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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF FAITH (No. 141).—A strong meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at Anderton's Hotel. The lodge was opened by Bros. Kennet, W.M.; Waygood, S.W.; D. Davis, acting J.W.; Mallett, S.D.; Walls, acting J.D.; Darey, I.G.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M. Sec.; Themans, I.P.M.; Hopwood, Taylor, Green, Past Masters. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., assisted by his officers, raised Bro. Isaacs to the Third Degree, and passed Bro. Field to the Degree of a F.C. The ceremonies were ably performed. The W.M. informed the brethren that in consequence of the shortness of the notice he had received from G.L., respecting the last arrangements in connection with the Installation of the Prince of Wales, he found it would have been almost impossible to have summoned a special meeting to ballot for the one Master Mason's ticket for admission to the ceremony, and had accordingly given it to the S.D., Bro. Mallett, a choice which he felt sure would meet with their approbation. In answer to a question from Bro. Walls, respecting the centenary jewel, Bros. Stuart and Hopwood stated, in compliance with the resolution passed some time since, they had waited upon the authorities at Freemasons' Hall, but had been unable to obtain any certain information respecting it, owing to the great pressure of business at the Hall, in connection with the W.M.G.M.'s Installation, but that they would again see the Secretary, and report to the lodge the result of their enquiries at the next meeting. Some minor business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast. Among the visitors present were Bros. Wright, W.M. Southern Star; Frodsham, 3; Turner, 902, 1266; Harris, 1339. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave "The Queen and Craft" and "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M." Both toasts were heartily received, and Bro. Walls sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The usual healths were then proposed and responded to. Bro. Themans proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who briefly replied. Bro. Wright responded for the Visitors in a neat speech, and Bro. Stuart for the Past Masters, and Bro. Waygood for the Officers. Between the toasts, Bros. Mallett, Walls, Bird, Themans and Burton, vocally, instrumentally, and dramatically amused the brethren. Bro. Longstaffe having giving the last toast, the lodge separated until September next.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—A banquet in celebration of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, was held at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., and was exceedingly well attended by the brethren. Bro. Allatt, of the Southern Star was present as a visitor. Amongst the members of the lodge present were Bros. Gardner, W.M.; Everett, S.W., W.M. of the Domestic; Reeves, S.D.; Higgins, J.D.; Koch, P.M., Lily of Richmond, I.P.M.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Pope, P.M.; Webb, I.G.; Walls, W.S.; W. A. Ellis, Organist. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave "The Queen and Craft," which was received and responded to by the brethren with excellent fire. In proposing the health of the M.W.G.M., the W.M. stated that he hoped the brethren would excuse his being somewhat longer in prefacing this toast than on former occasions. He had just come from assisting at one of the greatest gatherings ever witnessed in England, and an event that he should ever remember as a red letter day in his Masonic career. He could remember the great excitement occasioned at the acceptance of the Grand Master-ship by the late Duke of Sussex, whose portraits in Craft costume were in every shop window, and were for a long time sold in the public streets, and, although very young, he even then thought there was something in Freemasonry more than an empty name, which idea had increased as he grew in years, by the great attention his father, who held provincial rank, always manifested in things Masonic. In conclusion, he hoped that the Craft would continue to prosper under the rule of Albert Edward, and that Englishmen would be for many years to come be able to sing—

Among our ancient mountains,
And through our lovely vales,
Oh! let the prayer re-echo,
God Bless the Prince of Wales!

This toast, it is needless to state, was most enthusiastically received, and Bro. Walls contributed the Anthem "God Bless the Prince of Wales." At the request of Bro. Ellis, sen., the W.M. gave a resumé of the proceedings at the Albert Hall, which was supplemented by Bro. Wormald, the fortunate recipient of the one Master Mason's ticket. The I.P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M., who made a brief reply. The W.M. then gave the health of the S.W., who had declined three other invitations that evening, in order to be present at the Kennington banquet. Bro. Everett suitably acknowledged this special compliment. The other toasts then followed in quick succession, Bros. Koch, Stuart and Pope replying for the Past Masters. The latter, who had been the lodge caterer since its formation, made an excellent speech in bidding the brethren farewell in that capacity, he being about for a time to retire into private life. Bros. Reeves, Higgins, Webb, Walls and Ellis jun., responded for the junior officers. Between the toasts, the W.M. and Bros. Sirgood, Cruse, Walls, Allatt, Wormald and Richardson, socially entertained the brethren, who separated at a late hour, after enjoying a most pleasant and convivial evening.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—Another emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Ball's Pond Road, Dalston. Bro. William Stephens, W.M., presided, and performed all the work of the lodge, assisted by Bros. E. Somers, S.W. and W.M. elect; W. J. Murlis, J.W.; J. E. Walford, P.M., Treasurer; W. Jones, P.M., Secretary; and several other members of the lodge, and visitors, Bros. W. H. Lee, W.M. 1524; and Robert Wright, P.M. 504. The work consisted of passing Bros. C. Biggs, J. Hanney, D. Martin, and F. C. Nevill, and the initiation of Messrs. W. Langford, S. Smout, jun., H. Johns, and J. Pushman. After the work was finished, it was found necessary to hold another emergency, there being yet several gentlemen waiting for initiation in this lodge. When the business of the evening was concluded, the brethren partook of very slight refreshment and then honoured the usual toasts. Bros. Walford, P.M. and Treasurer, and Jones, P.M. and Secretary, replied for the P.M.'s, and Bros. Wright and W. H. Lee for the visitors; and the W.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M. elect," made special allusion to the fact of there being still several initiates to come up to this lodge. He referred to this as a mark of the prosperity of the lodge, which he was sure would lose none of its splendour under the new W.M. That brother would do all he could for the benefit of the institution, and would be most zealous in the cause. Indeed he was sure that that brother would do more for it than he (Bro. Stephens) had done ("No, no"), and although the brethren said "No," he spoke advisedly, and was sure the brethren would be better pleased with Bro. Jones at the end of his year of office than they were with him (Bro. Stephens) ("No, no.") Bro. Somers replied. Speaking of the W.M.'s connection with the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, they had, he said, been guided by the same principle, to improve and benefit Freemasonry by introducing gentlemen into it who would be an honour to it. During his year of office, the brethren had had the pleasure of being presided over by a brother who had delighted them by his happy and genial manners, and he (Bro. Somers) hoped to be as successful while he was in the chair. He assured them that he would endeavour not to allow the lustre of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge to fade. In proposing "The Health of the Officers," the W.M. again drew the attention of the brethren to the success of the lodge, and asked, how could it be otherwise when the Master was supported by such able officers? Moreover, the officers had been successful in the cause of the charities, and Bro. Murlis would take up over 100 guineas to the festival of the Girls' School. Bro. Murlis responded. If he had a weakness in persevering, it was in a good cause, and more especially was he enthusiastic on behalf of little girls, who must be acknowledged to be in a most deplorable and forlorn condition if left without a father. For the Girls' School, as well as for the other charities, he believed in working with all the heart, strength and might. He would not boast, but he hoped he should not disgrace this lodge by taking up at least £120 to the Girls' School Festival. This had been done by dint of a little perseverance, and he was happy to say that his appeals had been most readily responded to. He had received £55s. from a M.P., and one of the initiates that evening had given his half-guinea. Speaking of charities, however, he must remind the brethren that charity began at home, and he did not believe in any brother neglecting home and depriving his family of support for the sake of giving it to Masonry. He had supported the Girls' School this year on account of a favourable impression he derived when he visited that school twelve months ago with the W.M. "The Lay Members of the Lodge" was a toast which brought up Bro. John High, the first joining member, who simply thanked the W.M. and brethren for proposing and drinking his health. Bro. Field announced that Bro. Fisher, who was initiated at last meeting and left for America, had not since been heard of. A vessel which left for the same port as the vessel he shipped in, ten days afterwards, had arrived in safety, but nothing had been heard of his vessel. The brethren having expressed their sorrow at the sad intelligence, shortly afterwards separated.

VICTORIA LODGE (No. 1056).—The installation meeting of this very flourishing lodge took place at Anderton's Hotel on Thursday, when, after the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. Alfred Henry Kirton was raised by the Master, Bro. Joseph Morton; to the degree of Master Mason. The new Master, Bro. Joseph Slade Brown, was then duly installed as Master, the ceremony being very ably performed by Bros. Frederick York Latreille and

Alfred Robbins, the last named brother giving the addresses. The Master then appointed and invested the following as his officers:—Bros. William Perrin, S.W.; Thomas William Skelton, J.W.; William Wrenn, Treas.; A. A. Pendlebury, Sec.; George M. Felton, S.D.; William Gange Durrant, J.D.; E. H. Williams, I.G.; William Tomsett, Director of Ceremonies; Henry Allen, W.S.; and William Grant, Tyler. Other business of the lodge having been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the banquet. A full report of the proceedings thereafter will be given in our next.

PROVINCIAL.

BATH.—ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE (No. 41).—On Thursday, May 6th, the members of this ancient lodge met for the last time before the summer vacation, which will continue till October, and just cleared up all the work by giving the Third Degree to a candidate. The chair was taken at quarter to eight by the I.P.M., supported by Bros. Cooper, Dr. Hopkins, Moutrie, Rubie, Reeves, Wilton, P.M.s, and the following officers—Brown, S.W.; James Dutton, acting as J.W.; Falkner, Sec.; Wilton, D.C.; C. Wilkinson, S.D.; Baldwin, as J.D.; Murlis, as I.G.; Gummer and W. Hunt, Stewards; Broome, Tyler. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, the circular of summons was read, and also a communication from the W.M., apologizing for absence, and appointing Bro. Major Preston, I.P.M., as his substitute in ruling the lodge, and Bro. Dr. Hopkins in working the ceremony. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Dr. Hopkins took the chair, and examined the candidate, Bro. C. W. Radway, as to his proficiency; this proving satisfactory he was entrusted and dismissed for preparation. In his absence the necessary changes were made, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The Organist not being present, Bro. Reeves kindly took his place at the instrument. On the re-admission of the candidate, the ceremony was performed by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, including the Traditionary History, the explanation of the working tools, and the Charge, with a promise, as there will not be another meeting for five months, privately to give the candidate an interesting lecture on the Third Degree. Bro. Cooper kindly rendered efficient help by most impressively giving the appropriate quotations from Scripture. Bro. Major Preston again took the chair, and resumed the lodge in the First Degree, when several matters of only private interest were discussed, and some communications read. The last business was the reading of the bye-laws, a duty required at least once in each year, and which had been fixed for this evening. In compliance with an official intimation from Provincial head-quarters, the brethren appeared with their aprons and collars in mourning, as a token of respect for the late D.P.G.M., Captain Bridges, whose death had occurred since the last meeting of the lodge. He was greatly beloved in the province of Somerset, as marked by the attendance of about 300 brethren when his body was consigned to its resting place at Bridgewater. No other business offering, the lodge was closed at 10 o'clock. Several visitors were present during the proceedings, namely, Bros. Sarre, 1402; Parkhouse, 1125; General Doherty, 53; Sumsion, 855; Captain Gyles, 53; Reeves, 906.

HAVERFORDWEST.—CAMBRIAN LODGE (No. 464).—On Wednesday, the 28th ult., the brethren of Cambrian Lodge held a banquet at the Masonic Hall, in honour of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. G.M. Bro. Alderman J. D. Brown presided with his usual skill and affability, and on the removal of the cloth, gave the customary Masonic toasts, which were heartily responded to. The conviviality of the evening was considerably enhanced by the excellent singing of several of the brethren. There was a goodly attendance of the Craft, and the entire proceedings passed of most harmoniously.

BRADFORD.—SHAKESPEARE LODGE (No. 1018).—The installation of office-bearers of this lodge for the current year took place within the Masonic Hall, Salem-street, on 14th ult., when there was a most numerous turn-out of members and visiting brethren. Bro. William Morgan having been installed as Worshipful Master by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. W. Monckman, assisted by Bro. Wroe, P.M., afterwards invested his office-bearers, as follows—Bros. R. F. Harrison, S.W.; H. R. C. Latimer, J.W.; H. Fordoff, Treas.; W. Longley, Sec.; J. H. Switherbank, S.D.; S. Whaley, J.D.; H. Harrison, I.G.; J. G. E. Ferrand, O.G.; W. H. Haley, J. Cooper, and S. Bulmer, Stewards; and H. Tordoff, S. of W. Amongst the visitors were the following distinguished brethren—Bros. J. Guant, W.M. 1522, P.S.G.D.; Dr. Spark, Mus. Doc., W.M. 289, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Beanland, P.M. 1034, P.G.S. of W.; S. O. Bailey, P.M. 600; J. Clark, W.M. 302; G. Pearson, W.M. 1034; Thos. Riley, W.M. 600; L. Eismann, W.M. 827; E. Poppleton, P.M. 827; J. Proctor, P.M. 1034; J. Foster, P.M. 974; J. W. Berry, W.M. 974; L. Goldstein, P.M. 600; C. H. Taylor, P.P.G.S.D. The musical brethren present were, Ed. de Jong, Celtic Lodge; Robt. Fraser, 413, Glasgow; F. C. Atkinson, 302; J. Rogers, 32, Glasgow; J. O. Leslie, 32, Glasgow; John Billington, Michael Mullen, 600. After the ceremony of installation the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, where a first-class entertainment was provided and partaken of. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts and "The Health of the Retiring Master," Bro. P.M. Wroe proposed "The Health of the Newly Installed W.M.," which was most enthusiastically drunk by the brethren present, after which the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Morgan, replied. He said: Worthy Past Master, Worshipful Masters, Officers and Brethren—To say that the present moment is not to me a proud one would be very much to underrate my own feelings, or to say that the ambition to rise to the position which, by the kindness of the brethren of the Shakespeare Lodge, I have now attained, has not been my ambition for years past, would be simply to mislead you and deceive

myself. When I was first initiated into Freemasonry I well remember with what a large amount of respect, almost bordering on veneration, I looked upon the W.M. who so ably occupied the chair at that time. I looked upon him as occupying a position that years of attention to the duties of the lodge and Masonry has amply compensated for; and I feel that all the time and attention I have devoted to the duties of the various offices to which I have been from time to time appointed, even if that time was doubled—I feel that it is more than compensated for by the high and honourable position I occupy at the present time. Brethren, the ambition to rise in the estimation of your fellow men by commendable and legitimate means is worthy ambition—in whatever state of society it may occur it is something to be proud of; but when that position is no less than to preside over a society of Freemasons, all brethren linked in the same bonds of brotherhood, how much more proud ought he to feel for having such a high and distinguished honour conferred upon him. I hope and trust I shall be able to carry out all your expectations, and prove myself competent to discharge all the responsible duties appertaining to the high office to which I have been elected and installed, and continue to the Shakespeare Lodge the success that has characterized the past, more particularly the last twelve months, which I may truly say, without offending any of its Past Masters, has been the most successful year since its consecration. In the first place, the past year has been almost unprecedentedly successful in its acquisition of new members, and when I say new members I don't merely allude to numbers, but also to the quality of our new brethren of the past year. Again, the past year gave us an opportunity of showing our great esteem, in a practical and substantial way, to one of our worthiest and most respected brothers and his good lady, on each of them attaining their 50th birthday, which, by a remarkable coincidence, happened on this particular occasion on the same day—I allude to the Dewhurst testimonial; and, though last, not least, the last year stands out prominent in the annals of the Shakespeare Lodge, from its very handsome donations to the Masonic Charities, so liberally subscribed by the Shakespeare brethren generally. Brethren, if at the termination of my year I am able to look back with the same assurance of success, I shall feel happy. I can assure you I will do my utmost, and with the co-operation of such an efficient staff of officers as I shall have the honour to work with, not forgetting the most important of all, my immediate P.M., Bro. Monckman, on whom I rely so much for assistance and support—I say with these advantages I don't know why the next year should not be as successful and prosperous as any of the past. I have a great many reasons for feeling extremely grateful to the Shakespeare Lodge, reasons which it would be very much out of place to explain here, but I will try my utmost to prove my gratitude by paying every attention, and using all the administrative skill my capabilities will permit in efficiently discharging all the duties required of me as Master of the lodge. Other toasts followed; and, with the amount of professional talent present, we need scarcely add that the musical contributions to the enjoyment of the occasion were ample and of rare excellence. Bro. Dr. Sparks played his own new composition, "Long Live the Prince," Bros. Rogers and Leslie gave some favourite duets in their own unrivalled style, while Bro. Billington appropriately favoured with a Yorkshire song. Perhaps, however, the climax of success was capped when Bro. Robert Fraser, of Glasgow, gave an extempore ditty, in which the surroundings of the moment were caught up and capitalised on the spot with a facility and eke a felicity that literally set the table in a roar. There was complete truth in the remark of one, that the reception of Bro. Fraser's song was precisely the reverse of its burden—the latter being, "In a quiet sort of way." Altogether the occasion was a complete success—a result towards which his full share was contributed by Bro. Dewhurst, who so kindly undertook and so successfully carried out the purveying of the banquet.

DEBY.—HARTINGTON LODGE (No. 1085).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday, the 5th inst. Bro. Henry T. Bezar, W.M., presided, and there were present, Bros. F. Iliffe, I.P.M.; S. Pipes, S.W.; W. Heathcote, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P.M.; Treas.; J. Worsnop, P.M., Sec.; Theo. Hills, S.D.; T. Gadsby, J.D.; G. Pipes, D. of C.; J. Heathcote, I.G.; W. Stone, Tyler; J. H. Biggs, W. B. Hextall, J. E. Russell, J. O. Manton, Henry Mills, Richard Daniel, Jas. Parkins, jun. Visitor: V. H. Marsden, P.G.S. and W.M. 253. The lodge was opened in the First Degree; the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Daniel and Parkins, who were candidates for passing, being in attendance, were examined as to their proficiency in the former degree and entrusted, and having retired, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Daniel and Parkins were passed to that degree by the W.M. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree. Nothing further being offered the lodge was closed in ancient form and with solemn prayer.

TIVERTON.—ST. PETER'S LODGE (No. 1125).—We extract the following from the *Tiverton Gazette* of the 4th inst.:—"In honour of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Freemasons of England on Wednesday last, the band of the 14th D.R.V. met at the Town Hall about 3 o'clock, the hour at which the ceremony was performed, and marched through the streets of the town playing "God bless the Prince of Wales," and other airs. A halt was made opposite the house of Bro. T. Parkhouse, the W.M. of St. Peter's Lodge, and also before Bro. Reed's, in St. Peter Street, where a banner was displayed. Besides Bro. Parkhouse, the members of the local lodge who were present at the Albert Hall, Kensington, where the ceremony was performed, were Bro. T. B. Paterson, I.P.M.; J. Mills, P.M., P.G.O.; J. Sharland,

P.M., P.P.G.T.; H. Davey, P.M.; F. A. Payne, M.M.; and C. A. W. Troyte, S.W."

NEWTON ABBOT.—DEVON LODGE (No. 1138).—The regular meeting was held on the 20th ult., present: W. R. King, W.M.; F. D. Bewes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. S. Saunders, J.W.; R. L. Lloyd, Treas.; J. Oliver, Sec.; W. Harris, S.D.; E. Huxtable, J.D.; R. Crooke, I.G.; G. H. Hearder, Org.; F. J. Pratt and C. Stevens. Stewards: W. L. Pope, D.D., P.P.G.C.; Richard Hosking, J. Hazwood, R. E. Burges, L. E. Beame, P. Symons, Herbert Martin, Henry Voysey. Visitors: T. B. Purnell and J. Chapple, of Morning Star Lodge No. 1396. The lodge being opened, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed, Bros. H. Martin and R. E. Burges proved their proficiency as E.A.'s. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bros. H. Martin and R. E. Burges passed to the degree of Fellow Craft in a most able manner by the W.M. The lodge was then resumed to the first degree, and Mr. Fitz-Martin, who had been regularly proposed and seconded, at seven days' notice, was balloted for, and, being unanimously elected, was initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The W.M. then informed the lodge that one ticket only had been received for a M.M. to attend the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on the 28th April, and suggested that it be given to Bro. Banfill, he being an early applicant, and such was agreed to. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

PORTMADOC.—MADOC LODGE (No. 1509).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge, the youngest in the Province of North Wales and Shropshire, was held on the 13th ult., at the Queen's Hotel. The lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the I.P.M., in the absence through severe illness of the W.M., Bro. Edward Breese, P.G. Reg. of Herefordshire, initiated into Freemasonry Messrs. Jones, Campbell, and Wm. Jones, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason Bros. Ignatius Williams, David Williams, S. P. Owen, and W.M. Griffith. The lodge having been closed to the First Degree, Bro. Thos. Casson, S.W. and Organist, intimated that he was about to leave Portmadoc for Liverpool, and would therefore have to sever his connection as an officer with the lodge. The brethren expressed themselves sorry to hear of Bro. Casson's departure, and resolved that a banquet be held and a souvenir presented to him, and accordingly on Friday, the 30th ult., a large number of the members met at the Sportsman Hotel, to a banquet which reflected great credit on the host, under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Wallace, I.P.M., the west and south being filled by Bros. Sept. Davies, J.W., and Dr. Jones Morris, Sec. The tables having been cleared, the toast of "The Queen" was given by the chairman, who, in the course of his remarks, said that as a Queen, as a mother, as a woman, our Queen was incomparable, and he was sure the toast would be received with applause by the brethren, who were as patriotic as any in her dominions. He therefore gave the Queen, the daughter of a Mason and mother of Masons. The next toast, that of "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was given by the chairman, who gave a description of the magnificent spectacle at the Albert Hall on Wednesday, and only wished he was eloquent enough to give them a correct description of the ceremony; but if he used all the words in the dictionary they would be inadequate to convey to them the reception of the Prince by that enthusiastic gathering of over 5000 Masons. He was proud the Prince had accepted the honoured position of M.W.G.M., more especially at the present time, when the anathemas of the Pope, the bulls of the Vatican, and the doctrines of cardinals were so freely used against Freemasonry; but in vain, our future King heeded them not, but manfully came forward and repelled their attacks with "Dieu et Mon Droit." He was assured it would greatly enhance his popularity if such was needed, as he believed there was not a mere popular Prince. He was also glad to find the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold following in the footsteps of their illustrious brother. The next toast, that of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, and the rest of the Officers of the Grand Lodge" was given by the chairman, who remarked that the Earl of Carnarvon was a most practical statesman, and one who knew the secrets of almost every country with regard to diplomatic matters, and in connection with such had made his name one to be honoured by posterity; but still he found the time, and had the inclination to devote himself most assiduously to the affairs of Freemasonry. The next toast was that of "Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, R.W. Prov. Grand Master, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge." In proposing it, the chairman said they had toasted the Prince of Wales, now they were going to drink the health of the Prince in Wales. As a Provincial Grand Master Sir Watkin was equal to none; he took very great interest in the affairs of the province, always attended the consecration of every lodge in the province, and when money was wanted for the good of Freemasonry he put his hand in his pocket, and he assured them it did not come out empty. He was a Freemason in every sense of the word, and acted up to the principles of the Craft, and so reflected credit upon himself and the Craft, in which he had made such a signal mark. "The W.M." was then proposed by the chairman, who very much regretted that he was obliged to fill that chair that evening through the inability of the W.M. to be present, especially as it arose from illness, and he was sure his absence would cause a pang in many hearts. It had pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to afflict him, but he hoped he would soon be able to be amongst them. They could not drink the health of a kinder, worthier, more gentle man than their W.M. Since he had known Bro. Breese he had found him always a man, something more than a empty name. He had done his duty nobly in connection with the lodge, by his advice, his example, and his benevolence. He wished him a speedy recovery. Bro. Dr. Roberts, S.D., in reply

thanked them on behalf of his brother-in-law, the W.M., and was glad to tell them he was slowly recovering. He had seen him that evening, and had wished him to announce how sorry he was not to be with them, but if not present in body his heart and soul were with them, and also to express his regret at the departure of Major Casson. The Chairman then called upon them to fill their glasses a bumper to the next toast on the list, which was, he might say, the toast of the evening, viz., "The Health of Bro. Casson, S.W.;" and in proposing it said it gave him pleasure, though mingled with pain, to perform the duty, and was sorry it had not fallen into abler hands. They all had known him longer than he had, which was for about two years, and he had at first only known him as a gentleman of enlightened mind, doing his duty to all and by all, forward in every good cause, always ready to assist in any act of charity, for which his name was a household word in the district, and having formed a good opinion of him, and having esteemed him as such, it gave him greater pleasure to learn that he was a brother Mason, but before knowing that he was sure he was one in heart. He said they were met together that evening as Masons, and he called upon any brothers to supplement his remarks who from their longer acquaintance were better enabled to speak of his good qualities; but before sitting down he had great pleasure, on behalf of his brethren of the Madoc Lodge, to present him with a silver kettle as a mark of their fraternal regard and esteem. The silver kettle, by Elkington and Co. of Regent-street, London, was one of that celebrated firm's newest designs in solid silver, and had the inscription on one side, "Presented to Bro. Major Casson, first S.W. and O., by the brethren of Madoc Lodge 1509, as a souvenir of their fraternal regard and esteem, on his departure from Portmadoc, April 30th, 1875," and on the reverse the Major's crest. Bro. Dr. Roberts said he was sorry to part with Bro. Casson, not only as an officer of the lodge, but as a kind neighbour, always willing to do anything he could in a good cause. He had often in the course of his professional life occasion to see his charity displayed in ministering to the wants of the poor, and relieving their necessities in times of sickness. Bro. Davies, J.W., expressed his regret at the departure of Bro. Casson, and hoped he would be blessed in his new sphere of action. Bro. Cledwyn Owen, as a native Parhelli, remarked that they there joined with them in Portmadoc in regretting the departure of Bro. Casson, and spoke of his usefulness, especially in the volunteer cause. Bro. Casson, in response, thanked them all for their beautiful testimonial, and said he felt proud to receive it, as he was sure it was a mark of their regard and esteem, but that he was wholly undeserving of it for anything he had done in connection with the lodge; he had merely done his duty as far as lay in him, and he thought every one who accepted any office should do that. It would always remind him of them, and if any of them came to Liverpool he would be happy to see them, to test its "brewing" powers. "The Visiting Brethren" was responded to by Bro. Anwyl Owen, of Jersey, who hoped to have the pleasure of seeing their work in lodge at their next meeting. "The Recently Initiated" was proposed by the vice-chairman, who remarked he was glad to see so many present that evening, and assured them the more they saw the more would they appreciate the privileges of having been admitted members of the ancient and honourable Craft. It was responded to by Bros. Wheeler Campbell, Isaac Cledwyn Owen, and Wm. Jones. Bro. Davies, J.W., then proposed "The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Wallace, their Chairman," and said it did not require any remarks from him, as they all knew how anxious Bro. Wallace was at all times to do his utmost for the good of the lodge, by assisting at its ceremonies and in every way he could. Bro. Wallace suitably responded. Bro. Dr. Shelton Jones proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," whom he said did their work very well, and, having had some experience as an officer in a lodge, to do that they must attend lodges of instruction often, as it was there the real work was done, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Dr. Jones Morris, the Secretary, who had been so instrumental in getting up the lodge, and had worked zealously in connection with it since. Bro. Dr. Jones Morris, in reply, said that six months ago Sir Watkin was present to consecrate their lodge, and he, assisted by others, were present at its birth on that occasion, and he was happy to say the infant was now able to walk alone, and was sure that Bro. Dr. Roberts would bear him out it was quite an infant prodigy, by which he meant that the lodge, numbering nearly eighty members, was now, after paying over £200, perfectly free from debt, and could snap its fingers at any one, and he hoped before long it would be able to hold its own with any of the crack lodges in the provinces with regard to their subscription to the charities, for they intended to devote their surplus funds to them. He was very sorry to part with Bro. Casson, and his departure called upon all the officers to redoubled energy, and he was sure they would, and hoped the members of the lodge would do their utmost to assist them, so that when the present officers retired others and he hoped abler brethren would fill their places. "The Charities," Bro. W. G. Casson, Treasurer, and "The Tyler's" toast followed, and the brethren separated after a most enjoyable evening, the speeches being interspersed with songs by Bros. Campbell, Wallace, Williams, and Dr. Jones Morris; Bro. R. H. Williams ably acting as accompanist.

INSTRUCTION.

VITRUVIAN LODGE (No. 84).—A strong gathering of the brethren took place at the White Hart Tavern, College-street, Lambeth, on the 29th ult., to witness the working of the Fifteen Sections. Bro. Landfield, P.M., St. John's, Essex, most ably presided, assisted by that veteran of the Craft, Bro. Nott, P.M. 87; and Bros. Stuart, P.M. 141, &c. &c., J.W. 84, J.D. 87, J.W. 87, Bond, P.M. 87, Sec.; Walls, I.C. 1503, &c., I.G. The First Lecture was worked by Bros. Nott, Rumbald, Ball, Stuart, Jolly, Wing-

ham and Noke, the Second by Bros. Scott, Walls, Bentley, Landfield and Noke; and the Third by Bros. Mattocks, De Solla and Wingham. The working terminated at 11 p.m., and the brethren separated, having spent a most intellectual and instructive evening.

BELGRAVE LODGE (No. 749).—The half-yearly "working" of the fifteen sections of this old established Lodge of Instruction was held at the "Lyceum" Tavern, Strand, on Friday the 30th ult., and was fairly attended. The Preceptor of the lodge, Bro. Pulsford, P.M., (749), presided with his accustomed ability, assisted by Bros. Tolmin, S.W. Wall, (141, 1512, &c.), J.W.; Gardner (749), I.G. Scott, P.M. (749), Secretary; The Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bros. Limebeer, Gardner, Ryley, Watts, Walls, Tolmin and Harris; the Sections of the Second by Bros. Wise, (W.M. elect 1158), Tolmin, Saul, Pulsford and Walls; and the Third Sections by Bros. Saul, Scott and Bentley. The whole of the proceedings were most ably carried out.

LIVY OF RICHMOND LODGE (No. 820).—The annual working of the Fifteen Sections of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on Monday, the 3rd instant, and was numerously and influentially attended. The proceedings commenced at half-past five o'clock in the afternoon, and were held in the fine Masonic Hall. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Colonel Burdett, P.G.M. of Middlesex, &c.; Hammond, P.G.S. of Middlesex, W.M. 1512, &c.; Landfield, P.M. 1343; Austin, P.M. 933 and 1445; Yetton, P.M. 933; Howe, P.M. 1445, &c.; Rugg, P.M. 781; Berry, S.W. 554; and Cundick, J.W. 1421. Bro. Austin, P.M., presided, assisted by Bros. Yetton, P.M., as S.W.; Cundick, as J.W.; Myers, W.M. 820, acting I.P.M.; Phillipps, Secretary; and Walters, 1445, as I.G. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the work commenced, and was carried out in the following order—First Lecture, Bros. Horsley, 933; Walters, 1445; Burdett, 1293; Harris, 820; Cundick, 1421; Tetton, 931, and Howe, 1445. Second Lecture, Bros. Williams, 933; Berry, 554; Hubbard, I.G. 820, &c.; Tetton, 933; and Rugg, 781. Third Lecture, Bros. Cundick; Walls, W.S. 1381, &c.; and Howe. The manner in which the beautiful ritual of the lectures was carried out reflected great credit on all concerned. The visiting brethren who had assisted in the working were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge, and a special vote of thanks passed to Bro. Austin for presiding, who made an able response. Bro. Felton replied on behalf of the visiting brethren. Bro. Walls proposed and Bro. Myers seconded that Bro. Court (1503) should be elected a joining member, which was unanimously carried, and the brother returned thanks. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren partook of an excellent cold collation, catered for by Bro. Palmer, and presided over by Bro. Myers. At the conclusion of the repast the remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony, which was contributed by Bros. Perkins, Walls, Walters, and several other brethren, whose efforts to amuse appeared to give every satisfaction, and the proceedings, which were eminently successful throughout—thanks to the exertions of Bro. Myers, W.M. of the mother lodge, who had carried out the whole of the arrangements, and given many country brethren an opportunity of spending an agreeable and instructive evening—terminated.

Royal Arch.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—DE MOWBRAY CHAPTER (No. 1130).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the George Hotel on the 15th April last. There were present Comps. Hy. Deane, Prov. G.R., M.E.Z.; J. H. Duncombe, H.; Wm. Adcock, J. elect; F. P. Newcome, P.Z., acting J.; Rev. Wm. Langley, P.G.P.S., P.Z.; J. J. Fast, Prov. G.S.B., P.Z.; E. J. Orford, P.Z., Treas.; R. Boughton-Smith, S.E.; Turville, Janitor. The first business was to instal Comp. Wm. Adcock in the chair of J., he being unable to attend at the last installation meeting. The companions being admitted, the M.E.Z., assisted by his officers, exalted Bro. A. J. Dale (Rutland Lodge), the ceremony being most excellently well performed. The election of Principals and Officers for the ensuing year then took place with the following result:—Comps. J. C. Duncombe, M.E.Z.; Wm. Adcock, H.; J. E. Bright, J.; R. Boughton-Smith, S.E.; Bugg, S.N.; Norton, P.S.; E. J. Oxford, P.Z., Treas.; J. B. Leadbeater, M.C.; Hill and Dale, Stewards; Turville, Janitor. This being the whole of the business before the chapter it was closed, and the companions sat down to an excellent banquet, served by Bro. Childs in a most creditable and satisfactory manner.

Mark Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

TEMPLE LODGE (No. 173).—A meeting of the members of the above lodge was held on Monday, May 3rd, at Bro. Mortlock's, the Lord Tredegar, Tredegar-square, Mile End, E.; Bro. W. Lacey, W.M., in the chair. It was proposed to form a Lodge of Instruction under the sanction and warrant of the above lodge, which was accordingly done, Bro. T. Hailey Prestage consenting to act as Secretary, and Bro. Mortlock, P.M., as Treasurer. The amount of entrance fee and other preliminaries were discussed, and it was decided that the lodge meet as above on the first Monday in every month, at 8 p.m.

PROVINCIAL.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—HOWE LODGE (No. 21).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at Melton Mowbray, on Thursday, April 25th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. E. Bright, assisted by his officers, among whom were V.W. Bro. Wm. Langley, P.G. Chaplain of England, I.P.M.; Bros. J. J. Fast, P.M.;

I. C. Duncombe, P. Prov. M.O., S.W.; R. Boughton-Smith, Prov. G.S.D., M.O.; J. B. Leadbeater, Treas.; A. Childs, J.D. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballots for advancement were unanimously in favour of all the candidates, and Bro. Wm. Vial and A. J. Dale being present, were duly advanced. V.W. Bro. Langley then took the chair, and proceeded to instal Bro. J. C. Duncombe in the Chair of Adoniram. The installation of the W.M. being finished, the Board of Installed Masters was closed and the brethren admitted. The W.M. then appointed the following officers, and invested those that were present:—Bros. R. Boughton-Smith, S.W.; J. B. Leadbeater, J.W.; Wm. Adcock, M.C.; C. P. Newcome, S.O.; J. Selby, J.O.; Rev. Wm. Langley, Chaplain; J. B. Leadbeater, Treas.; Wm. Vial, Sec.; R. B. Smith, A. Sec.; A. Childs, S.D.; H. J. James, J.D.; W. Vial, Org.; A. J. Dale, I.G.; Wm. Turville, jun., Tyler. This being the whole of the business, the lodge was closed by the new W.M., and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Childs, and a pleasant evening was spent.

Scotland.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The quarterly communication of this body was held last week in the Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh. There was a large attendance of the brethren. In the unavoidable absence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master (Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart.), the throne was occupied by Bro. J. White-Melville of Bennoch and Strathness, R.W.P.G.M., who was supported by Sir Molyneux Nepean, Bart., Colonel W. M. Neilson, Major Hamilton Ramsay of Garton; Bro. F. A. Barrow, acting Junior Grand Warden; Rev. Dr. Gray and Rev. A. T. Grant, Joint Grand Chaplains; W. Hay, J.D.; A. Hay, G.J.; D. Robertson, Bible Bearer. Besides the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Earl of Rosslyn, the Earl of Kellie, Bro. J. T. Oswald of Dunmickier, Captain Colt of Gartsherrie, and the Grand Secretary sent apologies for absence. The Grand Secretary's absence was caused by severe indisposition. The usual preliminary business having been disposed of, there was submitted a report by the deputation appointed to represent Grand Lodge at the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Freemasons of England, from which it appeared that the deputation had been received with every possible honour and attention, and that the ceremonial on the occasion was of the most imposing character. Charters for new lodges were ordered to be expedite for Manoaah, Sydney, New South Wales; Southern Cross, Calicut, Madras; and Morland, Secunderabad. A petition from Glasgow for the erection of a lodge in connection with the brethren associated together in the drama in that city, was remitted to the Provincial Grand Lodge of the district to report upon. Bro. Ch. Dalrymple, M.P., was appointed unanimously Prov. Grand Master for Argyle and the Isles. Bro. Dr. J. T. Loth presented his credentials as representative from the Grand Orient, France, and was duly confirmed in that appointment. A motion for the admission of immediate Past Masters as members of Provincial Grand Lodges, was considered and adopted. Thereafter Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

The quarterly convocation of this body was held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on the 29th ult. The Provincial Grand Depute Master, Bro. F. A. Barrow, presided, with Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., 3½, as acting S.W., and Bro. George M'Donald, R.W.M. 73, acting J.W. There was a numerous attendance of office-bearers and members of the P.G.L. The lodge having been opened by the P.G.D.M., Bro. Archd. McTaggart, P.G. Sec., read the minutes of last quarterly meeting, and also of the various meetings of the Benevolent Fund Committee from 11th January last, which were duly passed. The next business on the card was with reference to the laying of the memorial stone of the new Public Halls for Glasgow, on the 22nd inst., with reference to which the chairman said that it had been arranged that the Masons of Glasgow intending to be present would muster at 2 o'clock p.m., in the Queen's Rooms. Further arrangements had not yet been completed; but as soon as they were a programme would be issued, and each lodge in the province would be furnished with a copy of it; and might he ask them to have as large an attendance as possible on the occasion. It had been communicated to him only yesterday that the memorial stone of the new Merchants' Hall, at the corner of George-square and West George-street, was also to be laid with Masonic honours in a fortnight or three weeks after that of the Public Halls—that was to say, on the 5th or 12th June next. They would thus see that two very important buildings in Glasgow were to be laid under their auspices, which he thought the Craft in the province might regard as an honour. Further, he might mention that the memorial stone of the aquarium at Rothesay was to be similarly laid. As he understood, Mr. Dalrymple, M.P. for the county of Bute, was to be appointed Prov. Grand Master for Argyle and the Isles, and in laying the memorial stone at Rothesay he would have the honour of performing his maiden ceremonial. In reference to the billet of business for the quarterly meeting of Grand Lodge in Edinburgh on Monday next, the Chairman reminded them of the motion he was there and then to bring forward with reference to giving I.P. Masters of lodges a status in Provincial Grand Lodge; and asked those of them who approved of the same to go through and support it. Bro. G. M'Donald, acting S.W., brought up the subject of the movement, originated some time ago, for the erection of a lodge dramatic within the province. The petition of the promoters, he said, was presented to him in due form; and in looking over it he could see no objection to signing it—on the conditions, however,

that the entrance fee should not be less than three guineas, that the lodge should not be open after midnight, and that no office-bearers should be appointed who were non-resident in Glasgow. With reference to this matter, the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. McTaggart, said he could not forbear saying that it was a very great hardship indeed that members of the dramatic and musical professions could not meet with their brethren occasionally. He thought it would be doing no injury to any lodge in the province to grant their petition, and he hoped the brethren going through to Edinburgh would give it their warm support. In answer to a question as to the opening of the new pier at Dumbarton, on the 8th inst., to which the Glasgow Masons have been invited, the Chairman said that, under the circumstances, it would be most unasonic to go. Unless the head of the Masonic body in the province performed any such ceremony, Masons should not turn out in clothing—they had no right, as Masons, to be there. After a short conversational discussion as to the filling up of certain vacancies in the list of office-bearers of the Prov. G. Lodge, Bro. J. F. Mitchell, R.W.M. 102, moved to the effect that the Provincial Grand Depute Master (the chairman) by unanimous voice of the lodge, be asked to reconsider his announced resolution of retiring from office. The motion having been carried by acclamation, the Chairman said that he did not feel prepared to give a final reply that evening, but he might say that he would take the matter into consideration. It was then moved by Bro. John Munro, R.W.M. 360, and unanimously agreed to, that the P.G. Secretary be instructed to transmit a copy of the minute containing Bro. Mitchell's motion to the Provincial Grand Master. There being no further business toward, the Prov. G. Lodge was then duly closed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 3½) held their bi-monthly meeting in their hall, No. 213, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., Bro. W. Bell, R.W.M., presiding. J. D. Young, S.W.; D. Horne, J.W.; T. Fletcher, I.P.M.; D. M. Nelson, D.M.; R. B. Dalzell, Treas.; J. Dick, Sec.; P. Brownlie, S.D.; R. Craig, P.M.; J. Reid, J.D.; A. Cameron, I.G.; J. Wright, Tyler; and as usual a very large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. W. Bell, and the Secretary read the minutes, which were approved of. Mr. W. Baird and Mr. John Murray, who had been regularly proposed and seconded for initiation into Freemasonry, and there being no objection raised, entered and duly received the E.A. Degree, Bro. W. Bell, R.W.M., officiating in a most efficient manner. Bro. John Dick, Sec., intimated that any members of the lodge who were about or had changed their residence, would much oblige by intimating the same to him. Bro. Bell, R.W.M., then called upon the brethren to select a spot for the annual trip on the 24th June. After several suggestions had been thrown out, and several spots proposed, it was decided in favour of going to the Falls of Clyde; the following brethren being appointed as committee to carry out the same, viz., R. D. Samuels, D. M. Nelson, J. Dick, R. B. Dalzell, J. D. Young, D. Horne, J. Anderson, J. Fletcher, and J. McMillan. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and with toast and song spent a most enjoyable evening.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MUNGU (No. 27).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, No. 213, Buchanan-street, on Thursday, 6th inst. Bro. Dugald Butler, R.W.M., occupied the chair, Bro. A. Bain, P.M., Lodge Union and Crown, No. 103, acting S.W.; Bro. G. McComb, J.W.; Bro. Archibald McTaggart, D.M., Prov. G. Sec.; and the other office-bearers in their respective places. The Secretary read the minutes of last regular meeting, which were approved of. The business before the meeting being the initiation of Mr. R. L. Morrison, who was duly vouched for and approved of, and the raising of Bro. John McCuiagh to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being most ably performed in both cases, and there being no further business, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE UNION (No. 332).—The regular bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on Monday the 3rd inst. In the absence of Bro. J. B. Macnair, R.W.M., and the Senior and Junior Wardens, who were at Edinburgh, at the quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Robert Mitchell, P.M., opened the lodge, Bro. Murray acting S.W.; Bro. J. McInnes, J.W. The minutes of last meeting, also those of an emergency meeting, having been read and approved of, the lodge was raised to the F.C. degree, and Bro. J. B. Macnair, R.W.M., and his S.W. then entered and occupied their respective places. One brother was then passed to the degree of F.C., and two raised to the sublime degree of M.M. In both cases the ceremony was performed in a most able and impressive manner; the F.C. degree by Bro. R. Mitchell, P.M., and the M.M. degree by the R.W.M., Bro. J. B. Macnair. There being no other business before the meeting, the lodge was closed.

THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE IN YORKSHIRE.

A Charter of Constitution has been granted by the Grand Imperial Council of the Masonic and Military Order of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and appendant Orders, to certain members in Sheffield, to hold a conclave there, to be called the "White Rose of York," No. 120; Em. Sir Knight, W.H. Brittain, 31°, M.P.S., designate; Em. Sir Knight, Wm. Roddewig, 30°, V.E., designate.

The consecration is to take place early in June next. This being the first conclave in Yorkshire, and the White Rose being adopted as a distinctive emblem upon all the insignia, it is anticipated the degree will go with great éclat.

Any brother wishing to take the degree of Knight of the

Red Cross of Constantine, K.H.S. and St. John the Evangelist, had better communicate at once with Bro. W. H. Brittain, Alma Works, Sheffield, or Bro. Joseph Binney, Queen-street Chambers, Sheffield.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The 87th anniversary festival of this Institution was held on Tuesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Grand Junior Warden of England. About 500 brethren and ladies were present during the evening, and the arrangements made for their comfort and convenience were of the most gratifying description. Although the hall was very full, no inconvenience was occasioned, and no brother lacked any attention that could be bestowed on him. The Stewards were unremitting in their exertions, and lost no opportunity of contributing to the general harmony of the evening.

Among the brethren on the dais supporting the chairman were the Earl of Jersey, Col. Lync, Sir Albert Woods, Bros. Monckton, Peter de L. Long, John Hervey, S. Tomkins, James Mason, W. Paas, Joshua Nunn, Brette, Capt. Wordsworth, John Sutcliffe (Lincoln), H. Browse, Dr. Barringer, J. R. N. Vinc, (Lord Mayor's Secretary), J. A. Rucker, J. C. Parkinson, D. Jabez Hogg, Thomas, Fenn, John Symonds, Raynham W. Stewart, Rev. E. Thompson, Vicar of Wandsworth, N. B. Headon, Peter Matthews, A. H. Tattershall, George Kenning, A. J. D. Filer, Thomas Cubitt, C. A. Cottebrune, Joseph Smith, James Brett; and a great many other present and past Grand Officers.

At the conclusion of dinner grace was sung, and the following speeches were delivered in proposing the toasts:—

The Chairman: Worshipful Sirs and Brethren, the first toast that I have the honour to propose to you this evening is "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen." It is always a pleasure, and especially with Masons, to propose this toast, because we are always prepared to acknowledge in her the most powerful as well as the most constitutional of Sovereigns who has ever sat on the throne of this country; and at the same time we are proud to look on her as being a bright example in every condition of life, and as the exemplar of every private and domestic virtue. I propose to you "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen."

After the National Anthem had been sung,

The Chairman rose and said: Worshipful Sirs and Brethren, I have now the peculiar honour to propose to you the next toast. I believe this is the first time, at all events in this Institution, that the form of this toast has been altered. I have now to propose it in this significant form, "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master," (cheers), "Patron and President of this Institution; the Princess of Wales, Patroness; and the other Members of the Royal Family." Brethren, I think you will acknowledge that this is a proud occasion on which I have the honour to propose this toast to you. We feel all of us, I am sure, most deeply grateful as well as greatly honoured by the position to which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has attained in Masonry. We have also the pleasure of knowing that he is the Patron and President of the Institution, which we have met here to-night to endeavour to do the utmost we can to promote the interests of. We are also glad to know that the Princess of Wales assumes her position of Patroness; and I cannot help thinking you will agree with me that this is an opportunity when we may, among ourselves, acknowledge the deep obligation we owe to the Prince of Wales and the Princess of Wales for the good they have done for Freemasonry. It is not for me to enlarge more upon that subject, but it is only right for me to say as much as I have said. You will, however, concur with me in not only drinking to the health of the Prince and Princess of Wales, but will also remember that the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold are also Masons; and that the Duke of Connaught did us the honour to be present at the Installation in the Albert Hall. When I say that, I think we are coming back to the right position in which Freemasonry ought to stand. (Hear, hear.) Without saying more I will propose to you the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., Patron of this Institution, Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, the Patroness of the Institution, and the other Members of the Royal Family." (Cheers.) The toast having been drunk with great enthusiasm, was followed by the song "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

The Chairman again rose and said: Worshipful Sirs and Brethren, I have now the very great pleasure of proposing to you "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master." (Applause.) Brethren, I am sure I have only to allude to the fact that on the recent occasion of the Installation of our M.W.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon should, for a short time, leave his sorrow to come among us to perform a most important duty. I am sure you will all agree with me that he performed it in a way which rendered Masonry illustrious. We feel deeply for him in his sorrow, and we trust that at some distant period he may appear among us in that pleasant, and genial, and free, and happy way in which he always has appeared among us heretofore. I need not say any more with respect to this toast, except that I am sure every Mason in this country appreciates and admires the Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon. (Hear, hear.)

After the toast had been duly honoured,

The Chairman said: Brethren, I have now the honour to propose to you the next toast, which is that of "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past." (Applause.) Brethren, I am sure that we are all proud to acknowledge

the services of the Deputy Grand Master. None of us who were present on a recent occasion but admired the great presence with which he performed his part in that ceremony. I should also feel inclined to pay him my earnest and warmest respects for that. We have also present to-day several of the Grand Officers in Freemasonry. I am proud to feel that so many of the Grand Officers are present to-night, not so much on my own account, because it makes me feel rather bashful and timid as to the mode in which I express myself before so august a body. I am very thankful indeed, and I am sure, brethren, that we all of us are grateful that we have so many brethren holding high offices in the Craft now present. It is due to them to say that on every public occasion, and on every occasion of charity, and whenever good can be done, we always find our brethren, the Grand Officers past and present, are always equal to the occasion. (Hear, hear.) I will now ask you to drink to that toast, and I will connect with it the name of my friend the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex (hear, hear), who is also the representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland in Grand Lodge of England. I may remind you that, on the recent occasion I have before referred to, our Irish brethren shewed themselves very forward and very anxious to perform their part of the duty incumbent on Freemasons, and we only accord to our brother, Colonel Burdett, the honour due to him as Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, and representative of Grand Lodge of Ireland, when we drink his health with that of the Grand Officers. I propose to you the toast.

Col. Burdett, who, on rising, was received with great applause, said: Right Honourable my Lord Mayor, and Brethren here assembled, I assure you it is a great gratification to me to have this opportunity of thanking you for the very kind manner in which you have received the health of Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers. I had almost wished it had fallen in other hands to respond to this toast; but I can assure you that no other brother could do it with greater good wishes than I do it at the present moment. I may say that Lord Skelmersdale has been known to me a considerable time, longer than perhaps he has been known to any other brother now present; and I have great pleasure in stating the manner in which he has always performed his duties. It is only very lately that he has been brought before the brotherhood in London, but he has done his duties in the provinces in a manner which must be commended by every brother of the Order. I am quite certain he would never have been placed in the high and proud position he now holds unless his duties had been properly performed. They have been done properly, and they have been thoroughly appreciated by those around me. I have a great deal of pleasure also in returning thanks for the rest of the Grand Officers, because most of you are fully aware how they have discharged their duties. These duties are not for them merely to come before you at a festival of this sort; they are, as you well know, more onerous, perhaps, than they at first anticipate, when they undertake the position they hold. The duties they perform are for the benefit of the Order, and they are carried out in such a way that they are appreciated by the brethren of the Order in general. I will not trespass upon your time, but I will return thanks for Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers, as well as myself, for the kind manner in which you have received this toast. (Cheers.)

The Earl of Jersey: Brethren, I have the great privilege, with the consent of our Worshipful President, to propose a toast, and I hasten to do so, feeling sure every brother present is eager to respond to it. It is "The Health of our Worshipful Chairman, the Lord Mayor of London," (Great applause.) Only a few words of mine will be required to bring this toast to your notice. I need hardly say that we are under great obligation to our Worshipful Chairman for coming here to-night in the midst of the numerous and heavy duties which belong to the high position which he holds in this great city, to plead the cause of this charity, which we are all so anxious should succeed. (Hear, hear.) I know that every brother here feels under a great obligation to the Worshipful Chairman for being here to-night. But his lordship will have the consolation of knowing that not only do his brother Masons in this hall thank him for it, but also that many of these young girls whom we are anxious to bring up and send forth into the world prepared to perform their duty in it, will thank him with silent but equally heartfelt and as generous thanks as any man could possibly desire. Brethren, I shall not speak in any terms of panegyric of our worshipful brother in his presence, but I shall call upon you to respond to this toast, and to shew that you are thankful to him for having taken the chair to-night. (Cheers.)

The Chairman: My Lord, Worshipful Sirs and Brethren, I thank you, my Lord, for the very kind way in which you have introduced my name to this meeting of brethren, and I thank you, brethren, for the very enthusiastic way in which you have received the toast of so unworthy a Mason as myself. (No, no.) Brethren, I feel under the obligation to say that the honours which have been so recently conferred upon myself have been in recognition of the services of the Masons in the old City of London, (Hear, hear.) if I may say so, the leader and nurse of that illustrious and useful body, the Masons. It has been said on a recent occasion by our Bro. Parkinson that there was a time when the City of London did somewhat to assist in the promotion of Freemasonry, when circumstances and occasions were not so favourable as they are at present; and therefore I do feel myself somewhat in a proud position as representing the old corporation of London to-night. With respect to my duties as chairman this evening, I must say I entered upon them with a very large amount of diffidence, because I have not been—and I am free to confess it, and no man can do better than confess his fault—that I have not been of late years so constant an attendant on Freemasonry as I ought to have been. But now I shall endeavour

to amend my ways. I hope to become a better Mason, and you could not give me a better opportunity than offering me the first chance of advocating the cause of the ladies, (Hear, hear.) I can assure you, brethren and my Lord, that I thank you very much indeed for the honour you have paid me. I think perhaps this toast is a little out of place, because it is usually given when the chairman of such festivals as this has said something for the purpose for which he takes the chair. Well, now it may be that I may disappoint you, and, therefore, possibly you may have been too kind to me; but at all events for the very great kindness and enthusiasm which you have shewn in receiving my name as the representative of the old City of London, I thank you very much indeed. (Cheers.)

After a brief interval, during which there was some more singing,

The Chairman said: Worshipful Sirs, and Brethren, I have now the pleasure to rise to propose what is termed very properly the toast of the evening (hear, hear), and that is, "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." (Cheers.) Brethren, I have advocated many a cause for charity, but I do not know one which I have approached with more pleasure than I do this particular one. I do so, not because this institution needs any advocacy on the grounds of its juvenility; but it needs this, that every brother who holds the position which I have the honour to hold on this occasion, should be able to say that that which has been so munificently given has been as beneficially spent, (Hear, hear.) I am one of those who do not like to call anything by a wrong name, and I must therefore say that this institution for the daughters of distressed Masons is a successful institution. I am proud to say that I have had an opportunity of seeing, and that very recently, in what way this institution is conducted, and when you or I have seen that, I think we shall all be prepared to say that not only ourselves but those who have preceded us in Masonry did make no mistake whatever when they inaugurated and instituted a school like this. (Hear, hear.) We all have had the privilege of reading the history of this school. We know how it was founded; we know that at that time royal personages patronised Masoury, as they do now, and we find that the first fruits of royal patronage was the institution and formation of this school, for we know as a fact that this school in its first formation was called "The Cumberland School for Girls," and was so called after the late Duke of Cumberland, who, I believe we are all pleased to acknowledge, even at this late date, was one of the greatest promoters and friends of Masonry. (Hear, hear.) Carried on as this school has been from that time to the present, and gradually rising in numbers, in efficiency, and in good conduct, we find that during that period something like 1000 girls have been admitted into it, have been clothed, and fed, and taught, and have been rendered useful members of society, and we know, as a fact, that if I may use a commercial term, the girls of the Masonic Institution are at a premium. In saying that, I only speak from my own experience, for I had an opportunity on Saturday last, in distributing the prizes to those girls, of knowing actually what a good institution it is, and what girls can be made when they are admitted into and educated in an Institution like the Girls' School in Masonry. (Hear, hear.) Now, it may be said, and no doubt it is said, why does such an institution, which is so wealthy as this, require an annual festival to increase its funds? There is a very good answer to that. Rich as this institution may be, it is not rich enough. I, for myself, like to know this fact, that there may be times of adversity; there may be times when even the brethren may not be in a position to come forward in such an ample way as to find a sufficient income for the maintenance of this school; and when we know that providing for 149 or 150 girls is no trifling cost, but does amount to a large revenue, although possibly upon the face of it it would not appear to be so, but when we take everything into account, it does require a large revenue, it is most advisable and beneficial that an institution like this should have a good nest egg laid by in the shape of a large investment, so that it may have an opportunity of something to fall back upon. But in addition I see no reason why the school should be kept down to the number of 150. This school may be raised by the same principles on which it has educated a small number of children to educate double the number; and therefore, there is no reason at all why we should relax in our efforts to raise such a fund that we may be enabled at a future time not only to increase the number of the pupils, but to increase and enlarge the building. (Hear, hear.) Well, if that is so we may do it by following the course that is now being pursued in this very school, viz., that we may bring up children there for all sorts of good purposes in life. In this way we may have girls there who may be converted into ladies. I saw on Saturday last, one, two, or three girls who I say would be fit associates for any ladies in the land, (Hear, hear), who by their manners, education and appearance are fit for any society. Under the able tuition of the chief governess one young lady, I call her a young lady, and it is quite right that I should so call her, delivered a recitation in German equal in pronunciation and diction to any German scholar. I also heard other young ladies—I still keep to that term—deliver a dialogue in French; and I must say that I should be very proud if I could speak French as well. Then, we find that she has been enabled to impart a good musical knowledge, and experience, and practice among these girls. When you find twelve girls sit down to pianos, and all of them keep that exact time that you cannot detect a wrong note or a wrong time, I say there must be great proficiency in that. Then comes this question, is it not a good thing when you find girls of that calibre, and of that brain that they can receive this education, that they should receive it? Why should they not? There may be reasons on the other side no doubt,

but there are enough girls in this School to be educated to household work, to become as they no doubt would become, very good domestic servants, because I found that in that respect even those young people I call ladies are obliged to learn all domestic duties. They perform all duties which will render them useful members of society in whatever position they may be placed; and that is one of the benefits of this Institution—if a girl cannot do one thing she can always do another. And if that is so I am sure this Institution has attained its highest degree of success. With respect to finance, that is a subject on which I must offer somewhat of congratulation. I feel this to be a great benefit indeed, that one of the objects in which we always consider Masons to be most successful, is that of charity and benevolence. I know of no other gathering of any class whatever who are so liberal in their gifts, charities and donations, as the Masonic body. When we look at the amount raised year by year, not only for this Institution, but the Boys' School and the Aged Freemasons, it is wonderful what a large amount is collected; and I must say it is not in any way too large. It is only that which shews us what we can do if we have the means. It shews us we can relieve, and take from parents children who might be demoralised, and instead of becoming benefits to society might be its pests; instead of benefitting a parish might go to the criminal courts, as in former times no doubt they did, and so society was deteriorated. Now, brethren, I do not know that I have much more to say in this cause, except one thing, and that I think is very material; as it shews that at all events girls can compete in these local examinations. Now, we find that an average of ten of these girls in our school are competitors in the Cambridge local examinations, and on every occasion every one of them have either received honours or certificates of merit. I consider that to be a great thing indeed, because it is right on one hand that no girls should be raised much above another, that no favoritism should be practised in respect of some girls who may be supposed to have superior merits, and that the rest should be left untutored or neglected. Now that is not so in this school. Ten girls every year are brought forward to show what the school can do; but in doing so they set an example to those who remain behind. (Hear, hear.) Now I really do not know that I can say anything more in praise of this excellent Institution. It is one which gave me exceeding pleasure in visiting last Saturday, and I certainly was only sorry that the climate did not favour us to that extent it might have done. Still, it enabled us to see more of the interior of the building. Though we did not see how the cabbages were grown in the garden, we saw and are prepared to testify how human beings grow and improve. Therefore brethren, I am sure that, although I am bound to say that this Institution is in a flourishing state, I think it is our duty to make it still more flourishing, and therefore ask you not to stop and to think you have done enough; but I hope on this occasion you will be found to be inclined to do more. I give you "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," and in doing so I have to ask a friend of mine, and a very great friend to the Institution, to respond to it—the Treasurer, Bro. Tomkins. (Hear, hear.) I am sure of this, that our Bro. Tomkins knows how to receive money, how to invest it better, how to take care of the profits, or to see them well and properly applied. He has been the Treasurer of Grand Lodge and this Institution for so large a number of years, that I believe we may place implicit confidence in him. I know this, that the larger amount we place in his hands the better he will like it. (Cheers.)

Bro. S. Tomkins said: My Lords and Brethren, after the eloquent address which you have just heard on behalf of the noble charity, which we are met this evening to support, there is very little left for me to say. I am quite sure when you hear the amount of the sums collected you will be gratified at the exertions which the Craft has made on this occasion. When we see year by year our Masonic subscriptions rise to so noble an amount, I think we ought never to forget that the increase of the Masonic body is such that it must evidently and inevitably bring on our charities in future years greater demands than we have seen in past years. Therefore, when we congratulate ourselves on our success, and cannot but feel a certain amount of pride that our charities are so well supported, we must remember that the future will bring upon us very heavy and serious claims, and that it is very necessary that the admirable traditions of the past should be handed down to the future—that we shall find in the future as large and efficient a body of Stewards as we have upon the present occasion, that there is a laudable emulation that the subscriptions of future years should exceed those of the past. I think it used to be considered that it was always a most successful meeting when the subscriptions did not amount to more than a tenth of what they do to-night. It is peculiarly gratifying that we should bring out the strong and forcible point of view, that of the connection between the ancient Corporation of London and the great Masonic body. It is a very pleasant thing that the intimate union between the Corporation of London and that great body has this year received a decided impulse in the acceptance by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of the chair of this festival. (Hear, hear.) When you hear the announcement of the lists you will see what great success has been obtained, and I am sure that you will each and all of you see that the success which has hitherto attended us has not fallen off on the present occasion.

Bro. Little (Secretary) here read the lists of subscriptions. Colonel Lyne: My Lord, Right Worshipful Sirs and Brethren, the toast confided to my charge is that of "The Vice Patrons, the Vice Presidents, the Trustees, the various Committees, and the Medical Officers." Now, it is only those who have served in those various offices who are aware of the difficulties and the onerous and responsible duties which they have to perform; in fact I know of

no more responsible duties, unless it be on the part of him who has to propose their health. (Laughter.) I think we may safely congratulate those brethren on the great success which has resulted from their good and kind offices. I think the receipts which we have just heard fully justifies me in making that observation; for when we hear that so large a sum as £7,269 3s. has been subscribed at one meeting for the purposes which the Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor has stated, I think that whatever trouble those brethren may have taken they have been amply rewarded, for these brethren, if they have not been rewarded in this respect, though I think they have, yet there are other respects in which they have at all events been rewarded. The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor observed in the early part of the evening that we were coming back to the right place in Masonry when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was made the head of our Order. (Hear, hear.) Permit me to give another illustration of that, which is, when we see the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor presiding at our banquet. (Hear, hear.) That is one source of congratulation that I have to mention. Another source of gratification is this, the manner in which we have seen the tables, surrounded as they have been this evening. Another thing, which I am sure will give them equal pleasure—and though I mention it last it is not least—I think in the early part of the evening the brethren must have been delighted to see the gathering of youth and beauty and fashion there assembled. I say all these results must be gratifying to those brethren whose names I have the honour to propose; and when I ask you to drink that toast, I will couple with it the name of one who will at all events make up for any deficiency I have shewn in proposing the toast, and will fully compensate for me, I mean Bro. Parkinson, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex.

Bro. Parkinson having left, Bro. John Symonds was called upon to respond.

Bro. Symonds: Brethren, I am taken considerably by surprise by the coupling of my name with the toast, for although it so happens that I am a very old Vice-president of this Institution, of late, owing to the fact that the meetings of its various committees are held on a day when it is impossible for me to attend, I have not taken that active part I could have wished in the affairs of the School. But, my Lord Mayor, when you are pleased to couple my name with the toast, it is my duty to respond to it; and I can assure you and the brethren that although, as I have said, I am taken by surprise, it is to me a very great gratification to respond for such a glorious institution. I have seen in former years sometimes, although not so often lately as formerly, how the various committees of this institution devote themselves to its welfare. I have seen them working day after day for the benefit of this institution, and if it had not been that under their care it had prospered so gloriously, you could not have had the magnificent result which you have achieved to-day, of receiving subscriptions to the amount of upwards of £7000. Brethren, I feel by this toast being coupled with the working men of the institution, that it is owing to their admirable exertions that the School has attained the proud position it now occupies. I remember the time when we met in this hall when we were gratified with subscriptions of £800. We thought it a magnificent result. Now, however, we get the sum of £7000 (cheers). On behalf of those who have worked for it I beg to thank you most cordially.

The Rev. C. J. Martyn proposed, "The other Masonic Charities." If there was any force in numbers this was the toast of the evening, inasmuch as the Lord Mayor proposed success to one charity, and the present toast embraced two. Whatever had been said in praise of the Girls' School could be said of the Boys', and whatever could be said of the Boys' could be said of the Benevolent Institution. He wished the claims of both were advocated more than they were. He was sorry to say that in provinces not very far off, from where brethren came up to the late Installation, they were quite ignorant as to these Institutions. They seemed as if they would not understand these things. He hoped, however, their eyes would soon be opened. He would call on Bro. Binckes to respond. He did not think that if he were to search England through, he could find a man who had done more for the charities than Bro. Binckes.

Bro. Binckes replied, and congratulated the Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School on the success of their festivals. There was a new word used at present, "trilogy," which occurred to him in connection with this subject—the three Masonic Institutions were a trilogy. If asked to explain, he would say the first institution's festival should be good, the second better, and the third best. He was looking forward to the superlative for the festival of his Institution, the Boys', which would happen on the 30th June, and he hoped that the brethren would come forward and support it liberally. (Cheers.)

The Chairman proposed "The Stewards," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Monckton.

Bro. Monckton, in responding, said: Right Worshipful Sirs and Brethren, the Stewards have but little to say that you have not already heard from our brother the Secretary of the Girls' School. It has been well said, and will be to the end of time, that the end crowns the work. If, brethren, you are satisfied with the end, depend upon it, we Stewards have no reason to regret, but on the contrary, to rejoice at what we have done, and very heartily we thank you. (Cheers.)

The Chairman proposed "The Ladies," who he believed were very anxious to know something more about Freemasons than they were willing to divulge. They were, however, willing to shew them that they were capable of performing great acts of charity. They had been much pleased with the number of ladies who had graced the gallery that evening, and was only sorry they could not sit down side by side with the brethren.

Bro. P. de L. Long responded, and thought it would be better to join them immediately in the concert room instead of expatiating on their merits.

This was done, and the company separated about eleven o'clock.

The dinner was well supplied by Bro. Francatelli, and gave great satisfaction. Bro. Harker was toast-master, and under the direction of Bro. Kerr Gedge a beautiful selection of music was performed by Miss Josephine Sherrington, Madame Thaddeus Wells, Miss Florence Winn, Madame Varley Liebe, and Bros. Hodges, Wilford Morgan, Winn, De Lacey, and W. H. Thomas.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The committee of this institution was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Benj. Head presided, and there were also present—Bros. Joseph Smith, W. Hilton, L. Stein, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, J. G. Stevens, Wm. Stephens, James Brett, J. Newton, Charles Lacey, F. Adlard, Griffiths Smith, J. A. Farnfield, Raynham W. Stewart, Capt. J. Wordsworth, C. F. Hogard, Capt. Cubitt, and James Terry, Secretary.

A letter from Bro. Dr. W. Strong was read by the Secretary, thanking the committee for making him a Vice-president of the institution.

The Secretary also reported that Messrs. Cutbush had presented another dozen of rhododendrons to the institution, and on the motion of Bro. Griffiths Smith, seconded by Bro. Joseph Smith, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Cutbush for the generous and timely gift.

The report of the Committee of Management was read, by which it appears that with the additional 22 aged persons resolved to be put on the funds of the institution, there would now be 230 (130 males and 100 females) annuitants to be provided for, at a cost annually of £7743.

Some other business was then transacted, and the committee adjourned.

The election will take place on Friday next.

Masonic Tidings.

The Prince of Wales has sent a donation of twenty guineas to the Cabmen's Shelter Fund.

An Illustration of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will appear in the *Freemason* of the 22nd inst.

We understand that the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at the Alexandra Palace.

The Surrey Masonic Hall will shortly be opened by the Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale.

Bro. Erasmus Wilson has given to the British Medical Benevolent Fund the sum of 100 guineas for the augmentation of annuities for aged or disabled qualified members of the medical profession. Bro. Wilson recently presented to the Royal College of Surgeons of England the sums of £5,000 to found a professorship in the college, £5,000 for the purpose of building a new wing to the Royal Medical Benevolent College at Epsom, and £2,000 for repairing Swanscombe Church.

Bro. Robert John Chappell, (Gutierrez, Chappell & Co., Old Broad-street), liveryman and stationer, has been elected a member of the Common Council, in the room of the late Mr. Deputy John Banister, deceased.

Bro. F. Kent, C.C., has been elected on the court of assistants of the Wheelwrights' Company.

Though the Grand Lodge of Freemasons at Berlin still refuses to accept Jews as members, several independent lodges which ignore these exclusions have been formed in that city.

The Rev. Dr. Brette, of Christ's Hospital, has been elected by the Senate of the University of London examiner in the University. Dr. Brette held the same position from 1865 to 1870.

"EGYPTIAN HALL."—Dr. Lynn has, within the last few days, introduced to his patrons two wonderfully clever Mandoline players, who now alternate the honours of the musical portion of the programme with the Sisters Gerbaldi. As professors of this charming instrument they evince talent of the highest order, going through some most difficult pieces with the finest effect. Dr. Lynn is to be complimented on his latest musical addition to his already most extraordinary entertainment.

The "Spécialité" sherry sold by Messrs. Felton and Sons, of Conduit-street, Bond-street, is vouched for by various chemical and medical authorities as being pure. We will take that as the very best and most satisfactory basis to start from to criticise the wine. From thenceforward we claim to have as good a right to speak, and when we say that the taste of the "Spécialité" sherry is very refined—something that meets the modern notion of dry, and yet fulfils the desires of those who ask for the old-fashioned nutty flavour—we think the public may exclaim—"We have found it! This is the very wine!" —*Court Journal*.

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ERRATUM.—In our report of the Royal Cumberland Mark Lodge the following line was omitted from amongst the appointments of officers:—"Dr. Hopkins, Chaplain; Jelley, S.W.; Carey, J.W.; Milsom, S.O."

Numerous reports of lodge meetings, English and Scotch, stand over till our next.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1875.

GRAND CHAPTER.

The meeting of Grand Chapter was rendered most interesting by the appearance of our Royal Brother, the Prince of Wales. He was duly installed in the First chair, the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master in the other two respectively, and the meeting began as it ended, amid the warm enthusiasm of the companions. We think that it is a matter of much rejoicing that our Royal Grand Master thus accepts and so warmly enters into his Masonic duties and position, and we feel more than ever how good an omen it is for the future welfare of our Order, when we see our august brother so calmly intent on losing no opportunity of proclaiming openly his attachment to our body, his approval of our principles, and his entire sympathy with our labours and our efforts! His appearance on Wednesday, 5th, at Grand Chapter was a befitting "corollary" of all his previous friendly words, and will convince the Craft from one end of England to the other how thoroughly he has inherited that goodwill for our peaceful, benevolent, and tolerant brotherhood, which distinguished in years gone by so many of his illustrious family.

LORD CARNARVON'S SPEECH.

We have read with great attention our able Bro. Buchan's criticism on the eloquent address of our distinguished Pro Grand Master, but we confess we cannot understand what he finds amiss in it. Our noble brother only adopted the guild theory, which is also upheld by Bro. Hughan, "Masonic Student," and others, and we cannot see that the address to the Grand Master,

opportune and admirable as it was, is in any way obnoxious to critical animadversion. We fully endorse his words, with all deference to Bro. Buchan. We believe, as he does, that our Speculative Order is but the continuation of the old operative guilds, and therefore we hold, and hold strongly, that Lord Carnarvon in all that he said, and said so well, is alike archæologically and historically correct. We certainly do not accept as proved facts, the assumed affiliation of the old James I., King Charles I., King Charles II., and King William III., though we do not mean to say that the traditions in that respect are utterly untrue! But as we have no evidence of the statements, we relegate them to the period of legend and tradition alone, assuming that our actual trustworthy history begins with 1717. But we say all this with deference and with reserve, so neglected has been the study of Masonic antiquity amongst us, neglected that is, on scientific principles, and evidential accuracy, that, as we feel sure Bro. W. J. Hughan will agree, we must look upon ourselves as yet upon the threshold of enquiry and verification. If the logical result of the argument, for instance, arising out of the facts as proved by the Masons' Company books be accepted, as we think it will be, the consequence will be that in 1646 Speculative Freemasonry was known and practised in this country, and that in 1682 the Freemasons were a distinct organization, openly receiving speculative members. So that there is no limit, possibly, to the interesting evidences and illustrations of our Order yet forthcoming, which are like the "dissecta membra" of the poet, lying here and there in long unopened boxes, and dusty muniment rooms: Bearing all this in mind, and believing in the great and material identity of the Speculative and Operative Order or guilds, call them by what name you like, we entirely concur with our Pro Grand Master in his brief but eloquent sketch of Masonic history. We quite understand that Bro. Buchan, who still clings to the 1717 theory most manfully, may object to any statement antagonistic to his amiable little "vanity," but we cannot agree with him, and we know that he is too tolerant and too good a Freemason not to concede to others, the same absolute freedom of opinion he claims for himself.

THE "SATURDAY REVIEW" AGAIN.

Our old friend is as usual as cynical and as unsparing as ever. "Semper idem" is its motto in its weekly utterances of polished sarcasm and somewhat acidulated chaff. The *Saturday Review* has made a great discovery, which is, not merely that there is nothing in Freemasonry, but that the great object of the Masonic gathering is love of dress and show. With the memories of old days and of the Latin grammar, the reviewer would touchingly say "Veniunt spectatum veniunt spectentur ut ipsi." Most remarkable discovery, and still more remarkable fact. The *Saturday Review* retreats from the "love-of-a-good-dinner theory." Perhaps it did just occur to the writer that Saturday Reviewers' liked and could eat a good dinner as well as the Freemasons, and that it was not a fact which proved much any way. A good many Englishmen, and good Englishmen too, have liked and do like a good dinner, and why are Freemasons wrong in doing the same; on what principles, either of high "falutin," or the lower grounds of a depressing asceticism, are Freemasons to be condemned for preferring a good dinner to a bad one? We pause for a reply. The *Saturday Reviewer* felt that this "prandial" theory was untenable, and so he now asserts that the great ends of Freemasonry are the apron and the jewel! We do not suppose that all men will see Freemasonry as we do. We do not expect that at once all objections are to be removed, and all hesitation ended, but what we do ask for is fair dealing and truthful statements. The argument "ad absurdum" is often very effective, and may be very witty, we will even concede logical, but it fails in its end utterly; it is nothing but the idle invention of a morbid jester when it assumes the character of an incriminating falsehood. Now, we say distinctly that love of dress is not any end of Freemasonry, or any object of the great mass of Freemasons.

That we may have those amongst us who like to disport themselves in Masonic red, blue, or purple may be true; that we have Masonic "jackdaws" is not, we apprehend, deniable by any of us, but the vast bulk of our fraternity are actuated and animated by no such unworthy motives. Freemasonry to them is a social, a tolerant, a charitable institution, where amid contentions both political and religious, the faithful Freemason can happily meet his brother Freemasons and his pleasant friends, forgetful of the one and ignorant of the other. Freemasonry would seek to throw a little of the sweetness of charity, a little of the softness of brotherly sympathy, over this often arid wilderness of life. Men often contend long and bitterly here about "trifles light as air," which nevertheless estrange them from each other, and keep them in antagonism, even amid the pressing claims of social life. But in the Masonic lodge the tumult of politics is unknown, in that peaceful region no polemical warfare intrudes, the "odium theologicum" and the "odium humanum" are alike unheard of, and many of us find our lodge room a pleasant reunion of warm hearts and kindly companions. We have read over carefully the article in the *Saturday Review*, and have, we believe, found the only one "point" of its lengthy tirade and heavy facetiousness. Indeed, all we read there we have often read before, and the objections, veiled partly by jest and sarcasm, are but those which we have had to encounter in the past, and shall have to encounter in the future, from all who object to Freemasonry "in limine," who disbelieve its claims to historic antiquity, who undervalue its efforts in the cause of benevolence. Most of our readers, like ourselves, have long since made up their minds as to the real value and the true mission of our good old Order, and as we are not deterred by threats, so we shall not be induced by ridicule to disavow its membership or desert its colours.

BRO. CONSTABLE'S DRAWING.

We are requested by our worthy and zealous brother to announce that four other names have been sent in. 430, Bro. Jabez Garrett, 13, Broad Street; 776, Benjamin Hammond, Stepney; 1512, R. Jennings, J.D. Royal Albert, 907; and 3137, John Megg, Sheerness. We congratulate Bro. Constable on the result of his charitable labours, devoted and persevering as we know them to have been. It seems that for this year 4000 tickets were issued, of which 3780 were sold, representing 18 life-governorships of 10 guineas each, or £189. By the particulars of the numbers published, it would seem that there were five prizes for the first thousand, four in the second, five in the third, and four in the fourth, a distribution certainly not inequitable. As our brethren and readers may like to know the "modus operandi" of the ballot, we give it to them. The whole 4000 corresponding numbers were placed in a basket, thoroughly intermixed, and the first eighteen tickets drawn (singly) represented the eighteen life-governorships. We are happy to learn that marked success has crowned all our brother's efforts, a satisfactory reward to all his difficulties and even rebuffs, and that his steward's list will amount at least to £415. It is no doubt perfectly true, that the shillings have come in from sources where larger subscriptions, if asked for, would have been nil, and we think that such a fact says a great deal, not only for the original idea of Bro. Constable, but for his unwearied efforts. We should remember that this scheme of Bro. Constable's is not before us for the first time. We hear the result of his endeavours for 1875, namely, the creation of eighteen life-governorships for the Girls' School; but we must not forget that in 1874 the same disinterested energy produced £349 for the Benevolent Institution, £760 in round numbers in two years. We thank Bro. Constable for his praiseworthy devotion to and personal sympathy for the cause of Masonic charity generally, and we congratulate him on his favourable return for 1875. We presume that our worthy brother, though he may perhaps hesitate at wearying out his many friends, will yet also try and do a good turn for the Boys' School. We tender to him "our

heartly good wishes" and our warm appreciation of his benevolent labours.

THE NEEDLEMAKERS' COMPANY.

Pressure on our space, which is quite overwhelming just now, prevents us giving in extenso the interesting report of this practically resuscitated company, over which our worthy and able Bro. J. C. Parkinson so fitly presides. A very large number of our Order attended the livery banquet, and, as we read the list, we observe many well known both in Grand Lodge and in private lodge. It appears that the Needle-makers' Company dates from the time of Henry VIII., it was never chartered, however, until the time of the Commonwealth, but subsequently received a Royal charter from King Charles II. Being one of the minor companies it had gradually dwindled away, until it was revived by some zealous members, many of them Freemasons, a short time ago, including Bro. Sir George Elliott, M.P., and our excellent Grand Registrar, as we are informed. If we may judge of the future success of the Company, by the abundance of its good cheer, the number of its visitors, and the animation of their speeches, we should be disposed to augur long life and much prosperity for it. Our distinguished Bro. the Lord Mayor was also present, and made a very effective speech, indeed we cannot fail to be struck with the sterling quality of the addresses, the "speaking power" so remarkably displayed. We would especially call attention to the speech of Bro. Parkinson, and to the as usual happy response of the Lord Chief Justice. The old guilds used to have their "morning speech," we have so far improved on them as to have an "evening speech," equally useful and probably a little more effective. The account of this genial gathering in our contemporary, the *City Press*, for May 8th, will amply repay perusal. We trust that all success will attend the reanimated company, and that, like the other former guilds of the City of London, it may show from year to year equally pleasant tokens of its vitality and its hospitality.

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS. (Continued.)

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Bro. the Marquis of Hamilton was initiated in the Apollo Lodge, 357, at Oxford, in 1857, and served his qualifying offices, we are informed, in the Churchill Lodge, No. 478, Oxford.

SENIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Speed has been a member of the Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, since 1837, having been initiated two years before, and a member of Moriah Chapter, No. 9, from the same date, in both of which he has served all the offices.

JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. F. P. Morrell was initiated in the Apollo Lodge, 357, served offices therein, and followed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as W.M. in 1874. He is a subscriber to the Girls' School, and a Life Governor of the Boys'.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. P. G. Homfray was initiated in the Isca Lodge, No. 683, Newport, Mon., in 1859. He served in the offices up to J.W. in that lodge, and on the foundation of St. George's Lodge, 1098, at Tredegar, this being his native place, he became a joining member of that lodge. About seven years ago he was elected W.M.; became P.M. and served the lodge faithfully for three years. He was made D. Prov. G.M. of Monmouthshire about four years ago, by Lieut. Col. Lyne; is now Prov. G.M., having previously held the offices of Prov. G.S.B. and P.G.J.W. He is P.Z. of Chapters 237, 471 and 818; P.M. W.S. Ivor Hael Chapter, Rose Croix; E.P. Gwent Preceptory, and is Prov. G.H. of Monmouthshire.

GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. John Wright was initiated in the Lodge of Unity, No. 183, London, March 26th, 1853, and subscribed about two years. Joined the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174, in January, 1856, and contributed to 1869. Joined the High Cross Lodge, No. 754, Tottenham, in 1858, was W.M.

in 1864 and contributed to 1866. Joined the Merchant Navy Lodge, Poplar, No. 781, in September, 1861, was W.M. in 1862, and is still a member and Treasurer of the lodge. He is also a member of the Friar's Lodge, No. 1349 since its formation in 1871. He was exalted in the High Cross Chapter, No. 754, Tottenham, in 1863, and was among the promoters and is a present member of the Chapter of Sincerity, No. 174.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The anniversary festival of this excellent institution took place on Tuesday, May 11th, and we are glad to be able to report to the Craft that this second great charitable meeting of our Order has not been behind the first in attendance or in result. We are happy in being able to announce that the lists produced the generous contribution of £7269 3s., and while congratulating our Order and the committee we are compelled, by want of space, to stop now. Next week we shall call the attention of our readers to the subject more fully, and shall give the Lists of Subscriptions.

RUMOURS OF WAR.

As Freemasons we are not politicians, but we have, and ever should have, a deep interest in all that concerns humanity. Hence to our peaceful Order all war, unless a war of defence or absolutely necessary in the interests of justice, right, and honour, is a matter of sincere regret. Especially should we deplore a great European war. We will hope that the happy influences of civilization and progress may not be retarded by another outbreak of angry passions, by the fell tide of devastating and destructive hostilities sweeping over fair lands now in peace, and bringing ruin to the homestead and misery to family life. The Duke of Wellington once said, that no soldier who had seen much of war would ever wish needlessly to inflict its horrors on any country whatever; and we fondly trust that conciliatory counsels and the good sense of great and experienced statesmen will yet avert, in God's good Providence, so great a trial and so mournful a calamity from Europe, now like the mighty sea in its pleasant calm and glorious expanse of blue waters, tranquil and at rest, after fearful storms and destructive hurricanes. With the poet we too well may say to-day, "Nulla salus bello, pacem te poscimus omnes." We are happy to add that reassuring news has been received by Her Majesty's Government.

NOTICE.

The June number of the "Masonic Magazine" which is the closing number of the 2nd volume, will be increased in letter-press, and will be ornamented by a photograph of H.R.H. the Grand Master. In order to prevent disappointment, non-subscribers should send an order at once to the publisher, 198, Fleet-street, E.C., who is most anxious to accommodate all who apply in time. The price of the single number is 6d., seven shillings for the whole year, and postage paid. With the end of the second volume it is a good time for many of our brethren to subscribe for the next twelve months.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE INSTALLATION OF THE M.W. GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As I am sure the Craft generally would be pleased to be informed on authority how many brethren were really present at the Albert Hall on the 28th ult., I shall be obliged if you will kindly give the required information. I should also be glad to know how it was that Prince Leopold was not present. Was he unfortunately unwell again?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
EDWIN PRIOR.

LODGE VOTES.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I ask, through the columns of your journal, for information on the following point, which has arisen in the course of a most amicable discussion on the subject of the votes belonging to my lodge, but standing in the name of "the W.M.?"

Would it be the duty of the W.M. to place all such votes at the disposal of the lodge and use them only in such way as might be resolved upon, or has he a perfect right, if so disposed, to use them as he might privately think fit?

I have no doubt that if the W.M. voted for any candidate and returned the paper duly signed, such vote or votes would be perfectly legal so far as the election was concerned, even presuming that the W.M. had voted contrary to the unanimous wish of the lodge, and although there may be no doubt as to the course which any W.M. ought to take in the matter, I am desirous of knowing what would be his duty.

Yours fraternally,

Q.A.J., P.M.

[We apprehend that the votes are at the disposal of the W.M. for the time being, absolutely.—Ed.]

RED APRON LODGES.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Bro,—

The suggestion of a P.M. in your last issue that it would be a wise and gracious act of Grand Lodge to commemorate the installation of our Royal Worshipful Grand Master by increasing the number of Grand Stewards is one that will meet with general approval from the largely increased, and ever increasing body, to the interests of whom your journal is devoted.

There are many ancient lodges well worthy of the honour, not only from their antiquity, but by their devotion to the Masonic cause, and the upholding of its various charities and purposes.

I am greatly mistaken if the present Grand Stewards would do other than rejoice at the admission of some of their ancient brethren, who would enter within their boundary without scruple, believing they had justly earned the position, and as it is the hope of reward that sweetens labour, let every brother work on in every good work, being sustained by the hope that ere long there may be yet another reason for congratulation in having a Royal Worshipful Grand Master.

Yours fraternally,

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THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the time for the meeting of the Great Priory is now at hand, I think it may be useful to call the attention of the members of various preceptories, who are interested in a revision of statutes of the Templar Order, to the necessity that exists for a large attendance of the supporters of that revision at the meeting of the Great Priory, not only of those who bear a vote by their offices, but of all other members of the preceptories who are in accord with us on these points. The object of a large attendance is to show that the dissatisfaction at the present state of things is not confined to a few preceptories, or even to those few who have sent in memorials, but is deep and widespread. This will be as effectually shown by a large attendance of the dissentients as by the votes of those who have a right to a voice in the Great Priory. Let, then, every one of us, who thinks that the prosperity of the Order demands an alteration in the statutes, be there and hold up our hands for a consideration of the memorials sent in to the Great Priory, and thereby show to those with whom the decision lies, that we are unanimous in our requirements, and are of such number, and therefore of importance to the Order, as may ensure attention and redress of our grievances. It is undeniably apparent that among some of the chiefs of the Order there exists a strong disinclination to any alteration of the present statutes, and of course, the high position of those officers can but render necessary a more strenuous effort (if success is to be hoped for) by those who, though greater in number, are in less exalted positions than the rulers over us. I confess it appears to us to be hopeless to expect a successful result in future if we should fail now, when we have, so far as possible, organised, to some extent, an united action, as in that case our present defeat will militate strongly against a future success. Now, if ever, is our opportunity, and it behoves us all not, by indifference, to let it pass by without a result, such as we seek and are convinced is necessary to the welfare of the Order, and if not essential to its existence, at least most influential in keeping up its prestige.

I am, Sir, yours right fraternally,

J.C.G.L.

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE MASONS' COMPANY.

Sir Wm. Wiseman is a misprint for Wilson. So far the two Wises, Mr. Thomas Shorthose, William Woodman, Mr. Samuel Taylour, are all verified as members of the Masons' Company. These are all the names mentioned in Preston's seventeenth edition, but "seven more old Freemasons" are spoken of. On looking back to Ashmole's life and diary, in the edition of 1774, it seems that the quotation, as given by Dr. Oliver in the note, is not correct, for the words "seven old Freemasons" do not occur, but the following names are given—Mr. Thomas Shadbolt Wadsford, Esq., Mr. Nicholas Young, Mr. John Shorthose, Mr. William Hamon, Mr. John Thompson and Mr. William Stanton. Of these the only so far verified is John Shorthose as well as Thomas Shorthose, Captain

Borthwick and Sir William Wilson are not traceable. I am endeavouring to have another search made, and will report progress. Unless Oliver took his extract from some other work, this quotation, as will be seen, must be incorrect. Ashmole nowhere talks of "seven other old Freemasons," though the names mentioned with Thomas Shorthose amount to eight. The point is most important, and too much trouble cannot be taken to clear it up fully. Bro. Hughan and myself quite feel this.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

THE ASTROLOGERS' FEAST.

I want to call my Bro. W. J. Hughan's attention to this feast, too often mentioned by Ashmole. Can any light be thrown upon it? Sir John Heydon, who is an early patron of Ashmole, was also not unknown to astrological fame. The first mention of it is under the name of the Mathematical Feast, February 24th, 1647, at the White Hart in the Old Bailey, "where I dined." The next meeting appears to be August 1st, 1649. The Astrologers' Feast at Painters' Hall, the same year, October 31st. There was another, August 8th, 1650, "I being at the Astrologers' Feast, 2. hor. post merid, I was chosen steward for the following year, August 14th, 1651. The next was again at Painters' Hall, March 18th, 1653. The Astrologers' Feast was held August 22nd, 1654. Another, August 29th, 1656. Another, November 2nd, 1659. The diary ends October 8th, 1687, but he nowhere mentions the Astrologers' Feast again. He mentions the Antiquaries' Feast, July 2nd, 1659, but that is clearly another meeting. It appears that on the 23rd of May, 1686, Dr. Plot presented him with "His Natural History of Staffordshire." Is there any minute in the book of the Painters' Company, if such still exists, as to the loan of this hall, and where was it. The Painters' Company was one of the minor companies, and its hall, like many others, probably perished in the great fire.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

ASHMOLE'S MSS.

In reply to the query of the Rev. Bro. Woodford, I have pleasure in informing him that the MSS. of Elias Ashmole are in the library at Oxford, and, as I hear from a friend in that city, there are two excellent catalogues of them; one a general catalogue, the other of names of persons and places.

WILLIAM KELLY, P.P.G.M.

The Ashmole MSS. in the Bodleian have all been searched over and over again. I allude to his private MSS. Many thanks to Bro. Kelly. A. F. A. W.

Obituary.

BRO. BENJAMIN TAYLOR.

Our readers generally, and the Masonic fraternity in particular, will regret to learn that Bro. Benjamin Taylor died on Thursday, 29th ult. Deceased was one of the oldest public officers in Huddersfield, having been assistant overseer for the long period of thirty-two years, and which post he ultimately resigned through age and infirmity. He was throughout life a man of sterling integrity, and discharged his public duties in a manner which elicited the warmest praise from the inhabitants generally. He was also a Free and Accepted Mason, of whom the Craft were justly proud, and his long and honourable connection with the Order is testified to by the oil painting of him, in Masonic costume, which adorns the walls of the Lodge of Harmony in South Parade. A paragraph appeared in the *Illustrated News*, of the 10th of last month, representing that a Masonic brother, who had been fifty-three years a member, was the oldest in England; but as Mr. Taylor was initiated on the 6th of June, 1816, he had a clear claim to seniority. He had held nearly every office in Masonry, and about three years ago he performed the unusual ceremony of initiating his grandson, Mr. James Taylor. When he completed his 50th year of membership the brethren of the Lodge of Harmony presented him with a silver cup, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented by the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren of the Lodge of Harmony, 275, of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, Huddersfield, to Bro. Benjamin Taylor, P.M., P.Z., P.P. S.G.D. of West Yorkshire, in commemoration of his attaining his 50th year of membership in the Order, and in token of the high esteem and fraternal regard entertained for him by the lodge; he having by his upright conduct and exemplary character as a citizen, by his rarely equalled attainments in knowledge of Masonic ritual, by his assiduous attention to all Masonic duties, and by his readiness to undertake any office or ceremony assigned to him, justly endeared himself to his brethren and companions. June, 1866." The ratepayers also evinced a lively desire to mark their appreciation of his private character and public worth, after his retirement from the office of assistant overseer. On the 31st of July, 1872, an illuminated address, a silver snuff box, and £250 in money were presented him. The address was as follows:—"To Mr. Benjamin Taylor, late assistant overseer of the poor of Huddersfield, this address, together with a purse of £250, and a silver snuff box, is presented by the principal ratepayers and inhabitants of Huddersfield, in testimony of their high appreciation of the valuable services which he has for over thirty-two years past rendered to the town, and of the unswerving integrity and assiduous industry with which he discharged the duties of his office throughout an unusually lengthened period, nearly a quarter of a million sterling of poor rates having passed through his hands to the satisfaction of the overseers in chief." The substance of this address was also engraved on the snuff box. Throughout life Bro. Taylor was identified with the Methodist New Connexion body, and for many years, and up to the time of his death, was a trustee of High-street Chapel. He has passed away at the ripe age of eighty years, leaving an example which public officers in every department would do well to imi-

tate. Two sons of Bro. Taylor were also members of the Craft, and of good standing and esteem in their respective lodges. The youngest son, Joe Taylor, was successively Deacon, Secretary of the Lodge of Harmony, 275, and was appointed Wardea for the current year, but died suddenly soon after the appointment, and before the day of his installation arrived. He left a family of young children in a very unprovided state, one of whom, Louisa Jane Taylor, is a candidate for admission to the Freemasons' Girls' School at the next October election, and as it is, on account of her age, her first and only chance—it is the earnest hope of her friends that her descent from two generations of worthy Masons will ensure her the sympathy and support of a goodly number of the Craft.

BRO. WILLIAM DOBSON.

This worthy and esteemed member of the Craft, who resided at 145, Mile End-road, London, E., died on the 19th April, in the 66th year of his age. He was for many years a member of Lodge 812 (old No.), Mile End, and was greatly esteemed by all the brethren who had the happiness of being acquainted with him. By profession he was an architect, surveyor, and valuer, and in the latter capacity especially he was always regarded by his professional brethren as a competent authority. A thorough Christian, his conduct was always characterised by strict integrity, and he was an unostentatious disciple of those noble principles which are so intimately associated with the Craft. He was a kind husband and an affectionate parent, and his loss is deeply deplored by a large sorrowing family, as well as a wide circle of admiring friends, whose grief is considerably alleviated by a flattering hope that his soul has ascended to those immortal mansions whence all goodness emanates. Failing health had, during the last two years, incapacitated him from following the duties of his profession; but a lasting memorial of him remains in the magnificent pile known as the Mile End Old Town Workhouse, for which building he was the successful competing architect some years ago. It is a consolation to know that his end was peaceful in the extreme, he having, up to the last, expressed his strong faith in and based his chief hopes on the mercy of the Grand Architect.

Oh! may each reader here the lesson learn,
Which can alone the bleeding heart sustain,
Where friendship weeps at virtue's funeral urn,
That to the pure, in heart to die is gain.

THE LATE BRO. DR. SHANNON, OF WIGTON.

There are few men who have so rapidly risen into public esteem, and whose loss will be so keenly felt in the district where he worked, as the subject of this notice. When the news of his sudden death, at Monaco, in the South of France, reached Wigton last week, there was such universal feeling of regret and such warm expressions of attachment to him as we have seldom witnessed. Although little more than thirty years of age, he was looked upon by both rich and poor as a warm and kind friend, and he had endeared himself to all by his courteous and genial manner, his warm sympathies, and the sound knowledge of his profession, in the practice of which he had gained much reputation. He was born at Magherafelt, in the North of Ireland, and was the son of a much esteemed practitioner in that district. His medical studies were pursued in the Belfast Medical School, in connection with the Queen's University of Ireland. His student's career was a successful and brilliant one, he having obtained more than the usual share of prizes in the different departments of study that fall to the lot of an average medical student. In 1861, he graduated as M.D. at Queen's University, and shortly afterwards became assistant to Dr. Tiffen, of Wigton, where he remained for some years, and was much respected. In 1864, he became a member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. Subsequently he acted for some time as surgeon to ocean steamers, and then settled in practice in his native town of Magherafelt, and the esteem in which he was held here may be judged from the following extract of a letter:—"He was loved and valued here as well as in the North of England, and there is many a cheek bedewed with tears for him to day." He longed for a greater sphere of usefulness, and in 1869 he became a partner with his former master, Dr. Tiffen, where he soon won many friends, and extended an already large practice. He was enthusiastic in his profession, and happy when fully occupied; but hard work told upon a not over-vigorous constitution, and a neglected cold led to the development of insidious disease of the lungs, for which his medical friends, in the autumn of last year, urged him to give up work, and take a much-needed rest. Those most competent to judge advised him to take a long sea voyage, in the hope that it would lead to the full restoration to health.

As is known, his intention of sailing to Melbourne was not fulfilled, on account of the burning of the ship in which he intended to sail, so he went up the Mediterranean. As he moved about from place to place, his friends seldom knew of his whereabouts, but about three weeks ago he wrote from Naples, expressing himself as a great deal better, and on his way home, where he expected to be early this month. His death, therefore, came upon his many friends as a great shock, and one they were quite unprepared for. Full particulars have not yet arrived, but it is probable that his end was due to an attack of hæmoptysis, from which he had previously suffered.

Two of Dr. Shannon's friends, who are also his executors—Mr. Porter and Mr. W. Carrick, of Wigton—at once set out for Monaco, on receipt of the intelligence of his death, and arrived, we understand, just in time to see his remains interred.

The above Bro. Dr. Shannon was P.M., St. John's Lodge 327, Wigton, and P. Prov. J.D. Ceremonies of the province of Cumb. and West., Scribe, E. St. John's Chapter, and Prov. G. Jun. Deacon of Mark Masters in the province. Died at Monaco, April 29th, 1875.

VISIT OF THE LORD MAYOR TO THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Last Saturday afternoon the Lord Mayor, preparatory to his taking the chair at the eighty-seventh anniversary festival of this school on Tuesday, paid a visit in state, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Stone, and Mrs. Sheriff Ellis, to the Institution at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, according to annual custom. On their arrival at the school they were met by Col. Burdett, Prov. G. M. of Middlesex, Bro. J. C. Parkinson, Dep. Prov. G.M. of Middlesex, and Chairman of the Board of Stewards, Bros. Griffiths Smith, Thomas W. White, the Rev. J. M. Vaughan, the Rev. H. C. Levander, Bros. Joshua Nunn, A. H. Tattershall, James Terry, Robt. B. Webster, W. Paas, Raynham W. Stewart, N. B. Headon, H. Massey (*Freemason*), Benjamin Head, H. G. Buss, R. W. Little (Secretary), Miss Davis (Head Governess), and Miss Jarwood, (Matron). They immediately proceeded to the exercise room, where the girls went through their famous calisthenic exercises, which have drawn at different times warm applause from the visitors to the school for their exactness and regularity. On this occasion they were in no way inferior to former examples, and the Lord Mayor when they were concluded congratulating Miss Davis on having brought the girls to such a state of perfection, remarking that their evolutions had been gone through with all the precision of a regiment of soldiers. The whole party of visitors next viewed the building, and were conducted through the dormitories by Miss Jarwood. The large amount of space in the airy and well-lighted rooms, and all the arrangements for the health and comfort of the pupils, were greatly admired by the party, who expressed the greatest satisfaction with everything they had seen. On descending, after partaking of slight refreshment, his lordship and the company proceeded to witness the children's proficiency in their studies, and by this time about 400 ladies and gentlemen had assembled. Among them were Dr. Thompson, Vicar of Wandsworth, Dr. Brette, Christ's Hospital and London University, Bros. F. Binckes, John Symonds, J. A. Rucker, Geo. Newman, Wm. Stephens, Edward Cox, H. Dicketts, Thomas Cubitt, W. Morgan, Louis Hirsch, Peter Matthews, John High, H. Muggeridge, and E. Harris. The recitations in English, French, German, and performances on the piano-forte were given, and the Lord Mayor, after stating how pleased he was to find the standard of education in the school so high, and how gratified he was at everything he had seen and heard that day, proceeded, with the assistance of the Lady Mayoress, to distribute to the following girls the prizes awarded to them.

Maria Louisa Flintoft, £5 for taking honours in the Cambridge examination, given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Leila Lucy Caparn, the gold medal for general proficiency (Maria Louisa Flintoft having gained it last year), given annually by Bro. William Paas, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Mary Eliza Earl, the silver medal for good conduct, given annually by the Institution, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Prizes given annually by the Institution:—

Elizabeth Hutchinson (Pupil Teacher) for passing senior Cambridge examination.

Maria Louisa Flintoft for taking honours in the Cambridge examination.

Leila Lucy Caparn for passing Cambridge examination.

Lillian Mary Nelson for passing Cambridge examination.

Florence Sarah Groves for Music.

Jessie Maria Blair for French.

Mary Alice Eastham for general usefulness.

Alice Maud M. Batley for general usefulness.

Amy E. Mills for needlework.

Mary Eliza Earle for needlework.

Ada Gertrude Chapman for Machine Work.

Lucy Kate Clemence for Writing.

Melora F. Goodridge for music.

Frances Harryman for general proficiency, 2nd class.

Katharine Emery for general proficiency, 3rd class.

Catherine J. Scurr for general proficiency, 4th class.

Frances Gardner for good conduct (among the little girls).

By Bro. Joshua Nunn, for Fancy Work:—
Clari R. A. Bindon, Ada Sarah Rose, and Henrietta J. Featherstone.

By Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, for Dictation:—

Mabel H. Crampton, 1st class.

Melora F. Goodridge, 2nd class.

Harriet Cartwright, 3rd class.

Mary C. A. Sargant, 4th class.

By Bro. Rev. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., for French:—

Leila Lucy Caparn.

By Mrs. Brette, for Music:—

Louisa Hole.

By Mrs. Crick, for Elocution:—

Florence S. Groves, Mary Young, and Bessie L. Morris.

By Bro. John M. Clabon, for good conduct:—

Josephine L. Bignell and Ada Kate Kelly.

By Bro. Joseph Starkey, for drawing:—

Mary Theresa Claisen and Leila Lucy Caparn.

By Bro. Collard Moutrie, for Music:—

Mary Theresa Claisen.

By Bro. Louis Hirsch, for German:—

Maria Louisa Flintoft.

By Bro. H. W. Hemsworth, for amiability, as voted by her schoolfellows:—

Jessie Maria Blair.

After the distribution, his lordship and party retired, and the other visitors having partaken of tea, devoted themselves to the amusement of the inmates of the Institution for the remainder of the evening, and separated about ten o'clock, after spending a delightful day.

GRAND MASONIC FETE.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES TO THE PUPILS OF THE MASONIC ORPHAN SCHOOLS, DUBLIN.

The annual *fete* on behalf of the Masonic Orphan Schools took place in the Exhibition Palace, Dublin, on Monday evening, the 19th ultimo, under the presidency of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., Viceroy of Ireland. It was marked by greater brilliancy than usual, chiefly because of the splendid decorations which remained since the Masonic Ball on the previous Friday night. There seemed also to be a larger concourse than at previous anniversaries, for albeit the colossal size of the building, promenading was a matter of tedious steering through the gaps made by those of the fashionable throng moving to and fro. Nearly 8,000 were present. Viewed from the galleries, the sight presented was one of singular beauty and magnificence. The many colours of the rich costumes set off with dazzling gems, together with the glory of the decorations illuminated by ten thousand lights, seemed almost dazzling. Of course the brethren were arrayed in the panoply of their insignia, except the Knights Templar, who were not so conspicuous as they were last year, with their tunics and mantles adorned with the Rose Croix. All had donned the jewels of their rank, from the third to the thirty-third degree. Many of the ladies, too, wore Masonic emblems, quite innocent of their mystic significance. But it was not unseemly for the ladies while secluded from the penetralia to adorn themselves with the gems of the order or countenance it by their presence, seeing that those of their own sex are chief objects of its solicitude, the school for orphan boys having only been established within the past few years. And here it will not be amiss to pay a respectful tribute to the memory of the late Grand Master, Augustus Frederick Duke of Leinster (who watched over the interests of the craft in this country with the care of a father for his children, during half a century), since the cause of the Masonic orphans has sustained in him a very serious loss. The great interest which his Grace manifested in the female orphan school mainly contributed to placing that institution in its present position. During the early period of its existence his subscriptions were nearly as large as those of the rest of the order put together. Of late years, happily, this was not the case, as the brethren became aware of the existence of the school and the duty devolving upon them to support it. His Grace the Duke of Leinster took special pleasure in presiding over the annual festival of charity, at which he distributed the prizes to the deserving pupils. At last year's *reunion*, which took place in the month of May, he looked hale and happy; but a few months afterwards his health gave away, and he was summoned hence amid the sincere mourning of all the brethren, who felt that they could scarcely expect to "look upon his like again." But the darkest hour is that before dawn; and thus, in common with their English brethren, who had also lost their chief, but under different circumstances, they found abundant cause to rejoice in the successor to the vacant throne of the order. In England, the Heir Apparent to the Crown of these realms became head of the Craft. In Ireland its governance was undertaken by the Viceroy, who had been a Mason since his college days in Oxford. With the steadily increasing influence of the Order, the prosperity of the orphan schools will, in like manner, become assured, so that the day may not be far distant when every deserving case will receive assistance. There are now 63 orphans maintained by the Order. Of those, 40 are girls. Unfortunately the governors were unable last year to admit any additional orphans to the girls' school for want of room. However, it is anticipated that the negotiations pending will enable them soon to begin the erection of a new school, which is to be sufficiently commodious to accommodate double the number that the present building does. In view of this, and the hope of greater aid from the order, four vacancies have been declared for the next election. During the past year, some of the pupils competed in the Royal Dublin Society's art examinations, and one of them obtained a certificate from the Council of Education of South Kensington, while two others received certificates from the Royal Dublin Society. There can be no doubt of the soundness of the education imparted, the institution being under the constant supervision of the committee, including the Right Hon. the Vice-Chancellor, the Hon. Judge Townsend, Rev. Lord Plunket, Rev. J. J. MacSorley, Dr. Elrington, Q.C.; Messrs. L. H. Deering, G. Huband, and C. H. Woodroffe. The boys, 23 in number, are at the establishment of Brother the Rev. S. S. Skeen, Adelaide Hall, Merrion, and are making satisfactory progress, as was reported by some learned brethren, including the Rev. Dr. Haughton, F.T.C.D.; Mr. Hugh Holmes, and Mr. G. V. Hart, who examined them at the request of the Committee. Within the past

few days, one of the boys, James Brett, who will be shortly leaving, took first place at the Apothecaries' Hall arts examination direct from the school, though he was the youngest of the candidates. It is in contemplation, to establish an institute similar to that of the girls for the boys, but the Committee, very judiciously considering the advantages of class education, have thought it advisable not to do so until they can support a sufficient number of pupils. Altogether both schools show hopeful signs of prosperity. It was evident last night that the cause of the charity had come home to the hearts of many, judging by the vast numbers who displayed governors' badges, and those included the distinguished and wealthy in the land, the nobility, the learned, the princely merchants, and the great middle classes. Owing to the illness of a near relative, the Rev. Lord Plunket, Grand Chaplain, and the Hon. David Plunket, Q.C., M.P., Solicitor-General, were absent.

During the evening the fine band of the Coldstream Guards, under the direction of Bro. Fred Godfrey, performed a choice selection of operatic music and some new pieces specially arranged for the occasion by the talented conductor himself.

At a quarter before nine o'clock his Grace the Lord Lieutenant and Lady Georgiana Hamilton, together with a brilliant retinue arrived, and were received by the Deputy Grand Master and the grand officers. The ladies were conducted to the place reserved for them immediately in front of the dais, while his Grace withdrew to the anteroom, where he robed himself as Grand Master. The reception party included:—Lady Georgiana Hamilton, Hon. L. Gerald Dillon and Mrs. Dillon, Gustavus Lambart, Esq., Lady Fanny and Misses Lambart, Sir J. M. and Lady Stewart, Colonel B. W., Mrs. and Miss Bernard; Lord and Lady Wallscourt, and others. At nine o'clock the Grand Officers, the Provincial Grand Officers, the representatives from Foreign Grand Lodges, the Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries of the several Dublin Lodges, and those distinguished brethren and governors of the schools, intended to occupy places on the platform, formed a procession and, led by a host of stewards, under the direction of Worshipful George Woods Maunsell, D.L., Grand Steward, conducted the Most Worshipful Grand Master to the Concert Hall through an avenue composed of the brethren, whilst organ and band pealed forth a grand Masonic march.

On the procession reaching the dais, the brethren filed off, and took the stations assigned to them by the stewards, and the M.W. Grand Master took his seat upon the throne amidst the heartiest plaudits. Then the pupils of the girls' schools all neatly attired in white and blue, followed by that of the boys' school wearing blue neck ties, entered two and two, and took their places along the lower tiers of the orchestra. At the bidding of the Deputy Grand Master, all the brethren and even the pupils saluted the Grand Master according to ancient custom. The 100th Psalm was then sung "with one consent."

His Grace the Most Worshipful Grand Master then rose and said—Brethren, ladies and gentlemen, it gives me the most sincere gratification that my first public appearance in the high position in which I have been placed, as Grand Master of the Freemasons of Ireland, has been an occasion which so fully exemplifies the leading objects of our great ancient order (hear, hear). These great objects are unity, benevolence, and charity to all men (hear, hear), and in no way can these great principles be better or more usefully carried out than in contributing, as far as lies in our power, to the education and instruction of our rising generation in such a way as that by God's Providence may serve to render them both sincere and good Christians, and also useful members of the universal brotherhood of mankind (hear, hear).

Dr. Elrington, Q.C., hon. secretary, read the report, of which the following are the salient parts:—"The Governors of the Masonic Female Orphan School beg leave to present the following report for the year ending December 31st, 1874. The revenue of the School for the year from all sources, including the balance from the previous annual account of 747 4s. 8d., amounted to £3,162 4s. 5d., shewing a decrease in the total revenue of £349 2s. 6d. This decrease, however, is, to a great extent, explained by the presence of some exceptional items in the account for the year 1873. Of this sum, £1,903 18s. 6d., was expended, while the capital was increased by an investment of £100 in Masonic Hall Company Shares, leaving a cash balance to the credit of the Institution of £1,158 5s. 11d. The total amount appearing in the stock account, invested for the benefit of the Institution, was £8,682 2s. 1d. The annual subscriptions shew an increase of £40 over the amount for 1873, which, as mentioned in the report for that year, was £183 10s. less than that of the previous year, so that there is no real improvement under this head. It is to be regretted that the explanation of this falling off in the subscriptions appears to arise from a loss of

subscribers, previously known as supporters of the School, and not from any want of new names in the subscription lists. From the number of pupils in the Institution, and the limited accommodation of the Schoolhouse, the Board of Governors came to the determination of suspending the election of candidates for admission during the whole of 1874. The Governors have reason to believe that the withdrawal of some well-known names from the subscription list, arises from the fact that admission has thus, of necessity, been refused to a number of candidates whose claims were undoubted, but for whom there was no accommodation in the Schoolhouse, within the limits prescribed by the medical officers of the Institution. The expenditure is slightly in excess of last year's total, but does not call for any particular remark. The Governors are pressed by the importance of providing increased accommodation for the School; but they regret that they have not succeeded in completing negotiations for a new site suitable for the Masonic Orphan School of the future. Much anxious discussion has taken place as to the quantity of ground required, the situation, and the amount which may be, with prudence, expended on a new Schoolhouse. The Governors think that it would be better in the present state of the question, not further to allude to it than to say, that at the last special meeting of the Board, called for that purpose, it was determined that the site of the present Schoolhouse was not desirable for a School of the extent, which, it is hoped, the Masonic Orphan School will be, and that a new site should be secured, having space for the recreation of the pupils as well as a suitable situation for the house itself. It is probable that the arrangements for this purpose will be completed before the next Report; but in any event the whole amount of available investments now to the credit of the School will not be more than enough to erect a building of suitable size and structure, and the expenditure of this capital will largely decrease the annual income. It is hoped that the Masonic Order in Ireland will assist the brethren to make the Female Orphan School an institution capable of receiving all those candidates for its benefits who are now kept out of it by a cause which their liberality can at once remove. In other respects the School is without change; the education is still carried on as heretofore, and the late examination has developed results which are in the highest degree gratifying, as indicating the progress of the pupils. The Education Committee has every reason to be satisfied with the election of Miss Lecch, as successor to Miss Cuthbert, whose removal upon her marriage, deprived the School of services which, for many years past, have been acknowledged to be of great value to the pupils under her care."

The report concluded with a feeling allusion to the late Duke of Leinster, G.M.; and acceptance of that office by the Duke of Abercorn, who thus becomes President of the School, under whose auspices the Governors confidently trust the Institution will still continue to prosper.

The Right Worshipful Sir John Marcus Stewart, P.G.M. of Tyrone and Fermanagh, moved the first resolution—"That the report now read be adopted, printed and circulated, and that the thanks of this meeting are due to the members of the ladies, education, finance and apprentice committee of the institution, and also to the medical officers of the school for the zealous and efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties devolving upon them, and for the lively interest they manifest in everything conducive to the prosperity of the pupils of the Masonic Female Orphan School."

The Right Worshipful Anderson Cooper, D.P.G.M. of Munster, seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

Colonel Ffolliott moved the second resolution, as follows:—"That, whilst acknowledging with gratitude the liberal support and assistance which the institution has hitherto experienced, the governors would earnestly invite the co-operation of the brethren in order still further to extend the usefulness of the institution."

Bro. Robert Warren, High Sheriff of the city of Dublin (in the absence of the Hon. Judge Townsend, LL.D.), seconded the resolution, which was unanimously carried.

In the intervals between the speeches some of the pupils played a selection of music on the piano-forte, their ability meriting much hearty applause.

The "business" proceedings having terminated, the National Anthem was sung, after which a procession was formed to grand dais, at the northern end of the glass building; the Grand Master passed on to the throne, the Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Masters in positions around him.

Lady Georgiana Hamilton gracefully distributed the prizes to both girls and boys. This was a novel and pleasing feature in the ceremonial.

After the prizes were distributed the M.W. Grand Master made some observations to the pupils.

Shortly after eleven o'clock his grace the Duke of Abercorn and the Viceregal suite left and were enthusiastically cheered.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, May 21, 1875.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptorates, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

SATURDAY, MAY 15.

Lodge 1185, Lewises, King's Arms, Wood Green.
 " 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Lion-sq., Hampton.
 " 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
 Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, Lodon-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 17.

Lodge 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern.
 " 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 " 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemason's Hall.
 " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
 Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. 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 18.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.
 Lodge 165, Honour and Generosity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.
 " 857, St. Mark's, Half-Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.
 Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatheaf 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 19.

General Committee Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
 Lodge 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.
 " 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich.
 " 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
 " 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.
 " 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hotel, Blackheath.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. Daid 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'-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.

Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

THURSDAY, MAY 20.

Lodge 55, Constitutional, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.

" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.

" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.

" 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.

" 1278, Bardett Courts, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park.

" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton.

Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.

" 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.

" 742, Crystal Palace, Clarendon Hotel, Anerley.

" 834, Andrew, Clarendon Hotel, Hammersmith.

" 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton.

Mark Lodge 7, Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

Preceptory E., Observance, 14, Bedford-row.

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, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, MAY 21.

Annual Meeting and Election, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 12.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.

Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.

" 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.

" 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hotel, Barnes.

Chap. 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

Preceptory 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-square.

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 (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Preceptor.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8, Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales'-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.

Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggerridge, P.M., Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 22, 1875.

MONDAY, MAY 17.

Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
 " 1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, MAY 18.

Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms, Seacombe, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescott, at 6.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-le-Willows.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheatheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
 " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 " 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale, at 6.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 Chap. 580, Unity, Wheatheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 4.
 Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

THURSDAY, MAY 20.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 343, Concord, Queen's Arms, Church-st., Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 3.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-st., Fleetwood.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Ho., West Derby, at 5.

FRIDAY, MAY 21.

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

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, May 22, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, MAY 17.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose Street.

TUESDAY, MAY 18.

Lodge 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 87, Thistle, 12, Trongate.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19.

Lodge 117, Partick St. Mary's, Partick.
 Chap. 150, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston.

THURSDAY, MAY 20.

Lodge 22, St. John's, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
 " 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 167, Free Operative, Masonic Hall, Biggar.
 " 465, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Garngad-road.
 " 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.

FRIDAY, MAY 21.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 22.

Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.
 " 524, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, East Kilbride.
 " 544, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 22, 1875.

MONDAY, MAY 17.

Lodge 44, St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY, MAY 18.

Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 86, Constitution-street.
 " 36, St. David, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.
 " 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19.

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

THURSDAY, MAY 20.

Lodge 48, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 97, St. James, St. James's Hall, Writers'-court.
 " 226, Portobello, Royal Hotel, Bath-street.
 Chap. 152, Perseverance, 86, Constitution-street, Leith.
 Red Cross Conclave 103, St. Giles, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street.

FRIDAY, MAY 21.

Chap. 83, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.