grand Master of the Freemasons of England. The following were invited to meet them:—His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, the Duke of Manchester, his Excellency the Swedish and Norwegian Minister (Baron Höchschild), the Marquis of Hamilton, the Earl of Shrewsbury, the Earl of Rosslyn, the Earl of Limerick, Lord Suffield, Lord Skelmersdale, the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Albert Woods, Mr. Sheekleton, J. Hervey, Major Pickard (in attendance on the Duke of Connaught), General the Right Hon. Sir W. Knollys, and Lieutenant-Colonel A. Ellis.

It is rumoured that private information has been received by a resident in Douglas that Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., contemplates visiting the Isle of Man during the summer.

Previous to the installation of the Prince of Wales, on Wednesday last, Bro. Fredk. Whitaker, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., W.M. St. James's Lodge, 448, entertained to luncheon, at his hotel, (Bro. Hogg's Royal Opera Hotel, Bow Street, Covent Garden, London,) brethren to the number of 30, representing lodges St. James's, 448, and De Warren, 1302, Halifax; Three Graces, 408, Haworth; Savile, 1231, Elland; Prince Frederick, 307, Hebden Bridge; Trafalgar, 971, Batley; and Friendly, 1513, Barnsley. Bro. Thomas Ogden, W.M., Three Graces, 408, proposed the health of Bro. Whitaker in very appropriate terms; and in responding to the toast, the latter said that as the brethren had come so great a distance to be present at the most important ceremony that had ever taken place in the annals of Freemasonry, he hoped all of them would do their best to carry out the regulations of the Stewards, and that everything would be so conducted that each of them might feel perfectly satisfied with the day's proceedings.

Mr. Charles Watkins, of Parliament-street, has had the honour of attending at Marlborough House, and has been favoured with several sittings by the Prince of Wales in full Masonic dress, as the Grand Master of the Freemasons of England. Prince Louis of Battenberg also honoured Mr. Watkins with sittings.

The Duke of Connaught has arrived at Aldershot for the purpose of doing duty as Brigade-Major of Cavalry at the Camp until the end of July.

**THE CHARLES LAMB MEMORIAL.**—The Rev. G. C. Bell, head master of Christ's Hospital, makes another appeal on behalf of the Charles Lamb memorial, which he suggested at the centenary of Lamb's birthday recently. He has received only about £25. He says there must be many "Blues" and others who might find it hard to give a large subscription, but could find a few shillings wherewith to express their sympathy for the proposal to honour Lamb's memory. Scarcely any writer of his generation won the affection of so large a circle of readers; and certainly no Blue has done more to make Christ's Hospital a household word among thousands of educated men than Charles Lamb did by his two characteristic essays. Mr. Bell adds that he has received suggestions to devote the fund that should be raised to one or more of the following objects:—An English essay prize, in the shape of books or medals (which might bear on one face the profile of Lamb); a Scholarship for the encouragement of the study of English literature and composition; a "mural of sculptural record." The first of these has received the most support. But not even the most unpretending of these suggestions can be carried into execution with the amount at present subscribed.

The *Pictorial World* contains portraits of the M.W.G.M., the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Master, the Lord Mayor, J.G.W., the Duke of Connaught, and Prince Leopold.

The anniversary festival of the Churchill Lodge of Freemasons was held on the 4th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Oxford, where there was an unusually large and distinguished gathering of the brethren, among those present being Brother H.R.H. Prince Leopold. A *récherché* banquet was served at half-past seven.

The Prince of Wales, on behalf of Her Majesty, will hold a levee at St. James's Palace on Monday, the 31st instant.

**ST. HELEN'S, BISHOPSGATE STREET.**—On Saturday (this day) at 3.30 p.m., the members of the Architectural Association will, by the kind permission of the Vicar-in-Charge, Bro. the Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., visit the venerable church of St. Helen, Bishopsgate-street, when a paper upon its history and antiquities will be read by the President, Mr. George H. Birch. During the recent restoration many important architectural features have been discovered, and the addition of several fine monuments from the destroyed church of St. Martin Outwich has added considerably to the picturesque beauty of this ancient edifice, the merits of which deserve a larger recognition from the public than it has hitherto received. As admission to the church will not be restricted to members of the association, it may be as well to direct special attention to a few of its most noted monuments, of which the Oteswiche effigies in the Lady Chapel excel in beauty and refinement of workmanship, to those of Sir John and Lady Crosbie (circa 1475) in the Chapel of the Holy Ghost; and, belonging to a later period, the superb figure of Sir William Pickering, said to have been an aspirant to the hand of Queen Elizabeth; as also to the

costly but more debased effigies of Sir John and Lady Spencer, ancestors of the present Northampton family; and to the renaissance tombs of Sir Thomas Gresham, from whom the Leveson-Gower family claim direct descent.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, May 14, 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 8.

Lodge 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel.  
" 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Chap. 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, 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 10.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 29, St Albans, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.  
" 136, Good Report, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.  
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
" 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate.  
Chap. 720, Panmure, Horns Hotel, Kennington.  
" 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

Mark Lodge 173, Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney.  
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 11.

Annual Festival of Royal Masonic Institution for Girls (see advt.)

Lodge 46, Old Union, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.  
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

Supreme Grand Council 33°, 33, Golden-square.  
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domatic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cotterell, Preceptor.

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.

St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wool, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

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 12.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at 3.

Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.

" 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.

" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.

" 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Inn, Hampton Court.

" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse.

" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

Lodge 107, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1288, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.  
 " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-st., Wapping.  
 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, Preceptor.  
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Masmore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. Da id 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 13.**  
 Lodge 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.  
 " 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern.  
 " 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock.  
 " 1216, Macdonald, Head-quarters, 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell.  
 " 1288, Finsbury, Park-road, Seven Sisters-road.  
 " 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill.  
 " 1471, Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.  
 K. T. Precep. 45, Temple Cressing, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.  
 " 117, New Temple, The Inner Temple, London.  
 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.  
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.  
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Buil and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.  
 The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheapside, at 6.30.  
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
**FRIDAY, MAY 14.**  
 Lodge 33, Britannia, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hotel, New Wandsworth.  
 Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street, W.  
 K. T. Precep. 26, Faith and Fidelity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.  
 Union of Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich, at 8; Bro. Dilley, P.M., Preceptor.  
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.  
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.  
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.  
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.  
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.  
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.  
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.  
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.  
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.  
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.  
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.  
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.  
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.  
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8, Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.  
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.  
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.  
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. 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 15, 1875.  
**MONDAY, MAY 10.**  
 Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.  
 " 721, Independence, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, North Chester, at 5.  
 " 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.  
 " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
 Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.  
**TUESDAY, MAY 11.**  
 Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.  
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.  
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 12.**  
 Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
 " 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.  
 " 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.  
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.  
 Chap. 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.  
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.  
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.  
**THURSDAY, MAY 13.**  
 Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.  
 " 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.  
 " 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 6.  
 " 786, Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.  
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.  
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.  
 " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles, near Manchester.  
 Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 5.  
 Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.  
**FRIDAY, MAY 14.**  
 Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, near Birkenhead, at 7.  
 Chap. 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.  
**MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.**  
 For the week ending Saturday, May 15, 1875.  
 All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.  
**MONDAY, MAY 10.**  
 Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.  
 " 204, St. Paul, Whip Inn, Ayr.  
 " 205, Garthland, St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Lochwinnoch.  
 " 219, Star, 12, Trongate.  
 " 307, Union and Crown, Masonic Hall, Barrhead.  
 " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.  
 " 384, Athole, Washington Hotel, Kirkintilloch.  
 " 403, St. George, Oddfellows' Hall, Helensburgh.  
 " 541, Marie Stuart, Prince of Wales-terrace, Crosshill,  
**TUESDAY, MAY 11.**  
 Lodge 177, St. James, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.  
 " 230, St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hotel, Old Cumnock.  
 " 406, St. John, Masonic Hall, Motherwell.  
 " 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.  
 " 419, Neptune, 35, St. James's-street, Glasgow.  
 " 426, Prince of Wales, Mas. Hall, High-st. Renfrew.  
 " 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street, Glasgow.  
 " 543, St. John, Masonic Hall, Dalmuir.  
 Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.  
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 Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.  
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 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-st., Maryhill.  
 Chap. 113, Partick, St. Mary's Hall, Partick.  
**THURSDAY, MAY 13.**  
 Lodge 88, New Monkland, Town Hall, Airdrie.  
 " 109, St. Marnock's, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.  
 " 179, St. Mungo, London Hotel, Mauchline.  
 " 203, St. John, Operative Olive Hall, Airdrie.  
 " 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hotel, Dalry.  
 " 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.  
 Chap. 150, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
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 " 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hotel, Kilbirnie.  
 " 427, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Cambusnethan.  
 Chap. 144, St. Rolrox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.  
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 Lodge 2, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's-st.  
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