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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

PROVINCIAL.

DERBY.—HARTINGTON LODGE (No. 1085).—On Wednesday evening, the 2nd inst., the monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, at which the following brethren were present:—Bros. Henry T. Bobart, P.P.G.S.B., W.M.; F. Hiffe, P.J.G.W., I.P.M.; S. Pipes, S.W.; W. Heathcote, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P.P.S.G.W.; P.M., Treas.; J. Worsnop, P.P.G.P., P.M., Sec.; Theo. Hills, S.D.; J. H. Biggs, as J.D.; J. Heathcote, I.G.; W. Stone, Tyler; J. M. Moore, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. T. Eaton, J. E. Russell, J. O. Manton, Matthew Hill, W. Butterfield, James Parkins, jun. Visitor: G. T. Wright, P.M. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 7.30 p.m. The circular convening the meeting was first read, and afterwards the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. James Parkins, jun., was then called upon by the W.M. to show his proficiency in the former degree, and, having satisfied the brethren, he was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Parkins was admitted and duly raised to the Third or Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Hiffe, P.M., in the name of the lodge, then presented to Bro. M. H. Bobart, P.M. Treas., a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a recognition of his services and a token of sincere esteem. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the Hartington Lodge No. 1085 to Bro. M. H. Bobart, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge since its formation. 2nd June, 1875." Bro. M. H. Bobart acknowledged the kindness of the brethren, assuring them that his humble services would always be at their disposal, and that he should value the jewel they had just presented him with as a lasting memento of their kindness. The lodge was then closed according to ancient custom, and adjourned until the 7th July.

ROMFORD.—LIBERTY OF HAVERING LODGE (No. 1437).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel, Romford, on Wednesday, May 26. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Tydeman, W.M.; Knox, P.M., acting as I.P.M.; E. West, S.W.; B. Brayshaw, J. W.; Patmore, J.D.; Naylor, I.G.; T. Bishop, Treas.; J. Ellis, Sec.; J. Garnett, W.S.; Bros. Playl, W. Earley, J. H. Whisker, and others. The lodge was opened in the First Degree. The minutes of previous meetings were read and confirmed. Bros. Earley, Whisker, and Playl, candidates for the Second Degree, were entrusted, and retired. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, they were readmitted and passed to the degree of F.C. The brethren next proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, when their choice was unanimous in favour of Bro. E. West, S.W. and P.P.G.S.D., Hert. Bro. T. F. Bishop was for the third time elected Treasurer, and Bro. Steedman, Tyler. Bros. Naylor and Patmore were appointed on the Audit Committee. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Tydeman, W.M., in recognition of the untiring zeal displayed by him for the welfare of the lodge, and the admirable way he had fulfilled his duties as W.M. for the past year. Two brethren were proposed as joining members. A vote of thanks was proposed and carried to Bro. Naylor for representing this lodge as Steward at the last annual festival of the Girls' School. The lodge was adjourned until the fourth Wednesday in June (when the Installation of the W.M. elect and investiture of officers will take place).

HALLIFORD.—THAMES VALLEY LODGE (No. 1460).—This lodge met at the Ship Hotel, Halliford, on Saturday last. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Brette, of Christ's Hospital, W.M., presided, and among the numerous brethren who attended were Colonel Peters, I.P.M.; W. T. Howe, Asst. S.W.; J. L. Jones, J.W.; W. Paas, Treas.; J. G. Marsh, Sec.; H. H. Blythe, J.W.; H. R. Gowan, W. Sweetland, Robert Stone, Joseph Davis, Vernon Lockwood, C. J. Davis, J. Evans Kershaw, Charles Semple, W. H. Doyle, and T. B. Yeoman. There were also several visitors present, and among these were Bros. F. E. Hafely, of the Republic Lodge No. 690, New York State; T. R. Gibson, No. 1446; George Townsend, S.W. No. 754; H. C. Levander, No. 742; E. Roberts, P.M. No. 192; H. Massey (Freemason), P.M. No. 619; J. W. Levick, No. 151;

H. H. Collins, No. 23; and P. Collins, No. 1293. Dr. Brette opened the lodge, and afterwards Bro. J. G. Marsh, Sec., passed Bro. H. H. Blythe to the Second Degree. He afterwards raised Bros. C. Semple, W. Sweetland, J. E. Kershaw, C. J. Davis, and J. W. H. R. Gowan, and subsequently initiated Messrs. Mark Davis and E. C. Hislop. The lodge then elected Bro. Edward Semple, No. 14, as a joining member. Bro. Colonel Peters, I.P.M., proposed, and the W.M. seconded, the gift of five guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on Bro. Marsh's list as the Steward representing this lodge at the late festival. The motion was adopted unanimously, and the W.M. proposed, and Bro. Colonel Peters, I.P.M., seconded, the recommendation of Bro. W. T. Howe, who was acting as S.W. to the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, for the office of Provincial Grand Steward. This motion was also unanimously carried, the brethren entertaining the same views as the W.M., that Bro. Howe's services to the lodge had been very great. The report of the Audit Committee was read and received, and the brethren shortly afterwards closed the lodge, and sat down to a choice banquet supplied by Bro. R. Stone. The time unfortunately was very short, as the brethren occupied three hours continuously in completing the work of the lodge, and there were not two hours left for dispatching the banquet and catching the last train to town. The speeches were consequently of the briefest description after banquet, and they were not even relieved by the pleasant musical efforts which several members of the lodge are famous for. Bro. J. G. Marsh responded for the Provincial Grand Master and Officers. Col. Peters proposed "The W.M.," of whom he assured the brethren too much could not be said favourably. The W.M. in reply said that when he accepted the office he promised he would do the best in his power, and when his year of office had expired he hoped it would be found he had been faithful to his promise. He then proposed, "The I.P.M., Col. Peters," who, in responding, said it had been a great pleasure to him that the lodge had prospered as it had. Under the auspices of the present W.M. success would continue to attend it, and he hoped to live to see a great many Past Masters sitting alongside him. There was no want of the good stuff in the province of which W.M.'s were made, and he did not think there was any better than was to be found in the W.M. The initiates who had been introduced to the lodge he had great hopes of in this respect, and with such material the lodge would become an honour to the Craft. The W.M. proposed "The Initiates," Bros. M. Davis and E. C. Hislop respectively replying. Afterwards the W.M. proposed, "The Visitors," and called upon Bro. H. C. Levander, who on the Wednesday preceding had been elected on the Board of General Purposes, to respond. Bro. Levander replied, and said that all the visitors as well as himself had felt the greatest possible pleasure at being present on that occasion, and which he hoped would not be the last. Bro. W. Paas, Treasurer, replied for the officers of the lodge, and alluded especially to Bro. W. T. Howe, who he was glad to see occupying the post of S.W., and whose services all the brethren were so well aware of. For himself, as Treasurer, he would simply say that as long as they gave him their money he should be happy to do all he could for their comfort and happiness at that table; but if they kept him short he could not dispense hospitality. He was always happy to make the brethren comfortable. The W.M. next gave a special toast for Bro. Howe, who had always been ready to do any work he might be called upon for, and who did it, when called upon, well and thoroughly. Bro. W. T. Howe replied, and promised the brethren that if health and strength were vouchsafed to him, he would continue to do in the future as he had done in the past. Having been recommended to the Provincial Grand Master for grand office he should feel the greatest happiness in representing this lodge, and he trusted he should do his duty as Steward as well as he had performed his duties in that lodge, and in the Prince Leopold Lodge, of which he was a founder. The toast of "The Masonic Press" and the Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close.

Royal Arch.

WILLIAM PRESTON CHAPTER (No. 766).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Thursday, the 27th May, the following companions being present: Comps. William Worrell, M.E.Z.; Capt. G. J. Kain, II.; George Newman, S.N.; Henry Garrod, S.E.; W. E. Newton, Treas.; A. Braun, 1st A. Soj.; Dr. Kempster, 2nd A. Soj.; Dr. Cutmore, J.T. Gibson, J. M. Klenck, P. Steinman, II. F. Partridge. Visitors, Henry Thompson, P.Z., and G. Lemann, Z. 890. The business of the evening consisted of the installation of Principals, investment of officers, and exaltation of four candidates, viz., Bros. E. T. Brookes, 574; W. G. Churchward, 1139; Francis Juce, 766; and W. Mansfield Newton, 766. Comp. Capt. G. J. Kain was installed as M.E.Z.; Comp. George Newman as J.; and the officers invested were: Comps. William Worrell, S.E.; Henry Garrod, Treas.; Augustus Braun, S.N.; Dr. Kempster, P.S.; W. E. Newton, 1st A. Soj.; Dr. Cutmore, 2nd A. Soj. Owing to the absence of Comp. R. Harland Whiteman, through illness, his installation as II. will take place at a future meeting. This chapter, like the lodge from whence it takes its name, has been made a banner chapter, they being supplied by Comp. George Kenning, and were much admired by the companions present. A very handsome jewel was presented to Comp. William Worrell, to mark the valuable services he had rendered to the chapter during the past year as the first M.E.Z. All Masonic business being ended the chapter was closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, presided over by Capt. Kain, M.E.Z., when the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to with great effect.

BOLTON.—ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER (No. 348).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton, on Thursday, 3rd June. Amongst those present were Comps. James Newton, P.Z.; Jas. Horrocks, II.; Robt. Harwood, P.Z.P. Prov. G. St. B.; J. Thos. Chambers, P.Z., Scribe E.; Hy. Ainsworth, Scribe, N.; Jas. Hall, P.Z. 210, Z. 1055; Prov. G. Pr. Soj.; Edwin Brookes, Z. 325; Prov. G. St. B.; Robt. Luthy, No. 37, and others. The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed, Comp. Hall, assisted by Comp. Brookes, proceeded to install the Principals elect, and to invest the officers, viz.: Comps. Jas. Horrocks, Z.; Robt. Harwood, H.; Hy. Ainsworth, J.; Thos. Chambers, E.; Robt. Glaister, N.; Jas. Allen, Pr. Soj.; Thos. Wilson, Treas.; Chas. Walker, Janitor. At the conclusion of the ceremonies of installation and investiture, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Comps. Hall and Brookes for their attendance and services. Two candidates for exaltation were balloted for and approved, and the chapter was then closed.

LIVERPOOL.—MARINERS' CHAPTER (No. 249).—The annual meeting of this flourishing chapter, after a singularly prosperous year, was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Comp. W. Doyle, M.E.Z., presided at the opening, and amongst the others present were Comps. W. Jones P.Z.; H. Pearson, H.; W. C. Bulman, J.; J. S. Dixon, S.E.; P. B. Gee, S.N.; J. E. Jackson, P.S.; J. Wood, Treas.; and W. H. Ball, Janitor. The private companions of the chapter were represented by Comps. W. Laidlaw, P.Z. 216; J. Ellis, R. Douglas, W. Curtis, J. Griffiths, W. Fish, J. Archdeacon, J. Norminton, A. Davies, Rev. P. Hains, R. Carter, W. Roberts, M. Parkes, E. A. Wright, W. P. Jennings, J. H. Gregory, E. Carter, M. Davies, T. H. Hall, H. Firth, P. Robbie, J. Hughes, W. C. Webb, C. Leighton, and D. Lloyds. The visitors present were Comps. J. Hocken, P.Z. 220 and 673; W. T. May, P.Z. 220 and 673; H. Burrows, 673; and J. Parsons, M.E.Z. 203, and others. After the transaction of some business, Comp. Henry Pearson was installed M.E.Z. of the chapter; and the other new appointments were Comps. W. C. Bulman, H.; P. B. Gee, J.; J. E. Jackson, P.S.; J. Wood, Treas. (re-elected for the fifth time); A. Davies, S.E.; Rev. P. Hains, S.N.; and P. Ball, Janitor. The chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet.

Red Cross of Constantine.

THE ORIGINAL OR PREMIER CONCLAVE OF ENGLAND.—The annual gathering of this celebrated conclave was held on Monday evening, the 31st May, at the Masonic Hall, Café Royal, Regent-street, W., for the installation of its officers and other business. The conclave being opened according to ancient custom by the M.P.S., Sir Knt. R. Wentworth Little, P.M.P.S., acting in the place of the late lamented M.P.S., Sir Knt. E. Sillifant, the minutes of the last assembly of the conclave were read and confirmed. The following gentlemen were balloted for, approved, and installed Knights of the Order:—Bros. Burleigh Tresselman, Lodge 200, Old Globe, Scarborough; John Mason, Lodge of Harmony, 309; Thomas Howe, 1445, P.M. Prince Leopold, 1460. On the conclusion of the installation of the aforementioned new Knights companions, the special business of the conclave commenced, which was the enthronement of the V.E. Sir Knt. T. Burdett Yeoman, Viceroy and M.P.S. elect, and the appointment of officers for the ensuing year as follows: Sir Knts. T. Burdett Yeoman, M.P.S.; H. A. Dubois, V.; Rev. Dr. E. Brette, S.G.; Rev. J. M. Vaughan, I.G.; Rev. P. Melancthon Holden, H.P.; T. Cubitt, Treas.; R. Wentworth Little, Recorder; H. C. Levander, Asst. Recorder; T. Kingston, Orator; A. Moore, Prefect; J. Parker, Org.; Col. J. Peters, Std. Bearer; T. Massa, Herald; E. H. Thicllay, 1st Aide; J. E. Symons, 2nd A.D.C.; J. Gilbert, Sentinel. The ceremony of installation being finished, the M.P.S. was warmly greeted and congratulated by the whole of the Sir Knights present. The conclave was closed after the Royal Standard of our departed Grand Sovereign had been safely deposited in ancient form. The Sir Knights adjourned to their banquetting hall to celebrate their annual festival. V.E. Sir Knt. T. Burdett Yeoman, M.P.S., occupied the chair, and was supported on the right by Col. Francis Burdett, Grand Viceroy, on the left by Sir Knt. R. Wentworth Little, P.S., Grand Treasurer, and the rest of the officers beforementioned, and the following:—Sir Knts. Hubbard, P.S.; J. G. Marsh, P.S.; T. Moss, P.S.; G. Kenning, P.S.; T. Howe, Burleigh Tresselman, J. Mason, S. Palmer, A. F. Hand; visitors—J. Thomas, P.S.; Hyde Pullen, P.S.; and others. Grace was sung by the following eminent artists:—Miss Jessie Royd, Messrs. Stedman and Frank Ellmore; piano, H. Parker. On the cloth being removed, the usual loyal and chivalric toasts were given, all of which were heartily responded to. The M.P.S. remarked that wherever the name of Her Majesty the Queen of England was mentioned it was always with the highest respect, and that in her name old England stood out exalted above all nations. On the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family" being given, it was received with tremendous applause; this was supplemented by a few observations from the chair, that were very warmly applauded. On the toast of "The Grand Sovereign, Sir Frederick M. Williams, Bart., M.P.," being given, it was replied to by Colonel Francis Burdett, Grand Viceroy, in his usual happy and felicitous style, at the same time he paid a very great compliment to the M.P.S., who had been chosen to preside over the Premier Conclave. The M.P.S. is most ready of speech, and the whole of the toasts were given in a manner that met with marked approval. The toasts were interspersed with some splendid singing, and the ballad song, "So please you, Sir," rendered by Miss Royd, was received by an ovation of applause. Atten-

tion and care will place her above mediocrity in her profession. Mr. Stedman's singing was simply splendid, and we all know the value of our old friend and brother, Ellmore. The toast of "The Premier Conclave and her Officers and Past Officers" was responded to by Sir Knt. R. Wentworth Little, who stated that there were now enrolled under our banner 130 conclaves, and some twelve others were ready to join; he spoke most encouragingly. "The Health of the M.P.S." was given by Sir Knt. Moss, whom he was proud to have as a friend; wherever he met him it was always in the character of a gentleman. May health, wealth, and prosperity follow you wherever you go. The following toasts were given:—"The Viceroy, H. A. Dubois," "The Visiting Knights," responded to by Sir Knts. Hyde Pullen and Thomas—their words were kind and gracious; and lastly "The Sentinel's" toast brought to a conclusion an evening spent in pleasurable delight. There was no want of interest during the whole of the time spent together, and the same was much enlivened by the recitations of Sir Knt. the Rev. Phillip Melancthon Holden, H.P., and the newly initiated Knt., Comp. Burleigh Tresselman, who amazed us by his singing and performance on the piano in the most artistic style. Talent was not wanting among the Sir Knts. present. Colonel Peters gave "Vive la!" accompanying himself. Sir Knt. Marsh also lent his musical talents. The piano was most efficiently handled by the eminent Knt. Comp. J. Parker, who had the management of the artistes engaged on this auspicious occasion.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER FOR LANARKSHIRE.

The usual quarterly communication of the above chapter was held within the Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan Street, on the 4th inst., the M.E.P.G. Supt., Comp. F. A. Barrow, presiding, supported by the following office bearers (viz.): Comps. John Miller, Z. (Glasgow, Chap. No. 50), acting H.; James Duthie, Z. (Cathedral, Chap. No. 67), acting J.; John Fraser, P.G.S.N.; Thos. Halket, P.G. Treas.; James Balfour, P.G., 1st Soj.; T. D. Humphries, P.G., 2nd Soj.; G. W. Wheeler, Z. (Chap. 73, Caledonian of Unity), acting 3rd Soj.; G. McDonald, P.G., Swd. B., a good attendance of comps. being also present. The chapter having been duly opened, the minutes of quarterly communication of date 26th Feb. were read and confirmed. The P.G. Treas. submitted a statement of accounts connected with the festival of all the chapters in this province (which took place in March last), showing a balance in favour of the committee, which it was agreed to hand over to the P.G. Chapter. The M.E.P.G. Supt., congratulating the comps. on the success of the festival, expressed his firm conviction that such meetings had a tendency to consolidate and give an impulse, not only to R.A. Masonry in particular, but to Masonry in general in all its bearings. The resignation of Comp. Geo. Baxter Adams as P.G. 3rd Soj. was accepted, and it was agreed to leave that office vacant until the next quarterly communication in September, when the annual election of office bearers takes place. After a little conversation among the comps. the chapter was closed in due and ancient form.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

The Knights Companions of the R.S.Y.C.S. met in council at their P.G.L. Hall, at 213, Buchanan-street, at 3 p.m. on the 3rd inst. The P.G.M., F. A. Barrow, presided, assisted by Comps. Wm. Smith, P.G. Sec.; Archd. McTaggart, P.G.S.W.; John Fraser, P.G.J.W.; James Balfour, P.G. Examiner and Introducer; John Stewart, P.G. Grand Guard, and a competent number of Kts. Comps. The Grand Chapter having been duly opened, the following brethren of the Order of St. John's were then ballotted for, namely—Frank Goodwin, Rosebank, Johnstone; and John Gilchrist and David Gilchrist, Beech Villa, Pollokshields. The ballot having been found clear, the candidates were introduced according to ancient custom and form, when the P.G.M. duly admitted them as Companions of H.R.M. of K.W.N.G. The chapter was thereafter closed, and a lodge of R.S.Y.C.S. opened, when the afore-mentioned companions were admitted to the order of Knighthood pertaining to this degree. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the P.G.M. congratulated the newly-advanced brethren upon the position they had now attained in this high order of Masonry, and expressed a hope that they would prove diligent in their endeavours to acquire a due knowledge of its beautiful ritual and ceremonials, so that in the working of the P.G. Lodge they might be able to assist at the advancement of many honourable and distinguished brethren in the future. The newly-dubbed Knights suitably recognised and responded to the good wishes of the P.G. Master. There being no further business, the P.G.L. was then closed according to ancient custom.

PERTH.—SCOON AND PERTH (No. 3).—This lodge held an emergent meeting on Tuesday, 17th ult., at which two brethren received the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at the hands of the R.W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Chalmers, R.W.P.M. Dr. Cowan, of the Lodge Kilwinning in the East, No. 740 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, P.M. of Great Western Lodge, No. 47 of Canada and of Eastern Bengal Railway Lodge, No. 444 of Calcutta, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was afterwards affiliated. The lodge was opened at 8 p.m., and closed in due form at 10.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 3 bis).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, 1st inst.; Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., in the chair. Bros. J. D. Young, S.W.; David Horne, J.W.; Thomas Fletcher, I.P.M.; John Baird, P.M.; D. M. Nelson, D.M.; R. B. Dalzell, Treas.; John Dick, Sec.; P. Brownlie, S.D.; John Reid, J.D.;

and the other office bearers in their respective places. As usual there was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. William Bell, R.W.M., assisted by his Wardens. Bro. John Dick, Sec., then read the minutes of previous meeting, which were approved of. The following gentlemen having applied for admittance into the ancient customs and privileges of Freemasonry, viz., William Gray and James Lynn, Bro. Bell, R.W.M., asked whether there was any objection. None being offered, the candidates entered and received the E.A. Degree, Bro. J. B. Bell officiating in a very efficient manner. The candidates then retired, and Bro. James Sellars, of Lodge Chryston, was affiliated into this lodge, Bro. James McMillan, P.M., performing the ceremony. After the subject of the laying of the foundation-stone of the Rothesay Aquarium, and the annual trip of the lodge, had been brought up and discussed, the lodge was called to refreshment. Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., having retired on account of urgent private affairs, Bro. John Baird, P.M., occupied the chair, and proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were well received. The proceedings were enlivened by several most excellent songs. Bro. D. M. Nelson, D.M., said before parting there was one toast he would feel great pleasure in proposing, that was "The Press," coupled with the names of Bros. W. H. Bickerton and John Stewart. The business of the lodges had been most truthfully and well reported in the *Freemason*, which Bro. Bickerton represented, and he would now call upon them to pledge this toast with a hearty bumper, which was done accordingly with quick fire and three times three. Bro. Bickerton most suitably replied, which Bro. Stewart endorsed. After spending a most enjoyable evening, and the last toast given, which brought the proceedings to a close, the brethren, after assisting the R.W.M. to close the lodge, retired.

GLASGOW.—LODGE GLASGOW KILWINNING (No. 4).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their Lodge-room, No. 170, Buchanan Street, Glasgow, on the 2nd inst. The chair was occupied by Bro. A. R. Thorburn, R.W.M.; Bros. W. S. Henderson, S.W.; Geo. Holms, J.W., and a large number of brethren being present. The lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary and confirmed, when Bro. Prout proposed, and the R.W.M. seconded, the admittance of Bro. Robert Mitchell, P.M. of Lodge Union (No. 332), as an affiliated member of Glasgow Kilwinning (No. 4). The R.W.M. having performed the ceremony, Bro. Mitchell was congratulated by the members of the lodge. This concluding the business in this degree, the lodge was raised to that of M.M., when Bros. James McKean and James Hay McNaughton received the Sublime Degree of M.M., Bro. W. S. Henderson, J.W., officiating in a manner that bespoke great care and thoughtfulness. The business of the lodge being over brought the meeting to a close.

GLASGOW.—LODGE THISTLE (No. 87).—This lodge having made arrangements to hold their meetings in the Commercial Hall, situated at 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, met on the 1st inst. for the first time in their new quarters, which brought together a large number of the members and visiting brethren. The chair was taken by Bro. John Fraser, P.M.; Bros. J. Booth, S.W.; Fyfe, acting J.W. The lodge being opened in the E.A. Degree, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Fraser then said he was glad to find that the members of the lodge highly approved of the step the office-bearers had taken in procuring the use of the Commercial Hall for their meetings, and he had no doubt that they would find every Masonic comfort and kindness extended to them by the Commercial Lodge. Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., of Commercial (No. 360), said he was glad to find them so well satisfied with the change they had made, and it would be alike the endeavour as it was the pleasure and the duty of No. 360 to make them as comfortable as possible. Bro. J. W. Burns, the R.W.M., having arrived, took the chair, when a letter was read from Bro. Geddis, making application for a little assistance to enable him to proceed to New Zealand along with his wife and family. Bro. John Miller tabled a motion for next meeting, viz., "That a sum of money be granted from the funds of the lodge." This was seconded by Bro. John Fraser, P.M., and agreed to unanimously. In reply to a question from a brother the R.W.M. said they had made no arrangements for the use of the harmonium. Bro. Pinto moved that arrangements should be made for its use; this was seconded by Bro. W. Stewart, S.D., and agreed to. An application was made from Bros. W. Pollock, of Lodge Lindores (No. 106), and John Corbett, of Beath St. John's (No. 157), to become affiliated members of the Thistle (No. 87), Glasgow, which was supported by Bros. Booth and Fraser, and entertained. Bro. J. Fraser, P.M., administered the necessary obligation, and both were received members of the lodge. There being no further business in this degree the lodge was passed to the Second Degree, when Bro. Olef Thomas Olsen received the F.C. Degree, Bro. W. J. Burns, R.W.M., effectively officiating. There being no further business the lodge was reduced and closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE UNION AND CROWN (No. 103).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 31st ultimo. Bro. A. M. Wright, R.W.M., in the chair, assisted by his Wardens, opened the lodge, when the minutes of last regular meeting, also special meeting, were read and approved of. Applications were also read from the following gentlemen for admission into Freemasonry, viz.:—Thos. Galloway, John Derry, and Robert Tarbett. Being duly proposed and seconded, and no objections raised, the candidates entered and received the E.A. Degree, Bro. A. M. Wright performing the ceremony in a most striking manner. After several discussions of matters connected with the lodge, which were most amicably settled, Bro. Jas. Gilles then proposed that the fees of initiation, also affiliation, be raised, which was

received with acclamation. Bro. Jas. Crawford, of Lodge St. John's, Lanark, No. 21, was then affiliated, Bro. Bain, P.M., officiating. The lodge was then raised to Fellow Craft, when Bros. Jas. Crawford and Robt. Fyfe were passed to that degree very efficiently. There being no further business the lodge was closed.

LARGS.—ST. JOHN'S KILWINNING LODGE (No. 173).—At the monthly meeting of this lodge, held on the evening of Friday last, Bro. William Thomson presented the lodge with a splendid pair of pedestals. The R.W.M. (Bro. Easton), on behalf of the lodge, accepted Bro. Thomson's gift, and, in a short speech, proposed a vote of thanks to the donor, which was heartily accorded.

GLASGOW.—LODGE SHAMROCK AND THISTLE (No. 275).—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Friday, the 4th inst. in their hall, 22, Struthers-street. There was a large turn out of the brethren. Bro. R. M. Yuille, R.W.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Paterson, S.W., and Findlay, J.W., in their respective chairs. The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed to, and declared confirmed. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. Jas. Ferguson, who, it appeared, was in very reduced circumstances, and out of employment. After a little friendly conversation among the brethren regarding the character and position of Bro. Ferguson, it was unanimously agreed to give a sum of money from the lodge benevolent funds for his immediate relief. Then came up the question of the annual excursion for final arrangement. After various suggestions it was agreed that it take the character of a picnic to the beautiful and picturesque grounds of Bowling Glen, on the 19th of June, leaving and returning to Glasgow by rail. Applications were read for initiation into Freemasonry from Mr. John Morrison and Mr. Moritz Beil. They were proposed and seconded by Bros. J. Murray, J. Guthrie, Charles Mair, and John Paterson. Their characters being found worthy, they were prepared for and received the first degree, Bro. Geo. C. H. McNaught officiating. The R.W.M. intimated that an emergency meeting would be held in the lodge on Saturday 5th inst. (2nd and 3rd degree to be given). This being all the business the lodge was closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—COMMERCIAL LODGE (No. 360).—A special meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 50, Hope-street, on Monday, the 31st ult., Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., presiding; Bro. James M. Oliver, S.W., Bro. S. Findlater, J.W. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, when the R.W.M. intimated that the foundation stone of the Rothesay Aquarium would be laid with Masonic honours on Saturday, 5th June, and brethren wishing to be present would receive clothing, &c., in the hall on Friday, the 4th, that being the regular meeting of the lodge. The R.W.M. also intimated that brethren who have not had an opportunity of subscribing to the memorial to the late Bro. Ure might do so any time before the 10th June, circulars being now in the hands of the committee. There being no further business in this degree, the lodge was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., when Bros. Thos. Ross, James Kerr, and James Neish received that degree from the R.W.M. in his usual impressive style. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 30, Hope-street, on Friday, the 4th inst.; Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., in the chair; Bros. J. M. Oliver, S.W.; Thos. Graham, J.W., and other officers in their respective places. There was a fair attendance on this occasion. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. John Monro, and the Secretary, Bro. W. H. Bickerton, read the minutes of last regular meeting, also those of a special meeting on the 31st ult., which were approved of. The R.W.M. then informed the brethren that Mr. Cowper, whose application for admission into Freemasonry had been read at the last general meeting, and no objection offered, would now be ballotted for, which was accordingly done, and proved favourable. Mr. Cowper then entered and received the E.A. Degree, Bros. J. M. Oliver and John Monro officiating. On Bro. Cowper retiring, the lodge was raised to the Degree of Fellow Craft, and Bro. Scott, who had made excellent improvement as an Entered Apprentice, was presented as a candidate for this degree. Bro. Monro, R.W.M., in the lecture of the degree, so impressively traced the progress of the art, nature, and design of Freemasonry as cannot fail to excite in the Craftsman a spirit of enquiry, and induce him to emulate further acquisitions in Freemasonry. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. ANDREWS (No. 465).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place in their hall, Garngad-road, on the 3rd inst.; the R.W.M., Bro. D. Reid, presided. Bros. McLeish, acting S.W.; J. Davidson, J.W., occupying his own chair. As usual, the meeting was exceedingly well attended. The lodge was opened at 7.30, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary and confirmed. Applications were read for admittance into Freemasonry from the following gentlemen, viz.: Peter Douglas, proposed by Bro. John Douglas, seconded by Bro. W. Gray; Bro. Pirrit, proposed by Bro. And. Heiron, seconded by Bro. Jas. Morrison; J. McFarlan, proposed by Bro. Slight, seconded by Bro. John McDonald; Richard Milne, proposed by Bro. Arch. Stevenson, seconded by Bro. S.W. Campbell. Those applications being satisfactory to the members of the lodge, the First Degree was imparted to them by the R.W.M. in a very able manner. Instructors having been appointed to the candidates, and no further business on this degree, the lodge was raised to the Second Degree, when Bros. Renney McLane, Richard Milne and John Wilson were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, the R.W.M. again presiding. This being all the business on this degree, the lodge was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. This having been conferred on Bros. Richard Milne and Renny McLane by the R.W.M., it was intimated that an

emergency meeting would be held on Saturday, 12th June, for the dispatch of business, and also that a meeting for harmony would take place on the 24th, to celebrate the Summer Festival of St. John. This brought the labours of a hard night's work to a most satisfactory close, and reflected much credit upon the energetic perseverance of Bro. D. Reid, the much respected R.W.M. of this lodge.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. VINCENT (553).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday the 3rd inst. Bro. Malcolm Stark, D.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. R. McDougale, R.W.M., occupied the chair; Bro. Hunter, S.W., Bro. Stevens, J.W., with a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. On the lodge being opened by Bro. Stark, he read applications from the following gentlemen for admission into Freemasonry, viz.: D. McIndoe and J. Groves, which were duly received and no objections offered. They were duly initiated, Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., Lodge Commercial No. 360, performing the ceremony in his usual masterly style. Bro. Stark then read a letter from Bro. R. McDougall, R.W.M., apologizing for his absence that evening, regretting that he was not able to be with them. Bro. Stark said he was sure that Bro. McDougale would doubly regret his absence that night when he informed him of the distinguished and very worthy brothers that had honoured them by their visit on this occasion: he assured them in behalf of the R.W.M. and Lodge St. Vincent that he was very thankful to them, and hoped they would often come amongst them. They were not very comfortable in their present temporary quarter, but they were about to get a hall of their own, and then they would be more comfortable; and before setting down he would again thank the visitors for their company on this occasion. Bro. Stark said that it was rather unusual, at the close of the proceedings, for the minutes to be read, but on this occasion it was most suitable. The Secretary, Bro. J. Hally, then proceeded to read the minutes of previous meeting which was confirmed. Bro. Hunter, S.W., said before closing the lodge he had one duty to perform—that of proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Monro, R.W.M., of Lodge Commercial No. 360, for his kindness in consenting, also the very able manner he had instructed the candidates in the E.A. degree that night: he was sure that the lodge, also the candidates were very much indebted to Bro. Monro, and he would move that it be recorded in the minutes. This proposition, also the vote of thanks, were received with acclamation. The lodge was thereafter closed in due form, and the brethren for a short time adjourned for refreshment, and with the usual loyal toasts, together with that of the visiting brethren and the newly-initiated, which was most ably replied to. The brethren, after spending a most pleasant evening, and the last toast being given—Happy to meet, &c.—dispersed.

GLASGOW.—COMMERCIAL CHAPTER (No. 79).—The regular monthly meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on Friday, 28th ult. A lodge of Excellent Masters was opened, and Bros. James M. Duncan and John McRobbie, who had received the degree of Mark Masters at last meeting, were admitted and advanced to that of Excellent Masters. The lodge being closed and a H.R.A. Chapter opened, they were re-admitted and exalted to that sublime degree. Comps. Julius Brodick, Z.; Dobbie, P.Z. 119, acting H.; Duthie, Z. 67, acting J.; J. M. Oliver, E. 69, acting E.; Ronald, First Soj. 67, acting First Soj., &c. Before closing the chapter, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the visiting companions for their assistance on the occasion, and as a further mark of appreciation for their services Comps. Colin McKenzie and David Donald, First Sojourners respectively of Chapters 50 and 67, were affiliated honorary members of the chapter. There being no further business, the chapter was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—CATHEDRAL CHAPTER (No. 67) met at 22, Struthers-street, Calton, on the 25th May. Visiting Comps. present: Comps. Phillips, Z. 87, and Russell, Scribe E. 87. A lodge of Past Masters was opened, Comp. J. Duthie in the chair, Comps. Phillip, Junior Warden, Ronald, Senior Warden, with a number of well qualified brethren. Applications were read from Bro. Smythe, 34, and Bro. Barnard, of 556, which were approved of, and both being duly prepared they were conducted into the lodge and instructed in the mysteries of the degree by the W. Mark Master. The lodge was then closed and opened in the Excellent Master Degree. The two brothers being led in were instructed in this degree, and the lodge was closed. The Royal Arch Chapter was then formed: Comps. Duthie, M.E.P.Z.; Wood, H.; Taylor, J.; French, Scribe, E.; McLauren, Scribe, N.; Wood, Treas.; Ronald, First Soj.; Nagle, Second Soj.; Deckie, Third Soj.; and a full meeting of companions to constitute and hold the chapter, it being opened in due form by the three Principals. Bros. Smyth and Barnard were led into the chapter and were exalted, and received as regular Royal Arch Companions, the M.E. First Principal; Comp. Duthie, officiating. The minutes of the former meeting were then read and confirmed. The chapter was then closed in due and ancient form by the three Principals, all companions standing to order.

A memorial tablet, on which is the following inscription, now marks the spot in Westminster Abbey where the remains of Dr. Livingstone are deposited:—"Brought by faithful hands over land and sea, here rests David Livingstone, missionary, traveller, philanthropist. Born March 19, 1813; died May 1, 1873, at Chitambo's Village, Ulala. For thirty years his life was spent in an unwearied effort to evangelise the native races, to explore the undiscovered secrets, to abolish the desolating slave trade of Central Africa, and where, with his last words, he wrote—'All I can add in my solitude is, may Heaven's rich blessing come down on every one—American, English, or Turk—who will help to heal this open sore of the world!'"

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.]

HIS HOLINESS AND THE MOST WORSHIPFUL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"The Pope, he leads a happy life," is one of those poetic fictions which contrast sadly with the sterner realities of His Holiness's sublunar pilgrimage, and when we read "one of those strange tricks," as Cleopatra's maid says, "which sorrow shoots out of his mind," in his epistle of the 7th January last, we are led to a very startling inference.

It is a saying, founded on the deepest study of human nature, that no man is a hero to his valet, and we should be very much surprised if His Holiness should appear a Christian—we say this advisedly—to the keeper, whoever that may be, of his conscience. Indeed, it is difficult to believe that an Italian, trained to all the arts of priestcraft, can be much short of a pagan himself, and it is a curious circumstance how inadvertently, as it were, His Holiness, in his epistle just referred to against the Masonic brotherhood, betrays the symbolism of a Pythagorean. Why "three priests" and "three communions daily," as His Holiness recommends, should exasperate a God of love against an eminently pacific institution, such as Masonry, whose fundamental principles are charity in its widest sense, and liberality in its theological, is indeed passing strange.

But to the archaeological Freemason, the secret thought thus oozing out is very significant of the faith really held by the Pontiff in the "sanctum sanctorum" of his heart, if indeed one so exalted possesses so commonplace an organ, but does not rather place his hand, when oppressed by the Masonic dread, upon "that aching spot where beats the human heart," but which is something more, or perhaps less.

The truth is, all enlightened Roman Catholics who read for themselves, and draw knowledge from the fountain head, and not the brackish stuff so called through another, are not blind to the fact that the power of the priesthood droops at the headquarters of the sect, and that education and travel altogether destroy its oppressive and pernicious influence—just as in India railways are gradually undermining Brahminism. But the analogy might be pointed still more sharply were we not cautious of giving offence to those brethren who may still have a lingering feeling or superstition in favour of a Church in which they have been reared.

Freemasonry may well pardon the unseemly violence and hatred of "the old man," with something of Lear's "hysterica passio."

He stands condemned by his own pretensions, and it is in vain that he opposes the charity and liberality of Freemasons with vituperation, attempted oppression, malice, conspiracy, and all the weapons of Jesuitism. We know him by his works—"Can a clean thing come out of an unclean?"

His Holiness knows more than he ought, or we are very much mistaken. He appears to look upon Freemasonry as a rival house, drawing off custom from himself. On close examination the decimal system (mystic of course) will be found at the bottom of all this Papal exasperation; and as His Holiness is said to be infallible we will take him at his word, that "no human power (not even the spiritual) is capable of struggling against" us.

But we will not condescend to bandy words with His Holiness. He is welcome to his keys and to his strong box. The world is large enough surely for us all, but should His Holiness require change of air, let him by all means pay a friendly untheological visit to the Great Lama, for "The Most Worshipful" cannot put him up, or put up with him, at present—this being the season when other engagements are pressing.

RAHE.

THE 1717 ASSERTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In to-day's *Freemason* there appears a letter from Bro. "Lupus" in reference to myself, which would be simply amusing were it not for its unmasonic tone, and certain statements contained in it. He tells us that I at one time challenged him in reference to the use of the word "speculative" in the middle ages, and that he got a certain old MS. examined by some one to see if that word was really in it. He published the result of this examination, and, as he tells us, the result was that Bro. Buchan "said not a word afterwards, but retreated into defeated silence." Now, we shall at once see the untruthfulness of this assertion by referring to the back numbers of the *Freemason*. From pages 26 and 27 of the *Freemason* for January, 1871, I think it will be seen that it was "An American Freemason," hailing from Cincinnati, O., who was at loggerheads with Bro. "Lupus" about "speculative." Then, if we take the *Freemason* for April 15th, 1871, pp. 233 and 234, we find "Lupus" stating upon the authority of some unnamed individual that "speculative" really occurs in some old MS., and upon the very same leaf we find Bro. Buchan making the same statement, and naming as his authority Mr. Bond, the keeper of the MSS. in the British Museum! Further on again, viz., at p. 300 of the *Freemason* for May 13th, 1871, we find Bro. Buchan giving Bro. "Lupus" the benefit of a column and a half of remarks. Then at p. 316, May 20th, we find Bro. "Lupus" telling us he has had enough of it, his opening remark being, "I have no intention to prolong this discussion." Bro. Buchan, at pp. 333, 344 of the *Freemason* for May 27th, 1871, replied, and so the friendly correspondence closed. Now, how all this can be

shown to be Bro. Buchan's "retreat into defeated silence" I cannot imagine. Possibly, however, Bro. "Lupus" will be able to show. For my part, I fear it can only be that the wish was father to the thought; or, again, if he is fond of a glass of good old port now and then, some one has unfortunately happened to touch his toe while the gout was troubling him, and he, being earnestly engaged reading the *Freemason* at the time, just where Bro. Buchan's name occurred, up goes the walking stick, and poor Bro. Buchan gets the benefit.

I am, fraternally yours,

W. P. BUCHAN.

Glasgow, June 5th, 1875.

P.S.—As to the remarks about white aprons and gloves having to be provided for the Masons in the time of Henry VI., I beg to be allowed to refer to p. 442 of the *Freemason* for July 15th, 1871; and also to the valuable old 1670 statutes of the Aberdeen Lodge, which appeared at pp. 501 and 550 of the *Freemason* for August 12th and September 2nd, 1871. Possibly Bro. "Lupus" imagines it was he who sent these contributions to the *Freemason*. If so, he had better look again.—W.P.B.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am obliged to Bro. "Lupus" for his kind communication, and his interest on my behalf, but at present there does not seem much difficulty as to my offer being carried out, and it is better to give evidence for our theories, assertions, and beliefs in full, in order that the question at issue may be settled at once and for ever, than to decline the controversy, for the "1717 theory" is not the pet notion of "one Mason only," and indeed for my part I am convinced that many both in and outside the Masonic society have a fancy that our claim to antiquity is a portion of our fabulous history.

When time permits I am quite content to abide by my offer, and, with a clearly defined object to be attained, and only three as short letters as possible from my friend Bro. Buchan, and the same number in reply by me, I hope we shall arrive at an agreement on the subject. At present, however, I am not quite clear as to what the "1717 theory" really means.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

PRECEDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you favour me with your opinion in the following case in an early number of the *Freemason*?

A lodge was formed and a brother became a joining member just before any were initiated. The W.M. elect states his intention to advance the first initiate of the lodge (who is both able and willing to serve) to the vacancy created by the rise of the officers. On this, because he refused to appoint the joining member instead of the initiate, a brother proposed the non-confirmation of that part of the minutes, electing the S.W. to be W.M.

Which has the greater claim to the office, the joining member or the initiate?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

HADLEY.

[As a general rule the actual bona-fide member of the lodge, the initiate, in fact, though any member of the lodge is available for office. In this case the initiate and joining brother became members of the lodge about the same time, so it is a most difficult question to decide.—Ed.]

THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me space in your columns to thank Bro. W. J. Hughan for his valuable letter of the 16th January, in re the Mark Degree, and to heartily return his fraternal greeting. The information conveyed is valuable from its plain and concise statement, but doubly so when emanating from a brother so well versed in Masonic lore as Bro. Hughan.

My thanks are equally due to our distinguished Bro. Binckes for his able and exhaustive letter on the subject. As he very properly observes, it is almost impossible to discuss the propositions in public, otherwise there are yet several important points I should like to draw his attention to. In the meantime, however, I hope, and believe, that our correspondence (short as it is) has been of some service to my companions of the Mark.

Trusting these zealous and able brethren may be long spared to the Craft,

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

WALTER HILL, P.M. 49, E.C.

Wellington, New Zealand, April 11th, 1875.

BELGIAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Belgian Benevolent Society for the relief of distressed Belgians in this country holds a banquet in aid of the funds on Saturday, 19th June, at Willis's Rooms.

Probably some of those who were entertained by the Belgian brethren at Liege and other places a few years ago may be glad of this opportunity of giving a trifle to a charity so consonant with true Freemasonry.

Any sum sent to me shall be properly applied and duly acknowledged.

I am, yours fraternally,

THOMAS PRESTON, D.C. Great City Lodge.

6, Westminster Chambers, S.W.

Obituary.

BROS. T. HAWORTH, R. W. O'NEIL, AND J. S. REDFERN, OF BURY.

The brethren in Bury (Lancashire) have latterly sustained a series of painful losses. Bro. Thomas Haworth, of Lodge Relief, 42, was lost in the foundering of the steamer Cadiz, when on his way from Spain, where he had but a short time before entered on an engagement under Messrs. McCullum, Cannon-Street, London, and his body has not been recovered; then on Thursday in Whit-week Bro. Robert Wright O'Neil and Richard Battersby, the former W.M. and the latter S.D. of Lodge Prince of Wales, 1012, were overbalanced by a lurch while on a yatching excursion in Morecambe Bay, thrown into the sea, and drowned, and only one of the bodies—that of Bro. O'Neil, a young but very promising brother both in Arch and Craft—has been recovered; and, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., within a few minutes of the return of the brethren from Bro. O'Neil's funeral, Bro. John Smith Redfern, of Lodge 42, P. Prov. G.P. East Lancashire, (in his 68th year, and the oldest Mason in Bury), died in the Knowsley Hotel, in the arms of Bro. Fred Auderton. On the way from the cemetery Bro. Redfern (who had suffered more or less from heart disease), complained of a pain in his side, and he called at the hotel for a stimulant, thinking it might give him ease. However, before he had time to raise the glass to his lips his spirit passed away without a struggle. A medical gentleman was called in, and gave the opinion that the deceased had died from syncope, probably induced by over exertion in the procession. Bro. Redfern had been a member of the Craft about 47 years, being W.M. of Lodge 42 (the oldest but one in the province of East Lancashire) as long as 40 years ago, and it will easily be understood that among the brethren in that locality his name was "familiar as a household word." Take him for all in all, he was a Mason whose like will not soon be seen again in Bury, and his death is deeply deplored.

Bro. O'Neil's funeral took place on Wednesday forenoon, the 26th ult., and witnessed by a considerable number of persons. The members of the Craft paid tribute to his memory by following his remains to the grave. Altogether 122 Masons attended, and these included members from the several lodges in the town, and brethren from Radcliffe, Whitefield, Rochdale, Ramsbottom, and Haslingden. They met at the Derby Hotel, where the Prince of Wales Lodge is held, and from there proceeded to the late home of their deceased brother in Manchester-road. The carriers were Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer (East Lancashire) Henry Maiden, P.M. John Halliwell, P.M. John Randle Fletcher, P.M. J. Smethurst, and Bros. Lawrence Stead (Ramsbottom), Nicholas Worsley (Haslingden), Alfred Hopkinson, and Harry Woodcock. There was no display of the emblematical insignia of the Order, but each Mason wore a white necktie and white gloves.

The Rev. E. Westerman performed the last sad offices of the dead. The coffin was of oak, with a handsome brass shield. On the top there were laid a cross and a wreath of flowers, the gifts of friends intimately connected with the family, and the coffin was lowered into the grave bearing these choicely fashioned tributes.

Bro. Lawrence Booth, P. Prov. G.S.B., E.L., acted as director of ceremonies.

The interment of Bro. Redfern's remains took place at All Saints' churchyard, Elton, on Saturday afternoon, the 29th ult. A warrant having been granted by Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. G.M., for the attendance of the Masonic brethren in their regalia and the observance of Craft honours in connection with the funeral, the event proved no less interesting to the various local lodges than it was attractive to the general public. The brethren, 211 strong, and including representatives of more than a score of lodges, mustered at the Albion Hotel, the meeting place of the lodge of which Bro. Redfern was a member, and after forming in processional order proceeded to their deceased brother's late residence in Georgiana-street, where they took precedence of the hearse and mourning coaches, and marched to the place of burial. The streets were thronged with thousands of spectators, and at various business places and houses on the line of route the shutters and blinds were disposed in mourning fashion.

Upon the arrival of the mourning cortège at the entrance to the churchyard the brethren filed to either side of the avenue leading to the sacred edifice, and there with bared heads awaited the passage of the corpse, which was borne by Bros. Warwick Wood, W.M. 128, Richard Pilkington, W.M. 1392, Edmund Whittam, Samuel Greenhalgh, John Atherton, James Cass, Joseph Place, and Robert Carter. As the funeral party entered the church Bro. J. Randle Fletcher played Mendelssohn's Funeral March on the organ. The general body of the brethren becoming seated, Bro. Phillips (with whom was present the Rev. E. Westerman, vicar of All Saints') read the service for the dead, the 90th Psalm being chanted by a body of surpliced choristers made up from the choirs of the Parish Church and All Saints', and among whom were several members of the Craft. While the corpse was being borne from the church Bro. Randle Fletcher played the "Dead March" in Saul. The corpse was deposited in a newly-built vault on the western side of the church, the choristers giving the responses incidental to the remaining portion of the burial service. This concluded, and the chief mourners moved away, the brethren were formed in more exact circle around the grave, and, at a signal from the P. Pro. Grand Chaplain, they joined in a silent parting salute to their departed brother. The duties of director of ceremonies fell to the lot of Bro. Robert Whittaker, 350 and 678, P. Prov. G.D.C., E.L., who was assisted by Bros. Harry Grundy, P.M. (acting for Bro. E.

Eccles, W.M., 42), Thomas Carter, S.D., Thomas Barker, J.D., and Samuel Mosley, I.G., all of Lodge 42. Bro. J. W. Kenyon, P.M. 42, was the undertaker. We may state that the coffin was of polished oak, with massive brass furniture, the costly metal appointments being the gift of Mr. Joseph Downham, ironmonger, Fleet-street, who, although a non-Mason, was a close friend of Bro. Redfern. The shield was of brass, graven with Masonic emblems, and above and below there was disposed polished brasswork in a cruciform style. Choice flowers, the gifts of Bros. G. O'Neil and J. M. Whitehead—the former contributing a beautiful wreath, and the latter a rare collection of flowers formed into Masonic emblems—were laid on the coffin. On Sunday morning, the 30th ult., a funeral sermon was preached at All Saints' Church by the Rev. E. Westerman, members of the O'Neil and Redfern families, as well as several members of the Masonic body, being present. The text was 1st John, iv., 11—"Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." Mr. J. R. Fletcher presided at the organ, and played a funeral march as an opening voluntary, and the "Dead March" at the close. The hymns sung were "Thy will be done," "Jesu, Lover of my soul," and "Christ is our Corner Stone," from "Hymns Ancient and Modern."

Poetry.

Dedicated to COLONEL PETERS, I.P.M., Lodge 1460, by T. BURDETT YEOMAN, 1460.

A SONG—THE I.P.M.—"HEARTY GOOD WISHES."

In ev'ry land and ev'ry clime some form of faith is found,
In North or South, in East or West, this feeling does abound;
Savage and Christian have their rites, and we Freemasons
too,

The fame of whom does fill the world, so honour'd is the
Blue.

CHORUS—Then sound our name in worthy song, lift up
the Standard high;

With soul and voice in love and truth,
"Hearty good wishes cry!"

We're all as one, a solid mass; one thought is in our mind,
To fill all hearts with happiness, and leave dull care behind:
To help a brother and do one good—this is our constant
aim;

To heal the sick and cheer the soul by love's undying flame.

CHORUS—Then sound our name in cheerful song, &c.
We'll tell the world that we are men who have no selfish
end,

But work in unity and zeal, one's happiness to blend;

To sow the seeds of light and love—a Mason's creed is
this,

To make a man say "I'm a man," and fill the world with
bliss.

CHORUS—Then sing aloud in joyful song, &c.
So we'll march on and do our part, the world shall be our
stage,

Resolved our light to shed abroad, and shun the bigot's
rage.

We hold the key that does unlock, the holy high command:
Do unto others as ye would, my free Masonic band.

CHORUS—So we will sing a joyous song, &c.

THE PAPAL ALLOCUTIONS.

"Thady," says Patsey, "mighty strange
Are all these Allocutions,

They are coming in like nice grane paas,
And Spanish revolutions;

They are just as thick as gooseberries,
And plintful as banes,

And cropping up like foine new praties
Or grane hedges in the lanes."

"Oh, don't you know, dear Patsey,
It's all thim bad Freemasons,

Those chaps who ride upon a goat,
And use hot pokers on all occashuns;

They are a mighty noisy lot,
And ate no ind of dinners,

And jist as shure as eggs is eggs
They all are dridful sinners."

"They don't respect the haythen,
Not even Cardinal Cullen,

The L.L. is their Grand Masther,
At which some folks look sullen;

They're always up to mischief,
And 'spalpanes' are they all,

And everything that's base and brutal
Father O'Rourke does the naygurs call."

"They must be bad," says Patsey,
"Because they've a secret dodge,

They won't till us what they say or do
When shut up within the lodge.

They must have some dridful sacret,
Or hedad why do they hide

Their faces, collars, and their aprons,
And many things beside?"

"And yit," says Thady, "it's most quare,
They say they hilp ache other,

That they look after old and young,
And take care of ache poor brother.

Maybe it's jist because of this,
We know so little of 'em,

That we declare they're good for nothing,
And call curses down upon 'em."

If we were Masons, oh!" says Thady
"We should be excommunicate;

If we were Masons, we should know
The truth about their state."

Oh! honest Patsey, friendly Thady,
Dismiss each fear and doubt,
Let a brother 'inthro juice' you,
You'll no more be put about.

But all as plain as A B C,
We'll fill you with delight,
Gone are your dreadful fancies,
Your anger and your fright;
A lodge is a band of loving brethren,
Without pretence of art,
Which binds closer to each other
Every loyal Irish heart.

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Masonic Tidings.

Bro. Ward Hunt, First Lord of the Admiralty, will deliver the Conway prizes at Liverpool on the 30th inst. He will arrive at Liverpool on the 29th inst., and leave on the 1st of July. During his stay Bro. Hunt will be the guest of the Mayor.

The Liverpool Town Council, on Wednesday, unanimously accorded Mr. Gladstone a vote of thanks for his loan of porcelain and pottery to one of the institutions of that town.

The Prince of Wales has presented a handsome piece of plate to be played for at polo by members of the British Army on the 25th. As all the crack players are certain to take part, a most exciting contest may be expected.

THE GREAT PICTURE OF THE INSTALLATION.—Bro. E. J. Harty's sketch for the intended steel engraving of the great ceremony on the 28th April was exhibited at Grand Lodge, and elicited high encomiums for its accuracy and details. It is to be submitted for the Grand Master's inspection in a few days. Photos are requested to be sent to the office of this paper.

His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W. Grand Master of Ireland, accompanied by Lady Georgiana Hamilton, is expected to arrive at the family residence in Green-street on the 15th inst., about which time the Duchess is expected to arrive from Biarritz.

CIVIL SERVICE LIFEBOAT FUND.—The Right. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Hon. the Earl of Bradford the Right Hon. Sir Stafford H. Northcote, M.P., and the Right Hon. G. Selater-Booth, M.P., have become vice-patrons of this benevolent fund.

The death of Bro. Sidney Spencer, proprietor of the City Terminus Hotel, took place on the 31st ult., at his residence, Shottendane, near Margate. Bro. Spencer, who was 49 years of age at the time of his death, had not been in good health for some time. It will be remembered that about two years ago his great services on behalf of the hotel-keepers of England were publicly recognised by a handsome testimonial, and he remained president of the Hotel-keepers' Association up to the time of his decease. He had been a Freemason for many years, being a member of the Lion and Lamb and William Preston Lodges. He was at the present time serving the office of churchwarden of his parish of St. Mary Bothaw. The funeral took place at Maidstone on Saturday last.

The Queen has appointed Bro. the Earl of Jersey to be one of her Majesty's lords in waiting in ordinary, in the room of Lord Walsingham, resigned.

Her Majesty has been pleased to approve of the following promotions in the army—viz., To be Field-Marshal, General Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, General Sir John Forster Fitzgerald, General the Marquis of Tweeddale.

Bro. Knight, the W.M., and the officers and brethren of the St. John and St. Paul Lodge No. 615, have determined to inaugurate the New Masonic Hall at Erith by a Ball to be held on Wednesday next, the 16th inst. For further particulars see advertisement on front page.

A Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey will be held on Saturday, the 19th inst., at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N., for the installation of the Provincial Grand Master.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh, P.S.G.W., will distribute the prizes at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Woodgreen, on the 30th inst. The annual summer fete on the 8th of July will be superseded this year by the Stewards' visit to the school at the distribution of prizes.

The Annual Festival of the Grand Mark Lodge Benevolent Fund will be held at the Alexandra Palace on the 21st of July. Bro. W. Romaine Callender, M.P., Prov. G.M.M. of Lancashire, will preside.

Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., has accepted the trusteeship of the Sustentation Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire was held on Thursday last at Boston. We shall give a report of the proceedings thereat in our next issue.

Owing to the pressure on our columns this week, we are compelled to omit the report of the De Shurland Lodge No. 1089. A very full account of the installation, &c., will appear in our next.

The Inauguration and Dedication of the White Rose of York Conclave (No. 120), Red Cross of Constantine, will take place at Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield, this day (Saturday), at 12 o'clock. E. Sir Knt. W. H. Brittain, 310, is the M.P.S. designate, and E. Sir Knt. Wm. Roddewig, 300, V.E. designate.

LAYING MEMORIAL STONE OF ROTHESAY
AQUARIUM.

To Rothesay belongs the honour of giving to Scotland its first public Aquarium, the memorial stone of which was on Saturday, the 5th inst., laid with full Masonic honours by Bro. Charles Dalrymple, M.P. for Buteshire, and Provincial Grand Master of Argyll and the Isles. The Aquarium occupies an excellent site on the Ascog shore, at the spot occupied by the old battery. When completed the building will have an imposing appearance. Externally it has a frontage of 102 feet, is graced below with a rusticated basement and cornice, is surmounted by a chaste open balustrade, and rising from the centre there will be an ornamental tower 47 feet in height. A short flight of circular steps leads from the outside to a commodious vestibule which communicates with a promenade hall, lighted by a dome, and intended for concerts, social gatherings, and the like. Adjoining the hall are smaller rooms as suitable accessories, and also rooms in which will be fitted table tanks. Entering from the promenade hall is a magnificent corridor, forming the main portion of the building, and measuring 90 feet by 15 feet. Ranged on each side of it will be sixteen tanks, while in two adjacent rooms are to be placed twenty others, for the reception of the smaller species of salt and fresh water animals. Besides those mentioned there will be nine tanks to be used chiefly for experiments. For the tanks 20,000 gallons of sea water and 12,000 gallons of fresh water will be required; but it has been considered necessary to have to supply reservoirs beneath the building capable of containing 100,000 and 40,000 gallons respectively, the extra quantity being indispensable in having the water thoroughly aerated. A water engine pumps the water into pipes, from which it is sent in a spray from jets in the roof, and in the event of an accident to this engine, a supplementary one, worked by steam, is to be provided. The tanks in which the animals are to be placed will be similar to those in the English Aquaria, three sides being of slate, and the front of one-inch plate glass. Artificial rock work is to be placed inside, and the bottom will be covered with shingle. It is not yet known from what source the sea water will be drawn, fears being entertained that the water in the vicinity of the Aquarium may prove unsuitable. After the reservoirs are filled there will be little need of replenishing, the sweetness of the fluid being maintained by machinery, and as each tank is placed on a lower level than the one next it, the water, by an overflow pipe, finds its way back to the reservoirs. To maintain an equal temperature of water, and in the building, hot water pipes are to be brought into requisition. It is proposed to use several tanks in promoting scientific research, more particularly in the department of embryology, and after the Aquarium has been fairly started the directors hope to be able to add a sealground, and also a home for porpoises. The total cost is estimated at £10,000, and of this £1,000 has been contributed by the Marquis of Bute, who, in addition, gave a free site for the building, and £1,000 by the Corporation of Rothesay, the remainder being made up by shares of £5 each.

Rothesay has always been a favourite place of resort for those who, during the summer, can afford to leave Glasgow for a couple of months, weeks, or it may be only days; and there is no doubt that the Aquarium will add another to the many existing attractions of the town. On Saturday flags were displayed from many buildings, and the yachts anchored in the neighbourhood were almost hid with bunting. As was to be expected, the inhabitants turned out *en masse* to witness the proceedings, while steamer after steamer arrived, bringing thousands of strangers to the pretty little island, thus showing the great interest that is being taken in the Aquarium by those at a distance. The procession was timed to leave the Esplanade at one o'clock, and as the bands that were to take part in it had previously been discoursing music at various points, a very large number of people had congregated long before that hour.

At half-past 12 o'clock the Provincial Grand Lodge of Argyll and the Isles was opened in the Town Hall, the office-bearers having been furnished with the suitable clothing by Bro. W. M. Bryce, Grand Tyler, who was through from Edinburgh for the occasion with Grand Lodge paraphernalia. In the absence of the R.W.P.G.M. the R.W.M. of Rothesay St. John's (292), Bro. Alex. Duncan, presided, with Bros. R. M'Farlane and George Innes acting Senior and Junior P.G. Wardens respectively. The lodge having been duly constituted, the R.W.P.G.M. moved that Bros. Robert Robb, Prov. Grand Marshal, and J. Balfour, Prov. Grand Master of Ceremonies, P.G.L. of Glasgow, as also Bro. W. M. Bryce, Grand Tyler, should, for the honour they had done Lodge 292 in coming down to assist them that day, receive honorary affiliation to the lodge, which was unanimously agreed to. At this stage the P.G. Master, Bro. Dalrymple, arrived, and was received with due honour. Having taken his seat upon the dais, and been informed as to the state of matters, the P.G.M. immediately adjourned the meeting until after the ceremonial at the building, and those present proceeded to join their brethren on the Esplanade. As nearly as we could make out the following were the lodges represented by deputations varying in numbers, the most numerous (the local lodge of course excepted) being that from Lodge Royal Arch, Cambuslang, which consisted of no fewer than thirty-seven members. Lodges St. John, Glasgow, 32; Journeyman, Edinburgh, 8; Greenock Kilwinning, 12; St. John Kilwinning, Dumbarton, 18; Doric Kilwinning, Port-Glasgow, 68; Thistle and Rose, Glasgow, 73; Montrose, Airdrie, 88; Royal Arch, Cambuslang, 114; Royal Arch, Rutherglen, 116; St. Mary's, Partick, 117; St. Mirren, Paisley, 129; St. Barnan, Kilbarhan, 156; Greenock St. John, 175; St. James', Old Monkland, 177; Garthland St. Winnoch, Lochwinnoch, 205; Star, Glasgow, 219; Hamilton, Ham-

ilton, 233; Blair, Dalry, 290; Rothesay St. John's, 292; Royal Arch, West Kilbride, 314; St. Andrews Royal Arch, Alexandria, 321; St. George, Glasgow, 333; Argyll, Dunoon, 335; Commercial, Glasgow, 360; Kelburne, Millport, 459; St. Munn, Dunoon, 496; St. Andrews, East Kilbride, 524; St. Andrews, Coatbridge, 544.

Bro. Robert Robb, Provincial Grand Marshal, and Bro. J. Balfour, Provincial Grand Master of Ceremonies, having marshalled the procession, a start was made shortly after one o'clock in the following order:—Band of music; Captain-Commandant M'Kirdy and Bute Artillery Volunteers; Chief-Constable M'Alpine and the officers of police; John Duncan, Esq., Provost (in his official robes), and the Magistrates of Rothesay; the members of the Town Council; the Sheriff and Sheriff-Substitute (Patrick Fraser, Esq., LL.D., and Robert Orr, Esq., advocates); the Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Rev. Bro. Gascoigne Weldon, and other clergymen of Rothesay; the Chairman and Directors of the Aquarium Co. (Limited); J. Russell Thompson, Esq., architect of the Aquarium; the inspector and contractors; the Foresters; Masonic lodges, juniors in front; band of music; R.W.M. Alexander Duncan and the office-bearers and brethren of the Rothesay St. John's; the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Argyll and the Isles (Bro. C. Dalrymple, M.P.); officers of police.

Arriving at the Aquarium, and all having taken up the various positions allotted them, the band played the National Anthem.

Provost Duncan then, in the name of the directors of the Aquarium Company, presented the Provincial Grand Master with a silver trowel, bearing a suitable inscription. Prayer having been offered up by the Rev. Bro. Weldon, Acting Chaplain, Bro. Bryce, Treasurer, deposited in the cavity of the stone a glass jar containing specimens of coins of the realm, copies of various newspapers, &c.

The stone having been properly laid "according to the rules of Masonry," three hearty cheers were given, and the band struck up "The Merry Masons."

The Provincial Grand Master then said—On a day long expected by many here present the foundation or memorial stone of the Rothesay Aquarium has been laid in your sight with all the solemnity which the Masonic craft can lend to a ceremony. It remains for me, with your permission, briefly to address you. Has it seemed to any one here present that the ceremony of to-day has been attended with a solemnity almost inappropriate, and that it was hardly suitable that a building destined to a secular purpose should be inaugurated with sacred rites? And yet I am sure that none of us will question the force of the words, "Nisi Dominus frustra"—Except the Lord build, except the Lord keep, the watching and waiting are vain: it is but lost labour. We who are met in the brightness of this opening summertime—omen, I hope, of the success of the whole undertaking—can hardly think it out of place, looking to the character of the future building, looking also to the associations of the surrounding scenery, to invoke upon the work to-day inaugurated "blessings of the heaven above, and of the deep that lieth under, and unto the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills." It is of the very essence of our business here to-day to wish prosperity to this enterprise, which is, I may remind you, the product of much care and anxiety on the part of its promoters. I am bold to say that it reflects the highest credit, not only on the energy of the originators of the plan, but on the skill of those who devised, and on the public spirit of those who determined to carry out the work. It would be an affectation, of which none of us would be guilty, to pretend that we do not look for material advantage to this place from the erection of the Aquarium. I venture to assert that if our expectations are realised, it is no more than Rothesay deserves if great material advantages should ensue, inasmuch as in this place is being instituted the first Scottish Aquarium. It is satisfactory to know that it is matter of positive knowledge that an Aquarium has elsewhere been what is called a paying concern. We shall not expect quite to emulate the financial triumphs of the famous Aquariums of the South, but it is worth mentioning that the Crystal Palace Aquarium shows a profit of 30 per cent. on the capital laid out upon it, while the grand Aquarium at Hamburg is also a great pecuniary success. I can well believe that to this "Brighton of the Clyde," as it has been called, in reference to our new venture, many visitors will be attracted by the Aquarium. We may flatter ourselves that not only travellers from Glasgow and Edinburgh and other parts of Scotland, but pilgrims from remoter places to the classic shrines of Scotland who, among other pleasures of travel, delight in the beauties of the Clyde, its mountain-bound lochs, its picturesque sea-side retreats, and its haunts of romantic and storied interest, will also desire to visit in the Island of Bute the Aquarium of the West of Scotland. For my own part, I should not hesitate to say to any who failed to pay us a visit for this purpose, "Your other exploits of travel are all very well, but you have not only missed visiting a sight of great interest, but what is much worse, you have failed to pay your tribute of acknowledgment to that gifted and remarkable people called the Brandanes, who, among other rare qualities, have been pioneers to all Scotland in the matter of an Aquarium." But to-day I claim a measure of homage for this enterprise on higher grounds. I believe that when completed the Aquarium is calculated to be the source of much useful and interesting information; and it is an ambition worthy of any institution to be a source of intellectual life to a place and neighbourhood. No one would wish on this occasion to be made the victim of an imposture; and I should rank high among impostors if I were to attempt to speak to you of an Aquarium in respect to its scientific value. This only I will say, that those who have visited an Aquarium elsewhere know what a treasure-house of constant interest it is found to be; and I believe that, high as may be the expectations raised in the minds of those who see this building rise, the wonders of the deep

on which we shall hereafter be allowed to gaze within its walls will satisfy the most ardent and exacting expectations. It has lately been said with some force that "though man cannot descend into the sea, or observe in the depths of ocean how fish live and grow, yet he achieves a greater triumph. He brings the fish from the great deep in which they live, and compels them to render up in his presence the secrets of their birth and the ratio of their growth." You have already by acclamation, with emphatic heartiness, wished prosperity to this undertaking. I will only say, in conclusion, that I trust its success is certain, and will be conspicuous, thereby affording an example to other places, and an encouragement and reward to the public spirited promoters of the scheme.

Bro. A. B. Stewart of Ascog, and Provost Duncan, on behalf of the directors and promoters of the company, and Bailie Orkney on behalf of the magistrates and councillors, having thanked the Prov. Grand Master for his presence that day, and he having replied in a few words, the procession was reformed and marched back to the Esplanade, where it was dispersed.

The Provincial Grand Lodge proceeded to the Town Hall, where it was resumed. Bro. Duncan, R.W.M. 292, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Provincial Grand Master for his services that day. They must feel proud also that the Provincial Grand Master of Argyll and the Isles should be a member of Lodge 292. The P.G.M. briefly acknowledged the compliment. On the motion of a brother of Lodge 292, a hearty vote of thanks was awarded by acclamation to all the lodges who had come forward from various parts of the country to assist in the proceedings of the day. Bro. the Rev. A. Weldon, chaplain of 292, said he thought they might all congratulate themselves upon the success of their proceedings so far, and their special thanks were due to the P.G. Master for coming so great a distance to do them honour that day. After a vote of thanks had been awarded to the chaplain, Bro. Duncan, as instructed by the P.G. Master, closed the lodge in due form.

At three o'clock a banquet was held in the Bute Hotel, when upwards of sixty ladies and gentlemen were present. Provost Duncan presided, and the chair was occupied by Mr. A. B. Stewart.

Bro. Dalrymple responded to the toast, "The Houses of Parliament."

The Croupier gave, "Success to the Rothesay Aquarium," and in doing so stated that he did not for a few years expect any return for the shareholders, but he promised that they would not be allowed to suffer any loss, as he would make good any deficiency. He believed that the Aquarium would be the means of inducing many people to come to Rothesay, and that it would be the means of educating the one and profiting the other. He said he would be glad to provide whatever specimens he could for the Aquarium by means of his yacht.

The other toasts usual to such occasions having been duly honoured, the proceedings terminated.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Major Creaton, P.G.D., presided. There were also present Bros. S. Rawson, J. A. Farnfield, J. Newton, J. M. Stedwell, Thos. Cubitt, H. G. Warren, R. W. Little, J. Bellerby, G. Bolton, Joseph Smith, John G. Stevens, W. Hale, L. Stean, A. H. Tattershall, H. M. Levy, Joshua Nunn, Dr. Jabez Hogg, and James Terry (Secretary).

Bro. Terry having read the minutes of the 12th May, which were confirmed, read a letter from Lord Skelmersdale, accepting the trusteeship of the Sustentation Fund; he also announced the deaths of two annuitants, the list of the Committee of Management, and the names of the successful candidates at last election on 21st May. Cheques were ordered to be drawn for their annuities. The Warden's and House Committee's reports were read, and Bros. Hervey, Head, Creaton, Hale, and Warren were elected members of the Finance Committee. Bros. Head, Creaton, Stewart, Joseph Smith, and J. A. Farnfield were elected on the House Committee, and some general business having been transacted, the Committee adjourned.

The name of Bro. H. Thompson (P.M. 177, 1158, &c.) was unintentionally omitted in our report of the Southern Star Lodge, which appeared in the *Freemason* of last issue.

FELTOL AND SONS' (OF ALBEMARLE-STREET) "SPECIALITY" SHERRY.—Looking upon sherry as one of the most useful of the dietetic and medicinal agents of the physician, when used with the care and prescribed with the exactness which we are distinctly of opinion should be required at his hands, we can speak very favourably of this wine. It has, in four specimens which we have collected over varying intervals extending for eight months, presented all the characters of a sound, palatable, and wholesome stimulant, such as those may use with pleasure who treat wine as a part of their ordinary luxuries of diet, and such as those may prescribe with confidence who find it necessary to order wine as a medicine.—*British Medical Journal*.

CIVIC VISIT TO BRO. SIR JOHN AND LADY BENNETT.—Bro. Sir John and Lady Bennett have invited the Lord Mayor to a garden party at their country residence, The Banks, Mountfield, Sussex, to meet the Mayor and Corporation of Hastings, which is but about 10 miles from The Banks. The Lord Mayor was born at Hastings, and it occurred to Bro. Sir John and Lady Bennett that his lordship might like to meet the municipal representatives of his native place. The invitation was cordially accepted, and his lordship intimated his intention to make the visit in state, accompanied by his sheriffs. The day fixed on is Saturday, the 26th instant. The Mayor and Corporation of Hastings have intimated their intention to make theirs a state visit.

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The Freemason,

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MASONIC MEDALS.

In our last impression we stated that Bro. George Kenning was about to issue a medal, commemorative of the installation of our Royal Grand Master. To us of this generation, to all English Freemasons, the 28th of April, 1875, will ever remain an "alba dies" of warm, and loyal, and pleasureable memories. It seems most right then and very opportune, that Bro. Kenning should seek to keep alive the gracious recollection of that wonderful scene and that auspicious day by the issue of a medal both appropriate in design, and Masonic in symbolism. We believe that such a "memento" will be gladly welcomed and warmly appreciated by the Craft at large, the more so as we understand the medal is to be struck in gold, silver, and bronze, thus commending itself to the feelings and capabilities of all our brethren. But the issue by Bro. Kenning of a medal in 1875 seems to call our attention to the subject of Masonic medals generally. This history of Masonic English medals is still an unwritten chapter in our insular annals. We have no work on English Masonic Numismatics, and not even so far any attempt to publish a perfect list of English Masonic medals at all. The subject has been alluded to more than once, but only cursorily or partially. It may be that we have MS. collections amongst us, but they have not been given to the archæological Masonic student. It is true that English Masonic medals are on the whole very "few and far between," and yet some do exist, and it is just possible that more exist in reality than we are aware of, as in the last century especially, some lodges had tokens or medals of their own, and in earlier times the guilds of the town or "limits" probably had their special tokens. A few Masonic medals exist for instance in the British Museum, but not of any early date, and if

any brother could afford time to hunt them up and publish a carefully compiled list of them he would confer a great benefit on all Masonic students. In Germany there are to be found some very interesting works on Masonic numismatology, such as "Mossdorf's Deckmünzen," &c., &c., and we believe that an enterprising French brother at Lille is now engaged in preparing a somewhat similar work, or has already prepared it. But in Great Britain, as we before observed, the history of Masonic medals has to be penned, and we shall gladly welcome the "coming man" and Mason who will give us a lucid account and a verified list of all our Masonic medals. At the present time when we are laboriously striving to collect the "disjecta membra" of Masonic history and customs, and habits, and acts, and evidences, the numismatic history of English Freemasonry ought not to be entirely overlooked. We fear that there is not much perhaps in the "looking up" of English Masonic medals to reward the collector or the enquirer, as for some reason or other which we do not pretend to explain, English Masonic medals are comparatively very few in number, and of rather modern date. That some lodge tokens and medals do however exist we have often ocular proofs, and we shall be very happy in our Masonic Notes and Queries, to afford room to any of our brethren who may be willing kindly to forward to us descriptions of any Masonic English medals, which they either possess or know to be still extant, or have been issued in former days. We congratulate Bro. Kenning on his determination in answer to many applications to issue a commemorative medal in 1875, following the precedent of the Commemoration Medal for the Installation of George Prince of Wales, and we trust that his praiseworthy design may receive the generous support of the Anglo-Saxon Brotherhood.

BRO. CAPTAIN BOYTON.

We shall all have read, and read with pleasure not unmixed with admiration, how gallantly our Bro. Captain Boyton has passed over the "intervening waters" between the white cliffs of old England and the opposite fair land of France. Starting from Cape Grisnez and landing near to Dover, our persevering and courageous brother has proved alike the value of his apparatus and the feasibility of his theory. Even on the first occasion it is clear now he might have succeeded, and his last and prosperous effort must convince all, even the most sceptical, how, well armed in his quaint panoply, he can practically defy wind, and weather, and water. One amusing little incident seems to have occurred which we take from our contemporary, *The Graphic*. A porpoise, it is stated, drew near to have a look at this unusual inhabitant of the deep, and our brother was at first apprehensive that the interesting stranger was a shark. But so happily it turned out not to be, though our brother stood up ready for the fray. Whether the porpoise was, as they say he is, a member of the Marine Peace Society, or whether there is a Freemasonry even among fishes, and that the startled monster looked on the adventurous Captain as a "friend and a brother," we know not, but, leaping over the aquatic traveller, the porpoise is said to have dived down into the recesses of the azure main. How our brother would have fared had he met, as Sir Hugo once did, the "Wasser Mädchen mit nodings on," we do not presume to imagine even, but we gladly welcome him safe and sound from his little and somewhat hazardous "trajet." What effect the possibility of such a passage may have scientifically we cannot venture now to anticipate. We have probably in this fact the reality of "floatability" made even more distinct and decided. It is possible that the system may be well applied to life-boats and the like, though necessarily with some adaptation of means and apparatus. But be this as it may, the record of Bro. Captain Boyton's successful, if perilous experiment, will long remain a very striking one, and a very satisfactory one, of the endurance, and energy, and pluck, and prowess of our gallant, and zealous, and adventurous brother. Her Majesty the Queen and our Royal Grand Master have alike testified

their great pleasure and admiration at our brother's notable achievement, and the news of his success will be hailed with simultaneous feelings of hearty rejoicing, alike in the United States as in Great Britain.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

Mr. Heckethorn has amused himself by saying that Freemasonry has no literature. A more gratuitous and wilful mis-statement never was made by any writer of any epoch. In 1846 George Kloss put forth, at "Frankfurt-am-Main," his most valuable and important "Bibliographie der Freimaurerei!" That remarkable work contains the names of 5393 books and pamphlets, bearing on the various branches of Freemasonry, and some of the kindred and quasi-Masonic subjects. In addition he gives an appendix containing 200 more names of writers and of works, making in all 5,600, more or less. Since that date, many additional works, some of no little merit and ability, have been published in England, Germany, and the United States especially; and we shall not err in saying that if all known Masonic productions could be put together, they would now reach to close on 7,000 in number. What becomes of Mr. Heckethorn's unwarrantable assertions that Freemasonry has no literature? There is a large field of Masonic literature, though traversed only, perhaps, so far, by a few enthusiastic students, but we believe that the number of Masonic readers and thinkers is strongly increasing, and it may be, as we trust, that a brighter day may yet dawn alike for Masonic literature and Masonic students. Bro. Walter Spencer has now advertised the very interesting library collected through many years by his father, Bro. Richard Spencer, to be sold by Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson and Hodge on July 27th and 28th this year. We anticipate a large assemblage of Masonic literati from all quarters of the habitable globe, as in some respects the collection thus offered "pro bono publico" is unique. The catalogue contains 600 lots, and there are in it some very rare and valuable works. Many of the books and MSS. formerly belonged to Bro. Dr. Oliver, and some of them will be, and are, deeply interesting to all Masonic students and collectors. We confess that we had looked for a larger store alike of printed and MS. authorities belonging to him, but still such as Bro. Spencer submits for sale are most striking in themselves. We have been kindly permitted, by the favour and courtesy of Bro. Walter Spencer, to peruse, some time back, some of the MSS., and very much struck we were with them, one and all. Most important they are for the true history of English Masonic Ritualism, many of them certainly, and they ought to be most carefully preserved. It seems now a great pity that this unique library should be disposed of by public auction, as its like cannot possibly be gathered together again. Were it not that we are well aware of the peculiar apathy of our good brethren, in respect of Masonic literature, we should be disposed to say that Grand Lodge should at once seize the opportunity, which may never occur again, of forming a first-rate Masonic library, attached to our Grand Lodge premises at Freemasons' Hall. If the scheme appears, as it probably will appear, too great to some, too expensive to others, we can only urge that our English Grand Lodge ought to have, for the honour and spread of Masonic literature, a good and valuable library. We now have, thanks to the administrative skill of Bro. Havers and other zealous brethren, a Masonic centre worthy of our great English brotherhood, but we still want a library. We have a few books, but books, like everything else, require good accessories, especially for true students, such as a fitting room, a proper catalogue, and expert attendants. If it be said that readers are few, and that any expenditure for books or for a library would be money thrown away, we would venture to submit that an intellectual and cultivated body of men like our English Freemasons ought in this era of expanding education to set the good example of giving a "pabulum mentis," as well as a "pabulum corporis," to our rising generation of Freemasons. The time has arrived, and especially with this opportunity before

us, we venture to repeat, when our English Masons as a body should seek to wipe off an old reproach, that we care more for dinners than for books; and when Grand Lodge should, aided by the voluntary offerings of our brotherhood, propound a scheme for the formation of a befitting collection of MSS. and printed books. In the very collection about to be sold there are some works, both MS. and printed, which ought to be in the possession of Grand Lodge, at any rate in a Masonic library. We do not shut our eyes to the large dimensions such a scheme must necessarily assume if we had a library worthy of English Freemasonry. But we feel sure that if we now forego this opportunity of forming a nucleus for an eventual Masonic reading room, accessible to all Masonic students, we shall commit a great mistake, because the tendency of Freemasonry to-day is to take an upward intellectual position, forced upon it both by the struggles of the hour and the progressing necessities of its own position. But we do not wish to seem to dogmatize even on the subject of a Masonic library, though we end as we began by saying that, despite Mr. Heckethorn or any one else, Freemasonry has a literature of which it need not be ashamed, and the only pity is, that we have not a great central library which could preserve alike for Masonic students, and even the public, under some needful reserves and regulations, a collection of those important works which dignify, which illustrate, which defend our common Order.

THE ARCTIC EXPEDITION.

By this time our gallant countrymen who form the Arctic Expedition of 1875 are well on their way to their scene of discovery and danger. They have departed amid the warm enthusiasm of Portsmouth, male and female, military, naval, and civil, and that natural outburst of English admiration and sympathy has been cordially shared in by the nation at large. As Freemasons, favourable to all labours which tend to advance science, to extend knowledge, to promote civilization, and to establish truth, we should not be doing either our duty or expressing our real sentiments if we did not take an early opportunity of openly avowing our deep sympathy with the feelings and admiration of our fellow citizens, towards the Arctic Explorers of 1875. For the history of all past voyages to the North Pole is bound up indisputably with the brightest annals of the English Navy. To that gallant service, always ready for action and always cheerful under difficulties, the memorials of former Arctic explorations are an undying record of gallantry, devotion, skill, and heroism. Who does not yet read with avidity the earlier books of Polar discovery?—who does not still remember, and remember with pathetic admiration, the fate of many a gallant and ardent sailor in those desolate and ice-bound regions, whether it be we recall the great name of Sir John Franklin, or the premature loss of Lieut. Bellot? If we were to refer to the annals of olden discovery, the early efforts of hardy navigators, we should have only to recount the fascinating episodes of hair-breadth escapes, wondrous endurance, and ennobling courage. There is no more exciting history, we may say, for old and young, far overpassing the puny displays of a morbid sensationalism, than that which connects itself with Arctic voyages and researches, and throws such a lustre of imperishable honour on the officers and sailors and marines of the English fleet. There are those who object to the sterner records of war, and even to the thrilling anecdotes of individual daring which mark so wonderfully the deeds and devotion everywhere of our "blue-jackets." But even the most bigoted peace-at-any-price advocate must yield, if a reluctant, yet an undoubted assent to those deathless tales of devotion to duty, of decision in danger, of calm perseverance and unwavering devotion which never can be taken away from our Arctic explorers. And to-day, when under a skilful commander, and with a picked crew, the good ships *Discovery* and *Alert* speed on their icy cruise, there is a general feeling that never could any expedition start under more favourable auspices, or with better chances of suc-

cess on its honourable and peaceful mission. Thanks to the wise administration of Bro. Ward Hunt, and the skilful forethought of the principal officers, all that scientific arrangements, or an improved "modus operandi," can do to mitigate the hardship of an inclement temperature, and to ward off the perils of Arctic travelling and investigation, has been done in the full and flowing tide of English munificence and unstinted energy. The expedition has departed with the best wishes of all Englishmen and all Englishwomen, nay, with the hearty sympathy of all nationalities, and not the least with those of the Masonic body. May all our anticipations and aspirations be realized, and may all of success attend our devoted countrymen, may all of safety be the lot of the gallant crews. The last person we are told (specially touching incident in itself) to leave the leading ship was the captain's little daughter. May that farewell meeting in the well-known waters off Spithead be the foreshadowing of another and happier hour, when Captain Nares may see that little lady again, with all who go out with him, safe and sound, from the difficulties and dangers of another Arctic, and, let us trust, successful expedition.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

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A list of letters of apology and regret for inability to attend was read by Grand Secretary from numerous brethren, and

Bro. Meggy renewed his observations as to the outstanding subscriptions to the Benevolent Fund. He hoped that the Stewards of future festivals would take care that no sums were put on paper that were not likely to be received, and he trusted that they would use all their exertions to collect whatever amounts the brethren might consent to subscribe.

Grand Secretary said that, as far as the office of Grand Lodge was concerned, numerous applications had been made to the brethren who had not paid. It was one of those matters in which there was no power to enforce payment, although it was very mortifying that these large amounts were outstanding. If the fact were allowed to be published that certain amounts were not paid, it might stimulate the brethren who had not handed the money over to do so at once.

The Rev. W. Shaboe said that many years ago, when he was a Steward in the Craft for the Boys' School, his list was in the condition complained of. If the brethren who had put their names down on it had all paid as they ought to have done he would have had a Life Governorship; but they did not. He thought that if a brother put his name down for a certain sum, and did not pay it, let his name be published throughout the Craft (great laughter).

Bro. George Lambert thought very much the same as Bro. Shaboe.

The M.W.G.M. added that the brethren were much indebted to Bro. Meggy for bringing the subject forward. It was certainly not creditable to the Craft that there should be such an amount outstanding; and he hoped, as a discussion had taken place, a notice of which would appear on the minutes, and be printed and circulated, it would stimulate the brethren to pay what they had put their names down for.

Bro. Magnus Ohren said perhaps many of the names which were on the lists had not been authorised at all. Some Stewards, he knew, returned on their lists the name of every member of their lodge (Oh, oh!)

Bro. T. J. Sabine appealed to the brethren to support his list. He was Steward for the Mark Degree at the ensuing festival of the Boys' School, and he wished to raise 500 guineas for that occasion. (Hear, hear.) The fact that he was representing the Degree in general ought to stimulate the brethren to support him. (Hear, hear.)

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, over which the Earl of Limerick presided, supported by most of the brethren above given. Sir E. Lechmere sat on his right, and the Rev. G. R. Portal on his left. At the close of the banquet grace was sung by Miss Dones and Bros. Evison and Musgrave, under the direction of Bro. Henry Parker, Grand

Organist (all of whom subsequently sung some exquisite songs in the intervals between the toasts), and the speeches of the evening were then delivered.

The M.W.G.M., in proposing the toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," said that, having been in the army, he always had, he must confess, a prejudice, if it was such a feeling, that it was never necessary to say much, if anything, in proposing this toast. In the army they simply proposed "The Queen," feeling that that was enough to commend the toast to all loyal subjects. If that was done in the army, he was sure it might also be done among Mark Masons, for among them it needed no recommendation. (Hear, hear.) Great had been the spread and increase of Masonry in the United Kingdom; so also had been the spread and increase of Mark Masonry. It had been most remarkable. (Hear, hear.) They could all remember the time, not very many years ago, when no brother would have prophesied that it would become in a comparatively small number of years anything like what it was at the present time. There were, a few years back, but few provincial organizations. There were indeed certain lodges, but they were not to any great extent united together, except in their union under Grand Lodge. But now they saw not only lodges growing up in all parts of the country, but united as provincial Grand Lodges. They saw the Order spreading far and wide, that it had already assumed a position which in numbers exceeded every degree in the Order, except the Craft; exceeding every other degree of Masonry—speaking generally, and taking the word "degree" in its broad sense—exceeding in the number of its active members, the number of active members serving under the Royal Arch Chapter. (Hear, hear.) They might say, in fact, at the present moment, Mark Masonry exceeded in active members every degree in Freemasonry, and was second in number, and he believed also in the zeal of its members, to none save Craft Masonry. That was very encouraging, and they might reasonably look forward to an equal increase in the future; in fact, they might anticipate that their ambition would be limited to nothing short of making Mark Masonry coterminous with Craft Masonry itself in this country. (Cheers.) He should rejoice if, at any time—however far off in the future, he did not think it was beyond the bounds of possibility, considering their already great increase—it might prove a brother growing up in friendly union with the Craft, of which they all were members, and which they all looked upon as that to which they had no antagonism, but which, on the contrary, was their great central origin. (Hear, hear.)

The Rev. G. R. Portal said, in proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," that the very distinguished position which the Earl of Limerick occupied in another great branch of Freemasonry gave them reason to believe that he would display the same zeal in the maintenance of the interests of Mark Masons that he had displayed in the other body just alluded to. (Hear, hear.) One of the reasons which made him (Bro. Portal) regret the discussion that had irregularly arisen in Grand Lodge was that he felt the brethren were speaking from very insufficient information, and throwing a slur upon what he, knowing a little of the subject, could say was greatly required in the Order in former years, viz., close union with other bodies; but also he felt they were side blows aimed at the Grand Master in the position he occupied in another place. He would just say that he hoped the brethren would suspend their judgment upon the treaties until they had further information before them, because he believed no greater blunder could be committed than dissociating this grand body from other Masonic bodies. Modifications might be necessary, no doubt; but that question might be met. Let the brethren, however, keep together, whatever they did. They had every reason to congratulate themselves upon the choice they had made of their Grand Master. Though he (Bro. Portal) would be the last person to interfere with the prerogative of the Grand Master, yet he hoped his lordship would excuse his saying that his (Lord Limerick's) appointments of Grand Officers had given all the brethren

ren great satisfaction. The appointment of Bro. Romaine Callender was one that would give great satisfaction throughout the whole of Mark Masonry. No doubt it was the best that could be made. The appointment of Senior Warden was also an admirable one. That brother had performed eminent services both in Hampshire, his (Bro. Portal's) native county, and also in London; and the other brethren appointed had also been very energetic.

After the toast had been drunk,

The M.W.G.M. said he had to thank the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received the toast that had just been proposed. The best answer he could give would, he thought, be his discharge in a proper manner of the duties of his office during the ensuing year. He would endeavour to merit the kindness with which they had received him, and would endeavour to uphold the dignity and privileges of the Mark Degree. (Hear, hear.) As Grand Master he would take care that his duties in any other sphere of life and in any other degree of Masonry should in no way interfere with his duties as Grand Master of Mark Freemasons. Fully believing that a friendly feeling and union between all Masonic bodies was necessary, he was quite persuaded and convinced that that could not be brought about by any surrender of principle, or the rights of one body to another. Whatever degree they might be engaged in at the time they must throw themselves heartily into endeavouring to carry out the working and upholding the interests of that degree. Therefore, certainly it was never in his thoughts to imagine that anything could have passed in any way reflecting on him individually, or was intended to do so. He felt that he had endeavoured to discharge his duties as an officer in the other degrees, and he felt that he should always endeavour to the best of his ability to discharge his duties in this degree. In anything that had been said he was quite sure every brother who spoke, like himself, had at heart the best interests of Freemasonry in general, and of the Mark Degree in particular. Having been as he had always endeavoured to be an active member of every degree that he had taken up, and no doubt in those degrees differing from various members of them, still having received great kindness from all those members with whom he had worked, he attributed the best possible reasons and motives to all those brothers who had differed from him. They had given proofs, he believed that neither side had suffered any loss of mutual esteem. (Hear, hear.) He trusted so. He could say that he had never felt any such loss, and the brethren who differed from him he was quite sure only carried out what were their honest views. If in future he disagreed in opinion with any of the brethren, he hoped they would extend to him the kindness they had shown in the past, and he would promise them he would never look on any expressions of fair criticism on what he might do in the light of personal attacks. (Cheers.)

The M.W.G.M. said the next toast deserved more enthusiasm than the last, because the subjects of it had already rendered great services to the degree, "The Past Grand Masters." Although they had gone through the chair, and been of infinite use to the Order, they were still ready, willing, and active in promoting its best interests. Under each of them the Order had extended, and they had one and all done their duty. The marked increase and growing prosperity of the Mark Degree testified to their work, and he would be happy at a future time to be among their number. He would couple the name of Bro. Portal with the toast.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G.M., in reply said there was one advantage in having a large number of Past Grand Masters; it secured the holding of the office of Grand Master for only three years; it also secured a number of brethren ready to advise the Grand Master on any points that might arise. It also prevented back stairs influence, which their late respected Bro. Stebbing was so determined an opponent of, in the appointment of officers. Everything now must be above board. On the whole, the degree was in a very prosperous and satisfactory condition. A few years ago they were very hard run by Grand Chapter of Scotland, which had Mark Lodges in this country, and which were as

numerous as ours. Now that the lodge at Bristol, which, no doubt, was influenced by the Grand Master, had come under this jurisdiction, there was but one Scotch Lodge in England that still held aloof from our banner, and he believed that Grand Secretary would join with him in saying he wished it might always hold itself aloof, because it was no honour whatever to the Grand Chapter of Scotland. Ireland, he was happy to say, would be most glad to recognise Grand Mark Lodge of England, a result which was, no doubt, due to the persuasive eloquence of Grand Secretary, who had recently been making a tour in Ireland and impressing the Irish favourably with this Grand Body. Being intimately acquainted with all the ins and the outs he (Bro. Portal) might fairly congratulate the Order upon its satisfactory condition. They were adding about 1,000 members every year, and were including all the Masonic world. As he had often said before he would say again, that what time he had to devote to Masonry would be devoted to this degree, and nothing would please him so much as to find himself among Mark Masons. (Hear, hear.)

The M.W.G.M. then proposed "The Grand Officers of the Year." He had endeavoured to select those who he believed were most respected in Mark Masonry, and who were hard-working Mark Master Masons. He thought he had been fortunate enough to surround himself with a band of Grand Officers who would not do discredit to this Grand Lodge. Their work in the past was but a presage of what it would be in the future. The promise was good, and he believed it would lead to performance, and that at the end of their term of office Grand Lodge would be able to pronounce a favourable verdict on the manner in which they had discharged their duties. He regretted that all were not at that moment present, but reasons were given in Grand Lodge for their absence. Bro. Romaine Callender was engaged in Parliament on business of importance, but there was another brother present it gave him great pleasure to see, and who, he was very glad, had accepted the office of Senior Grand Warden, Bro. Sir Frederick Perkins, whom he would call upon to return thanks for "The Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers."

Bro. Sir F. Perkins, after making some facetious observations on a song being interposed between the proposition of the toast and his reply, said he was proud to have been elevated, so perfect a stranger as he was to the Grand Master, to the dignified position he then occupied. It was exceedingly gratifying. Amidst all the vicissitudes of life and all the pleasures and triumphs he had attained—and struggled hard to attain—to succeed in reaching such a proud position as that he then occupied was most grateful to his heart. No honour could be more pleasing to him, for he now was Senior Warden among a most distinguished body of brethren. He was not, and never would be, unmindful of his duties as a Mason. He had been one ever since he was permitted by age to be associated with Masonry; he had had a love for it, and nature had implanted in his bosom that which became all Masons to have, a generous and kind heart, and a desire to do good. He felt he should not disgrace this honourable fraternity, and he hoped to be the means of sustaining his lordship and supporting his dignity during the year, by standing by him on every occasion. (Cheers.)

The M.W.G.M. next proposed "The Officers, including the Provincial Grand Masters." Nothing showed more the increasing prosperity of the Mark Degree than the way in which the provinces had increased. It showed how the degree had taken hold on the various colonies, not only of the United Kingdom, but of our colonies, when they saw provinces being formed wherever two or three lodges of Mark Masters were established. (Hear, hear.) There was a distinguished brother among them that night who had come from the very distant Province of Bombay. (Hear, hear.) He was exceedingly proud to see him, and he thought it was a conclusive proof of the marked stride of the Order when they saw among them a Provincial Grand Master from such a distant province. All the brethren knew Bro. Tyrrell Leith by reputation as a most zealous and hard-working Mason. He was, how-

ever, but a fair example of those brethren who were to be found among the Provincial Grand Masters of this country. (Cheers.)

Bro. Tyrrell Leith, Prov. Grand Master, Bombay, said, after thanking the Grand Master for the terms in which he had spoken of him, that they suggested to him a thought to which he wished to give expression. As the mariner on nearing his native shores longed to welcome again and to be welcomed by the friends of his youth, so the Mason, who for years and years was separated from the friends dear to him in Masonry, came to the shores of England, and looked forward to the friendly grasp of the hand which each Mason accorded him. (Cheers.) And, believe him, he was not disappointed. He had seized every opportunity during the short time he had been in England to see the brethren in the various degrees to which he belonged, and on this occasion he had received no less hearty a welcome than on any other. He must be allowed to congratulate the Grand Master on the appointments he had made. They were the greatest guarantee of the future success of the Order. The sacred trust reposed in the Grand Master would be transmitted to his successor as of yore. (Hear, hear.) He was glad also to be present at a meeting at which so distinguished a Mason as Bro. Portal was present. He believed the Mark Degree owed almost everything to Bro. Portal. Bro. Portal's name was a rallying cry among Mark Masons. When he (Bro. Leith) went back to Bombay he should express to the brethren there the gratification he had that evening had. Although, in what he might perhaps permitted to call "the gorgeous East," there were but few Mark Lodges comparatively, yet they were as zealous as the brethren here. Nothing should be wanting on their part to extend the Order, which he believed he was right in asserting was a part and parcel of ancient Freemasonry, and which ought never to have been rejected by the Craft. He sincerely hoped the time would come when, as the Grand Master had said, there would be as many Mark Masons as Craft Masons. Then they might fearlessly look forward to the time when Grand Lodge of England would acknowledge them. In the East Masons were doing their best, and it was only by the hearty co-operation of the Grand Master and Grand Officers, more especially the Grand Master, that they were able to carry their own. They were anxious to do everything right and proper to extend the degree and striving for its success. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

The Rev. C. R. Davy proposed "The Grand Stewards." Having been a Grand Steward himself, and done the best he could to provide a good dinner for the Grand Master, he spoke feelingly on this subject. (Laughter.) He believed his promotion as Grand Chaplain was due to this; and in the same way he looked forward to the Stewards on this occasion, who it must be confessed had all done their duty admirably and provided an excellent entertainment, becoming Grand Officers.

Bro. Stretton, of Leicester, who was called on to respond, said the province of Leicestershire was not unmindful of the honour this Grand Lodge had done it on a previous occasion in visiting it at one of its "moveable feasts." They could not forget the kind manner in which their Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Portal, came amongst them, accompanied by Colonel Burdett and the Grand Officers, the Grand Secretary amongst them. The brethren of Leicester hoped on some future occasion for a repetition of the honour; next year, indeed, when he (Bro. Stretton) would be Master of the Fowke Lodge, he hoped. If he could induce Grand Lodge to come down it would be a great pleasure to him. (Cheers.)

Sir E. Lechmere proposed "The Mark Benevolent Fund and the Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. Binckes. The sooner he (Sir E. Lechmere) sat down and made way for that burst of eloquence which they always looked for on these occasions the better. Bro. Binckes undoubtedly did a great deal of patient hard work in dark corners and offices which did not meet the eyes of the brethren; but it was known by its results—the large lists of subscriptions which he obtained. As Craft and Mark

Masons, therefore, they were indebted to Bro. Binckes, and it was always with pleasure the brethren heard from him an account of what was done in the cause of the Masonic Charities. He (Sir E. Lechmere) had the great pleasure of presiding last year at the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, which he thought was very fairly successful. After what they had heard in Grand Lodge that evening he hoped something would be done to induce the brethren whose names were down to pay. They were bound in honour to pay, and he trusted that Bro. Binckes would do his best to create that honourable feeling.

Bro. Binckes, after some preliminary observations, said: After the speech just made he was disposed to say "Approbation from Sir Hubert Stanley is praise indeed." He felt very highly indeed the compliment which Sir E. Lechmere had paid him for his share in the great work of Masonic charity, no matter in what phase it was exercised. In this Mark Degree the brethren had not derogated from their character as Masons generally in support of their institutions. They had munificently—and he used that word without fear of its being contradicted in any shape or way—and this Grand Lodge had munificently supported the institutions connected with the Craft; and he would ask Bro. Meggy whether they had not been very successful in the short time they had been in existence in establishing on a sound basis their own peculiar sphere of duty, their Mark Benevolent Fund—whether in their character as members of the great body from whom, as they heard just now from the lips of the Grand Master, it was the boast of all of them to deduce their Masonic origin, or whether in their peculiar character as Mark Masons, they had not forgotten to give liberally and generously Masonic charity wherever it was wanted. Without wearying the brethren with details about the institutions, he would say that Bro. Sabine, who had before represented the Mark Degree, was this year its Steward on behalf of the Boys' School, for which he (Bro. Binckes) need hardly say his sympathies were strong. Bro. Sabine had made an appeal mildly to the brethren in Grand Lodge that they would do what they could to make up his list to 500 guineas. He hoped that they would, and that Bro. Sabine would not be disappointed. They had often heard the watchwords of Masonry given as brotherly love, relief, and truth, faith, hope and charity; and any disquisitions or addresses by brethren situated as he (Bro. Binckes) was that evening called upon to respond to this toast would be out of place. But those who would carry their recollection back to that unique, unparalleled ceremony at the Albert Hall recently would remember that they had a new formula given to them from the lips of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. He summed it up very briefly indeed; reducing the triad to two, he said there were the two sentiments, Loyalty and Charity. He (Bro. Binckes) would undertake to say that there was not a brother in the room who, if the loyalty of Freemasonry was challenged, would not offer himself as the champion to maintain that sentiment of loyalty which animated the breasts of Freemasons generally. Every one of them would gladly spring forward and offer himself as a champion to do battle for loyalty to the throne of this country against those who had said we were undermining religion. With reference to charity he could simply say what they were all acquainted with—they were daily supporting the great course of Masonic practical charity. It was incumbent on them all to do it. Year by year the resources of the institutions were increasing, thus showing that Masonic charity was more than a name. They were proud to know they were among the most loyal subjects of the throne. To have his name associated with this toast was a great honour conferred, and to have it proposed by Sir E. Lechmere, whose Masonic deeds were so great, whose charity was so extensive, and whose sympathies with distress were so wide, was to him (Bro. Binckes) a greater compliment than if it had fallen from the lips of any in that room—he did not even except the Grand Master, whose kindness he had often had the opportunity of acknowledging, or the brother on his left (Bro. Portal), whose kindness he had more frequently had an opportunity of acknowledging. What were they doing with the

Benevolent Fund? Not much, he must admit. It was fortunate for the degree that the demands on the funds had been very small, few, and limited. As he had said before, this was the best test and evidence of the soundness of the Order, and of the good, fair, substantial prosperity of the members who composed it. They were establishing a fund, and he contended that they were justified in establishing a fund, that when a necessitous case arose would give them the means of relieving it. Fortunately, hitherto, the fund had been more than ample for the demands that had been made upon it. But it might not always be so. Look at the daily press of that morning, which announced large failures in commercial circles. It was very serious, and some of their most prosperous members of yesterday might without any cause or blame of their own be hurled down from the height of prosperity to the lowest abyss of adversity to-day—and might before the next meeting of this Grand Lodge come before the Benevolent Fund as applicants for relief. All these were matters of uncertainty, and therefore they were justified in having a fund. Do not let them say, because they were adding £100 now and £100 then, that the time would come when they would never have the demands upon the fund to absorb it. In this country this was not known. We were all standing on the crater of a volcano, and we did not know but that we might fall into it. Therefore he hoped that on the 21st of July, when Bro. Romaine Callender would preside at the festival at the Alexandra Palace, they would have one of the most successful gatherings they had ever had. The mention of this toast had had this happy result—it had induced his distinguished and honourable friend on his left (Sir F. Perkins) to offer himself as a Steward on that occasion. (Cheers.) Bro. Trollope of Hastings would also either come or send a representative; and before the end of 21st July no doubt there would be a goodly array of Stewards, and if the fund went on in its comparatively small way no doubt they would have the pleasure of congratulating themselves on the success of their charitable efforts in this degree the same as they did with the Craft. They all felt the greatest delight in the success of their great institutions, and that gratification could not be diminished by the internal satisfaction each of them felt that they, as members of that Grand Lodge, had not neglected their duties as Mark Masons in supporting the great institutions connected with the Craft. With every feeling of gratitude, he (Bro. Binckes) was deeply indebted for the toast that had been proposed, and most sincerely did he appreciate the high compliment paid him by Sir E. Lechmere in associating his name with the toast. It should be the means of stimulating him in his exertions in promoting the interests of our glorious institutions. (Cheers.)

The brethren then separated.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

On Saturday last the General Committee of this institution met at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John Symonds, V.P. and Trustee, presided, supported by a very large number of brethren, among whom were Bros. John Wordsworth, H. Browne, W. Roebuck, Benj. Head, W. Paas, Henry Dubosc, sen., J. G. Chancellor, John Creaton, H. Albert, H. W. Hunt, Dudley Rolls, F. H. Ebsworth, A. H. Tattershall, Charles Jardine, J. A. Farnfield, Victor M. Laffiton, John W. Dennison, L. Ruf, Frederick Hare, D. Nicols, Wm. Jones, John Bulmer, Thomas Cubitt, Geo. J. Palmer, Raynham W. Stewart, W. F. C. Moutrie, J. M. P. Montagu, E. J. Bradstreet, W. H. Smith, George Barratt, H. Whitfield, J. C. Dwarber, Jesse Turner, George Kenning, Charles Sanders, Geo. Angold, John M. Clabon, H. Young, Peter Matthews, R. B. Webster, John A. Rucker, H. W. Hammond, D. M. Dewar, F. Reily, J. N. Frost, A. H. Diaper, F. J. Cronin, John Healey, B. Mallam, T. K. Kent, W. C. Crick, John Holbrook, H. Browne, jun., Richard Motion, Robt. Kenyon, J. M. Hamilton, Herbert Dicketts, F. Adlard, W. H. Saunders, J. W. Dosell, S. Rosenthal, J. B. Lemaire, Frederick J. Cox, Wm. Gills, W. Browne Kidder, E. Snell, John McQueen, H. J. Lewis, Thomas Meggy, Robert Jones, G. R. Wace, Chas. Chard, E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., E. M. Haigh, F. G. Ramsey, A. D. Loewenstark, F. B. Davage, George Motion, S. B. Wilson, Donald W. King, and F. Binckes, Secretary.

The minutes of 1st of May Committee having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee of 21st ult. read for information, five petitions were read and accepted, four being country cases and one a London case. The sum of £5 was granted as an outfit for an ex-pupil of the Institution, after which the elections for House Com-

mittee and Audit Committee were taken, Bros. Webster, Diaper, Jardine, and Cubitt being appointed scrutineers.

At five o'clock the poll was declared, and the following brethren were declared duly elected:—

HOUSE COMMITTEE:—Bros. Browne, Chancellor, Dubosc, Head, Hunt, Moutrie, Paas, Pullen, Roebuck, Rosenthal, Stewart, and Wordsworth.

AUDIT COMMITTEE:—Bros. Boyd, Dosell, Head, Mann, Pearce, Pullen, Terry, Turner, and Webster.

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and the Chairman closed the proceedings.

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC MARKS.

I recommend the veteran Mason (whom I recognise under the signature of H.H.) and well known Craftsman to procure the *Builder* for April 4th and 18th, June 6th, and July 11th, for information as to Masonic Marks, and also another, which unfortunately I have missed. The foregoing are worth their weight in gold, and are all for the year 1863. (Price 4d. each.)

The Royal Institute of British Architects in their Sessional Papers 1868-69 have devoted No. 9 (Price 1s.) entirely to an able article entitled "Something about Masons' Marks in various countries," by George Goodwin, F.R.S., F.S.A., &c.,* and several hundreds of Marks are inserted which have been copied from the originals in different parts of the world. A copy should be in the possession of every lodge, and certainly of every Mark Lodge, and carefully studied by all students of Freemasonry.

W. J. HUGHAN.

* To be obtained from the Secretary, 9, Conduit-street, Hanover-square, W. I do not remember the *Freemasons' Magazine* alluded to by H. H.

H. H., P.J.G.W. of England, has not looked back far enough in the *Freemasons' Magazine*. The vols. for 1851-2-3 contain a large number of various marks under the head of "Ancient Masons' Marks."

HENRY T. BOBART, W.M. 1085.

MASONIC MEDALS AND TOKENS.

I notice Bro. George Kenning is about to issue a medal, commemorative of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. I have an old Masonic token in copper, which was circulated because of the installation (or probably election) of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, 24th November, 1790. It is the size of the present halfpenny, and on the obverse occur the arms of the Grand Lodge of England (moderns) surrounded with the words "Prince of Wales, elected G.M. 24th November, 1790." On the reverse is a Cupid within a triangle, having his left hand resting on the plumb rule, a mallet and trowel being at the feet, and his right hand pointing to the letter G, and a radiated eye above. At the two lower corners of the triangle are the "square and compass" and hour-glass respectively. On the sides of the triangle are "Wisdom, Strength and Beauty," and outside these words is the motto, "Sit Lux et Lux Fuit."

On the rim is engraved what appears to be "Masonic token, Schichley fecit, 1794."*

I have heard it was also issued in gold, but have not seen one.

Cannot some brother afford us information on this point, as also of any similar kind which have been circulated in this country. I think the above a most sensible plan of commemorating the event, and certainly much better than expensive jewels, of which too many are worn already by brethren only nominally entitled to them.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

* An engraving is to be found in the *Freemasons' Magazine* for 25th July, 1868, and a description by me, as also about Masonic seals.

BRO. "LUPUS" AND ANCIENT INDENTURE, RE GLOVES AND APRONS.

Cannot the copy of the indenture mentioned by our Bro. "Lupus" (whose communications we shall be glad to see continued in these pages) be substantiated by reference to the original document? It is a most important agreement, and I hope Bro. Woodford will be able to look up the subject, as Bro. "Lupus" suggests.

Anything relating to the Freemasons prior to the last century is of consequence to us Masonic students; and we shall hail facts—no matter which way they tend—with great delight, and be thankful for fresh, authentic, and unequivocal information of any kind whatsoever as to the character and aims of all Masonic lodges, before Grand Lodges. We must be careful, however, in accepting accounts of this society, such as the extract from Timbs' "Club Life of London," without careful scrutiny.

W. J. HUGHAN.

The *Times of India* says: "A military camp of 20,000 men is to be formed at either Agra or Delhi when the Prince of Wales comes, of a mixed British and Indian force, to which will be added contingents from neighbouring States, making a display hitherto unsurpassed."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—In spite of all competition or opposition, the sterling qualities of these remedies have caused them to maintain the first position as curative and alleviating agents. No other remedies so quickly and effectually cure diarrhoea, cramps, dysentery, and all bowel complaints of a similar character. In the most acute and violent attacks it will be found that no matter how severe the vomiting and pain may be, that the brisk and frequent friction of this Ointment into the pit of the stomach and abdominal surface will allay the irritability of the stomach and soothe the pain as soon as the vomiting, &c., has ceased. The Pills should be taken internally, to remove away any irritant matter.—ADVT.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 18, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 12.

Lodge 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel.
 " 1351, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
 " 1423, Era, King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court.
 " 1446, Mount Edgecombe, Swan Tavern, Battersea.
 Mark Lodge, 104, Macdonald, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.
 " 144, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adam-st., Adelphi.
 Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
 Lily Lodge of Instruction (825), Greyhound, Richmond.
 Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

MONDAY, JUNE 14.

Lodge 29, St Albans, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 Chap. 1319, Asaph, 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 (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.
 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, JUNE 15.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.
 Chap. 111, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.
 " 933, Doric, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Rose Croix Chapter, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq.
 Yorkrough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Canberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Precep.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. 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), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
 Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16.

Lodge 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.
 " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hotel, Blackheath.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
 Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
 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. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.
 Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.
 Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Mount Edgecombe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.
 " 1339, Stockwell, Half Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.
 " 1506, White Horse of Kent, 33, Golden-square.
 Chap. 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Lion-sq., Hampton.
 Mark Lodge 7, Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
 Preceptory E., Observance, 14, Bedford-row.
 " Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq.
 Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.
 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 Arglers' 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, JUNE 18.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hotel, Barnes.
 " 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 Preceptory 6, St. George's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 Rose Croix Chapter, Invicta, 33, Golden-square.
 Union of Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bros. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 19, 1875.

MONDAY, JUNE 14.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.
 Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
 " 721, Independence, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, North Chester, at 5.
 " 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.
 " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 Red Cross Conclave of Instruction, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15.

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, JUNE 16.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescott, at 6.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-le-Willows.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf 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, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
 Mark Lodge 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Hyde, Cheshire.
 Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17.

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.
 Preceptory William de la More, New Court House, Prescott, near Liverpool.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18.

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

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 19th, 1875.

MONDAY, JUNE 14th.

Knights Templar, Jerusalem, Freemason's Hall, Manchester, at 6.

Lodge 467, Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Mumps, Oldham, at 6.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15th.

Lodge 126, Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley, at 6.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16th.

Lodge 116, Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne, at 7.
 " 128, Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, at 7.
 " 221, St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at 7.
 " 277, Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Oldham, at 6.
 " 288, Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden, at 7.30.
 " 325, St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Salford, at 6.30.
 " 381, Faith, Drovers Inn, Openshaw, at 6.
 " 633, Yarrowburgh, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester at 6.
 " 1161, De Grey and Ripon, Corporation Hotel, Ardwick, at 6.
 " 1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, at 6.30.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17.

Lodge 42, Relief, Albion Hotel, Bury, at 7.
 " 268, Union, Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne, at 7.
 " 283, Amity, Swan Inn, Haslingden, at 7.
 " 344, Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, at 6.30.
 " 345, Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn, at 6.30.
 " 346, United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, at 6.30.
 " 369, Limestone Rock, Swan Hotel, Clitheroe, at 7.
 " 462, Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington, at 7.
 " 816, Royds, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale, at 6.30.
 " 1011, Richmond, Crown Hotel, Salford, at 6.
 Chap. 317, Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.
 FRIDAY, JUNE 18.
 Lodge 152, Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.
 " 993, Alexander, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, June 19, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, JUNE 14.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 204, St. Paul, Whip Inn, Ayr.
 " 205, Garthland, St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Lochwinnoch.
 Lodge 219, Star, 12, Tron-gate.
 " 307, Union and Crown, Masonic Hall, Bairhead.
 " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.
 " 384, Athole, Washington Hotel, Kirkintilloch.
 " 403, St. George, Oddfellows' Hall, Helensburgh.
 " 541, Marie Stuart, Masonic Hall, Crosshill.
 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16.
 Lodge 117, Partick St. Mary's, Partick.
 Chap. 150, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston,