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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**BURY.—**LODGE OF RELIEF (No. 42).—At the monthly meeting of this lodge, on Thursday, the 15th inst., there were present Bros. E. Eccles, W.M.; A. Buckley, S.W.; J. Skerrett, J.W.; T. Barker, J.D.; S. Mosley, I.G.; E. Simpkin, Sec.; Thorman, Tyler. Bros. John Redfern, and William Hewitson were raised to the Sublime Degree by Bros. G. A. O'Neil, W.M. of Lodge 191, and J. Grime, P.M. 128. The working of these brethren was much admired. The Secretary read some minutes of a committee meeting, from which it appeared that the W.M.'s of the other lodges in the borough had expressed a wish to take an active part in promoting the fund for raising a memorial stone over Bro. J. S. Redfern's grave; that it was agreed to "circular" the various lodges in the province on the matter; and that Bro. Lawrence Booth, architect, be requested to submit a design for a Masonic memorial stone. The Worshipful Master stated that the subscription list so far had progressed satisfactorily. With regard to the widow and children of Bro. B.—(P.M.), and the widow of Bro. H.—, the Secretary was instructed to make representations to the Provincial Lodge. Suitable refreshment succeeded labour, and the usual toasts were honoured, Bro. J. W. Kenyon, P.M., giving "The Newly-raised Brothers," and Bro. Peers, "The Visitors."

**IPSWICH.—**BRITISH UNION LODGE (No. 114).—The last monthly meeting before the summer recess took place at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday, the 15th inst., when there was the smallest attendance of brethren we ever remember to have seen at this time-honoured and prosperous lodge. Whether it was in consequence of the wet evening, and many brethren having to come from a distance, or whether it was because the lodge, as a rule, adjourns in June, and brethren, supposing that this year would be no exception to the rule, had made other arrangements, we do not know—but we must confess our disappointment at finding one only of the seven officers who make a lodge present, and he the Junior Deacon. In the absence of the W.M., who was away from home and indisposed, the chair was taken by the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.P.G. Chaplain, and there were present Bros. Emra Holmes, P.P.G. Reg. and P.G.D.C., M.C.; W. Spalding, P.M., Sec., acting J.W.; Rev. J. B. Tweed, J.D., P.G. Chaplain; W. Clarke, P.G.A.D.C., acting S.D.; N. Tracy, P.P.G.S.W., W.M. of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, acting S.W.; Geo. Abbott, S.W. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 959, &c. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Bowes was passed to the degree of F.C., and Bro. S. Shortridge was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, the ceremony being most impressively performed by Bro. Sanderson, who was ably assisted by his officers. We never saw the Deacon's part more efficiently worked than by Bro. Clarke. During the ceremony that most beautiful and appropriate hymn, "Days and moments quickly flying" (Hymns Ancient and Modern, No. 375) was sung by Bros. Clarke and Abbott, of course leaving out the special reference to our Lord, the admission of which would not have been Masonic, and the effect was very much enhanced by this addition to the ceremony. The historical after-part was given by Bro. Tracy, who, as joint Preceptor with Bro. Sanderson, of the Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction, which works under the banner of this lodge, is peculiarly well qualified to work the whole of the ceremonies in connection with Craft Masonry, and who performed his task on this occasion with his usual ability. The rest of the business being concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment. Bro. Emra Holmes, P.M., occupied the chair, and on the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with the customary fervour, and in spite of the smallness of their numbers a very pleasant evening was spent. In proposing "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master," the acting W.M. remarked that as

the chief of all the rites of Masonry practised in England, the Prince occupied a higher position than had ever been held before by any of his illustrious predecessors. In proposing the toast of "The Officers of Grand Lodge," Bro. Holmes, reminded the brethren that one of them, Lord Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master, was coming down to Norwich, on the 20th November, to instal the Prov. Grand Master of Norfolk, and Lord Henniker had written to Lord Waveney, the P.G.M. of Suffolk, inviting the brethren of Suffolk to attend, expressing a hope that a large number from Ipswich would be present. He (the W.M.) hoped that some arrangement might be come to with the Great Eastern Railway Company, as with other companies, on similar occasions, by which the brethren might be allowed return tickets at single fares, and a special train back from Norwich. He trusted that a large number of the brethren would make a point of attending to do honour to the Norwich brethren, and the D.G.M. of England. Bro. Emra Holmes then proposed "The Prov. Grand Master, and Officers, past and present," which was responded to by Bro. Tracy, P.P.S.G.W., and Bro. Tweed, P.G.C. In proposing "The newly-raised Brother," the W.M. remarked that he trusted the ceremony through which he had gone that evening, and which had been so admirably performed, would make a lasting impression upon his mind. He would wish Bro. Shortridge and others, to remember however, that he had not got to the summit of even Craft Masonry as many supposed, and he should not rest satisfied until he had attained the Royal Arch at least. Brethren seemed to forget that in the Third Degree they only got the substituted secrets of a Master Mason, and that it was not till they reached the Royal Arch the real secrets of Masonry were discovered. He could not understand the apathy which seemed to exist with regard to the Royal Arch. He had taken the trouble to enquire as to the relative members, and he found that whilst there were some 72,000 subscribing members on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, there were only some 17,000 Royal Arch Masons. Whether this was in consequence of the high fee for exaltation, he did not know, but it was a fact which needed explanation. Bro. Shortridge, in responding, thanked the brethren for drinking his health. It was now twenty-five years ago since he was initiated into Masonry under the Scotch Constitution in Jamaica. He had taken two degrees there, but from various causes had never been able to take the third. As they were aware, there had been some trouble about this (the Grand Lodge of Scotland having given no evidence of his initiation), and he had gone through the ceremonies again. He was very much impressed by what he had seen that night, and he should do his utmost to go forward, and he hoped in time to become a good Mason. Bro. Abbott, who is the possessor of a very fine tenor voice, and Bro. Clarke contributed greatly to the harmony of the evening by their rendering of some very telling songs, "Beautiful Bells," given by Bro. Abbott, being particularly pretty. The Acting W.M. proposed "The Visitors," as a last toast, and took the opportunity of thanking Bro. Tracy for his able assistance that evening. He was a frequent and very welcome visitor at the British Union. Bro. Abbott, he believed had never been amongst them before, but he hoped that as he had now come he would often come again. The British Union Lodge was always very pleased to see visitors, especially such as they had present that evening. He thanked Bro. Abbott for his songs in particular. Bro. Tracy briefly and modestly responded, as also did Bro. Abbott, and after a pleasant social hour the brethren departed. The lodge will not meet again until October.

**BURY.—**PRINCE EDWIN LODGE (No. 128).—At the monthly meeting of this lodge on Wednesday, the 21st inst., there were present, along with other brethren, Bros. Warwick Wood, W.M.; W. S. Barlow, S.W.; J. Senior, J.W.; Edward Robinson, S.D.; Thomas Ramsbottom, jun., J.D.; Thomas Wood, Treasurer; Jos. Wolstenholme, I.G.; Thomas Ramsbottom, sen., Secretary; Wigh Greenhalgh, Tyler; visitor, Bro. G. Brown, I.G. 1392. Mr Samuel Wrigley was balloted for and initiated. Bros. John Pilling and J. Tattersall, F.C., were raised. The working was done in effective style by the W.M. There were two propositions for initiation.

**DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—**Summer Festival.—The annual summer festival of this lodge was held on the 16th inst., at Bro. Middlecott's, Greyhound, Dulwich. The W.M. of the lodge, Bro. George Everett, presided, and he was supported by Bros. F. Kent, C.C., I.P.M.; A. Treadwell, S.W.; James Willing, jun., J.W.; Joseph Smith, P.M., Treas.; T. Williams, Sec.; I. Bascall, J.D.; G. Clarke, I.G.; E. White, D.C.; H. N. B. Spink, D.C.; J. McLean, A. Scard, D. Plenderleith, J. Jones, C. Serjeant, J. Willis, J. Douglass, Ralph, Beagle, Manton, Knott, Bennett, Baker, Ford, Keeble, Bird, Bell, Harris, Norris, Jennings, Richards, Ambrose, Gardner, W.M. 1381; Stuart, P.M., 141; Higgins, Morgan, and others. The company, including the ladies, numbered eighty-six, for whom the best arrangements were made by the W.M., the Stewards, and Bro. James Willing, the hon. Secretary of the festival. The weather was atrocious, but, nevertheless, it did not deter the brethren and their fair partners assembling in force. A splendid banquet was provided by Bro. Middlecott, which all the company thoroughly enjoyed, and which was made the more pleasant by the music of a capital band that played during the repast. Grace having been said, the W.M., in opening the proceedings, disclaimed any intention of inflicting upon the company long speeches; they had come there to enjoy themselves, and he desired they should do so to their heart's content; but in all well-regulated assemblages it was customary to go through a certain round of toasts, and this custom he thought a most agreeable one, as it afforded an opportunity of passing round the "cup that cheers," and brought about that conviviality which was so essential to their enjoyment on an occasion of this description. He then proposed "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen." During a long

reign her conduct had been such as to endear her to her people, and whether looked upon as a wife, a mother, or a Queen, she had set a bright example to her subjects. The toast was received with acclamation, and "God Save the Queen" was played by the band. The W.M. next gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." He said the Prince was a most generous-hearted, true to the backbone Englishman; he had identified himself with all our pursuits, and everything that was dear to us, and the affable and brotherly manner in which he had carried out the proceedings at the Albert Hall on the memorable 28th April, when he was installed Grand Master, would not be easily forgotten by those who had the good fortune to witness it. He was about to visit India, and he had no doubt his journey thither would be fraught with good to both countries, and he wished him God speed. With regard to the Princess of Wales, from the moment she landed on our shores she had become a great favourite with the English people, and her amiability and goodness of heart caused her to be much beloved by all. The toast was received with great cheering, and "God bless the Prince of Wales" was played by the band. Bro. F. Kent then gave "The Health of the W.M." In a kind and very able speech he eulogised his conduct as Master of the Domatic Lodge, and said it needed no further proof of his popularity than to see him surrounded by such a company as the present. He called upon them to receive this toast with three cheers, which was heartily responded to, the band playing "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." The W.M., in reply, said he was highly gratified at the manner in which the toast, so kindly proposed by his I.P.M., had been received. It was always disagreeable to have to speak of one's self, and he should therefore content himself by saying how highly complimented he felt at having such a company around him; and to the ladies, who had attended so numerously in spite of wind and weather, his thanks were especially due. He then gave "The Domatic Lodge and its Past Masters." The Domatic Lodge was no thing of yesterday, for it was in the eighty-ninth year of its existence, the warrant having been granted in the year 1786 by Earl Antrim, the then Grand Master; during the last few years it had made rapid strides in the Craft, and it was now one of the largest and most influential. All this was due to his predecessors in the office he now had the honour to hold, and he was proud to say they had several officers of Grand Lodge amongst them. With regard to Freemasonry, the question was often asked, What is Freemasonry? He might sum it all up in one bright word—charity. It had its Boys' and Girls' Schools, its Institutions for Old Men and Women, and last, though not least, its Lodge of Benevolence, which dispensed thousands annually to those who, from circumstances of unforeseen calamity and distress, were driven to seek its aid. The Grand Master had truly said our watchwords were Charity and Loyalty. He coupled with the toast the names of P.M.'s Kent, Foulger, and Tims, each of whom responded in suitable terms. The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. John Kent, of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, who ably responded. The toast of "The Officers" was next given, the W.M. paying a very high compliment to their efficiency, and stating that his success in his position of Master of the Lodge was mainly due to their kind assistance and support. The toast was received with much applause, the officers being very popular with the lodge, and Bros. Treadwell and Jas. Willing responded. "The Stewards" was then given, coupled with the name of Bro. Scard. The W.M. thanked them very sincerely, and attributed the day's success in a great measure to their kind help. Bro. Scard replied in an excellent speech. Then followed "The Ladies," whom the Master described as "the bright stars that cheer our dreary way." Bro. W. Wray Morgan replied in a happy and appropriate speech, which concluded this part of the day's proceedings. A ball and concert followed, Bro. J. R. Foulger acting as a most efficient M.C., ably assisted by Bro. Scard. Bro. John Ambrose contributed some excellent harmony, and the company separated at an early hour, evidently delighted with the day's pleasures. Cohen's Band gave great satisfaction.

**BURY.—**LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 191).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Knowsley Hotel, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. There was a very fair muster. Among those in attendance were Bros. G. A. O'Neil, W.M.; Samuel Hamer, S.W.; William Balmer, J.W.; Samuel Barley, Sec.; T. W. Probert, S.D.; W. E. Thornley, J.D.; Alfred Hopkinson, I.G.; Hartley Bates, Tyler; Past Masters, Bros. W. O. Walker, Fred. Anderson, P. Prov. G.S.B., E.L.; J. Smethurst, and J. R. Fletcher; Visitors, Bros. Lawrence Booth, P. Prov. G.S.B.; James Barrett, 1012; Alfred Wroe, 42; and Harry Woodcock, 1012. Mr. James Cross was balloted for and duly initiated; Bro. J. C. Yule was Crafted; and Bro. W. Barritt was raised to Third Degree by Bro. Smethurst, the tracing board being explained by Bro. Walker. A very convivial meeting was afterwards held.

**LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP (No. 206).—**This lodge held a special emergency meeting on Wednesday afternoon, the 22nd inst., at half-past two, at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., for the purpose of passing Bro. Captain Boyton to the Second Degree in Craft Masonry. It was his earnest wish that he should pass this as well as be raised to the Third Degree in his mother lodge. As may be supposed, he has in his different wanderings up and down the kingdom in relation to his entertainments in connection with his life saving dress, and since it has become known through the pages of the *Freemason* that he was an Entered Apprentice, been frequently solicited to pass his Second and take his Third Degree in lodges other than his own, but he has scudulously, and, no doubt, becomingly, declined to avail himself of such friendly solicitations. This good brother, therefore

sets a very proper example by adhering to that lodge through which he first experienced the light of Freemasonry. Most wrongly has Bro. Captain Boyton been accused in certain quarters of having an undue fondness for mere notoriety. Were this assertion correct there is no doubt he would have availed himself of some of these offers, so flattering as they are to personal vanity. Suffice it to say that Bro. Captain Boyton has endeared himself to the brethren of his lodge, and, consequently, they held themselves ready at any time suitable to the convenience of the candidate to convene another emergency lodge meeting for passing him. The lodge was convened for this unusually early hour to enable the candidate, with the brethren who could accompany him, to attend at the Crown Baths, Kennington Oval, on the occasion of the entertainments to be given in the evening in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys and Girls. Amongst the officers and brethren present were the following:—Bros. John Waters, W.M.; Allen R. Ramsey; W. H. Godolphin, I.G.; Wm. Ramsey, P.M. and Treasurer, J.W. pro tem; John Ramsey, P.M. and Secretary, S.D. pro tem; Samuel Gamman, I.P.M.; H. Collier, P.M.; John Stewart, P.M.; Alfred Harris, P.M.; E. Burnard, P.M.; Robert Bowman, John Hurrell, and Thomas Seaborn. The visitors were Bros. Captain H. H. Doty, P.M. No. 114; C. H. Smithers, P.M. 901; and R. B. Brown No. 120. The lodge having been opened with solemn prayer, the candidate, after the necessary preliminaries, was passed to the Second Degree. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Samuel Gamman, the I.P.M., in that peculiarly quiet and colloquial manner of his, so highly appreciated by the brethren. The working of Bros. William Ramsey and John Ramsey as Junior Warden and Senior Deacon respectively was admirably performed, and nothing could be more accurate. With regard to the officers, who are, by the way, much younger Masons, it may be said that they are apparently following in the footsteps of their leader. The passing having been performed, and there being no other business to transact, the lodge was duly closed. The brethren then congratulated Bro. Captain Boyton upon his having now become a Fellow Craft Freemason, and promised they would (D.V.) hold another emergency meeting at the proper time to raise him to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Bro. Captain Boyton then expressed his thanks to the brethren for having again called an emergency meeting expressly for him, and for the kind promise they had made to convene a third emergency lodge meeting to raise him to the Third Degree, which degree he was most anxious to take before he left this country for the Continent. He felt very pleased that he had that day made another step in Masonry. Bro. Captain Boyton, with the brethren who could go with him, had then to hurry off to the Crown Baths, Kennington Oval, to carry out the entertainment referred to above, and a report of which appears in another column.

**LIVERPOOL.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 673).**—One of the frequent "red letter days" in the history of St. John's Lodge in particular, and of Freemasonry generally, was chronicled on Tuesday, the 6th inst., when the annual installation and pic-nic in connection with the lodge came off with the most pronounced eclat. The weather was exceedingly favourable; the company at the "out" was as happy and congenial as pic-nickers could well be; and the whole of the arrangements, both for business and pleasure, were as complete and satisfactory as care and thoughtfulness could make them. The brethren were summoned to business at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, as early as nine o'clock in the morning, but even at this comparatively early hour there was a large assembly of St. John members and visitors from other lodges. Bro. Martin Corless, the retiring W.M., opened the lodge in due and solemn form, supported by the following strong array of P.M.'s and officers:—Bros. E. Kyle, P.M.; J. Thornton, P.M.; J. T. Callow, P.M.; J. B. Bunting, P.M.; I. Hocken, P.M.; H. Nelson, P.M.; T. Clark, P.M.; W. T. May, P.M.; J. K. Digges, S.W.; F. Roberts, J.W.; H. Pearson, P.M., Treas.; S. Johnson, P.M., P.G.S., W.L., Sec.; H. Burrows, J.D.; D. Jackson, I.G.; J. Seddon, S.; R. Hulme, O.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members of St. John's who were present comprised:—Bros. L. Heman, J. W. Grant, J. Kaye, G. E. Bruford, C. Marsh, J. Brackenbury, H. Burns, C. Ganghan, W. Braithwaite, T. Little, G. Adolph, M. Alvarez, A. Olsen, A. H. Anney, A. P. Garcia, R. Quirk, J. F. Hall, J. Harper, A. Trumbel, W. Grey, J. Farmer, J. Heggie, J. Atkinson, T. Falshaw, F. Christensen, &c. The list of visitors embraced the following names:—Bros. E. Pierpoint, P.P.G.S.D., P.M. 680; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; T. B. Myers, S.W. 1182; R. Martin, jun., J.W. 1182; R. Rigby, W.M. 758; Rev. J. O. F. Goggin, P.P.G.C., W.M. 155; T. Dilcock, W.M. 594; H. Jackson, W.M. 1393; W. G. Sharpe, I.G. 1086; E. O. Rothwell, W.M. 1356; W. R. Moss, I.G. 758; J. Roberts, 1393; G. H. Read, 441; E. A. Lees, 537; and W. S. Matthews, 220. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, a joining member was balloted for and elected, and a grant for charitable relief to the widow of a deceased brother was made from the funds of the lodge. These preliminaries being disposed of, the chair was taken by Bro. Henry Nelson, P.M., W.M. 1505, who proceeded to instal Bro. Joseph K. Digges into the chair of K.S. Bro. Nelson has more than once performed the ceremony, and the very masterly style in which he again filled the post of Installing Master was worthy of the highest praise. It was quite a pleasure to hear the ceremony performed in a manner worthy of its beauty and excellence. After a board of Installed Masters had been held, and the brethren on their re-admission, had saluted Bro. Digges as the new W.M. of St. John's Lodge, the following brethren were invested by him as officers of the brave ship for the coming year:—Bros. J. Hocken, P.M., D.C.; M. Corless, I.P.M.; Thomas Roberts, S.W.;

Henry Burrows, J.W.; R. Pearson, P.M., Treas., (re-elected for the tenth or eleventh time); S. Johnson, P.M., P.G.S., W.L., Sec. (re-appointed); D. Jackson, S.D.; W. Brackenbury, J.D.; L. Herman, I.G.; J. Seddon, S.S.; T. Falshaw, J.S.; R. Hulme, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. At the conclusion of the delivery of the charges the W.M. presented a very elegant and valuable P.M.'s jewel, set with a diamond, ruby, and emerald, to Bro. Martin Corless, I.P.M., as a mark of the respect and esteem of the brethren for the admirable manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the Master's chair in the lodge. Bro. Corless sincerely thanked the brethren for that token of their regard, which he would never forget, but value very highly in years to come. He would, in the future as in the past, work for the best interests of St. John's Lodge. On the motion of Bro. Bunting, P.M., seconded by Bro. Corless, I.P.M., a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. H. Nelson, P.M., and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, in recognition of the very admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of Installing Master, which must have given satisfaction to every one present. Bro. Nelson briefly thanked the brethren for this unusual vote, and assured them that it had given him pleasure to perform a duty which he was sure every other P.M. in the lodge would have been glad to have undertaken. The lodge was then closed. After partaking of some refreshments the brethren proceeded to the landing stage, where, joining their lady friends, they took steamer for New Ferry, on the Cheshire side of the Mersey, with the view of enjoying the annual pic-nic. The place selected was the Great Eastern Hotel, where every arrangement was made for the comfort of the "outers." A capital banquet was supplied by "mine host," whose catering gave complete satisfaction. The menu carte and toast list combined, bearing photographs of all the officers in front, was a splendid specimen of art, and reflected the greatest credit upon the combined taste of Bro. H. Burrows, J.W., and Bro. W. S. Matthews, 220. After the repast the W.M. proposed the toasts of "The Queen," "Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," "The Pro G.M., Earl Carnarvon, and all other Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, supreme and subordinate," the last toast being acknowledged by Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.P.G.C., West Lancashire, in a very happy speech. Bro. I.P.M. Corless proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which he responded to in felicitous terms. "The Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge," was acknowledged by Bros. P. M. Thornton, and Roberts, S.W.; "The Visiting Brethren," proposed by the W.M., and was responded to by Bro. J. B. McKenzie, 594, 1182, 1356, &c. After "The Ladies," and "The Tyler's Toast," had been duly honoured, the company adjourned to the green, where dancing was begun, and kept up with great spirit for several hours. Bowling and other games were also in great favour, and the whole proceedings of the long afternoon passed "merry as a marriage bell." The company derived much pleasure from the help in arrangements given by Bro. T. W. May, P.M. Mr. Martin's excellent quadrille band furnished capital dance music. After enjoying one of the most pleasant pic-nics ever held in connection with St. John's Lodge, the party, which numbered about 200, returned to town at a seasonable hour.

**THE HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 754).**—The third annual summer banquet and ladies' day, in connection with the High Cross Lodge (No. 754), held at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, took place on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne. The weather was fine, from noon particularly so, and the company highly enjoyed the drive down. They went in small parties, and some of the carriages attracted marked attention owing to their superior character. The banquet was fixed for three o'clock, and it was ready to time, which does not often happen. Somewhat over fifty ladies and gentlemen sat down to a splendid repast, served in the large saloon in the grounds, the room being tastefully decorated with choice flowers. The dinner was put upon the tables in first-class style. Bro. Beningfield, the obliging host, personally superintending the entire arrangements. The viands were plentiful and of the best quality; the wines of rare vintages; the waiting perfect; and not a single hitch occurred in anything. The house selected is peculiarly adapted for such entertainments, the accommodation being sufficient to secure privacy to parties of almost any dimensions. Bro. John Maller, the W.M. of the lodge, presided, and was supported by Bros. Wells, P.M.; —Cunningham, I.P.M.; —Townsend; S.W.; —Barham, J.W.; —Dance, Sec.; Bros. Burford, Turner, Mundy, Winters, Shepherd, Cocksedge, Oddy, Waud, Stevenson, Hobbs, Clements, Fowler, Grindle, Farrin, some visitors from Hertford, &c. The dinner over, and the dessert placed, the president gave "The Queen and the Craft," which was drunk with the usual enthusiasm, the band (which had performed at intervals during the banquet) giving the National Anthem. The next toast was "The M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," which was also received with the utmost cordiality, the band playing "God Bless the Prince of Wales," the company singing in chorus. This was followed by "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers." In connection with this toast, the president referred to the Masonic Festival which had taken place at the Alexandra Palace on the previous day, mentioning that it was the most successful which had ever been held, nearly £13,000 having been collected in subscriptions. This announcement elicited considerable applause. Bro. Townsend proposed "The Visitors," and regretted that it was impossible to invite them on all occasions. Bro. J. Smith acknowledged the toast, and availed himself of the opportunity to observe that he had seldom if ever been present at a meeting which evoked so many pleasurable sensations. The President next gave "The Ladies," for whom Bro. Dance returned

thanks in happy terms, apologising for his brevity on the ground that a more attractive "dance" would follow. The remaining toast was "The Stewards and Officers of the High Cross Lodge." Bro. Wells responded; and the company adjourned to the grounds—now in magnificent condition—where croquet and other amusements were indulged in until the ball room was got ready. When this was accomplished dancing began, and was continued until the carefully prepared programme had been exhausted, when "homeward bound" became the watchword. During the evening iced drinks, fruit, tea, coffee, &c., were served; the tastes of all were studied; and, owing to the fineness of the night, the scene was charming. The greatest unanimity prevailed; every person seemed desirous to promote the happiness of the others; and when the hour of separation arrived the feeling was unanimous that, from first to last, a greater success could not have been achieved, and Bro. Maller received general congratulations.

**MAIDENHEAD.—SAINT JOHN'S LODGE (No. 795).**—This flourishing lodge of the Province of Berks and Bucks held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at Bro. William Deacon's, the Ray Mead Hotel, which is beautifully situated on the banks of the River Thames, at Maidenhead, and only requires to be known to be appreciated. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. C. W. Moule, the Worshipful Master, Bro. J. R. Foulger, P.M., took the chair, opened the lodge in the First Degree, when the minutes of the last meeting were read by the excellent Secretary, Bro. H. H. Hodges, P.M. and P. Prov. G.R., and confirmed. Bro. W. Deacon was raised by Bro. Foulger in his well-known true Masonic style, to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, Bros. Alfred Pinto Leite, William Henry Christopher Sharpe and Thomas Slater were passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was then taken for four candidates, which proved to be unanimous, and Bros. Charles Sharpshouse Duggan and Thomas Bell being present, they were initiated into the Order according to ancient form, after which the brethren retired to a most recherché banquet, replete with every comfort. Bro. Gammon, P.M., presided at the banquet, and, in his usual genial expressive manner, made every brother feel happy, as is his way to do. The usual loyal toast was given and duly responded to, and then "The M.W.G.M., His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," which was responded to in a genuine Masonic manner, as were also "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M., the Earl of Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers." "The Health of the P.G.M., Sir Daniel Gooch," was then given and heartily received, also "The Provincial Grand Officers," to which Bro. P. M. Hodges responded, and said that he and his brother officers always felt proud to meet their P.G. Master, a better working Mason could not be; he worked hard for their Province of Berks and Bucks, and did all that he could for the brethren belonging to the different lodges in that province, and he felt sure that nothing gave him greater pleasure than to see them all prosperous and happy. "The W.M." was next given, coupled with the name of Bro. Foulger, who had so ably performed the duties of the three degrees and who in reply for the W.M., said, brethren, I beg to thank for the kind reception you have given to this toast, coupled with my name, I for one wish our W.M. was here to answer for himself, and I feel that I am only putting forth the feeling of you all when I say that we like to have him in his place, his innate urbanity makes us delighted with his presence, and we have the pleasure of knowing that the Great Architect of the Universe has blessed him with good health, and that he is only kept from us to night by a pressing emergency. As regards myself, if I have performed his duties in the lodge to your satisfaction, I am glad it fell to my lot to do it, I feel proud to find myself a member of St. John's Lodge, and thanks to Bro. Gammon for bringing me here. Our lodge is in a very flourishing state, and in a short time we shall bid fair to be second to none in the province, both as regards numbers and influence, our worthy Bro. P.M. Carr, has done good suit and service by introducing many of his friends, all of whom we feel proud to see amongst us, and glad to have the opportunity of receiving them as brothers. And may the great giver of all good things bless us all with health and prosperity, and enable us to meet in peace and harmony for years to come. Freemasonry is making rapid strides in this province; we find that many of the residents of Maidenhead are anxious to enter the Masonic circle, but their respective avocations prevent them meeting at the time of St. John's Lodge business, consequently are anxious to form a winter lodge, which would enable them to attend in the evening after their business hours. And I sincerely hope for the good of Freemasonry that the petition now in course of preparation to be sent to Grand Lodge will be favourably received. The toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bro. P. M. Carr, who said that St. John's Lodge being his mother lodge he felt great interest in it, and had great pleasure in introducing his personal friends, who he knew from his long knowledge of them would make good Masons, and he hoped to see them all pass the chair in due time; he was but a young Mason himself, but circumstances had favoured him so much that he passed the chair in a little over four years from the time of joining. He thanked the brethren for their kind reception of the toast, and hoped the lodge would continue to prosper. Bro. Bubb, P.M. 185, and Bro. Harfeld, P.M. 185, were the visitors, and in replying to "The Visitors," toast expressed themselves highly gratified with the truly Masonic reception that had been accorded to them by the members of St. John's Lodge, they had never spent a more happy day in Freemasonry. They were delighted with the working of the lodge, and the banquet gave them great comfort. Bro. Bubb said that he would take this opportunity of remarking that he had heard with surprise that a lodge bearing the name of a lady of very high rank

in society, was about to invite that lady to take part in one of their lodge banquets. He hoped that it was true, for it would be an innovation that, in his opinion, the Craft generally should protest against, and not allow the allurements of high social rank to tempt the brethren to depart from the rules of ancient custom. No brother could feel more pleasure than he did in meeting the ladies at a Masonic ball, or at our charity festival, for it was a well-known fact that their kindly influence added greatly to the charity funds, and gave éclat to those gatherings, but he could not consent to their being introduced to the regular lodge meetings. This is a great year in the annals of Freemasonry. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has just been installed as Grand Master, and he felt sure that all those who had the honour of witnessing that magnificent sight have had such an impression made upon their minds that time will not efface. We all feel proud to say that England's future King is our Grand Master, his name is music to our ears, and the sound of his gavel sends joy to our hearts. Other princes of Royal blood are now ranged under our banners, and may the Great Architect of the Universe protect them and prosper the Craft. The next toast was "The Officers of the Lodge," responded to by Bro. Hubert Turner, S.W., who thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kind manner in which they had received the toast. He had been a long time a Mason, but had always found a diffidence about taking office, but having made a start, it is his full intention to go on, and he hoped that by strict attention to his duties the brethren would have sufficient confidence in him to place him in a higher position, and should Grand Lodge be pleased to grant the warrant for a new lodge at Maidenhead, he should join it, which would enable him to attend during the winter months, and thus become a good working Mason all the year round. The Tylers' toast brought the proceedings to a close, after one of the most enjoyable meetings that only Masonry can produce.

LIVERPOOL.—EVERTON LODGE (No. 823).—The annual installation meeting of this admirably-conducted and influential lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 21st inst., and was patronised by a most numerous assembly of the Craft. At the commencement of the business the chair was occupied by Bro. W. Cottrell, W.M., who was supported by Bros. W. Boulton, I.P.M.; J. Holland, P.M.; J. R. Goepel, P.M., P.G.D.C.; T. Shaw, S.W.; W. Wilson, J.W.; W. J. Lunt, P.M., Treas.; H. Ashmore, S.D.; J. Goodman, J.D.; S. Melikin, I.G.; J. S. Cuthbert, S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; and about seventy members of the lodge. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. G. Morgan, P.M. 1035; J. Wood, Treas. 1094; J. W. Ballard, W.M. 724; R. H. Evans, I.P.M. 1393; H. Jackson, W.M. 1393; J. Banning, P.G.O., C. and W.; J. W. Turley, P.M. 1035; H. Williams, P.M. 249; H. Burrows, J.W. 673; C. Leedham, P.M. 220; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; W. Shortes, P.M. 724; A. Dutch, J.W. 1393; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1264; A. C. Fabien, P.P.G.S.W. Hants, P.M. 487; G. Fowler, S.W. 216; W. Vaughan, S.W. 724; W. T. May, P.M. 673; E. O. C. Rothwell, I.P.M. 1356; T. Dilcock, W.M. 594; R. P. France, S.W. 594; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673, S.W. 1505; and C. Leighton, P.M. 1325. Bro. Thomas Shaw having been presented as the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Cottrell, the retiring W.M., proceeded to instal him in the chair, the whole ceremony being performed in an exceedingly able manner. The following brethren were subsequently invested by Bro. Shaw, W.M., as his staff of officers during the coming year: Bros. Wm. Cottrell, I.P.M.; William Wilson, S.W.; John Houlding, J.W.; Wm. J. Lunt, P.M., Treas.; Henry Ashmore, Sec.; John Goodman, S.D.; J. S. Cuthbert, J.D.; P.W. Oglesby, I.G.; Timothy Webster, S.S.; Joseph J. Boyle, J.S.; Thomas H. Carefull, A.S.; Joseph Holland, P.M.D.C.; A. J. Fishlock, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Bro. John White, a highly-respected member of the lodge, tendered his resignation, in consequence of his shortly removing to Canada, and a minute was passed, and ordered to be entered on the books, expressing the regret which the members felt at losing a brother who was so greatly valued and esteemed. Before the closing of the lodge a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Cottrell, I.P.M., as a token of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren at the close of his year of office. The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent repast, and during the toast-giving the most cordial wishes were expressed by several speakers for the great prosperity and happiness of Bro. T. Shaw's year of office as W.M. of the Everton Lodge. On the following day (Thursday, the 22nd) about 250 brethren and ladies crossed the river and took rail for Parkgate, where the annual picnic was held. No more pleasant day could have been found, and, as the scene of the festivities was pleasantly situated, the enjoyment was without stint. A first-class banquet was served by Bro. Acton, of the Union Hotel, Parkgate, and his catering at tea was equally worthy of praise. The sources of amusement were very varied, comprising donkey-races, biped races, boating, dancing, games of all sorts, and so on, and the party returned to Liverpool at a seasonable hour, the picnic being universally voted the jolliest and best arranged ever held in connection with the Everton Lodge.

DEPTFORD.—ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, July 22nd, at the White Swan Tavern, 217, High-street, Deptford. There were present Bros. S. O. Lewin, W.M., who opened and closed the lodge; G. Andrews, I.P.M., who passed Bros. J. McDonald, F. Knight, 1326, and C. Graham, 1326; and raised Bros. Grindley and W. Crush, 1326, to the Third Degree, he being one of the best working Masons in the locality. The ceremonies were rendered in a perfect manner. Bros. F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec., acted as S.W.; J. J. Pakes, J.W.; G. T. Limn, I.G.; W. Myatt, P.M.; J. Hawker, P.M.; and a large number of members supported the chair. The large list of visitors, besides those named, were Bros.

Tyler, P.M. 975; D. Steinhauer, 1326; J. V. Watkins, 1326; J. Brogden, 1336; E. Larking, 1326; and others. A letter of condolence was unanimously voted to the widow of a deceased member. The petitions of a distressed provincial brother were recommended by the lodge. Notice of motion to vote five guineas from the lodge funds, to be spent in purchasing the Steward's jewel, to be presented to Bro. G. Andrews, I.P.M., for his services rendered to the lodge as its Steward at the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was given. The usual number of propositions were received. The lodge was closed. There was not any banquet or refreshment.

PLUMSTEAD.—PATTISON LODGE (No. 913).—The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. A. Penfold, took place on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Lord Raglan, Plumstead, Bro. P.M. Knight, P.P.D.C.S. for Kent, and P.M. 1107, being the installing officer. The following were among the brethren and visitors present:—G. Guard Pye, 51, P.S.O.W. Essex; G. F. Busbridge, P.G.A.S. Kent; S. Goddard, P.M. 700, S. Clark, P.M. 706; C. Norman, P.M. 700; H. Bickerstaff, P.M. 700; T. Ward, W.M. 700; and Bros. Butt and G. Crawford, P.M. 700; Waters, Senior and Junior W.M.'s 700; G. Crawford, P.M. 700; J. Carmely, W.M. 13; C. Hobson, P.M. 700; J. Rowland, P.M. 700; F. Pownell, W.M. 1536; and the following brethren of the lodge:—Past Master C. Compland, P.G.S. Kent; N. Norman, T. Smith, P.P.G.P. Kent; J. Henderson, C. Ellis, H. Tongue, P.P.S.W. Kent; E. Denton, Sec. and P.M. 13; A. Jissup, Treas.; H. Butter, J.W.; W. G. Vincent, S.W.; T. Hayes, S.D.; W. Lloyd, J.D.; J. Chapman, I.G.; R. J. Cook, D.C.; H. Mason, W.S.; J. Jarvis, sen., J. Jarvis, jun., C. Jolly, J. Allen, T. Herne, B. Plaisted, H. Hammond, C. Feast, R. Lonergan, &c. At 1 p.m. the W.M., Bro. McDougal, proceeded to open the lodge in due form and with solemn prayer, and after the usual business matters had been carried, Bro. Capern passed to the Second Degree. The ceremony was most impressively rendered by the W.M. Bro. Knight then proceeded to the installation, and after Bro. Penfold had been properly inducted into the chair of K.S., the brethren saluted in the several degrees. Too much praise cannot be given to Bro. P.M. Knight for the brilliant and effective manner in which he carried out his onerous and solemn duty. The new W.M. then resumed the lodge to the Third Degree, and a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Knight for the able manner in which he had performed the installation ceremonies, and a valuable P.M.'s jewel was then presented to Bro. McDougal, and which the W.M. pinned upon that brother's breast amid much applause. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, where a magnificent banquet was provided for them by Bro. C. Lockey, the worthy proprietor. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then given by the W.M., and heartily responded to by the brethren. The first was "The Queen and the Craft," which was most loyally received. "God Save the Queen," Bro. Farquharson. The next toast was that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," and, in putting it, the W.M. said His Royal Highness had, like many other kings and princes, not thought it derogatory to "exchange the sceptre for the trowel," but had set an example which he felt proud to say had been followed by two of his brothers, and he trusted that when his sons grew to manhood they would follow in his footsteps. Song, "God bless the Prince of Wales," (Bro. Farquharson). The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, followed, and in speaking to the toast the W.M. said, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales by appointing the Earl of Carnarvon P.G.M. had done good service to Masonry; he was essentially a man of business, and the office could not have been placed in better hands. Song, "I love my love" (Miss Alice Farquharson). The next toast was that of "Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand officers." Song, "And that's the sailor's way" (Bro. Farquharson). The W.M. then gave "The Provincial Grand Master of Kent, Lord Skelmersdale," and in so doing, said he had the pleasure and the honour of seeing his lordship at the P.G. Lodge, and all those who had been there would bear testimony to the kind and genial manner in which his lordship always carried out the duties of his exalted position, and if anything should ever happen to cause him (Lord Homesdale) to sever his connection with Freemasonry it would be a sad blow for Kent. Song, "Tell me, Mary, how to woo thee" (Bro. Sherman). The next toast was that of "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. East, and the rest of the Grand Officers." Duett "The Masonic Lesson," Bro. and Miss Farquharson. Bro. Busbridge, D.P.G. Secretary for Kent, in reply, said he felt unequal to the task of adequately expressing his thanks for their kindness to himself and the colleagues, but as the Senior P.G. Officer present he felt it his duty to say a few words upon the matter. He felt that one of the greatest things in Masonry necessary to bind them together was unity, unity in all things, in heart and in hand, and that there should be that unity it was necessary that there should be leaders, and he felt proud to think that they had shown their respect and confidence in their leaders, the Provincial Grand Officer of Kent. As P.P. Scribe, he thanked them for that confidence. He once heard a lady sing a song about "buying a lute and buying a lyre," but he said buy something that was good and noble, and then they would be following out the true principles of Masonry. He thanked them heartily for their toast. Song, "The little fat grey man," (Bro. Farquharson). Bro. P.M. McDougal then as I.M.P.M., in eloquent terms proposed "The Health of the W.M. Bro. Penfold." He said it was the most important toast of the evening, and no one who had seen the able manner in which the various duties appertaining to those offices were filled by Bro. Penfold during his official career in the lodge, but must own with him that a better choice could not have been made for the position

of W.M., and that under his guidance the lodge would not lose an atom of its high prestige. He therefore with great pleasure proposed his health and trusted that under Bro. Penfold the lodge would go on and flourish ten-fold. The toast was drank most enthusiastically. Song, "The pride of the Wilderness," (Miss Farquharson). The W.M. in reply said it was one of the most difficult he had yet undertaken to reply to their kind expressions of brotherly love and good feeling towards him; it was much easier to propose a toast than to reply to one so flattering as the one just coupled with his name. So far as the success of the lodge was concerned it must be remembered that it was only by the consent of the governed that they could be governed, and they might rest assured that, with their consent and assistance, nothing should be left undone that could be done by him for the continued success and prosperity of the Pattison Lodge. Duet, "The Gipsy Countess" (Bros. C. Hobson and C. Norman, P.M.'s). The next toast was that of "The P.M.'s of and belonging to the Pattison Lodge," and in giving it the W.M. spoke with great sorrow of the loss of their late Bro., P. M. Graden, who, he trusted, had gone to that Grand Lodge above, where the G.A.O.T.U. lived and reigned for ever. But, here were other Past Masters present, and among them the name of P. M. Ellis would, he felt sure, be ever welcome. It had been said by an eminent judge, "Give your judgment but don't give your reason," but he would give his reason for coupling P. M. Ellis's name with the toast, and that was because P. M. Ellis was the one who gave him the first step upon the ladder of Freemasonry. Song, "Tom, the Tinker" (Bro. Farquharson). P. M. Ellis, in response, said as the W.M. had coupled his name with the toast, and as he believed it was the duty of every soldier to obey the commands of his commanding officer, so he felt it his duty to rise and respond to the command of their W.M., who was commanding officer to-night. The W.M. had spoken of one who was absent that night, whose loss they all sincerely regretted, and had truly said of him, that he was "a true man and an honest Mason." They had heard his name (the speaker) mentioned by the W.M. as the one who had introduced him, the W.M., into the fold of Masonry, and he looked upon it as an honour to have introduced one who he felt sure in his new position, as he had throughout his whole career, would be an honour and a credit to the lodge. There were many whose names were honoured in Masonry who had come from far to give éclat to the meeting, and he was happy to see that brethren could "gather together in unity and dwell together in peace." He hoped they had all done justice to the good things provided, and that "good digestion might wait on appetite." He spoke of the respect in which the lodge was held in the province of Kent, and felt proud to see so many there from other provinces, and concluded an eloquent speech by saying that if they looked upon the past with pleasure they certainly could look upon the present with delight. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," coupled with the name of Bro. Pye, S.O.W. for Essex, who eloquently responded, and as it was now time to depart to catch the train for London the "Tyler's" toast concluded a most successful and enjoyable day. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Matthew Sherwin, and the fine singing of Bro. and Miss Farquharson was much admired and enjoyed.

DERBY.—HARTINGTON LODGE (No. 1085).—The regular monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby, on Wednesday, the 7th of July. Bro. Henry T. Bobart, P.P.G.S.B., W.M., presided, and the brethren present were F. Iliffe, I.P.M.; S. Pipes, S.W.; W. Heathcote, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P.M. Treas.; J. Worsnop, P.M. Sec.; J. H. Biggs, as S.D.; T. Gadsby, J.D.; G. Pipes, D. of C.; J. Heathcote, I.G.; W. Stone, O.G.; W. B. Hextall, F. Rippon, T. H. Hepworth, Edgar Taylor, J. O. Manton, W. Butterfield, Henry Mills, A. A. Newnham, Jon. Whales, J. Parkins, jun. Visitors: Edwin Woolfe, Lodge of Israel 1474; Sharpe, Goderich Lodge 1211; Whitton, Arboretum Lodge 731. The lodge was opened in the First Degree; the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Newnham was called upon by the W.M. to show his proficiency in the former degree, and having satisfied the brethren, was entrusted and he then retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Newnham was admitted and raised to the Third or Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and afterward in the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third time, and nothing further offering, he closed the lodge according to ancient custom and with solemn prayer, and it was adjourned until Wednesday, the 4th August.

FOREST HILL.—WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).—On Saturday the 24th inst., a meeting of this lodge was held at the Forest Hill Hotel, when the W.M., Bro. John Allen, admitted into Masonry a fellow journalist, Mr. C. Basil Cooke, son of Bro. C. J. Cooke, P.P.G.W. of Kent. So many brethren being on their annual trips the attendance was not very large, but the lodge was favoured with a visit from a foreign brother, Herr Ritz, of the Lodge Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm zum Eintracht, of Bremen, who was introduced by Bro. Warren, the respected Treasurer. While partaking of refreshment after labour, the W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Ritz," in cordial terms, taking as the key-note of his speech the word "Eintracht" (Harmony), and hoping that that estimable and particularly Masonic sentiment might more and more pervade the Craft, and that it would be fostered by a visit paid them that evening. Bro. Ritz, in reply, expressed his acknowledgments of the fraternal reception he had met with, and said he should carry to his northern home a vivid recollection of the evening spent at Forest Hill. He should not fail to report to his own particular brethren, how well the spirit of Masonic friendship was maintained in this country.

**LIVERPOOL.—NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 1264).**—The members of this most prosperous and influential lodge, which meets at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, held their annual picnic on Wednesday, the 21st inst., and no more charming place could possibly have been selected for the day's "out" than that on which the choice of the selecting parties fell. Hollingworth Lake, delightfully nestling in a circle of hills, is situate a short distance from Littleborough, a few miles from Rochdale; and although hitherto little known to pleasure seekers from Liverpool it is not likely to remain so, if the experience of the members of the Neptune Lodge is to be taken as a test. The party, numbering about sixty ladies and brethren, started from the Liverpool Exchange Station shortly after nine o'clock, and after a pleasant journey, occupying about an hour and a half, they safely arrived at the pleasant little station of Littleborough, from whence they proceeded to the scene of the day's picnic. Anything more charming than the situation of Hollingworth Lake, with its picturesque surroundings, could hardly be imagined, and the unanimous opinion of the party was that the selection on the part of Bro. P. B. Gee, who was for the second time unanimously elected the W.M. of the "Neptune" a short time ago, was one of the happiest which could have been made. In this selection he was assisted by Bro. J. Healing, P.M., Treasurer, both of whom deserve great praise for their choice and general arrangements. Shortly after arriving at the Fisherman's Inn, the party sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by Bro. Yarwood, the host, in a manner which left nothing whatever to be desired. After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to with enthusiasm, and "The Health of Bro. P. B. Gee, W.M.," given by Bro. Healing, P.M., was received with special cordiality, his excellent services to the lodge being pointedly referred to. Bro. Gee, in responding, alluded to the pleasure which it gave him to visit that charming locality, and expressed a hope that every one present would enjoy the excursion to a place which they had not hitherto visited. Speeches being finished, the party took steamer for the opposite side of the lake, to the Lake Hotel, of which Bro. Yarwood is also the landlord, and here ample amusements were provided for almost every taste. Some took to boating on the picturesque lake, others enjoyed dancing to an excellent band, while a number of the brethren enjoyed a quiet game of bowls. The surrounding objects of interest are numerous, including an old Roman road, "Robin Hood's Bed," and many other spots which must possess the greatest interest to antiquarians; while the grounds of the hotel are so extensive and well laid out as to afford ample means of enjoyment to every one who is not disposed to find pleasure in antiquities. Tea was served at the Fisherman's Inn about half-past six o'clock, and shortly after eight o'clock the ladies and brethren left Smithy Bridge Station, arriving in Liverpool at a quarter to eleven o'clock. The whole of the arrangements were of the most satisfactory kind, the W.M., P.M. Healing, and all the officers striving to make everything as pleasant as possible; and the general opinion at the close of the long day of pleasure was that no more pleasant picnic has ever been held in connection with the Neptune Lodge. There were one or two slight showers in the early part of the day, but the afternoon and evening were bright and genial, making the "out" all the more enjoyable.

**HAMPTON.—LEBANON LODGE (No. 1326).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton, on Saturday, July 17th. Bro. W. Hammond, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, opened the lodge. Ballots and minutes were unanimous. Bro. Dr. T. Goldsbro, P.P.G.S.W., North Wales, P.M., took the chair. He initiated Messrs. W. A. Taylor, J. Greenwood, and A. Rolington. Bro. W. Hammond, W.M., installed Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex as W.M. The officers are Bro. E. Gilbert, S.W.; C. W. Fox, J.W.; S. Wickens, P.M. Treasurer; F. Walters, P.M., Sec.; R. W. Williams, S.D.; J. Hammond, P.M., J.D.; J. W. Baldwin, I.G.; J. B. Shackleton, Organist; H. Potter, P.M., W.S.; H. Gloster, D.C.; H. Cutress, W.S.; J. G. Donald, Steward; J. Gilbert, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bros. F. Binckes, F. Walters, and J. Terry; for which they each received a vote of thanks. A similar compliment was paid to Bro. Dr. T. Goldsbro for his doing the Initiations. Also to Bro. F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. Secretary, for his efficient services as Secretary, and his donations during the past year to the lodge of £10 12s. 6d. In lieu of a ten guinea Past Master's Jewel, was voted unanimously to Bro. William Hammond, P.G. Steward Middlesex, I.P.M., a Life Governorship of the Boys' School, for his services rendered to the lodge as a Founder, and for work done during his two years of Mastership. Bros. F. Binckes and J. Terry, the Secretaries of the Masonic Institutions, were unanimously elected Honorary Members of the lodge. A joining member and several candidates for initiation were proposed to become members of this lodge. A notice of motion to vote twenty guineas to the Boys' School in the name of the W.M. for the time being, so as to secure in perpetuity a Life Governorship of that Charity. The lodge was closed. The visitors were Bros. W. B. Hughes, P.P.G.S.W. North Wales, &c., P.M., M.P. for Carnarvon Burghs; R. Watts, 201; W. Smeed, P.P.G.J.W. Middlesex, &c.; T. C. Walls, I.G. 141, &c., &c. The banquet and dessert followed.

**LIVERPOOL.—DE GREY AND RIPON LODGE (No. 1356).**—A four years' existence of this lodge has proved beyond doubt the earnestness and indefatigable spirit which characterized its founders, as it has strengthened each successive year until it has now become, perhaps, the strongest in West Lancashire. The success thus attained is highly creditable to all who have had a share in the organization and working of the lodge, and as there is now in the chair a brother who is extremely popular with every section of the brethren, there is every reason to suppose

that the full flood of prosperity will continue without abatement. The annual installation meeting of the lodge was held at 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth-Park, Liverpool, on Wednesday afternoon, the 14th inst., where and when there was a large gathering of members and visitors. The lodge was opened shortly before five o'clock by Bro. E. O. C. Rothwell, the retiring W.M., who was supported by the after-mentioned officers and members:—Bros. T. Evans, I.P.M.; S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B., West Lancashire, P.M.; B. B. Marson, P.M.; A. Winkup, P.M.; J. Bell, S.W.; T. Horne, J.W.; J. Ireland, Treas.; T. Nickson, S.D.; J. W. Williams, J.D.; E. Costigan, I.G.; R. Roberts, S.; A. Woolrich, S.; W. G. Veale, Org.; P.M. Larsen, Tyler; J. W. Johnson, J. S. Macbeth, J. Kenwright, W. Fletcher, C. Arden, W. Coates, H. Pritchard, J. Keet, H. Crowther, P. Yaust, J. R. Grant, J. Neill, J. Winram, T. Mair, W. S. Corris, J. Gilchrist, A. Gilchrist, R. Leigh, T. Maudsley, T. Bisson, F. Williams, R. Fairclough, P. S. Johnson, W. H. Thompson, H. Gribbin, G. Parry, J. B. MacKenzie, W. Jerman, T. Lloyd, W. Morris, W. Parrington, W. McVicker, W. Cave, J. Griffiths, E. George, J. J. Edwards, W. Griffiths, T. Laing. The visitors' list included the names of Bros. R. Pearson, P.M., Treas. 673; J. F. Hall, 673; R. Cain, P.M. 724; M. Corless, I.P.M. 673; W. Pughe, P.M. 1182; P. F. Buck, 673; G. Maxwell, S. 594; T. Clark, P.M. 673; A. Davies, P.M., 1264; N. Burrows, J.W. 673; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673, S.W. 1505; T. Dilcock, W.M. 594; R. Ing, P.M. 594; J. Holland, P.M. 823; A. D. Neskeith, 1182; E. Friend, P.M. 1013, 1289, P.P.J.G.D. Cheshire; R. W. Gow, 823; T. B. Myers, S.W. 1182; J. Edginton, W.M. 1182; C. Leighton, P.M. 1325; R. Douglass, 667; A. Morrison, 594, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was subsequently performed. Bro. T. Evans, P.M., then took the chair, and proceeded to instal Bro. Joseph Bell as the W.M. of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge for the ensuing year. The whole of the work in connection with the impressive installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Evans, in a manner which left nothing to be desired, and reflected the highest credit upon his Masonic ability and competence. Bro. J. Bell, W.M., installed the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. E. O. C. Rothwell, I.P.M.; T. Evans, P.M., D.C.; T. Horne, S.W.; T. Nickson, J.W.; J. Ireland, Treasurer (re-elected); Jos. Jones, Secretary (re-appointed); W. G. Veale, Org.; J. W. Williams, S.D.; E. Costigan, J.D.; R. Roberts, I.G.; A. Woolrich, S.S.; C. Arden, J.S.; and P. M. Larsen, Tyler. "Hearty good wishes" were given to the W.M. from all the lodges represented. There were no fewer than six propositions for initiation. A proposition by Bro. Marson, P.M., seconded by Bro. Bell, W.M., that a Royal Arch Chapter should be established in connection with the lodge, was carried unanimously, and by acclamation. The S.W. proposed that a vote of thanks should be given to Bro. T. Evans, P.M., for the admirable manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony that day. The W.M. seconded the motion, and said the way in which it had been performed had left an impression on his mind which would not soon be effaced. The motion having been unanimously carried, Bro. Evans briefly thanked the brethren for their kindness, and said the vote which had been passed amply rewarded him for his labour. The lodge having been closed, the brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent supper provided by Bro. E. George. After the repast the W.M. gave briefly the toasts of "The Queen," "Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the rest of the Royal Family," and "Our Masonic Rulers, Supreme and Subordinate." Bro. E. O. C. Rothwell, I.P.M., then said the gavel had been placed in his hands, and it gave him very great pleasure to propose the toast of "The Worshipful Master." He was certain it would be received with the enthusiasm which it well deserved. All who had watched Bro. Bell's career would be well pleased to see him occupy the honourable position which he now did, and every one must wish that he might long be spared to adorn the Order to which he belonged. The W.M. said he could hardly find words to express the gratitude he felt for the eulogistic manner in which his health had been proposed, and the enthusiastic manner in which it had been responded to. If his humble efforts during his year of office could in any way justify their good opinion he would use them to the utmost. His endeavour would be to further the best interests of the lodge, and promote the harmony and good fellowship of every member. (Hear, hear.) The W.M. next gave "The Health of the I.P.M.," to which Bro. Rothwell responded. "The Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bro. Marson, P.M., and Bro. Evans, P.M., the latter also acknowledging "The Installing Master." "The Officers" was responded to by Bro. T. Horne, S.W., and "The Newly Initiated Brethren" and "The Visitors" by Bro. Bromley and Bro. C. Leighton, P.M. 1325, respectively. The pleasant proceedings, which closed with the "Tyler's Toast," were greatly enlivened by capital songs given by Bros. Roberts, Veale, Maxwell, and others. The annual picnic of the members of the lodge took place on the following day (Thursday), and proved, as usual, one of the most pleasant and enjoyable Masonic "outs" of the season. The weather in the early part of morning was very threatening, but fortunately, although there was little or no sunshine to give brightness to the run into the country, the rain kept off the whole of the day. Arrangements were made with the "Cheshire Lines" for the conveyance of the party to Knutsford, the scene of the day's festivities, and a little before eleven o'clock about 160 started by "special" from the Central Station. The railway arrangements were admirable, and were in striking contrast to those of the Lancashire and Yorkshire a few weeks ago. On arriving at their destination, the large party at once proceeded to the Royal George, where an excellent banquet was served to the travellers, as dining under canvas outside was out of the question, owing to the wet grass. After doing

full justice to the "creature comforts," the loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. in happy terms and cordially responded to. Bro. Rothwell, I.P.M., then gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and referred to the popularity which he enjoyed and the support which he was sure to get during his year of office. Bro. Bell, W.M., in response, thanked the ladies and brethren for the enthusiasm of their reception of the toast, and assured them that he would endeavour to earn their good opinion by his future conduct. The W.M. then presented a very massive P.M.'s jewel, set with three splendid diamonds to Bro. E. O. C. Rothwell, I.P.M., as a token of the esteem of the De Grey and Ripon members. Bro. Rothwell acknowledged the gift in sensible terms. The W.M. then gave "The Officers of the Lodge," to which Bro. Horne, S.W., and Bro. Nickson, J.W., responded, "The Ladies," given by Bro. B. B. Marson, P.M., was responded to by Bro. Thorn, P.M. 1182. The large party then "made tracts" for viewing some of the "lions" of Knutsford, and they were considerably assisted in their sight-seeing by an admirably executed sketch of the chief points of interest, which had been kindly prepared by Bro. P.M. Marson. The "guide" was so full of interesting points as to be worth quoting in extenso. Bro. Marson says—Knutsford is so celebrated and important a little town, as to be considered by many the "capital" of North Cheshire. It possesses a handsome and convenient railway station, and the entrance into the town by the Governor's House, and Town Hall, is both striking and pleasing to the eye. Here, on the 18th October, 1832, stayed the Princess Victoria and the Duchess of Kent (the present Queen and her mother) whilst journeying from Chester to Chatsworth, and it was then that the name of the "George and Dragon Hotel" was altered to the "Royal George," which it now bears, to commemorate in some measure that never-to-be-forgotten visit. To our lady friends it may be especially interesting to know that, whenever a wedding of more than ordinary importance takes place in this good old town, it is usual for every householder to work upon the ground in front of his dwelling some pretty complimentary device or motto, in coloured sands, selected for that purpose, so that the streets and roadways may present one continuous fretwork. Pleasant walks abound in this beautiful part of Cheshire, and perhaps one of the most interesting in the immediate neighbourhood is through the fields to the site of the Old Church, the antiquity of which may be best judged from the fact that the Tower was rebuilt in the reign of King Henry VIII., and in the graveyard will be found the ancient burial-place of the Leghs of Norbury Booths, who were its patrons. Many handsome and palatial residences lay within easy access of the town. Amongst the chief of them may be mentioned—Toft Hall, with its stately avenue of Elms stretching out in triple rows, one mile to the south of Knutsford; Over-Peover Hall, about three miles distant also to the south; Tabley, about a mile to the westward, all of which possess noble parks, and last, although by no means least, Tatton Hall, the seat of Lord Egerton, with its magnificent gardens and grounds. This park, the use of which his lordship kindly offered to the members of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge for the purpose of holding their annual picnic, is only some few minutes' walk from the railway station; it is upwards of ten miles in circumference, and contains nearly 2200 acres of land, about 400 of which are covered by woods and plantations, whilst nearly 80 are by water. The committee earnestly hoped in selecting this spot for an excursion that those ladies and brethren who avail themselves of this opportunity may derive as much pleasure from the trip as they feel Lord Egerton, himself experiences in offering his grounds for their use and recreation. They also beg to mention that Bro. Lord de Tabley, P.G.M. of Cheshire, has kindly forwarded to Bro. Josh. Bell, the W.M. elect of 1876, a card of admission for himself and party to visit the Chapel Grounds, and Old Hall at Nether Tabley, upon the 15th instant, which are well worthy of inspection. The party fully availed themselves of the opportunities afforded of visiting the charming sights, and a most delightful afternoon was spent. Tea having been provided for the ladies, and dancing kept up with spirit for a short time in the ball-room of the hotel, the party started on the "return voyage" at a quarter to nine o'clock, reaching Liverpool about 10.30.

**SOUTHALL.—ACACIA LODGE (No. 1309).**—On Tuesday, June 20th, the installation meeting of this well-established lodge was held at the Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall. Bro. F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary, opened the lodge. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The all important event of the meeting was instantly proceeded with, which was the installation of Bro. Charles Horsley, P.P.G. Reg. Middlesex, P.M. of numerous lodges, the well-known popular and highly esteemed brother, who had, at a previous meeting been unanimously elected to the Solomon chair. He being presented by a distinguished P.M. as W.M. to Bro. F. Walters, that old veteran, in a painstaking, earnest manner, duly installed Bro. C. Horsley, W.M., who appointed as his officers Bros. C. A. Ferrier, S.W.; C. G. Rushworth, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. Treasurer; H. Kenward, Secretary; J. W. George, S.D.; C. G. C. Stalu, J.D.; W. H. Butterfield, I.G.; H. E. A. D'Arcy, D.C.; J. A. Murray, W.S.; W. Y. Laing, P.M., Tyler. The customary addresses were then delivered. Bro. C. Horsley, although suffering from ill-health, in a masterly manner cleared off some of the large amount of work which was on the agenda paper. He initiated Mr. Carl Waldemar Sjoberg into Freemasonry; passed Bro. Revd. T. W. Cave, J. Scott, and E. J. Tickner to the Second Degree, and raised Bro. Revd. J. Morgan and E. Madders to the Third Degree. The work was beautifully and impressively rendered. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. Treasurer, for his many services rendered to the lodge as its founder, P.M., and Secretary, and

the same to be entered on the lodge minute book. Bro. F. Walters, in returning thanks for this kind vote, improved the opportunity by appealing as their Steward for the Boys' School, for aid to the funds of that Institution. He stated his list to be sixty guineas. Bro. C. G. Rushworth, J.W., was elected Steward for the Benevolent in 1876. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed. Banquet and dessert followed. The long list of visitors included Bros. H. Keeble, P.M., 1275-73; James Robins, 452; J. C. Allen, 4; Major Shadwell Clarke, P.M., 1383, &c.; George Clarke, P.P.G.S.W. Devon, P.M., 263; A. Stead, 1297; H. Young, P.G.S., P.M., 60, &c. &c.

**NEWTON ABBOT.—MORNING STAR LODGE (No. 1396).**—A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Room on Monday, the 12th July. The chair was taken by Bro. Francis J. Pratt, W.M., who was supported by the following brethren:—W. E. Lambie, I.P.M.; W. R. King, acting S.W.; T. B. Purnell, J.W.; J. J. Drake, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Uglow, Sec.; W. L. Pope, D. D. Chaplain, P.P.G.C.; W. B. Venning, Steward; James Barkell, I.G.; A. Williams, Wm. Taylor, J. Weeks, Tyler. Visitors:—Bros. Thomas Taylor, P.M. 318, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Stroud Short, P.M. 1443. The lodge was opened in due and ancient form. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. Proposed by Bro. J. J. Drake, P.M., and seconded by the W.M., that Bro. William Lambie, P.M., be requested to act again as Almoner of the lodge for the year ensuing. Proposed by Bro. J. J. Drake, P.M., and seconded by Bro. W. E. Lambie, I.P.M., that the W.M. be appointed to act as representative of the lodge at the Committee of Petitions. In pursuance of notice, a motion given by Bro. J. J. Drake, P.M., which was supported by the W.M., the sum of ten guineas was agreed to be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Orphan Boys. Several minor matters were discussed, which terminated the business. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form with solemn prayer.

**Royal Arch.**

**HAMPTON.—LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 1326).**—The election and installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Thames-street, Hampton, on Saturday, July, 17th. The chapter was opened by Comps. F. Walters, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; S. Wickens, H.; W. Hammond, J. The minutes, ballots, and all the elections of officers were unanimous. Comp. W. Smeed, P.Z., exalted W. Mitchell, 1326. He installed S. Wickens, M.E.Z., inducted W. Hammond, H.; and H. A. Dubois, J. The officers are J. Hammond, Treas.; F. Walters, S.E.; E. Hopwood, S.N.; E. Gilbert, P.S.; Rev. P.M. Holden, First A.S. and Chaplain; W. Mitchell, Second A.S.; J. Wallis, D.C.; H. Potter, W.S. A ten guinea P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted from the chapter funds to Comp. J. T. Moss, I.P.Z., for his services rendered to the chapter. Several candidates were proposed for exaltation. The chapter was closed. Banquet and dessert followed. The visitors were Comps. W. Smeed, P.Z.; R. Watts, P.Z.; F. Binckes, P.Z.; J. Terry, P.Z.; R. W. Williams, H. J. Green, and others.

**Mark Masonry.**

**IPSWICH.—ALBERT VICTOR LODGE.**—A lodge of emergency was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Monday, the 12th inst. Present—Bros. Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.G. Chap.; C. T. Townsend, P.G.D.; Emra Holmes, P.G. Insp. of Wks., acting J.O.; George Cresswell, W.M.; Geo. Abbott, S.W.; W. Clarke, J.W.; J. Rankin, M.O.; E. J. Robertson, P.M., acting S.O.; W. T. Westgate, P.M., M.C., &c. The ballot having been taken, and proving unanimous in their favour, Bros. Oliver Cromwell Diaper, of the St. Luke's Lodge; J. Ernie, of the Prince of Wales; and Henry Edwards, of the British Union Lodge, were introduced under the able guidance of Bro. Westgate, and were severally obligated, and advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master, the ceremonies being performed with great ability by Bro. Sanderson, without doubt the ablest Mason in Suffolk. The lodge having been closed, the brethren retired to supper, when one of the pleasantest evenings we have known was spent, interspersed as the toasts were by song and recitation, in which Bro. Abbott, by the way, excelled himself as a vocalist. We have rarely heard a more beautiful tenor voice than his, and the rendering of "Oft in the stilly night" and the "Irish Emigrant" was really a treat. The Masons of Ipswich boast some very good singers—but none who can excel our talented brother. The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Newly Advanced Brethren," remarked that he understood that one of them, Bro. Edwards, was about to emigrate to Australia, and he wished him a pleasant voyage, and prosperity at the end of it. The brethren all returned thanks, and spoke very highly of the ceremony they had gone through, and Bro. Edwards cordially expressed his acknowledgments of the W.M.'s good wishes. The officers wore, for the first time, the handsome new collars, presented by several brethren, which came from the manufactory of Bro. George Kenning, and were very much admired.

**HAVANT.—CARNARVON LODGE (No. 62).**—The above lodge met on Tuesday, the 20th July last, at the Town Hall. Bros. T. U. Price, W.M.; J. N. Hillman, S.W.; J. Harrison, J.W.; H. R. Trigg, P.M., Sec., and Purnell, P.M.; Clarke, and Lemmon. Bro. C. H. Liddell, was advanced to the degree of Mark Master. Bro. P.M. Hillman then brought on his motion, of which he had given notice at the previous lodge, "That this lodge exceedingly regrets that the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters should be a party to a treaty for expelling its own members who may belong to Masonic Degrees that may not be approved of by the other parties to the treaty," but after some discussion, and several of the brethren being compelled to

leave by train, the further consideration of the matter was postponed till the next lodge meeting.

**Royal Order of Scotland.**

**PROV. GRAND LODGE OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.**  
The following is the complete list of the Provincial Grand Officers invested at the meeting on the 5th July, at Manchester:—

- W. Romaine Callender, M.P. .... Prov. G. Master.
- C. Fitzgerald Matier ..... D. Prov. G.M.
- John Sutcliffe ..... Prov. G.S.W.
- Thos. Perkinson ..... Prov. G.J.W.
- John Chadwick ..... Prov. G. Sec.
- John Duffield (re-elected) ..... Prov. G. Treas.
- Capt. W. O. Walker ..... Prov. G.S.B.
- Capt. J. Watson ..... Prov. G.B.B.
- R. McDowell Smith ..... Prov. G. Mar.
- George Higgins ..... Prov. G. Dep. Mar.
- James E. Hall ..... Prov. G. Steward
- Johannes Hoffgaard ..... Prov. G.G.

Two candidates were received into the Order, Bros. Lees and W. Marwood, who were afterwards promoted to the Knighthood of R.S.Y.C.S.

The ceremony was exceedingly well rendered by Bro. Matier, D.P.G.M., and the retiring Wardens, Bros. Brockbank and Entwisle, assisted by Bros. Smith and Hall.

After the ceremony, the Knights Companions dined together under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master.

**RUNCORN.—ELLESMERE LODGE (No. 758).**—The regular monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, on Wednesday, July 14th. The officers present were Bros. Robert Rigby, W.M.; Edward Aston, S.W.; James Warburton, J.W.; William Garnet, S.D.; Charles Gerrard, J.D.; J. Fothergill, P.M.; William Wass, I.G.; George Purver, Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form at 6.30, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed, when the W.M. informed the members that Bro. Giles was a candidate for being raised, who, after giving satisfactory proofs of his efficiency in the former degrees, was entrusted and retired. During his absence the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, after which Bro. Giles was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in a manner reflecting the highest possible credit on the W.M. The working tools, as well as the tracing board, were also lucidly explained by him, and the charge delivered with effect and impression. The lodge was lowered to the First Degree, when the W.M. informed the brethren that Mr. Couth was a candidate for initiation. The ballot was taken and was unanimously accepted. The ceremony was performed with the usual ability. Other important business being done, the lodge closed at 9 o'clock.

**Red Cross of Constantine.**

**LIVERPOOL.—WALTON CONCLAVE (No. 97).**—The regular meeting of this conclave was held in St. Lawrence's School-room, Kirkdale, on Monday, the 12th inst. The conclave was opened in imperial and solemn form by Em. Sir Knt. Jesse Banning, M.P.S. The minutes of the last convocation being read and confirmed, the ballot was then taken for Bro. Walter Milner, which proving in his favour, and he being presented, was duly installed as a Knight of this illustrious Order. Em. Sir Knt. the Rev. T. W. Richardson, V.E., was unanimously elected as M.P.S.; Sir Knt. W. Quayle, as V.E.; and Em. Sir Knt. J. C. Lunt, P.S., as Treasurer for the ensuing year. The M.P.S. then, on behalf of the conclave, presented an elegant Past Sovereign's jewel to Em. Sir Knt. J. C. Lunt, as a testimonial of their esteem, and for his untiring energy and zeal for the welfare of the conclave. The conclave was then closed, and a sanctuary of the K.H.S. was solemnly opened by the Right Rev. Prelate, Em. Sir Knt. Jesse Banning, Prov. Grand G.S.V., West Lancashire; Em. Sir Knt. J. C. Lunt, Prov. Grand T.B., W.L., Prior; Sir Knt. Quayle, Pro. Grand H., Senl; Sir Knt. Rev. Dr. Hyde, Sub. P.; Sir Knt. Hammer, C. of Gds. The following approved candidates being in attendance, were duly received as Knights of this most interesting degree, the ceremonies being most efficiently rendered by the several officers—Sir Knts. Henry Gribbin, John Armstrong, Walter Milner, and Michael Williamson—they being the first candidates admitted since the Patriarchal Council of the Order visited this province.

**Scotland.**

**PERTH DISTRICT GRAND LODGE (EAST).**

By appointment with Lord Kinnaird, a deputation from Scoon and Perth No. 3, St. Andrew's No. 74, and Royal Arch No. 122, met his lordship, who is Grand Master of the district, at the Salutation Hotel, on the 1st inst., to consult as to the propriety of resuscitating the lodge, which has been in abeyance for several years. Some supervision by officers appointed for that purpose, in order to revise the work of the various lodges, and to stimulate officers of lodges to a better style of work, was felt for a long time to be much needed. The following officers were nominated by the R.W. Grand Master. Bros. Morrison, of Murie, Depute G.M.; Dr. Wm. Cowen, of Perth, Substitute G.M.; Rev. Bro. Carmichael, of Perth, G. Chaplain; Sir P. Murray Thriepland, of Fingusk, S.G.W.; Colonel Williamson, of Lawers, J.G.W.; Bro. R. Mitchell, of Perth, Secretary. It was intimated to the brethren by the R.W.G.M., that as soon as he had heard from several of those so nominated of their acceptance of office, he would summon the lodge together to elect the remaining officers and transact other business. The brethren then separated.

**PERTH.—SCOON AND PERTH (No. 3).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at their hall, in the High-street, on Friday, the 16th inst., at 8 p.m., the R.W.M., Bro. Chalmers, presiding. Mr. Cockerell, commercial traveller, who was proposed and approved in open lodge, was prepared as a candidate for the First Degree. The R.W.M. then asked Bro. Dr. W. Cowan to take the chair and confer the Entered Apprentice Degree upon the candidate. This Bro. Cowan did in a very impressive and effective manner. There being no further business the lodge was closed in peace and harmony by the R.W.M. at 9.40 p.m.

**GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MUNGO (No. 27).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place in the Masonic Hall, situated at 213, Buchanan-street, on the 14th inst., at eight o'clock. Bro. D. Butler, R.W.M., took the chair, supported by his Wardens and other office-bearers. The attendance of members and visiting brethren was exceedingly good. The minutes of the previous meeting were postponed till the next meeting, on account of the absence of the Secretary. Two applications for admittance into Freemasonry were read, one from Mr. John McEwin, jun., proposed by Bro. John Scott, P.M., and seconded by Bro. J. McEwin, sen.; the other from Mr. Kyle, proposed by Bro. R. Paton, seconded by Bro. John Scott. The R.W.M. said he thought the well-known names of the proposers and seconders of the candidates was a sufficient guarantee of the character of the gentlemen proposed as candidates; if, therefore, it was agreeable to the members of the lodge, he would in this case dispense with the delay of the ballot. This was unanimously agreed to. The R.W.M. paid a high compliment to Bro. McEwin, as a brother who had done good service to Masonry, whose son was one of the candidates for admittance into Freemasonry that night. To join St. Mungo Lodge was his own desire, and his father, of whom he was now speaking, had gratified his desire by introducing him to them. He had for some time back been expecting to have a visit from Bro. McEwin, and as he was with them to-night, he took the opportunity of proposing him as an honorary member of St. Mungo Lodge, in recognition of his services to the Craft. This was supported by the S.W., who also spoke in high terms of Bro. McEwin's usefulness. This was received with great pleasure by the members of the lodge, Bro. McEwin stepping to the altar and receiving the usual obligation from Bro. Bain, P.M., Lodge Union and Crown, who officiated for the R.W.M. The candidates were then prepared, and received the First Degree, Bro. John Scott, P.M., officiating in a clear and impressive manner. There being no further business before the lodge, and the night being but "young" as yet, the lodge was called from labour to refreshment, when an exceedingly pleasant time was spent, amidst song, sentiment, and compliment, after which the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

**PERTH.—ST. ANDREW'S LODGE (No. 74).**—This lodge held its regular monthly meeting in the Royal George Hotel, on the evening of Tuesday, the 6th inst., at 8 p.m. After the transaction of the usual monthly business, the R.W.P.M., Bro. John Young, who held the Hiram, formed a lodge of instruction. A candidate was prepared, and the Entered Apprentice Degree was given by the R.W.P.M., who was very well supported by his officers, who did their share of the work in a most creditable manner. The officers and members of this lodge have taken in hand in a most enthusiastic manner the work of instruction. It is intended that this work shall be carried out in a systematic manner, with all the degrees of Craft Masonry, and if this is done perseveringly and persistently there can be no reason to doubt, from the manner in which the first attempt at this has been affected, that the lodge will in a short time be second to none in Perth or even in Scotland. After labour the lodge was called to refreshment, when a few pleasant minutes were spent in general conversation. The lodge was then called again to labour, and closed in peace and harmony at 10.30 p.m.

**PERTH.—ROYAL ARCH LODGE (No. 122).**—Festival of St. John.—The brethren of this lodge, to the number of about forty, met in their hall on the 24th ult., to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Baptist. Bro. George Hutton, R.W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. H. Thompson, P.M.; James McDuff, Depute Master; David Morrison, Substitute Master; and the Chaplain of the Lodge (the Rev. David Winter, M.A.). After the brethren had partaken of an elegant repast the lodge was duly opened, and the ceremony of affiliating a visiting brother having been gone through, the brethren were called from labour to refreshment, when several toasts were drunk. In the course of the evening the Chaplain delivered an eloquent address on "Brotherly Help." The evening's entertainment was much enhanced by the rendering of some fine songs by Bros. J. Thompson, Menzies, Conacher, &c. A recitation by Sergeant Major Davidson was also much admired. Altogether, a very happy evening was spent. The viands and liquors were supplied by Bro. R. Wilson, of the Restaurant, St. John-street, and were worthy of the fame of that well-known establishment.

**GLASGOW.—LODGE SCOTIA (No. 178)** met in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on the 14th inst., for the dispatch of business. In the absence of the R.W.M., Bro. Joseph Singleton, Bro. Mathison, P.M., took the chair, assisted by the Wardens and other office-bearers. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There were two gentlemen proposed for initiation into Freemasonry. The first, Mr. M. Sweeney, proposed by Bro. R. Sweeney, and seconded by Bro. J. Mathison, P.M.; the second, Mr. James Aitken, proposed by Bro. Kellen, seconded by Bro. Singleton. The ballot was found clear, and they received the First Degree, Bro. I. Mathison, P.M., officiating. The subject of new clothing for the lodge was then taken up. Samples of office-bearers' and ordinary clothing, &c., were shown from the establishment of Bro. George Kenning, which were much admired.

The office-bearers were authorised to procure what amount of clothing they might think necessary either from Bro. Kenning, or elsewhere, as they thought best. It was then agreed that in future the meetings of the lodge should be held twice in the month instead of once, as at present. The arrangements for the annual excursion were then entered into, three different places being mentioned, viz., Campsie Glen, Inverkip, and Bowling. Campsie Glen was fixed as the place of resort, and the day will be the first Wednesday after the August meeting of the lodge. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when four brothers were made F.C. of the Order, Bro. Muir, D.M. Lodge Union and Crown, officiating. The lodge being raised to the M.M. degree, four brethren of the lodge and two of Lodge Glasgow, Kilwinning No. 4, were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., Bro. Muir again officiating. A vote of thanks having been passed to Bro. Muir for his able services brought the business to an end, and the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

**JOHNSTONE.**—**LODGE HOUSTON ST. JOHNSTONE (No. 242).**—The members of this lodge met together on the evening of the 8th inst., in their lodge-room, Cross Keys Hotel, Johnstone, the object being to pay a mark of respect to Bro. J. F. Donald, P.M., of the lodge. A large company sat down to supper. The chair was filled by Bro. Guy, R.W.M., supported by Bros. A. Baillie Jeffray, J. Love, J. Baird, Bailie Weems, F. Goodwin, and Dr. Berry. Bros. R. Leckie, S.W., and G. Matheson, J.W., occupied the Croupiers' chairs. Besides the members belonging to the Houston St. Johnstone Lodge, the sister lodges in the province were well represented, also a number of the sister lodges from Glasgow province. On the removal of the cloth, the chairman gave the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts, which were received in the warm-hearted manner which characterises the Craft. Bro. Leckie gave "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrew East." Bro. O. McGregor, in a few well chosen sentences, responded to the toast. The chairman then came to the special business of the evening, viz., the presentation of a very handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Donald; this duty, Bro. Guy performed with good taste and judgment. He referred to the private character of Bro. Donald in the most kindly terms, and said that his connection with, and services to the lodge had been conspicuous not only by great ability, and an earnestness to secure and maintain its prosperity, but by a display of kind sympathy with the feelings of those over whom he ruled that made it a pleasure to all associated with him. In discharging the difficult duties of the office of R.W.M., his rule was marked with firmness, and a charitable purity of intention, that would long be remembered by the members of the lodge. Bro. Guy then fixed the jewel on Bro. Donald's breast, and said:—Do not look upon this for its intrinsic value, but as a mark of the expression of kind feelings of the members of the lodge towards you, and of their appreciation of the valuable services you have rendered them, and their heart-felt wish was that you may be long spared to wear that jewel and enjoy peace, plenty, and comfort. Bro. Donald returned thanks in a neat and feeling manner. (Bro. Donald's father held the same position in the lodge before him.) A few more toasts followed, which brought to a close a most agreeably spent evening at a timely hour.

**GLASGOW.**—**LODGE CALEDONIAN RAILWAY (No. 354).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on the 12th inst., at 7 o'clock p.m. The chair was taken by the R.W.M., Bro. J. Shaw, supported by Bro. J. M. Staffor, S.W.; Bro. Ferguson, J.W., and other office-bearers. The attendance of members was good, and the lodge being promptly opened was passed to the Second Degree. Bros. R. Kean, F. Menigal, W. Colquhoun, and Capt. Bouness having satisfactorily passed an examination, were obligated in this degree. The lodge was further raised, when the same brothers were entrusted with the Sublime Degree of M.M., Bro. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M., Lodge Clydesdale No. 556, officiating in both degrees. Bro. Phillips's style of working showed much cleverness, and was greatly admired. After a hearty vote of thanks was given to him for the favour he had done the Lodge Caledonian Railway, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

**GLASGOW.**—**LODGE ST. MARK (No. 102)** held their regular monthly meeting in their lodge room, 213, Buchanan-street, on the 12th inst., at 8 o'clock prompt. Bro. J. Mitchell, R.W.M., presided; Bros. T. Kerr, S.W.; J. Renton, J.W.; Thos. Halket, P.M.; A. C. Gray, D.M.; A. Paterson, Treas.; John Smith, Sec., and others. The meeting was well attended considering the season of the year. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed, when the report of the committee in charge of the last festival was received in a satisfactory way. There was no pressing business before the meeting, and the lodge was accordingly closed in due and ancient form.

**GLASGOW.**—**LODGE ARTHUR (No. 413).**—The regular meeting of this lodge took place in the Masonic Hall, situated at 213, Buchanan-street, on the 13th inst., at 8 o'clock. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. Wallace, the R.W.M., Bro. John Millar, P.M., presided. J. McInnes, S.W.; J. Boyd, J.W.; J. Louttit, D.M.; and other office-bearers and a good meeting of brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. An application for initiation into Freemasonry was brought before the lodge by the acting R.W.M. from Mr. W. Lauder, who was proposed and seconded by Bros. Wm. Lockie and John Baikie. All present being satisfied, the initiation ceremony was given by Bro. Millar, P.M. This completed the business before the lodge, and it was closed in usual and ancient form.

Bro. Captain Boyton has made an offer to Madame la Maréchale de MacMahon, which has been accepted, to visit Paris about the 16th of August, and give experiments with his life-saving dress, in aid of the Inundation Fund.

Ireland.

MASONIC FESTIVITY IN DUBLIN.

THE MASONIC LODGE (No. 75) held their usual summer picnic on Monday July, 12th, at the Powerscourt Waterfall. The sun seldom shone on a more propitious day, and the arrangements for the excursion were most satisfactory and complete. A goodly company, numbering about seventy, exchanged friendly and fraternal greetings. Having spent a considerable time in admiring the beautiful scenery, they returned to that commodious hotel at Enniskerry, known as the Leinster Arms, where Mr. Miller, the proprietor, whose exertions for the general enjoyment were indefatigable, had prepared a splendid dinner. The wines were fully appreciated, they being excellent in quality. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been disposed of, and several excellent songs sung with good effect, the Worshipful Master, Bro. A. Robertson, proposed "The Health of Bro. Andrew Fitzpatrick," their Treasurer, after which the lodge presented him with a very handsome and elegantly finished gold letter watch. Bro. Fitzpatrick in reply, made a very suitable speech, which was received with many demonstrations of applause. A vote of thanks having been proposed to Bro. Miller for the highly satisfactory manner in which he carried out the dinner arrangements, the company returned to town, having spent an agreeable day.

A MASONIC SWINDLER.—At Cork, Louis Desand Desdramy was brought up at the police-office, on remand, charged with receiving money under false pretences. Mr. Henry S. Noblett deposed that in May last prisoner called at Masonic Lodge No. 1 and represented that he had been Surgeon-Major in the French army, through the Algerian, Crimean, and witness did not remember how many other campaigns; that being a native of Alsace when that province was annexed to Germany he proved obnoxious to the Prussians, being a patriot, or, as witness jokingly suggested to him, a Fenian of that place; that coming home in a carriage with his wife one day he was met by Prussian soldiers, who imprisoned him for two years in Stuten; that he was then taken away and landed at Queenstown without a farthing in his pocket; he represented himself as very poor; he proved to be a Mason, and they collected £6 for him. Witness credited his story, and was enthusiastic about him, and it was on his appeal that money was collected for the prisoner. Mr. James Barry deposed to a grant of £2 being given out of the lodge to prisoner. Mrs. Bell, of the Crown Hotel, proved that prisoner came to lodge at her place on the 2nd of May, and represented that he had been imprisoned in underground cells and treated very badly; he represented that he was limited to £700 to spend till September; one night he gave her a very hospitable invitation to go out for a drive in Dr. Tanner's trap on Sunday (great laughter); he ordered his patent boots to be done with cream, and left next day to bring his wardrobe, but never returned; he owed about 11s. The Mayor said it appeared he started on May 3rd with a bed, and wound up on the 6th with a Welsh rabbit for a 1s. (laughter.) The witness's husband proved having given credit to prisoner on the representation that he was a Mason and a gentleman; he stated to witness that he was sent to America to learn his profession during the war; witness, who was engaged in that war, found his knowledge of America accurate. Thomas Wilkinson proved that prisoner put up in his house at Queenstown, and stated that he had seven hundred pounds in the Provincial Bank; he told him on one occasion to get a champagne dinner ready, as he was going to have the Mayor of Cork and several doctors to dinner with him; witness understood the Mayor had given him money; when they found he was an impostor his son turned him out. The Mayor announced that the bench committed prisoner for trial principally in consequence of the representation that he had seven hundred pounds in the Provincial Bank, which was proved by a bank official to be false.—*Freemason's Journal.*

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the paper of business to be transacted in Grand Chapter next Wednesday evening:—  
The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

The report of the Committee for General Purposes to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England. "The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 21st April, 1875, to the 21st July, 1875, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance 21st April .....	£810	1	6
" Subsequent Receipts.....	273	19	9
	£1,084	1	5
By Purchase of £500 Consols at 94 and Commission .....	£470	12	6
" Disbursements during the Quarter .....	158	9	8
" Balance .....	308	0	2
" " in Unappropriated Account.....	146	18	11
	£1,084	1	3

which balance is in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Perceval, and Co., bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

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

"From Companions Thomas Ward as Z., James McIntyre as H., Arthur John Randell as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the British Kaffrarian Lodge, No. 853, King William's Town, Cape of Good Hope, to be called "The St. George's Chapter," and to meet at King William's Town, South Africa.

"From Companions the Rev. Robert Bowden as Z., Frederick Duffy Bewes as H., Philip Damerel Micherel, Jas.

and six others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Devon Lodge, No. 1138, Newton Abbot, to be called "The Devon Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Newton Abbot, in the county of Devon.

"From Companions George Davenport Pochin as Z., Carl Johann Wilhelm Gotz as H., Joseph Mackie as J., and six others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Architect Lodge, No. 1375, Didsbury, to be called "The Architect Chapter," and to meet at the Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury, in the county of Lancaster.

"From Companions William Green Brighton as Z., Charles Hammerton as H., Charles Henry Benham as J., and six others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Stockwell Lodge, No. 1339, Tulse Hill, to be called "The Stockwell Chapter," and to meet at the Swan Hotel, Bedford.

From Companions Alexander Lodwick Irvine as Z., George Waterall as H., Samuel Harford Wagstaff as J., and ten others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, Camberwell, to be called "The Macdonald Chapter," and to meet at the Head Quarters of the 1st Surrey Volunteer Rifle Corps, Flodden Road, Camberwell.

"From Companions William Wells as Z., Butler Wilkins as H., Frank George Buckle as J., and nine others, for a Chapter to be attached to St. Peter's Lodge, No. 422, Peterborough, to be called "The St. Peter's Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Peterborough, in the County of Northampton.

From Companions James Dickeson Terson as Z., Edward Wickens Fry as H., William John Adcock as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 199, Dover, to be called "The Peace and Harmony Chapter," and to meet at the Royal Oak Hotel, Dover, in the County of Kent.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular the committee recommend, that the Prayers thereof be respectively granted.

(Signed) JOHN SAVAGE, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
21st, July, 1875.

From the above it will be seen that there is a growing desire to enter the ranks of the Royal Arch.

Masonic Tidings.

Bro. the Right Hon. George Ward Hunt, M.P., was prevented from delivering the prizes at the Royal Naval School on Tuesday last, in consequence of his having to take charge of the Agricultural Holdings Bill, at the morning sitting of the House of Commons.

The total amount collected at the Mansion House, in aid of the French Inundation Fund, now exceeds £22,000.

The Supreme Council of England has sent £20, through the Supreme Council of France, in aid of the Inundation Fund.

BURDETT COUTTS LODGE (No. 1278).—Presentation of Chairs by the Baroness Burdett Coutts.—A full report of the above will appear in our next.

A petition to wind up the Borough of Hackney Public and Masonic Hall Company (Limited) has been presented to the Court of Chancery.

The *Liverpool Mercury*, of Tuesday last, reports the capture of another baby shark, having two rows of teeth and of the blue species, in the Mersey.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., and the Marquis of Salisbury have been elected governors of Wellington College to fill the vacancies on the list.

The Brethren in Smyrna, Turkey, celebrated the election of the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. of England, by holding a special meeting, at which congratulatory addresses were delivered in the Italian, French, Turkish, American and Greek languages, and, after a delightful evening, the lodge closed in peace and harmony.

The Grand Orient of Portugal has 48 lodges affiliated with it, some of which are located in Portugal and others in Spain.

Bro. the Viscount Rio-Branco, Minister of State of Brazil, has been re-elected Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Lavradio.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Benjamin Head, V.P., in the chair. There were also present Bros. H. A. Dubois, Griffiths Smith, Thomas W. White, H. W. Hemsworth, Thomas J. Sabine, John Boyd, H. M. Levy, H. H. Diaper, W. F. C. Moutrie, A. H. Tattershall, J. A. Tucker, Thomas F. Peacock, F. Binckes, Joshua Nunn, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and R. W. Little (Secretary).

After the minutes had been read, and authority had been given to the chairman to sign cheques for bills, the brethren passed a resolution to invest £3000 in three per cents., as recommended by the House Committee. They afterwards accepted two petitions that had been presented for placing candidates on list for election in October. An application for admission by purchase was refused. Notice was given by Bro. Head for motion to increase the salary of Miss Moss. The committee then adjourned.

CONSECRATION OF THE LIVERPOOL LODGE.

The most notable addition to the already long list of lodges in the division of West Lancashire (of which the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, is the P.G.M.) took place on Wednesday, the 14th inst., when "The Liverpool Lodge" of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 1547, was duly consecrated. The new lodge starts with all the elements of success, and there is no doubt that it will occupy one of the first places in the list of "locals."

The brethren identified with the petition for consecration are well known in connection with West Lancashire Masonry, and the new lodge emanates from one (the Everton, No. 823) which, while giving birth to another son, will in no way suffer from the severance of the family ties.

The greatest cordiality now prevails between the child and its mother, and there is no doubt that the latest addition to the list of lodges in West Lancashire will do credit to the author of its existence. The principal officers have been well tried and found trusty Masons, and therefore "The Liverpool" starts with all the impressment and vitality of a lodge which ought to make good progress.

The ceremony of consecration was fixed for three o'clock on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, where there was a very large and most influential gathering of brethren from various parts of the province.

The following brethren were present at the consecration: Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas.; W. Doyle, P.G.S.D.; J. W. Turley, P.G.J.D.; E. Pierpoint, P.P.G.S.D.; R. Wylie, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Wilson, P.G.S.D.; J. R. Goepel, P.G.D.C.; the Rev. G. H. Vernon, M.A., P.P.G.C.; the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.P.G.C.; Joseph Skeaf, P.G. Org.; J. Banning, P.P.G.O., W. and C.; G. Owen, P.G.S. of W.; John Lunt, P.G.S.; the Rev. J. Hinton Bluck, P.P.G.C., North Wales and Salop; W. H. Ball, P.G. Tyler; J. Wood, Treas. 1094; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M. 249, &c.; T. G. Bark, W.M. 1380; R. Brown, W.M. 241 (Hon. Sec. of the W.L.M.E.I.); W. Wilson, J.W. 823; W. Archer, P.M., W.M. 1086; W. Mossop, P.M. 1250; W. Cottrell, W.M. 823; W. J. Lunt, P.M. 823; W. Boulton, P.M. 823; J. W. Ballard, W.M. 724; H. Williams, P.M. 249, 1264; J. Pemberton, 1276, P.M. 1264; W. Sephton, P.M. 1086; F. Day, W.M. 1013; J. D. Crawford, W.M. 680; H. P. Price, W.M. 249; E. Gale, W.M. 178; H. Wyatt, W.M. 1473; J. Higginbotham, P.M. 317; H. Ashmore, W.M. 1325; P. B. Gee, P.M., W.M. 1264; Alderman Dr. J. Stopford Taylor, P.M. 823; T. Dilcock, W.M. 594; S. Haynes, P.M. 823; Henry Nelson, P.M. 673; W.M. 1505; H. Jackson, W.M. 1393; S.W. 823; W. Jones, P.M. 220, W.M. 1299; J. Kenyon, P.M. 1013; W. B. Caw, W.M. 786; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673, S.W. 1505; R. Bennett, S.W. 1299; J. Houlding, Sec. 823; J. E. Jackson, S.W. 667; J. Ellis, Sec. 667; J. Capell, S.D. 1299, P.C. 1505; W. Marshall, 667; J. Marshall, 823; J. W. Cave-Browne-Cave, 823; R. Warriner, 823; E. Walker, 823; E. Morgan, 823; W. H. Hignett, 1356; — Slack, P.M. 910, West Yorkshire; Councillor J. A. Forrest, 823; W. Ladyman, 667; C. J. Caddock, 823; F. W. Oglesby, 823; R. Foote, 1505; C. Fothergill, 1264; Charles Birchall, 823; C. W. Reid, 1086; J. Sharpe, 1473; J. C. Maguire, 823; Isaac Tyson, 1094; W. Barker, 1380; J. Danoan, jun., 1473; G. W. Chirnside, 1325; J. H. Parker, 823; J. Bentham, 667; H. J. Atkinson, 1505; T. Evans, 1023; J. Queen, 1505; J. Muir, 786; J. B. MacKenzie, 594, 1182, 1356, and others.

After the brethren had assembled in the lodge room, the chair of consecrating officer was taken by Bro. Robert Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., who was assisted in the subsequent portion of the ceremony by Bro. R. Wilson, P.G.S.D., and Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.

The solemn ceremony of consecration was very ably performed by Bro. Wylie and his assistants, Bros. Wilson and Alpass, and amongst those brethren who gave help at the chief points were Bro. T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas., who bore the corn; Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M. 249, who carried the wine; Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.G.D.C., to whom was entrusted the oil; and Bro. H. S. Alpass, who carried the salt. The censer was borne by Bro. the Rev. J. M. Morgan, P. Prov. G. Chaplain, West Lancashire, Rural Dean of Aldingham and Vicar of the parish of Dalton-in-Furness. Bro. Morgan, in the course of the ceremony, also delivered the following impressive and practical oration:

Worthy and Worshipful Sir, and Brethren,— In dedicating this lodge to Freemasonry, which, in passing, I may say has been so happily named "The Liverpool Lodge," one cannot help wondering whether the future of the lodge we are assembled to inaugurate will, in its prosperity and usefulness, prove worthy of the great city after which it is named. We can only hope that, in years hence, it may be distinguished throughout this great province, not only for disseminating the genuine principles of Freemasonry, and for having worthy, learned, and able Masons amongst its members, but for the princely liberality with which it supports and endows those excellent Masonic charities which belong to our Order. Freemasonry is well calculated to excite the sympathy and countenance of the best and worthiest of men of every age; its object is, and ever has been, to cultivate virtue in every shape and form; its antiquity has been demonstrated so frequently, and so ably, by learned brethren of our honoured Craft, who have long since passed away, that it would be presumptuous on the part of so unskilful a Mason as myself to follow in their track. We are told, that in ages long since gone by the effects of our principles were to be seen among men, in deeds of love, amity, and kindness. The basis of the Order is charity, to wipe the tear from the eye of the distressed, to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and to prevent, by anticipation, the wants of the unfortunate. It has been well said, that Freemasonry ought to be esteemed a benefit to the world, uniting as it does in

the strongest ties of friendship and affection all nations of the earth. Its language is as general as that of the eyes; and in all parts of the globe it is understood; by communicative signs it has become peculiarly valuable, and Freemasons possess what the learned have sought in vain, an invaluable cypher for general communication. Masonry has been recognised by the greatest men of all civilized ages. Kings and nobles have been proud to belong to our Order, and at no time has it ever been more prosperous or honoured than at the present. Take our own country as an instance. The head of our Order is the Prince of Wales, the future Sovereign of this mighty empire; the seat of civilization, the home of arts, and best of all, the sacred asylum for the persecuted and the miserable. Well has the Prince deserved of our Order by his acceptance of the highest office in our gift—that of Grand Master of England. In our loved, respected, and revered and Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England, and our Provincial Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the cause we hold so dear must prosper and flourish; and why? Because knowledge, energy, and zeal always almost command success. I am but a junior amongst the Grand Officers of the Province, and exclude as a matter of course my own name; but there are Grand Officers and brethren connected with the province of great repute amongst the brethren of the Craft, and held in great and well deserved honour by us all. And if we turn our gaze to the gorgeous East—we may augur well for the progress of Masonry. The presence of our Grand Master in that far off land must give an impetus to the zeal of those excellent brethren under whose care it has so greatly flourished. It will be the prayer of the brethren, that our Royal Grand Master may, by the protection of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, return in safety to his native land.

Worthy and Worshipful Sir, and Brethren,— Having said thus much about Freemasonry and its objects, I will say a few words on this occasion on that most distinguished of its virtues, Charity, because unless that social virtue is carefully cultivated in lodges it is sometimes liable to die out, and few traces of its existence are to be found in the shape of vice-presidentships and life governorships in our London charities; and so in our own province, some lodges are very conspicuous by their negligence in providing sufficient funds to enable their Worshipful Masters and Wardens to act as vice-presidents and life governors in our West Lancashire Institution, which performs so great and good a work. Charity is not properly engrafted unless accompanied by a great love for our Divine Creator; and the consequence, a universal love for the greatest blessing that God has bestowed on man.

The thrill of pleasure after some afflicted creature or trouble that the effort produced by exercising will is the most distinguishing heart—the exercise of charity of this lodge to inculcate they may stand forth as older lodges who have neglected to mount a virtue in every Mason's sequence of their efforts may bestir itself to wipe off present belongs to it, of being wealthy, in the amount subscribed. May the Great Architect of the rulers of this lodge with undivided and virtue, so that its members, refined, and exalted, so the Sacred Law the never ceasing conduct; the compass within which to walk safely and happily; the criterion of rectitude and truth in every sphere of life with honour and acting up to the principles of relief, and truth; as fathers, ourselves worthy men, and worthy of this lodge, and to the profession through Thy bounty, 'Thou art our cups overflow with plenty, delight and cheer our boards wanting in that indispensable Quicken in us, O Great Eternal virtue, charity, so that our cries of woe and distress, will being who bears Thy image up to Thy Providence for care.

The musical portion of the rendered in a most able and H. Ashmore, J. Queen, and direction of Bro. J. Skeaf, in his usual ability. It may be Wylie, who occupied the chair of honour Bros. the Rev. Pierpoint, as S.W.; J. W. W. Doyle, S.D.; G. Owen, whole of the ceremony of striking and effective, and inauguration of a lodge was

At the conclusion of the R. Wylie proceeded to install P.P.G. Chaplain, W.L., as Liverpool Lodge, No. 1547, and choice could possibly have the youngest confraternity in The following were the officers first year's existence of the P.M.; Councillor J. A. Marshall, J.W.; J. H. Partridge, C. Browne-Cave, Treas. J. Duncan, junr., J. C. McGuire, S.S.; Walker, Org.; and F

propositions for initiation had been made, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, where a very excellent repast was served. After dessert had been placed on the table, the W.M. proposed "The Queen, the Patroness of our Order," "H.R.H. Bro. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The Pro. Grand Master of England and the Deputy Grand Master," each of which were proposed in telling terms and responded to with the greatest cordiality. Bro. Goggin, W.M., also proposed the toast of "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M.; the Hon. F. Stanley, D.P.G.M.; and the P.G. Officers," and in the course of his remarks he dwelt upon the many high qualities which marked the rule of the P.G.M. and his officers. Bro. Alpass, P.G. Sec., in reply, said he felt the greatest pleasure in being present at Lord Skelmersdale's appointment as D.G.M., and that pleasure was greatly increased when he saw his lordship's name at the bottom of the warrant of the Liverpool Lodge in the capacity of D.G.M. They were reminded by the M.W.G.M., at his installation, that the watchwords of the order were "Loyalty and Charity," but he could hardly say that in their lodges charity was displayed to the extent in which it ought to be. He personally did not believe in any charity which did not come out of the pockets of the brethren rather than out of the funds of the lodge. He hoped the new lodge would set a bright example to others in the way of pure, personal charity. In response to "The Worshipful Master of the Liverpool Lodge," Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, W.M., delivered an excellent speech, which was received with great cordiality. Bro. Goggin gave "The Consecrating and Installing Officers," to which Bro. R. Wylie responded in an admirable speech, in which he advocated the special claims of the institution for old men. "The Officers of the Liverpool Lodge," given by the W.M., was acknowledged by the S.W. Bro. Councillor Forrest, S.W., gave "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," which was coupled with the name of Bro. R. Brown, the Hon. Sec. Bro. J. H. Parker, the Hon. Sec. of the lodge, proposed the toast of "The Visitors," and said he wished Bro. Cottrell's name to be associated with it as W.M. of 823, the lodge from which the "Liverpool" had derived its existence. In response Bro. Cottrell, W.M. 823, said,—Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren, I feel myself placed in an awkward position, having been upon to respond on behalf of the visiting brethren whilst so many eminent Masons are present, but I suppose it is because I occupy the

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must we not say Masonic, selfishness. The great difference between man and woman is this—the man is selfish, woman is unselfish—man thinks first of his own enjoyment, and then of others; woman, on the contrary, considers first the happiness of others, and then her own. She is always considerate and unselfish to the last. We should thus lessen the obvious temptation to somewhat of our individual selfishness. We are also of opinion that the refining influence of woman would be very appreciable, and ere long appreciated, at our greater banquets. The days, happily, of immoderate indulgence and hurtful excess are passing rapidly away, but there linger with us all a very material view of things, and a sort of intense and abiding persuasion, that the knife and fork degree is for some of us the "Summum bonum" of life. Woman is, we believe, in herself, even more intellectual than man, and we know of no society where ladies much do congregate which is not superior in taste and tone, in cultivation and refinement, to that from which woman, by some absurd prescription, perhaps of ages, is habitually shut out. In addition the presence of woman would contribute a counterpoise to our Masonic egotism. There is always a tendency amongst us all, on these our "feasts of reason and flow of soul," to say nothing of the flow of cooling liquids and aerated waters, to give way to a process of self-exaltation. We are apt to think a good deal of ourselves, our work, our claims, our merits, and the oftener we meet and the longer we work together, this pleasing self-delusion expands and increases. Hence we sometimes select such gatherings for the unfolding of our personal grievances, because we think we do not receive from our brethren all that we deserve, or because we consider we have a right to expect anything we desiderate, because our Masonic value is A1. Now, woman's presence would save us all from a great deal of this habitual self-exaltation.

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## THE CONSECRATION OF THE ALEXANDRA LODGE.

Our issue of last week contained a report of a very interesting meeting for the purpose of consecrating a new lodge denominated the Alexandra Lodge. This new lodge, which numbers 1541, has found a "local habitation and a name" at the Alexandra Palace, and has for its first W.M. our well-known and able brother, J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D. Our worthy G.S. was the consecrating officer, and was assisted by Bros. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., and R. W. Little. The ceremonies all seem to have passed over with the greatest success, and to have been performed with much impressiveness. We published last week Bro. R. J. Simpson's energetic and eloquent oration, and we have perused with much gratification the speeches so well delivered by many of our brethren on the occasion. Bro. Parkinson spoke with his customary ability, and we note the effective remarks of Bro. Fenn, and the always valuable observations of Bro. John Hervey. Bro. Parkinson especially well pointed out the true character of Freemasonry, and, in our humble opinion, took exactly the "right line" when he so eloquently demonstrated that Freemasonry can afford to laugh at all assailants and all assaults. We need no bitter retorts and no angry recriminations, we can afford to stand on our professions and our practice, and to challenge boldly all impugners to prove one futile allegation, or to establish one hasty accusation. Bro. Parkinson tells us, and his authority is considerable in the matter, while rejoicing that the G. Lodge of England has recognised the G. Orient of Rome, that much misconception exists as to the character of Italian Freemasonry, that it is not political, and is rather basing itself on our good old English system. We think such an announcement is matter for sincere rejoicing. We, like Bro. Parkinson, never could understand why Freemasonry proper was not to flourish in Italy, or commend itself to the intellectual, art-loving, cultivated, and tolerant Italian mind. The only fear we had was lest that "bete noire" of foreign politics would intrude itself into Italian Freemasonry. Once free from such a possibility of danger, there is no reason why the Italian Freemasons should not soon occupy a very high "status" in the Masonic world. We may say that we offer to the G. Orient of Rome our fraternal good wishes, and hope that all prosperity may attend Italian Freemasonry, alike in peaceful progress, and in true Masonic labours. We think that we may derive a little moral, if after the manner of Freemasons, from our reports of repeated and largely attended consecrations of new lodges. The recent attacks on Freemasonry have certainly done us no harm, they have, we rather are inclined to think, tended to bind us closer together! Knowing our innocence and assured of our upright intentions we do not fear any opponent, and we utterly disregard the complaints of the ignorant and the censures of the unjust! The principles we advocate, and the truths we inculcate, are those which commend themselves not only to our own minds, but to the minds of our countrymen, and to the sympathies of the age in which our lot is cast. With that spirit and fearlessness which mark our Anglo-Saxon race everywhere, we as Freemasons shall not be daunted by "exparte" opinions and unjustifiable decrees. From whatever quarter the attack may come, from Romanist or Ritualist, from Baptist or Presbyterian, we shall move on believing that intellectual light and the freedom of conscience, liberty of thought and teaching, and action, moral elevation and civilizing influences, are greater blessings to humanity and are more likely to tend to the amelioration of society, than that bigotry which, though "willing to wound," is "afraid to strike," are more blessed by God and approved by man than intolerance which is always illogical, and persecution which never does succeed in the long run.

## THE IRISH MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL.

We have read with great interest the last report of this most useful Institution, which our worthy correspondent and Bro., J. H. Neilson,

has forwarded to us from Dublin. It appears that this much needed educational charity is happily flourishing, and is largely and liberally supported by our benevolent Craft in Ireland. If some few subscribers have fallen off, there is still a goodly array of names, and as the Institution is enjoying the same kind patronage from Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, the present worthy and distinguished G.M., as it did from its old friend and warm-hearted patron, the late G.M., the Duke of Leinster, we have no doubt that any slight retrogression in members' subscriptions will soon be made up, as time passes on. The balance-sheet is a very prosperous one. The whole income, &c., amounted to £3162 4s. 5d., which is made up of the following items. Balance from last year, £747 4s. 8d.; annual subscriptions, £931 19s. 0d.; life donations, individual and official, £505; donations from lodges and chapters, £107 16s. 0d.; small donations, £15 15s.; nett receipts of annual meeting, £305 6s. 2d.; collections at Governors' banquets, £21 0s. 0d.; Grants from Grand Lodge, £169 11s. 6d.; dividends and interest, £858 11s. 7d.; in all, £3162 4s. 5d. The expenditure is as follows:—Provisions, £610 15s. 0d.; washing and repairs, £306 11s. 0d.; coals and gas, &c., £90 17s. 0d.; salaries and wages and commissions, £503 13s. 8d.; furniture and house repairs, £102 11s. 11d.; head-nurse, £34 13s 10d.; postage and advertising, £5 9s. 8d.; printing, books, music, &c., £110 1s. 6d.; rent and insurance, £35 16s. 8d.; apprentice fees and expenses, £41 16s. 4d.; out-fits for pupils leaving, £19 11s. 10d.; incidental expenses, £42 9s. 3d.; purchase of twenty Masonic Hall shares, £100; balance, £1158 5s. 11d. A question is, however, now coming before the subscribers, like a similar one which has come in times before our own great Metropolitan Orphanages, namely, the question of enlargement, and the building of suitable premises. We have no doubt in our minds, that in this as in all other matters, the simplest way and the straightest course, are the best. It is impossible in this age of improved educational arrangements to carry on efficiently the great work of useful and moral instruction, in the rooms and with the means what might have done half-a-century ago, but are now no longer up to the mark. We must bear in mind that the whole apparatus and system of scholastic administration have received a wonderful impetus, and have undergone a complete transformation since the beginning of this century, and notably within the last 40 years at the least. The houses which were rented "faute des mieux," only 50 years ago, for schools, were not originally adapted for the work of education, and are at the best but makeshifts and temporary structures. It is therefore with much pleasure that we learn that this most important question, most important for the intellectual, moral, and sanitary condition of the children, is now before the governors, and we hope that it will be solved ere long in a way which will appeal to the best sympathies of Irish, and we will add of English, Freemasons for sympathy and support. The school, we learn, is in a very good position, in respect of the acquirements and progress of the orphans, and does every credit to the managers, and the Irish brotherhood. We thank Bro. Neilson for forwarding us the report, and beg to offer our fraternal and hearty good wishes, for the present welfare and the future prosperity of this valuable and much needed institution, which though across the Channel must commend itself to the heartfelt good-will of every English Freemason.

THE INSTALLATION PIC

With reference to our remarks in last week's impression respecting the above named picture, and the advertisement in connection with it on the last page, viz., "The Royal Masonic Installation Gallery Company," we are requested to state that the Company would be glad to receive the names, Masonic rank, and addresses, of intending subscribers, in order that the circular which will be ready in the course of a few days for circulation may be forwarded to them. The address of the Company is 213, Regent-street,

W., London. We most heartily commend the undertaking to our friends, and hope it will receive from the Craft that liberal encouragement which it certainly deserves.

MASONIC PUNCTUALITY.

It is said that "Parsons" are the most unpunctual of men; we are a little inclined to believe that Freemasons run them very close. After a somewhat long apprenticeship to Freemasonry, we hardly ever remember a meeting or a gathering which began at the time specified in the programme. We remember once, indeed, an old W.M. who used to say, "As the clock strikes, I open my lodge," and he was as good as his word, and it is, perhaps, that trained in that sound old school, we retain a great admiration for punctuality. We do not know anything else under the sun which so tries the temper, or affects the day's proceedings, as want of punctuality. And what makes the matter worse, some of our good brethren glory in their unpunctuality. With them, three means four, four means five, and so on. In vain, punctual and precipitate, you have reached the "trysting place." In vain have you, believing in the punctuality of others, been punctual yourself, and hurried away from duties and claims elsewhere, from the domestic hearth, from your own dear, dear wife. You said, "Freemasons are punctual, I am, my dear, always punctual, and punctual will I be." And so you haste away. Unfortunate brother, those whom you greet in the "tiring room" have no sympathy for you, not a bit. You have put them out. Your punctuality shames their unpunctuality, and you are confidently and all but reprovingly told, that "three means four, and that the brethren are not particular about half-an-hour or so." Pleasant information for you, who have donned your Masonic gear, and, like the hero of old, are ready for the "fray." Half-an-hour passes, an hour vanishes, an hour-and-a-half shortly disappears, and you who have been patiently waiting all this time, see at last, when hope was all but gone, that the real time for work was nearly an hour and three-quarters after the appointed hour. Everything is put out. The work begins late, and ends late, and you find when you reach your home Eden, that you have miscalculated your advent by nearly two hours, and that you have to deal with a somewhat suspicious, and certainly irate sister. Such is a very common condition of affairs. Can nothing be done to teach our good brethren the great advantage of punctuality? There are some people and brethren who are always unpunctual, and whom nothing will ever render punctual. Whatever the time you appoint, they will be always late, and always have the same unmeaning excuse, "I did not know it was so late," or "I did not think that you were so punctual." We once had a friend who, though indifferent to work, was particular about the refreshment hour. He was naturally the most unpunctual of men, but, somehow or the other, always managed to tumble in for that important ceremony, that final degree. One day we were late at work, and later still was the witching hour of release and "refrigerium." Great was his indignation. "Never did see such unpunctuality; such unpunctual people; bless my heart and soul, three-quarters of an hour late! The supper will be cold." Such is human nature, we fear, selfish to the bottom. He could not understand punctuality in work as conducive to the benefit of others, but he could realize personally the trial of unpunctuality in refreshment to himself. Now, we think that this little anecdote may point for us all the moral, unpunctuality is after all only selfishness personified. It will greatly add to the comfort of our brethren, and conduce to the success of our work, if we will be punctual, but it interferes with our own individual convenience in some way or other, and so we are indifferent to the claim upon us. More than one most pleasant meeting has been utterly spoiled by unpunctuality, and we cannot utter too often on all our readers, that there is, after all, no Masonic excellence so great or so praiseworthy for many reasons, as that of Masonic punctuality.

ST. SWITHIN.

We said in our last that we should recur to the subject this week, and we, therefore, feel bound to fulfil our promise. The aqueous Saint, good man, and worthy Freemason as he was, has so far made out his legend to have a sprinkling of truth in it. It has rained regularly since the 15th, despite intervals of fine weather, at some portion of the twenty-four hours. When will the rain stop? It is said that the old nursery refrain, "Rain, rain, go to Spain," is a relic of the sentiments engendered in English minds, old and young, by the memories of the Spanish Armada; but at any rate during the last week, many will probably have wished the rain either in Spain, or in cooler regions, or in some better land. We have this one consolation. Our able contemporary, the *Guardian*, ever abounding in ecclesiastical lore, gives us a calculation, taken from the *Times*, it seems, of fourteen years ago, by which it is clear that the legend is not reliable. The *Guardian* also informs us that Hone, in his "every day book," points out that dry weather followed a wet St. Swithin in 1807 and 1808. We ask our readers carefully to peruse the following statement, and we trust that the prospect before them will be much brightened by this array of statistical and indubitable facts:—"It appears that St. Swithin's Day was wet in 1841, and there were 23 rainy days up to the 24th August; 1845, 26 rainy days; 1851, 13 rainy days; 1853, 18 rainy days; 1854, 16 rainy days; and in 1856, 14 rainy days. In 1842 and following years St. Swithin's Day was dry, and the result was—in 1842, 12 rainy days; 1843, 22 rainy days; 1844, 20 rainy days; 1846, 21 rainy days; 1847, 17 rainy days; 1848, 31 rainy days; 1849, 20 rainy days; 1850, 17 rainy days; 1852, 19 rainy days; 1855, 18 rainy days; 1857, 14 rainy days; 1858, 14 rainy days; 1859, 13 rainy days; and in 1860, 29 rainy days. These figures show the superstition to be founded on a fallacy, as the average of twenty years proves rain to have fallen upon the largest number of days when St. Swithin's Day was dry." There is hope, then, for all classes amongst us, and, perhaps, another week we shall be able to announce that the weather has entirely taken up, without, let us trust, much injury to the hay, and none to the corn. If complaints have already arisen, let us hope that they are, in truth, a little premature, and something symptomatic of the excusable nervousness of our admirable rural population, as we believe that a few days of continued fine weather will put our agricultural friends into the best of spirits again.

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.]

"SOUTH LONDON," "P.M., &c.," BRO. HUGHAN, AND "TEMPERANCE."

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Our worthy Bro. Hughan is the very last Mason with whom I should have thought it possible that I could have seen the semblance of a difference, and I think, if you will grant me a little space, that even that semblance will soon disappear.

The gist of my former letter was this:—that "temperance" is one of the vital principles of Freemasonry—that inasmuch as "temperance" includes the restraint not only of our lives and actions, but also of our wishes to control the liberty of action of others, in Freemasonry, "totalism" (as usually understood) has and ought to have no place; that perfect freedom of thought and action being thus secured, a "total abstainer" need not find any bar to enjoyment in any lodge.

But, whilst laying down this as a principle, I by no means said that the management of every lodge was immaculate—to my sorrow I acknowledge the contrary, and, were it wise or fitting to do so here, I could name instances of men who would be good and useful Masons were they not deterred from joining the only lodge practicable to them by the very abuse to which Bro. Hughan so fitly draws attention.

In conclusion I may say, that so deeply do I feel the evil that Bro. Hughan deplors, as well as the necessity of its removal, that I will gladly go heart and soul with him in any measures by which his good object may be attained, and now offer him any small assistance that may be in my power at any time that he may call for it.

I remain, with grateful greetings, Dear Sir and Brother, Faithfully and fraternally yours,

WM. TEBBS, P.M. 285, P.P.G.C., Somerset, &c.

## BRO. BURGESS AND THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg to offer my thanks for the article which appears in the *Freemason* of to-day. There is, however, a point on which you seem to have somewhat misunderstood my case, and on which it is desirable that I should make a correction.

It is true that it was impossible for me to be in London on the day selected by the "Great Prior's Council," the 26th Nov. last. But I did not suggest to the governing body of "The Order of the Temple" that I would obey its summons for any other day. I was, and am, ready to appear before it, or before any body composed entirely of Masons, who may desire to hear my views as a Mason on certain matters, on any day when I can do so, if invited. But I deny the right of "The Order of the Temple" to summon me to give explanations to it upon any matter concerning a Masonic question; and the ground on which I stand is, that having distinctly asserted itself to be not a Masonic body, "The Order of the Temple" has no power over or right of interference in any Masonic matter. Having carefully considered the position of this new Order of Knighthood, as announced by its own acts, and by the explanatory letters addressed to me and to others by Sir P. Colquhoun, I have adopted its own view, that although its members are selected from amongst Masons, it is not a Masonic body. It therefore has, as such, no authority over a Mason, as a Mason, any more than a club composed of soldiers can have authority, as such, to meddle with the regulations and orders for the army.

I had on the 8th August, 1874, severed my connection with the Masonic Degree of the Temple, a purely Masonic body, on account of the conduct of a Masonic Templar, who happens to be also, as I understand, one of Sir P. Colquhoun's "Knights." I made no charge against him, but, the facts being indisputable, I simply withdrew from continuing to be a Masonic Templar, (to which position he had introduced me), because I considered that if Masonic Templars could act as this one had acted, then it was no longer creditable to be known as one, and I best consulted my own self-respect by ceasing to be one. I informed the person, who at the time of the disappearance of the government of the Masonic Order of the Temple, was its Secretary, of my having done so. It was not until three months afterwards that, by mixing up Masonic with non-Masonic matters, and by assuming authority over me as a "Knight of the Order of the Temple" (a position which I have never held, and which, even if I had held, could not possibly entail any allegiance to the new Order), that it was sought to punish me as a Mason. The Mark Degree, a Masonic body, has been misled into a practical approval and endorsement of these tactics; and it has been so led because it has not, under the rule of the Great Prior, had sufficient moral courage to say that the treaty which, on the 13th March, 1871, the Earl of Limerick signed on behalf of a Masonic body ceased to be valid when (in December, 1872), that body disappeared; and to declare that, if on any Masonic principles the treaty could now, as between Masonic and non-Masonic parties, be considered binding, the Mark Degree, a society of free Masons and free Englishmen, declines to carry it out to condemn a brother Mark Mason unheard.

I have objected on purely Masonic grounds to the course taken by Sir P. Colquhoun and his friends during the last two years-and-a-half. This public view has caused in some quarters a personal animosity to me which is at the bottom of my expulsion from the Mark Degree, an expulsion on account of which, except for the sake of those who have procured it, I feel no shame.

I must apologise for occupying so much of your space. I am anxious that it should not go to the outer world that a Masonic body can, treaty or no treaty, rest under the imputation of having condemned unheard a Mason who has been guilty of no offence against Mark Masonry, and only asks for justice.

Faithfully yours,

CHAS. J. BURGESS.

July 24th, 1875.

P.S.—Since the publication of my letter in *The Freemason* of the 17th instant, the Mark Degree has thought it advisable to address to me a letter dated the 20th instant. If that letter be intended as an explanation it comes too late,—if an apology it has no value,—in any case it had been better for the Mark Degree not to have written it. Of the intention of the rulers of the Mark to try to damage my Masonic character by the expulsion, there is not the slightest room for doubt, seeing that my written request that the notice to Mark lodges of my expulsion from the degree might be accompanied by a copy of correspondence, showing that the expulsion was not caused by any offence against any Masonic principle, was in writing refused.

C.J.B.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The questions involved in Bro. Burgess's case are surely very simple.

1. Did he in his letter to the Vice-Chancellor of the Temple, begging to have his name removed from the roll of the Order, bring at the same time an odious charge of disgraceful conduct against another member, assigning this as his reason for resigning, and attempting to shelter himself from the consequences of his charge by heading his letter "Private?"

2. Did he take every means to prevent the official letters of the Temple authorities from reaching him? And when at last a summons to attend and prove or withdraw his offensive charge did reach him, did he neglect to attend?

3. After he had appealed to the judicial Council, (on which, out of seven members, there was only one representative of the Temple), and when he had every opportunity of defence or explanation afforded him, did he ex-

press any willingness either to prove or to withdraw his charge, even at the eleventh hour. Or was his only answer a letter couched in the most abusive and childish terms against certain authorities of the Temple, and ignoring altogether the specific charge against him—viz., having maligned a brother's character, and not coming forward like a man and a Mason, either to prove or withdraw his charge? I venture to think then that Bro. Burgess has only himself to thank for the position in which he finds himself.

The general necessity for a common discipline amongst the more select degrees arises from this, that they claim to be select; and that it is unfair to ask or expect gentlemen to meet those, whether in one degree or another of which they are members, who have been guilty of conduct which unfits them for the society of gentlemen. I fully admit that a great distinction must be drawn between what may be called mere breaches of Masonic discipline and dishonourable conduct.

In the former case, the sentence of one degree ought certainly not to be carried out in the others; and this is what the supreme court of appeal "the Judicial Council," consisting of three members chosen by each degree) was constituted to secure. Possibly it might be well to give greater security for the observance of this important distinction, by making the unanimous consent of the representatives of each degree necessary to the carrying out of a sentence in that degree. A great deal has been made of the dropping of the word "Masonic" by the Temple. I think it was ill-judged to drop it. But still it is really a perfectly unimportant matter. The word does not occur in the convention between the Mark Degree and the Temple in 1871. It has never been adopted by the 33°. It was only recently adopted by the Mark Degree, who for a long time were only "Mark Masters," and not Mark Master "Masons." And it is defined in the convention with the Red Cross of Constantine to mean "A Chivalric Order composed solely of Master Masons." I am not aware that the Order of the Temple consists of any others.

A MARK MASTER.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the letter you did me the honour of publishing in your last number there is an error in the number of subscribing members in the province. It should be 1950, and not 2050, as you have it. I also omitted to mention that a sum of over £500 has been voted out of the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund as donations to the three Masonic Institutions.

I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

ALFRED SPENCER.

Maidstone, July 21st, 1875.

## BRO. CAPTAIN BOYTON.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Negotiations are now pending between the Alexandra Palace Company, Limited, Muswell Hill, and myself, with the view of arranging for Bro. Captain Boyton to give two exhibitions of his life-saving dress, and certain feats in connection therewith, on Saturday, the 7th day of August, the proceeds coming to our brother to be applied by him in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys and Girls, and he hopes that the members of the Craft generally will patronise these entertainments by attending in large numbers.

I am not yet in a position to say that the arrangements are completed, but as I have every hope that the scheme will be carried out, I have thought it best to call the attention of the Craft to the subject through your paper as early as possible, inasmuch as if I refrained from writing you until the matter was settled you would not be able to give much notice, as your next issue would only appear the day before the entertainments would come off.

The brethren must therefore please watch the company's advertisements in the daily papers and their posters also. Yours fraternally,

W. H. GODOLPHIN, I.G. 206.

## Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

## WAS SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN A FREEMASON?

Bro. Buchan asks this question in the last *Freemason*, and I venture to answer it in the affirmative to-day. Independently of the statement that the *Postboy* from March 2 to March 5, 1723, as quoted by Bro. Buchan from the *Freemason's Magazine*, calls him that "worthy Freemason," proving the general acceptance of the fact, we have other evidences to the same effect. If the quotation from the *Postboy* is correct we might probably find the account of the funeral there, and I will have a search made in the British Museum. The date of the funeral is not given in Elmes's "Life of Wren," only the date of his death, Feb. 25, 1723, and the fact that he was buried at St. Paul's, and that "an assemblage of honourable and distinguished personages" attended his funeral. Elmes in his "Life of Wren," just quoted, states, though he gives no authority for it, that Sir Christopher Wren was nominated in 1666 Deputy G. Master under Karl Rivers, and "distinguished himself above all his predecessors in legislating for the body at large, and in promoting the interests of the lodges under his immediate care." Where he obtains the evidence of this statement he does not say.

He adds that he was "Master of the St. Paul's Lodge, which, during the building of the Cathedral, assembled at the Goose and Gridiron in St. Paul's Churchyard, and is now the Lodge of Antiquity, acting by immemorial prescription, and regularly presided at its meetings for upwards of eighteen years."

Neither does he tell us whence he obtains these facts. Elmes is correct in saying that during his presidency he presented that lodge with three mahogany candlesticks, beautifully carved, and the trowel and mallet which he used in laying the first stone of the cathedral (June 21, 1675), and which are still highly valued by the brethren of that ancient lodge.

Unfortunately the minutes of the Lodge of Antiquity previous to the beginning of this century are lost, but the tradition is accepted and believed in at the lodge.

I feel bound to admit that in the Latin Diary, written by his son, and countersigned by himself October, 1720, three years before his death, no mention of his admission into the Fraternity occurs.

Aubrey, in a M.S. "Natural History of Wiltshire," quoted by Halliwell in his "Early History of Freemasonry in England," declares distinctly that Sir Christopher Wren was "enrolled among the members of the Fraternity," as Halliwell puts it. But he fixes the date of admission on May 18th, 1691, the Monday after Rogation Sunday, and says he is to be "adopted a brother."

This date, of course, is entirely opposed to Elmes's statement, and to that of the whole of our Masonic historians. The fact, however, remains, that on non-Masonic evidence the reality of his initiation is affirmed, and when we add to this the Masonic tradition, there can be no valid reason for doubting it or questioning it.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

## MASONIC MEDALS AND TOKENS.

I have before me, as I write, a Masonic token, which differs in some minor particulars from that described by Bro. Hughan in your issue of 12th June last. I should therefore feel obliged if that brother would examine his token again, and compare it with the following description of the one which is temporarily in my possession:—It is slightly smaller than a halfpenny of the old copper coinage, but not so heavy, and is therefore a little larger than Bro. Hughan's. The arms on the obverse are somewhat different from the arms of the Mason's Company (which I believe were those used by the "Moderns") a blazon of which appeared in the *Masonic Magazine* of September last. The arms on this coin may be described as follows:—Field Gules, a Chevron (query colour?) between three Castles (query colour?); on the Chevron I think there is a pair of compasses. The Crest is a globe surmounted by a dove, with wings closed. The supporters I believe to be leopards. The motto is "Amor honor et justitia." The inscription is "24th Nov., 1790, Prince of Wales elected G.M." The reverse corresponds exactly with Bro. Hughan's description, except that the article he takes to be an hour-glass I think is a bible; at the feet of the cupid are also a mallet and trowel. The letters on the rim are as sharp as the day they were stamped, and read as follows:—"Halfpenny, payable at the Black Horse, Tower Hill." This sentence differs materially from that on Bro. Hughan's, and Bro. Burdett's coins, on the former of which it is believed to run thus:—"Masonic token, Schichley, Fecit, 1794," and on the latter "Masonic halfpenny token, Schichley, Fecit, 1794." The date 1794 upon both somewhat puzzles me. Why should they not have been made until 1794, seeing that the Prince was elected in 1790?

I have been thus careful in describing my friend's token, for it would be interesting should we obtain proof that there were at least three different issues of it. Will Bros. Hughan and Burdett therefore be good enough to look at their coins again, and communicate to this column of the *Freemason*?

A may add that the halfpenny I have described appears so fresh that I cannot help concluding it was withdrawn from circulating immediately on its issue, probably by the owner's great-grand-father, who was a distinguished Mason of the last century, and in whose family it has no doubt been handed down from father to son to the present time.

There are two Masonic medals belonging to the same family, which I hope to describe in the next issue of the *Freemason*.

E.S.

Can you, or any of your readers, tell me the registered number of the Sussex Lodge, or of the assembly of Masons at the Sussex Arms, at Kensington Palace, in the year 1841?

ALPMA.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

The annual meeting of the above lodge was held at the "Corn Exchange," Rochford, on Tuesday, (20th inst.), under the banner of the Rochford Lodge, No. 160.

Every lodge in the county was represented, with one exception only, that of the "Star in the East," of Harwich. It was much to be regretted that the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, R. J. Bagshaw, Esq., was unable to be present at the meeting, owing to a severe illness from which he has been suffering, it is stated, for several months past. The duties of the chair, however, were most efficiently carried out by Bro. Clark, Dep. Prov. Grand Master, who is well known throughout the province to be as staunch a member of the Craft as he is generous and kind-hearted. After the banquet, which was excellently served in the grounds of the "Old Ship Hotel," at which upwards of 100 brethren did duty in a most praiseworthy manner, the brethren repaired to their lodge room, where they were entertained with some charming part songs and solos, under the direction of Bro. T. Lawler, jun., assisted, amongst several others, by Bros. G. T. Carter, and Lawler, sen. A name in connection with the arrangements, must not be omitted, it is that of Bro. J. A. Wardell, whose strenuous efforts to give general satisfaction were, we are happy to say, crowned with well-deserved success.

## THE PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

A most successful meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex was held on Monday, at Hampton Court,—successful both as regards the numbers attending, and the weather which greeted the brethren on their visit to the country. The Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, opposite to the favourite palace of William of Orange, who, Masonic history states, held a lodge within its lion-guarded walls, and practised the mysteries of the craft with his faithful Dutch friends as a relief and pastime when not engaged in campaigns with Louis, "Le Grand Monarque," or in overthrowing the plottings of Jesuitical Jacobins. Monday's meeting was held under happier auspices, and the Royal Lodge within the walls of Hampton Palace 180 years ago would have been disposed to envy, if it could have conjured up a view of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, the peace, almost verging on dulness, of the times in which the brethren of to-day pursue the even tenour of their Masonic way.

The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Colonel Burdett, at the opening of the lodge was supported by Bro. S. Rosenthal, S.W.; Bro. Angelo J. Lewis, J.W.; the Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette, and the Rev. P. Holden, Chaplains, the other officers being R. Wentworth Little, J. T. Moss, G. Kenning, Cubitt, P.G.P., Buss, Davison, etc. There were also among those present Captain G. A. Smith, Major Harding, Colonel Peters (P.M. Thames Valley), J. Savage, Major Creaton, the Rev. W. F. Reynolds (Apollo and Carnarvon), J. Terry, D.C. of the P.G.L. of Herts; J. White, W.M. 228; H. Phythian, W. Hammond, J. Lewis Thomas, Hastings Miller, Howe, Still, W. H. Thompson, Dr. Joseph Sharp, Muggerridge, Towell, etc.

The business of the lodge commenced with the election of Treasurer, and Bro. Buss, who had held the position from the formation of the Provincial Grand Lodge, was, on the nomination of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, unanimously re-elected.

Bro. Little then read a report on the progress and present position of the province. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex had progressed greatly, for the number of Lodges was increased from 8 to 20, and the brethren from 200 to more than 1000, and this, too, by the introduction of brethren who were prepared to fulfil their obligations to the full. The statement urged lodges to be earnestly discriminating so as to keep the order's high character. That the brethren in the province acted truly on the Masonic principle was seen in the fact that £1,160 had been subscribed to the Masonic charities, besides the large sums given by some of the brethren as members of London lodges.

Bro. Davison said, amid the assenting applause of the brethren, that the report was a most satisfactory one, and he moved that it should be printed for circulation among the brethren connected with the province.

Bro. Rosenthal seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The Provincial Grand Master, in proceeding to appoint and invest his officers for the year, said that the lodge had had the benefit of the services of excellent officers hitherto, and he had much gratification in acknowledging the benefit the lodge had thus received. It was most satisfactory for the lodge, and was, indeed, a mark of its flourishing condition, that the officers whom he had selected would follow in the footsteps of those who had preceded them in maintaining the high position the lodge had attained in the craft. The officers whose services the lodge had had deserved well of the brethren, for they had had many difficulties to overcome—for difficulties must always attend the establishment, on so firm a basis as this lodge now stood, of any new organization, such as a Provincial Grand Lodge, especially for an important province like that of Middlesex. (Hear, hear.) The brethren who had discharged the duties of officers to the lodge were actuated with the best and most unselfish feelings, and as an instance he would mention that Bro. J. C. Parkinson, who had worthily filled the office of Dep. P.G.M., and was well known for the great work he had done in the craft, as well as for his vindication of its principles (cheers) had set an example of unselfish feeling by sending in his resignation of his office in order that some other brother might enjoy that position. (Cheers.) This was an excellent precedent, and it would be a beneficial precedent to follow in the future—that all offices should be resigned year by year, in order that the P.G.M. should have the opportunity of re-investing the brother, or of appointing a successor. It was with much pleasure that he nominated Bro. Sir George Elliot, M.P., as Dep. P.G.M. (Cheers.) The other officers whose names would be stated as the officers for the year would give equal pleasure, not only to the brethren present, but to all who knew them, for they would be found

to be all worthy and hardworking members of the order. The brother to be nominated as S.W., was one who was acknowledged to be one of the hardest working Masons who could be named, and, indeed, the high position the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex held in the order was greatly due to his activity, zeal and efficiency—he referred to Bro. Little (loud cheers)—upon that brother he now bestowed the collar and office of S.G.W. of the province.

Bro. Little was then invested and conducted to his position amid the loud cheers and congratulations of the members.

The P.G.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest the following other officers:—Bros. Joseph Sharpe, LL.D., as J. W.; the Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette, and the Rev. P. M. Holden, Chaplains; W. H. Thompson as Registrar; H. Phythian as Secretary; Colonel Peters as S.D.; W. Hammond as J.D.; J. Lewis Thomas as Superintendent of Works; and Bros. Still, J. H. Thompson, Hastings Miller and Howe to the junior offices.

The P.G.M. warmly thanked the past officers and stewards for the manner in which they had performed their offices during the year, and then moved that the sum of ten guineas be given out of the Benevolent Fund to the Girl's School; the like sum to the Boy's School, and £10 to the Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Davison seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The P.G.M. then adjourned "sine die" the subject, which had been referred to a committee, of the appointment of P.G. officers in the province, and the lodge closed in the usual form.

The brethren then proceeded to Hampton Church to hear a sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden. Whether they were startled by the appearance of the Rev. Bro. in a Romish biretta, or preferred the walk through the Park to the road, it must be said that few selected the narrow way which led to the church by the river. There was a fair muster of the brethren in the church clothed in the orthodox black coat and white gloves, and showed their connection with recognized religious ceremony by attending public worship. There was an assemblage of the general public who appeared rather startled at finding that the Freemasons were much as other people, and were not given to any extravagance of demeanour in or out of church. The service was in the pleasant old English form, in all things being what any sincere lover of worship to God would esteem, the form in which public worship should be. The preacher, on ascending the pulpit, turned to the east, and uttered an invocation to the Trinity. He gave as his text the 11th verse in the 4th chapter of the 1st Epistle general of St. John, "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." The sermon was marked by great force in parts, but in the endeavour of the preacher to identify the craft as belonging to one particular system of religion, there was much room for criticism. This point was urged, and extremely broad references were made to the ceremonies of the craft.

The banquet was held at the "Greyhound," and a very large party sat down, including Bros. Sir G. Elliot, M.P.; J. C. Parkinson, F. Binckes, and many others who had not been present at the lodge or the sermon. The toast of the "Queen and the Craft" was received with the customary enthusiasm, and the National Anthem was well chanted by the vocalists under Bro. C. Coote, P.G.O., the *artistes* including Madame Thaddeus Wells, Bro. George Perren, and Bro. H. Lazarus.

The P.G.M., in proposing the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," said this was a toast which would be received with the utmost enthusiasm, for not only did it relate to the heir to the throne, but to the G.M. of England, who was installed amid the hearty rejoicings of Freemasons over the world. (Cheers.) The Prince had been in the craft for some time, and he had the good of Freemasonry at heart, as all who saw the interest he took in the craft knew, and there was not one who felt other than proud that the future king of this great empire reigned over the English branch of the craft as its Grand Master. (Cheers.)

The vocalists sang the quartette, "Cambrian Plumes" (by Brinley Richards), in a manner which elicited loud applause.

The P.G.M. then proposed the "Health of the Pro-Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," and said he was sure the name would be received with sympathy and respect—(cheers). The craft had seen his lordship perform the duties of D.G.M. for a number of years, and his elevation to the position of Pro-Grand Master was hailed with rejoicing by all the brethren—(cheers). All knew of the great loss which befell his lordship not long since, and those who saw him at Albert Hall could not but admire the noble fortitude he showed under his deep sorrow—(hear, hear). They could not, too, but see that he put by his grief to serve the craft, and every one in the hall on that occasion grieved with him as

a brother at that deep and terrible loss—(hear). Very recently, too, his lordship had again showed how deep was his interest in the craft, by exercising his influence for the Boys' School, in presiding over the annual festival at the Alexandra Palace, when the proceedings were so successful that the amount of contributions obtained was the largest ever received at any festival of any one of the charities—(cheers). Bro. Binckes, the secretary of that institution, must have been a very proud man to stand at the top of the tree with so noble an array of subscriptions; but large as was the amount gathered at the Alexandra Palace, it was to be hoped that it will be eclipsed next year by the other charities, and that each would thus go on from year to year increasing in substance and usefulness—(cheers).

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and Bro. Lazarus gave some charming airs on the clarinet.

The P.G.M. then proposed the "Health of the Dep. G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers." He said he could not find words to express his true feelings in regard to the Grand Officers, so highly did he esteem them. Lord Skelmersdale was a nobleman who had lately taken high office, and all who had had to do with G.L. had seen the great trouble he had taken to discharge all the duties of his office. Even in the midst of great anxieties his lordship went to the opening of the new Camberwell Hall, and he went simply because he felt himself under an obligation not to disappoint his brethren, and he would not permit his private troubles to intervene between him and what he considered his duty to the craft—(cheers). It was a pleasant thing for the brethren of the Prov. G.L. of Middlesex that they had that evening among them their well-known friend and brother, Bro. Parkinson—(cheers)—whose exertions on behalf of the province and the craft they all knew—(cheers)—and Bro. Cubitt, both representatives of the Grand Lodge of England. (Cheers.)

The song, "Come into the garden, Maud," was sung with fine force by Bro. George Perren, whose performance was warmly cheered.

Bro. Parkinson, in responding for the Grand Officers, said it was fortunate for the Grand Officers that from the constitutional character of our Order, their position was but representative, as otherwise they would have considerable difficulty in responding to the toasts which their brethren were on these occasions in the habit of giving in their favour. On behalf of his brother Grand Officers he begged to assure the members of the craft that they highly valued their positions, particularly as the positions gave them the opportunity of responding to the kind wishes expressed by the brethren towards the rulers in the craft. For Lord Skelmersdale, whose winning manners and amiable character had won for him the esteem of all men in public as well as in private life, he had great pleasure in responding, and it was indeed a privilege to answer for his lordship on such occasions (cheers). With reference to the services which the Provincial Grand Master was pleased to say he (Bro. Parkinson) had done for Freemasonry, he for his part begged to express his gratitude to the brethren for the kind courtesy they showed towards him while acting as the Deputy of the Provincial Grand Master. While holding the delegated authority of the Grand Master of the Province, it was his desire to fill the position with credit. He felt that he had but one chance, and that was by concealing his disagreeable qualities as much as possible, and to put on an air of amiability, in fact to resemble Colonel Burdett. (Laughter and cheers). If he (Bro. Parkinson) had succeeded in winning the favour of the brethren, it was simply by his imitation of their Provincial Grand Master, by following whose manners and ways had proved the best passport to their favours. (Cheers.) It would be but reciprocating the kindness of Col. Burdett to ask the brethren to drink to the good health and prosperity of their beloved chief in the Province. (Cheers.) Middlesex, as a Province, had not had a Grand Lodge long, for it was so merged into the capital, that it was hard to say where the capital ended and the Province began, and thus the Provincial Grand Lodge had its difficulties; but when the Provincial Grand Lodge commenced, it had the singular good fortune to find a brother who was a Past Grand Warden of England, who for thirty years had devoted himself and his great talents to the best interests of the craft, and thus, when it commenced its career with a brother like Colonel Burdett, it would have been easy to prophecy that success would attend a Grand Lodge thus inaugurated. Had such a prophecy been made, that day would have seen its fulfilment, for the province had made such rapid strides as had placed it in the front rank—(cheers). When a ship made a good voyage there was, without doubt, the assurance that she had a good Captain, and how the good ship the Prov. G.L. of Middlesex has made so good a voyage it must be allowed that much credit is due to Colonel Burdett—(cheers). It would not be well, perhaps, to say all they felt in regard to their Prov. Grand Master, but it must be

allowed that he was not a Tycoon—(a laugh)—or like that Indian God who was always contemplating his own perfections—(laughter)—but he was one with whom to be associated was an honour, and to know to esteem—(cheers).

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

The P.G.M. responded to the toast, and then proceeded to speak of the gratification with which he had placed Sir George Elliot in the position of Deputy Grand Master. He spoke also of the assistance he had received from Bro. Little and the other Prov. G. Officers, and concluded by proposing the toast of Sir Geo. Elliot's health.

Sir George Elliot, M.P., the D.G.M., in response, thanked the brethren, and excused himself from further addressing them, on the score of being recalled to his duties in the House of Commons.

The other toasts, given in a greatly lessened company, for many had to leave to catch trains for town, were, "The Visitors," "The Masonic Charities," "The Provincial Grand Stewards," and concluded with "The Tyler's" toast, given by Bro. Gilbert, who, it may be added, was unanimously re-elected Tyler.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was held under the banner of the Lodge of Three Grand Principles, Dewsbury, on Wednesday, the 21st instant, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., of Halifax, and there was a very large gathering of Masons from every district of West Yorkshire present, as well as a number of visitors. After the transaction of some provincial business, and it having been determined previously to make some recognition of the Provincial Grand Lodge's application of the valuable services rendered by Bro. Bentley Shaw, P.G.D. of England as Deputy Provincial Grand Master for eleven years,

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards offered on behalf of the lodge for the acceptance of Bro. Shaw, a magnificent piece of plate with appropriate inscription and emblems, as a substantial and permanent proof of the brethren's affection, esteem, and regard, and sincere regret at his voluntary retirement. In offering the plate,

The R.W.P.G.M., Sir Henry Edwards, after a few preliminary remarks, said: Brethren,—If you refer to the summons convening this meeting you will observe that one of the most pleasing duties which it is possible to fall to the lot of any living being, now devolves upon me, in presenting to our much esteemed Bro. Bentley Shaw, the piece of plate which you have provided for that purpose. I sincerely congratulate myself on being selected to discharge this pleasant duty, inasmuch as it enables me, whilst speaking your sentiments, to express my own sense of the great and lasting obligations which Bro. Shaw has laid upon us all by the manner in which he has discharged his various and important duties whilst holding the position of D.P.G.M. of this province, during the period of 11 years just expired. Any words of mine are inadequate to the faithful description of the feelings of respect and admiration with which we all regard Bro. Shaw; and the only circumstances of regret with which the assumption of my present office was associated was the fact that those services found to be so useful and valuable to my predecessor could not be continued to my advantage. Bro. Shaw's exertions in promoting the best interests of our noble institution are well-known, both in the province and in other parts of England. During the 11 long years he has exercised his fraternal—nay, even paternal—supervision of the business of this great province, he has seen the lodges and the members thereof increase in numbers and influence. He has also aided and directed the great current of practical charity, which has so greatly increased the means and spheres of usefulness of the several charities of our order, and it is no figure of speech, nor unwarrantable statement of facts, to say that on all these great movements the name of Bro. Shaw has been indelibly impressed, to be admired by the present and future generations of the brethren of the craft. Bro. Shaw, permit me, therefore, to tender for your acceptance this token of the respect and admiration in which the brethren of this province desire to confer upon you; and also permit me to say, on their behalf that, beautiful as it is as a work of art, it possesses a far higher value than its material worth ten thousand times told—in being the freewill offering and also the symbolical expression of the affectionate regard of a body of men intimately and agreeably associated with you in the business of the province, and whose only regret while making this presentation is that they will, in the future, lose the advantage they have long enjoyed and appreciated in the past of working

under the influence of your general character and conduct as their D.P.G.M.

Bro. Tew, the D.P.G.M., cordially responded to the sentiments expressed by Sir H. Edwards, paid a high compliment to the indefatigable zeal of Bro. Shaw, and intimated that no fewer than 59 lodges in the province of West Yorkshire had voluntarily subscribed to the gift of which Bro. Shaw was the recipient.

Bro. Bentley Shaw, who was visibly affected on rising to respond, after the cheering that greeted him had subsided, said: Most Worshipful Sir and Brother-officers,—You have heard my voice; often have I had the privilege of addressing you, but I have never had so much difficulty before the present time in making my sentiments known to you. Your generous gift—your generous memento of my connection with the Masons of West Yorkshire has almost overwhelmed me. You must not measure my thanks by any words I may use, as I feel unequal to the task. I have often asked myself, What have I done to deserve this signal of your favour? I have often asked, What have I done to warrant such a proof of your love and esteem? All the answer I can find is, that, while I had the approval of my conscience and of my God, I have striven to do my duty and all I possibly could to preserve Freemasonry. (Cheers.) Yet I feel how utterly unworthy I am to be the recipient of such a mark of your favour. (No, no.) I never dreamed of it. I may truly say that I never worked for this beautiful piece of plate; and in answer to the many questions which I have this day put to myself, I can find but one reply, and that is—a deep consciousness that I am unworthy of it. (No, no.) But let me endeavour to thank you for the valuable present you have given me—a present which is a beautiful work of art. I shall always value it—not only for its worth, its classic, and at the same time chasteness of design, its rich ornamentation and its general beauty, but more than this, I shall value it because of the genuineness of feeling you have displayed towards me. I cannot fail to value it because it is an expressive symbol of generous hearts, for yours and mine are

"Hearts bound up together,  
Firm bound in fraternal love,"

and it will help me to think of the 11 years' connection with you. It will also assist me in making me do my duty. My family will always prize it for my own sake as well as yours. (Cheers) I shall take care that it is handed down as a sacred heirloom. I take the liberty here of thanking the committee of selection for the handsome present; and yourself Most Worshipful Grand Master, as well as Lady Edwards—(cheers)—who if I am correctly informed, have greatly assisted the committee in their choice. (Hear, hear.) I desire to say here that it is a matter for congratulation that the present has been made to me in the good old town of Dewsbury—(cheers)—the town where Dr. Fearnley, my predecessor, lived, was loved, was honoured, and died. I am glad, too, that it has been your province, Most Worshipful Grand Master, to present me with this handsome gift; for eleven years ago, I well remember, when your Right Worshipful's predecessor conferred the honour of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, you, sir, were on my right hand. I am glad that you are present to day. I accept the gift with gratitude and deep humility. I trust that, as Sir Henry Edwards has said, I shall never cease to promote Freemasonry until my heart has ceased to beat and my life has left me. Let my last words be that you will show affection to the Grand Master of England, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales—(cheers)—to Sir Henry Edwards—(cheers)—and to his coadjutor, Bro. Tew. May this great and influential province of the West Riding ever stand first and foremost in all that is beautiful and good, useful and happy in Freemasonry. May that noble column, symbolised by wisdom, strength, and beauty, whose pedestal, shaft, and capitol have been founded, upraised, and crowned by the indomitable skill, energy, and self-denying efforts of her numerous sons stand inviolable amid the raging billows and rude rocks of time, seeing that it has now its foundations, as I trust it ever will have, in heaven-born and heaven-approving charity. Bro. Shaw, who at periods evinced great emotion, and consequently was but indistinctly heard, then resumed his seat amid immense cheering.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master announced that Bro. Bentley Shaw had received from the Grand Master of England a patent appointing him a P.G.D. of England—a remark which elicited a hearty issue of cheering. Some routine business having been transacted, the Prov. Grand Lodge and the Lodge of the Three Grand Principles were closed.

After the conclusion of the lodge business a banquet was given in the Church of England Schoolroom, and after the dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. The gathering was a highly successful one.

#### PROV. GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

The Grand Lodge of the province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight assembled at the Town Hall, Ryde, on Thursday, the 22nd inst., when there was a large attendance of past and present Prov. Grand Officers, and representatives from nearly all the twenty-eight lodges of the province, including Bros. T. Diver, 757; M. Alex, 130; J. Wallingford, 903; T. Best, 1373; G. S. Lancaster, 487; J. Naish, 76; Major Shadwell Clerke, 1383; J. Fardell, 12; H. Cante, 342; H. Ward, 112; Col. the Hon. S. Calthorpe, 175; H. Ford, 257; J. H. Palmer, 698; W. Edmonds, 309; J. Dew, 694; F. F. Hare, 394; E. B. C. Churchill, 903; E. Nepean, 1373; M. E. Frost, 487; J. E. Le Feuvre, 130; F. Newman, 175; J. H. Scott, 271; S. Brown, 175; S. P. Everett, 96; H. Hacker, 723; Capt. Richardson, R.E., 1331; H. P. Aslatt, 394; W. Furber, 394; P. Keane, 130; H. Abraham, 130; S. Brown, 175; B. Pinniger, 175; H. J. Guy, 342; H. T. Bath, 319; J. McWilliam, 195; G. H. Burtenshaw, 359; E. S. Main, 903; J. Maltby, 487; H. Sleeman, 903; J. Wilson, 903, &c., &c. The Town Hall was admirably arranged for the occasion; and shortly after the appointed time—12.30—the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., was received at the entrance by his officers, and escorted to his chair in the large room with the usual masonic honours. The minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. Hickman, as P.G.S., submitted the report of the committee for auditing the treasurer's accounts, and also that of the committee for managing the P.G.L. funds. The latter recommended grants of £12 to Bro. Dawkins, for many years P.G. Tyler, who is now incapacitated by age and infirmity; £15 to Mrs. Cohen, of Winchester; £20 to Mrs. Bradshaw; and £20 to Mrs. Stebbing. The Treasurer's account showed a balance in hand of rather more than £300; and Bro. Le Feuvre suggested that a larger sum should be contributed by the province to the Masonic charities. The committee for raising a fund for the widow of the late Bro. Stebbing reported that the total sum amounted to about £430, and it was probable that the subscription of the Southampton Chamber of Commerce might be merged in it, the intention being to purchase an annuity for Mrs. Stebbing's benefit. The report of the Charities Committee was also brought up and approved, the several committees were appointed, and a series of resolutions were adopted impressing upon Masters of lodges and Masons generally the importance of exercising the greatest care in regulating admissions to the Masonic body.

The Prov. G.M. said, when they assembled last year it was under a deep sense of the loss which had been sustained by the death of W. Bro. Stebbing, who had so ably filled the position of Deputy Prov. G.M. The feeling then manifested showed how completely he had ingratiated himself into the hearts of all the brethren of the province, and the warmest testimony to his merits as a Freemason was expressed on every hand. He (the P.G.M.) felt that it would be a very difficult thing to supply his place; and that, seeing how long and eminent had been his services to the craft, anyone who succeeded to his position, in order to fill it properly must possess undoubted qualifications. He (the P.G.M.) felt that it would be only respectful to the memory of their departed brother not to be in a hurry to fill up the appointment, but to let a reasonable time elapse before doing so, and he trusted that in adopting this course he had met with the approval of the brethren (hear, hear). The time had now arrived when he could no longer defer making the appointment; and he was very pleased to be able to select a brother who had rendered very great and efficient service to Freemasonry, not only in this province but in other parts of England, having been selected by the Grand Master of the Order to fill an office in G.L. Bro. Hickman—(applause)—had served the office of Prov. G. Sec. for many years, and any who reflected upon the extent and character of the duties involved in that office, must be sensible that it was no light service he had rendered to the province—(hear, hear). When they thought of the numerous list of lodges ranging under the banner of that Prov. G.L., it must be at once apparent that the office of G. Sec. was no sinecure—(hear, hear); and while all the brethren were indebted to Bro. Hickman for the manner in which he had discharged his duties, he (the P.G.M.) had special reason to thank him for the able and efficient assistance he had rendered to him in carrying out the responsibilities devolving upon him as G.M. of the province. It was essential that he should be supported by officers who were capable of assisting him in the details of his work; in Bro. Hickman he had met with one who was both able and willing to render that assistance—(hear, hear); and it now gave him great pleasure to offer him the office which had been so long vacant, knowing as

he did that the Masons of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight looked up to him with esteem and affection, and entertained a confident belief that he would most worthily and efficiently discharge the duties of the high office which he (the P.G.M.) now conferred upon him—(applause).

The Dep. Prov. G.M. was then inducted into office in the usual way, and having subscribed the obligation was duly invested by the P.G.M., and saluted by the brethren. He then thanked the Prov. G.M. most sincerely for the high and distinguished honour he had been pleased to confer upon him. He had been for many years connected with Freemasonry in this province, and had received great assistance in the office which he had just vacated from the brethren of the province. He was sure, therefore, that it was unnecessary to ask them to continue that assistance and co-operation in the distinguished office which had just been conferred upon him—(hear, hear). He appreciated very much the distinction which the P.G.M. had been pleased to bestow, and while most heartily and sincerely thanking him, he could assure him that any assistance it was in his power to render him in discharging the important duties devolving upon him as G.M. of the province would be most cheerfully and cordially rendered—(applause).

The P.G.M. then nominated the various officers of the province, the principal being—P.S.G.W., Bro. S. Forbes, Portsmouth; P.J.G.W., Bro. Fardell, Ryde; P.G. Chaps., Revs. Messrs. Churchill and Thoys; P.G.T., Bro. M. E. Frost, Portsmouth; P.G. Reg., Bro. Lillywhite; P.G. Sec., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, Southampton; P.S.G.D., Bro. J. B. Thomas, Southampton; P.J.G.D., Bro. W. Stickland; P.G.S.W., Bro. T. Giles; Tyler, Bro. Biggs.

In appointing Bro. Le Feuvre as P.G. Sec., the P.G.M. alluded to the fact that he had already had experience in the office, having filled it in conjunction with Bro. Hickman; but as the G.L. would not sanction the appointment of two P.G. Secs., they were obliged last year to restrict it to Bro. Hickman. Bro. Le Feuvre was well known to them as a most efficient Mason; and as the duties of the office were by no means light, it might perhaps be advisable hereafter to appoint an assistant secretary, although he could not be included among the officers of the G.L.—Bro. Le Feuvre, in accepting the office, said he would consider the suggestion, and communicate with the P.G.M. on the subject.

The P.G.M., before closing the lodge, remarked upon the indications which came to him from every hand of the growing interest taken in Masonry, and the progress now being made throughout the province. It was also satisfactory that there was an increasing desire to maintain the status of the craft, and to admit none to participation in its privileges who were not true and worthy citizens. It was very gratifying to him that they were able to meet in that magnificent hall, and that such a hearty welcome should be extended to them by the Isle of Wight. When he was appointed to the office he now held, it was the wish of the G.L. that the Isle of Wight should cease to be a separate province, and that he should preside over the interests of Freemasonry both in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight as one united province. He felt that the brethren in the Island might not like to surrender their separate existence, and that they should be permitted to continue as a province of their own. Representations to this effect were made to G.L., but the Grand Master decided that the provinces should be united in one under his rule, and therefore he had no alternative but to loyally recognize the authority thus expressed. The P.G.M. expressed his appreciation of the ready assistance accorded to him by all the brethren of the province.

The lodge was then closed, and a banquet followed, under the presidency of the P.G.M. The usual loyal, masonic and complimentary toasts concluded the proceedings.

Bro. W. Hickman, the newly-appointed D.P.G. Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, is a solicitor at Southampton, and an alderman and late mayor of that borough. He was initiated in the Royal Glo'ster Lodge, No. 130, in the year 1857, and afterwards became W.M. of that lodge. He has also been W.M. of the Southampton Lodge, No. 394, for two years successively. He has been First Principal of the Royal Glo'ster Chapter (two years), Chapter of Concord on two occasions, and of the New Forest Chapter. He was first appointed Prov. G. Sec. in 1860, and has continued in that office to the present time, except for one year, when he was appointed P.S.G.W. He has held the appointment of Asst. G.D. of Cer. in the G.L. of England. He is Dep. Prov. G.M. in Mark Masonry; an officer in the Great Priory of England of K.T.; and is of the 31° in the A. and A. Rite of Rose Croix.

CHIVALRIC MASONRY.

MARGATE.—*The Thanet Conclave of Knights of Rome, and of the Red Cross of Constantine*, No. 121.

The inauguration of this Conclave took place on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, under the most favourable auspices. The enthronement of the M.P.S. Sir Kt. Mannering W. Bolton, as First Sovereign, and the consecration of the V.E. Sir Kt. T. M. Compton, as First Viceroy, the dedication of the Conclave, and the installation of many eminent brethren as Companions of the Illustrious Order, were intrusted to the superintendence of Bros. the V.I. Sir Kt. R. Wentworth Little, P.G.S.G., G.T., &c.; the Ill. Sir Kts. H. A. Dubois, A.G.T.; the Rev. P. M. Holden, P.S.; J. L. Thomas, P.S.; Percy Leith, P.S.; E. H. Thiellay, P.S.; John Thomas Moss, P.S.; and the Ill. Sir Kts. George Kenning, P.S., and T. Hancock, M.P.S., who had kindly come from London and Essex to conduct the ceremonies; and great was the delight expressed by the Sir Kts. of the new Conclave, and the brethren of all Orders of Freemasonry who were present at the masterly and finished working of the V.I. Sir Kt. R. Wentworth Little, as Enthroning Sovereign, and the grand oratory of the Ill. Sir Kt. the Rev. P. M. Holden, as High Prelate. The attention of the newly installed Sir Kts. was particularly attracted by the sacred character of the proceedings of the Ancient Order in which they had enrolled themselves as Companions, for in this most solemn grade of Christian Masonry worked (as it was upon this occasion by such able exponents) they could not fail to be sensible of the truth of the principles that had been taught them at their initiation into the Craft—that Freemasonry is indeed "a peculiar system of morality," &c.

Many were the expressions of regret from brethren high up in Craft Masonry, who were this day installed as Sir Knights, that they had not long ago availed themselves of the opportunities offered to all M.Ms. of joining this interesting grade of Chivalric Masonry, and all were determined to pursue their researches still further into the Science.

The following brethren were installed, and each Sir Kt. had his stall allotted to him in the new Conclave:

Bros. H. W. Charrington, P.M., Royal Alfred Lodge, Guildford, 777; Henry Bolting, P.M., and W. Wells, P.M., and present W.M. of the same lodge; H. C. Fuhr, P.M., Lodge of Peace and Harmony, Dover, 199; Geo. Hills, Lewis' Lodge, Ramsgate, 429.

The consecration ceremony was then proceeded with, and completed by the V.I. Sir Kt. R. Wentworth Little, and the V.I. the Rev. Sir Kt. P. M. Holden, in a manner worthy of the highest praise, and the beautiful processional music was performed by the able organist of the Conclave, Sir Kt. A. Aubrey. At its close a Sanctuary of K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John was opened, and this grade was conferred upon all the Royal Arch Masons present.

The Eus. Sir Kt. Mannering W. Bolton, M.P.S. Designate, and the V.E. Sir Kt. T. M. Compton, Vy. Eus. Designate were then duly enthroned and consecrated by the presiding principals, and were welcomed to their exalted positions by the general acclamations of no less than thirty Sir Knights from all parts of England, who were present as companions and guests of the new Conclave.

The M.P.S. Sir Kt. Mannering W. Bolton, is evidently a deservedly popular favourite amongst the fraternity at Margate, and there is little doubt of his making the Conclave one of the most successful in the provinces.

The following Sir Knights have been duly installed by him, and in addition to the five Sir Kts. installed by the Enthroning Sovereign, make the total number of nineteen Knights already enrolled in the lines of the Conclave:—Sir Knights T. M. Compton, Vy. E.; W. Searles, S.G.; H. Spurrier, J.G.; W. H. Hennah, H.P. and Choir Master; J. Bristed, Treasurer; F. L. Silani, Recorder; J. W. Smith, P.; G. Hills, S.B.; A. J. Cave, Herald; W. K. Treeces, D.C.; J. McCubbin, 1st Aide; H. E. Davis, 2nd Aide; A. Aubrey, Organist; H. C. Fuhr, Steward; R. J. Feakins, Sentinel.

Other eight brethren have been duly balloted for and elected, and will attend for installation at the next meeting.

The M.P.S. then closed the Conclave, and the Sir Knights and their illustrious guests adjourned to their Refectory, at the King's Head Hotel, where an elegant and sumptuous banquet was served (à la Russe) by Bro. J. Smith, of which they partook.

The usual Chivalric toasts were then given and responded to, such as Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen; H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (who is the Chief of Christian Masonry), and the Grand Officers, past and present, to which latter compliment the V.I. Sir Kt. R. Wentworth Little replied in a courteous manner, and highly complimented the

founder of the Conclave, Sir Kt. Mannering W. Bolton, and his collaborateurs on the zeal they had displayed in its formation, and felt sure that the Thanet Conclave under their care would become very prosperous.

The health of the M.P.S. was then proposed and seconded by the V.I. Sir Kt. R. Wentworth Little, and the V.I. Sir Kt. J. L. Thomas, in very appropriate and eulogistic speeches, and was received by the company with great applause, and he responded in a manner that showed he felt duly sensible of the honour that had been conferred upon him by the position in Christian Masonry he now held from the Grand Council; and also that he would expound to the Sir Kts. Companions under his sovereignty the mystic rites and solemn ceremonies of the Order, with a thorough knowledge of their import. He kindly thanked the M.P.S. of the De Shurland Conclave, Sheerness, 92, the Ill. Sir Kt. John Hancock, and his officers Sir Kts. A. Ingleton, Recorder, and T. Penney, Standard Bearer, who were his guests, for the great assistance they had afforded the Thanet Conclave in assisting him in obtaining its Charter, and in lending him their beautiful paraphernalia (supplied by Sir Kt. George Kenning) for the consecration ceremony.

The health of the V.F. Sir Kt. T. M. Compton, Vy. Eus., was then proposed, and responded to by him in an effective manner.

The next important toast was that of the newly installed Sir Kts., and each in turn made neat speeches, and those from Guildford expressed themselves warmly in favour of the selection of their sovereign, as they were P.M.'s of the lodge in which he was now S.D., and were gratified to see him make such laudable progress in Masonry. They also stated that they hoped to be able to establish ere long a Conclave in their own town. Sir Kt. J. McCubbin, P.M., 948, Linslade, similarly asserted that he would endeavour to form a Conclave in Berks and Bucks.

The M.P.S. then gave the toast of his officers, thanking them for their aid, and they each replied that they would continue it with fervency.

The visitors' healths were drank with acclamation, and Sir Kts. Little and Thomas tendered their acknowledgments for the kind reception they had received; and after the Sentinel's toast had been proposed and responded to, this very delightful day's enjoyment of Masonic companionship was brought to a close with mutual congratulations on the undeniable success that had attended the inauguration of the Thanet Conclave.

LIVERPOOL.—*Liverpool Conclave*, No. 55.—An assembly of the above Conclave of the Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, was held at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 22nd inst. The principal business was the enthronement of Sir Knight J. E. Jackson, M.P.S. elect, the investment of officers, and installation. The throne at the opening of the Conclave was occupied by G.M. Sir Kt. T. Clark, M.P.S., and the other officers and members present were, Sir Kts. G. Turner, Int. Gen., W.L.; H. Molyneux, P.S.; J. R. Goepel, P.S.; J. G. Jackson, S.G.; R. Washington, H.P.; J. Wood, Treas.; R. Brown, Rec.; J. Skeaf, Org.; P. Ball, Sentinel; T. McWean; H. James; R. Pearson; H. Burrows; I. W. Robinson, and R. Young. Sir Knt. the Rev. T. W. Richardson, V. 97, was the only visitor present. After the transaction of some routine business, Em. Sir Kt. J. E. Jackson, was duly enthroned M.P.S. of the Conclave, by Ill. Sir Kt. G. Turner, Int. Gen.; and the following officials were subsequently invested:—Sir Kts. G. H. Turner, Viceroy, R. Brown, S.G.; J. Capell, J.G.; R. Washington, H.P.; J. Wood, Treas.; R. Young, Rec.; H. James, S.P.; H. Burrows, J.P.; R. Pearson, S.B.; J. Skeaf, Org.; P. Armstrong, Orator; T. McWean, Herald; J. R. Goepel, P.S., D.C.; and P. Ball, Tyler. It was resolved that the future meetings of the Conclave should be held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The assembled Knights subsequently adjourned to tea, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Obituary.

BRO. R. BATTERSBY, BURY.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 21st instant, while the steamer "Nelson" (Captain Roskell) was returning from Morecambe to Blackpool with excursionists, an object resembling a human body was seen floating below the mouth of the river Lune, some three or four miles from shore. A boat was at once lowered, and Captain Roskell and two of the crew proceeded to the spot, and succeeded in recovering what the Captain had good grounds for believing to be the body of Bro. Richard Battersby, late of Parson's-lane, Bury, aged 27 years, who, along with Bro. R. W. O'Neil, lost his life while yachting in Morecambe Bay, on the afternoon

of the 20th of May last. A reward of £50 had been offered for the recovery of the body, and we need hardly say that the seafaring folk along the coast of Morecambe Bay and its approaches had long kept a sharp look out. The body when picked up, was enveloped in a mackintosh, which he wore when he fell overboard with Bro. O'Neill, that had no doubt tended to preserve it. From personal acquaintance with the deceased, Captain Roskell had no doubt it was the body of Bro. Battersby, the long submersion in the sea not having altogether obliterated the means of identification, and on examination of the deceased's clothes subsequent to the landing of the body at South Pier, Blackpool, there were such evidences found—cards, envelopes, &c., bearing his name and address—as left no room for any doubt on the point of identity which might have previously existed. Mr. J. T. Newbold, The Springs, Bury, hearing of the discovery of the body proceeded to look at it and was enabled (though not without some difficulty) to identify it by the features as the body of Bro. Battersby. All doubt, therefore, being removed, the family of the deceased at Bury were communicated with, and due preparations made for handing the body over into their charge.

Although the body had been over sixty days at sea, it was in a fair state of preservation when found. The pockets of the mackintosh were turned inside out, but none of the other pockets appeared to have been disturbed, and the watch, notes, and loose cash that deceased had taken out with him were all found; likewise the ring he wore when the accident occurred. The body was picked up some five miles from where the accident happened, and there is reason for supposing that it has never been washed out of the bay into open sea. It is thought that the body had floated only the day on which it was picked up—the features being then quite white—and that up to that period it had either been sanded over or entangled among the sea weed, which on breaking up had released the body.

An inquest was held on the body of the deceased on the following day, a verdict of "accidentally drowned" was returned.

The funeral of deceased took place on Saturday last, in the family vault at St. Paul's Church-yard, Bury. The late Bro. Battersby being at the time of his death S.D. of the Prince of Wales' Lodge No. 1012, Bury, of which his equally unfortunate companion Bro. O'Neil was W.M., invitations were sent out to the brethren of various local lodges to attend the funeral, and there was a tolerably fair muster on their part. Mr. A. Mallilien, and Mr. W. P. Mather, of Manchester, who was with the deceased when the accident happened, were present at the funeral, and accompanying them were Mr. John O'Neil (father of the late Bro. O'Neil), and Bro. G. A. O'Neil, W.M. of St. John's Lodge No. 91. Among the brethren preceding the corpse to the churchyard were Bros. Henry Maiden, P.P.G.S.B., East Lancashire, secretary; James Barrett, steward; J. M. Whitehead, P.P.G.S.B., and Henry Heys, P.M., all of Lodge No. 1012; Edmund Eccles, W.M., Lodge No. 42; J. B. Champion, P.M., No. 934; Amos Stott, P.M., Lodge No. 363; S. Bailey, P.M.; W. Balmer, J.W.; Thos. W. Probert, S.D., and A. Hopkinson, I.G., all of Lodge No. 191; James Hill, P.M.; John Grime, P.M.; E. P. Robinson, S.D., and Joseph Wolstenholme, I.G., all of Lodge No. 128; Harry Grundy, I.P.M.; J. W. Crossley, P.M.; Cornelius Warburton, P.M., and Thomas Barker, J.D., all of the Lodge No. 42; J. Metcalf, J.W., and W. Burgess, S.D., both of Lodge No. 1392. The bearers (all members of Lodge No. 1012) were Bros. J. Halliwell, P.M.; William Handley, P.M.; John Rothwell, P.M.; Harry Woodcock, Org.; Dennis Hardman; Ralph Newbold; W. H. Hoyle, and J. T. Milnes. Bro. the Rev. J. Chell, Vicar of St. Paul's, followed in the rear of the general body of processionists. Bro. J. W. Kenyon, P.M., Lodge No. 42, acted as director of ceremonies. The streets were lined with throngs of spectators, and many blinds were drawn and places of business either partially or wholly closed out of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The burial service was very impressively gone through by Bro. Chell. On the funeral party entering the church, Bro. J. R. Fletcher, P.M., Lodge No. 191, played Mendelssohn's funeral march on the organ, and as the coffin was carried out, he played the "Dead March" in Saul. Just before the coffin was lowered to its last resting place, Mr. T. Battersby, brother to the deceased, laid a floral cross on the lid, and handsome wreaths were placed thereon by Bro. G. O'Neil and Mr. J. H. Openshaw.

#### BRO. ISAAC TOWNSEND.

On Tuesday morning, the 6th July, died suddenly of paralysis, Bro. Isaac Townsend, P.M. and late secretary of Adams Lodge No. 158, Sheerness, P.P.G.S. of W., P.P.G. Reg. of Kent, and P.Z. of

Adams chapter No. 158, one of the oldest Masons of the United Kingdom at the advanced age of 82 years.

**FUNERAL.**—The brethren in full Masonic costume assembled in their Lodge Room in the Masonic Hall, Sheerness, at four o'clock p.m., on Saturday the 10th July, where they were joined by the W.M., Officers and Brethren of De Shurland Lodge No. 1089. The two lodges numbered 60 brethren.

The lodge was opened in the three degrees by Bro. Firminger, W.M., who, in a few appropriate remarks, alluded to the circumstance which had caused him to invite them to meet him that day, and after reading the dispensation for a Public Masonic Funeral (which had been granted by the D.P.G.M. Bro. Eastes), he appointed Bro. A. Spears, P.M. and treasurer of Lodge No. 158, and P.P.G.O. to perform the funeral ceremony.

The Brethren were then formed into order of procession by Bro. W. T. Carpenter, P.M., of Lodge No. 158, acting as Director of Ceremonies, and proceeded to the residence of the deceased in Edward-street, where the funeral procession was formed with the Masonic Brethren preceding the hearse; after the brethren of the Lodges De Shurland and Adams, came the W.M. Bro. W. Bourne and officers of De Shurland 1089; following them Bro. Bagshaw, P.M., and secretary of Lodge No. 158, and Bro. Darley, P.M. of 158, as S.W. and J.W. with their columns; then a M.M. carrying the volume of the Sacred Law, supported by Bros. Watts and Nunn, the two Deacons of Lodge No. 158. The W.M. of Adams Lodge No. 158, followed by Bro. T. M. Rigg, P.M., of Lodge No. 1089, and P.P.G.R. of Kent, and Bro. W. Ord, P.M. (Irish Constitution); then came the hearse with the four oldest P.P.G. officers of Kent as pall-bearers, viz., Bro. A. Spears, P.P.G.O. with Bro. W. Pannell, P.P.G.S. of W. on the right, and Bro. G. Beckwith, P.P.G.S. of W. with Bro. J. R. McDonald, P.P.G.A.D.C. on the left side; following the hearse the family and friends of the deceased. On arriving at the cemetery the brethren opened out for the hearse mourners and friends to pass, when the mortuary chapel was soon filled. The beautiful and solemn burial service of the Church of England was impressively performed by the Rev. Bro. G. Bryant, Incumbent of Holy Trinity Church, of which the deceased was a member. When the service of the Church was ended, Bro. A. Spears called on the brethren to surround the grave, when he delivered an address peculiarly Masonic and befitting the solemn occasion.

The procession was then reformed and proceeded to the lodge, where the beautiful and impressive service was completed by reading the XII. Chapter of Ecclesiastes, singing the 100th Psalm and prayer.

Before separating, Bro. Darley paid a tribute of respect to the deceased, whom he said he had known for upwards of 30 years, and who, though holding an humble position in society was superior to it in his general mode of life. The Craft appreciated it, and raised him to a superior station in its ranks. He was kind in manner, firm as a friend, and in the accomplishment of a good purpose a decided enemy to infidelity, a kind father and a general lover of Freemasonry. In conclusion, Bro. Darley said, in order to be good Masons the brethren must be good men, and exhorted them to study, to honour God, to do good, and show sympathy for the bereaved, and cherish the hope of meeting their departed Bro. in an upper and better world. The lodge was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer.

#### TRANSLATION

From the German of Bro. Dr. B. Blancke, Orator of the Lodge, "Zu den 3 Cedern," Stuttgart, for the Feast of St. John, 1875. In the "Bauhütte," of July 24th, 1875.

My brethren, at your friendly feast assembled,

The goblet fill with rapturous shouts to-day,  
My toast, the dear ones, man's heart companions  
Along this dark world's often stormy way.

Those friendly sisters, when care is close at hand,  
Uncloud the brow, exhilarate the road,  
And if man in life's battle sternly rages,  
Give peace and rest to his dear home abode.

The toast concerns their beauty brightly gleaming,  
The eye, the cheek, rose-painted soft and fair,  
That sweetness which, like the fragrant violet,  
With scent divine pervades the ambient air.

Where grace and sweetness in dear union live,  
Goodness of heart will a third guest appear,  
To twine that chain which for all coming time  
Links fast two souls in joy and sorrow here.

Then quick, my brethren, in union dear and free,  
Upraise the beaker with its foaming tide;

To all our sisters, gentle, fair, and charming,  
The mother, and the wife, and loving bride.

July 26th, 1875. A. F. A. W.

#### BROTHER CAPTAIN BOYTON.

As notified in the *Freemason* of last week, Bro. Captain Boyton gave his entertainment in connection with his Life Saving Dress at the Crown Baths, Kennington Oval, S.W., on Wednesday the 21st. It was expected, as Bro. Captain Boyton had intended, that the proceeds of the exhibition should be, after payment of the actual costs in getting it up, such as the charges for the baths, the band, and advertisements, &c., handed over in equal shares to the respective Treasurers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and Girls, to be by them applied for the benefit of these charities, that there would be a full muster of the general public, and of the members of the craft. However, unfortunately, the results did not nearly justify the anticipation which Bro. Capt. Boyton entertained, as also those immediately concerned with him in getting up the exhibition. As great publicity had been given respecting the entertainment and the mode in which the receipts were to be applied, the writer is bound, much against the wish of Bro. Captain Boyton, to confess that the money taken at the doors and elsewhere did not represent one-fourth of the actual cost incurred. One is hardly justified in attributing the want of success to a lack of charitable feelings on the part of either the public or the members of the craft, but as somebody or something must be blamed for the consequences, it must be put down to the weather. To be sure there was very little time afforded to bring the affair properly before the public, as it was only settled at midday on Friday last where the exhibition was to take place. Nevertheless, no time was lost, and several hundred big bills were posted up in all directions. At least a couple of thousand handbills were distributed in frequented places within the vicinity of the baths, and the usual complement of advertisements duly appeared in the principal daily papers, and circulars were sent out in all directions. Masons holding high positions in the craft were seen upon the subject, and by the kind permission of the Lord Mayor, two big posters were for two consecutive days, Tuesday and Wednesday, hung up in front of the Mansion House announcing the exhibition and the mode of dealing with the proceeds; and also a slip was prominently placed upon the bills, which stated that tickets were to be obtained at No. 40, Cheapside. And yet with all this the result is as recorded above. The proceedings commenced at half past 6, for at 6, the hour advertised, there was scarcely a soul in the building. Bro. Captain Boyton did not in any way curtail the entertainment on account of the smallness of the number present, but performed his varied feats just as he would have done if the baths were crowded from floor to ceiling. Amongst his other performances he made his raft, and his fire on the top, and then cooked his meal of fish. This done he ate it up, and apparently with as good relish and comfort as if he were sitting at a table in a cosy dining room or breakfast parlour.

The excellent band of the St. George's Rifles was by the permission of Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. Charles Hugh Lindsey, and under the direction of Mr. Phasey, the band master in attendance. At the termination of the proceedings, Bro. Captain Boyton gave a commission that another entertainment should be given for precisely the same objects as those for which the present one was got up. This truly energetic Mason can neither be disheartened nor disappointed, and he yet confidently expects to be in a position to hand over a good round sum to the *Orphans*, as he persistently denominates the inmates of the Boys' and Girls' Schools. Prominent notice will be given on the next occasion, and it is hoped that the brethren will generally co-operate with Bro. Captain Boyton in carrying out in a proper manner his philanthropic intentions. It is only due to Bro. Captain Boyton to say that he personally bears the whole of the expenses.

[We would suggest that on future occasions, those who get up such Masonic undertakings, should not altogether leave an old friend like the *Freemason* "out in the cold."—ED.]

ANTIQUITY OF FREEMASONRY.

The following appears in the Correspondence of the *Masonic Record of Western India* :—

As the antiquity of Freemasonry is a dogma which the Craft inculcates with truth, the study of its history, and the landmarks of its early existence, form an interesting subject for the enquiring Craftsman; more conspicuous amongst these is certainly the name handed down to us of our Grand Master, Hiram Abif, which was ably discussed in a valuable contribution to the *Freemason* some time since; but which would have been more lucid had it not been so encumbered with extracts from Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.

The matter may be briefly put thus—The Hebrew Bible says that Hiram, King of Tyre, sent to Solomon for his chief workman on the Temple, Hiram Aviv. II. Chron. ii. 12 in the Hebrew, but ii. 13 in the English version; or, as written in another place, Hiram Aviv. II. Chron. iv. 16, and called Hiram in I. Kings vii. 13.

The first translation of the Hebrew Scriptures known was made by the Seventy into Greek; and they translated the first two Hebrew words by Hiram my father. This shows how the passage was understood two centuries before Christ.

The earliest standard version of the Old and New Testaments into Latin was made by Jerome, in the fourth century of our era; and that followed the Greek by rendering the words "Hiram my father." This version, the Vulgate, is still of equal authority with the original in the Romish Church, and was used by all Christendom till the Reformation.

When the English version was made the passage was rendered "of Hiram my father," and the second form, "Hiram his father," following in the latter instance the Vulgate.

Modern criticism however has shown that all these renderings are wrong, and that the errors have arisen from the mistake of translating as a significant word, a form which is really a proper name, and should be "And now I have sent a cunning man endued with understanding, Hiram Abif," and instead of Hiram his father make, Hiram Abif make.

But while Hiram Abif or Hiram Abif is a name new to Biblical critics, it is old to Masons, having been used by them from time immemorial, thus showing that they had the true interpretation of the old Hebrew Scriptures among them so far as this passage is concerned, while the un-masonic world was floundering among such meaningless renderings as "Hiram my father," "Hiram his father," and of "Hiram my fathers."

The first translator who got at the true rendering was Luther. He wrote Hiram Abif, and that he owed his correct version to Freemasonry rather than to his study of Hebrew is highly probable, from the fact that he used the final *f* peculiar to Masons, while the name in the Hebrew Bible has a final *v*. This is clear from De Wette's accurate version. He does not follow Luther and write Abif, but adheres closely to the Hebrew form and writes Abiv.

That Freemasons have always possessed the correct name of Solomon's Master Builder is now generally admitted; they must have obtained this name originally either from the Volume of the Sacred Law, or Tradition; but as it was not to be found in the Bible from the time the Septuagint was written, so they must have got it from the Bible at some period anterior to the second century before Christ, or from Tradition, because at that period the true interpretation was lost. That they never obtained it from the written text at all seems almost certain; because if they had, the name in use now would be Hiram Abiv, and not Hiram Abif, which appears to have come down by tradition as the original pronunciation.

So one marked evidence of the antiquity of our Order, together with the traditional integrity of the Sublime Degree, is "*Hiram Abif*."

FREEMASONRY IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

The monthly meeting of Oriental Lodge 687, was held in the Masonic Temple, Pera, on Thursday, June 24th, at 8 p.m. The chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. B. Atkinson, and that of L.P.M. by Bro. John Wetherill, P.M. 166, D.J.G.W.; Bros. Ericombe, S.W.; Harvy, J.W. (act.); Mountain, P.M., D.S.G.W. Treas.; Swiss, Sec. (act.); Botteler, S.D. (act.); Wren, J.D.; Lingford, I.G.; and Gingill, Tyler. There were also about twenty members of the lodge present, the W.M. being well supported by P.M.'s H. Arnold, L. Hanley (*Levant Times*), H. Temple, Henry Wetherill, R. Hammond (M.D.). The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous evening confirmed, the circular convening this meeting was then read, the business being to ballot for Messrs. D. James and D. Bellis, and to present a testimonial to W. Bro. Wetherill, L.P.M. The candidates being duly accepted, were admitted and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The W.M. then called the attention of the brethren to the great loss the Oriental Lodge had sustained by the sudden death of our late Bros. Seilly and Green, both P.M.'s. W. Bro. Mountain, after a very lengthy and minute address upon the good qualities of our late brethren, moved that a letter of condolence be sent to the families of the deceased brethren, whom, he was sure, would feel that while consolation from any quarter was acceptable, it would be doubly so coming from the lodge. The W.M., before closing the lodge, said that he had a most pleasant duty to perform, which was to present W. Bro. John Wetherill, L.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel, as a token of respect and esteem for the very efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of W.M. of the Oriental Lodge for the year 1874. W. Bro. Wetherill then, in a very able manner, thanked the brethren for the honour they had been pleased to confer on him. The lodge was then closed, to be opened on the first Friday in October, 1875.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.  
For the Week ending Friday, August 6, 1875.

SATURDAY, JULY 31.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec. Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond. Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

MONDAY, AUGUST 2.

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. Götthel, 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, AUGUST 3.

Cononial Board at 3. Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich. " 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley. " 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, High-street, Woolwich. Chap. 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington. " 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley. Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor. Domatic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Larham, Precep. Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, 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. Marybone 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), Wheatshea Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor. Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Wind-rail-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. Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction (No. 1360), Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8; Bro. G. King, P.M., Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4.

Grand Chapter, at 7. Lodge 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-road, Hol-loway. Mark Lodge, Old Kent, Masons Hall, Masons' Avenue. Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction (73), Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road, at 8; Bro. Noke, P.M., Preceptor. 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. 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 Edgcombe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19 Jermyn-Street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5.

Lodge 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. 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 Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor. United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor. Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor. Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, (898). George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar, at 8, Bro. S. T. Finch Preceptor. Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor. Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank. Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor. The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30. High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham. Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6.

Lodge 1412, La Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood. " 1489, Marquis of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls-Pond-road, N. Union 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, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor. St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, 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 Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 7, 1875.

MONDAY, AUGUST 2.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Assembly Rooms, Bull Hotel, Preston. " 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham. " 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster. " 1264, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6. " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 6. Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6. Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3.

Lodge 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone. " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool. Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6. Mark Lodge 161, Walton, St. Lawrence School, Kirkdale. Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6. Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4.

Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley. " 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6. " 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan. " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh. Chap. 477, Fidelity, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead. Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8. De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 5.**  
 Lodge 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 3.  
 " 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, near Liverpool, at 6.  
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 6.**  
 Lodge 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.  
 " 1387, Chorlton, Mas. Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.  
 " 1505, Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.  
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.**  
 For the Week ending Saturday, August 7, 1875.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 2.**  
 Lodge 37, Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton, at 6.  
 " 381, Harmony and Industry, New Inn, Over Darwen, at 6.30.  
 " 1009, Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.  
 " 1077, Wilton, Red Lion Hotel, Blackley, near Manchester, at 5.  
 " 1519, Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 3.**  
 Lodge 1134, Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford, at 6.  
 " 1322, Waverley, Church Inn, Hurst Cross, near Ashton-under-Lyne.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4.**  
 Lodge 298, Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Rochdale, at 7.  
 " 645, Humphrey, Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.  
 " 678, Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, at 6.30.  
 " 992, St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton, Manchester, at 6.  
 " 1144, Milton, Ryecroft Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne, at 6.

Chap. 126, Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley, at 5.30.  
 " 221, St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at 7.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 5.**  
 Lodge 300, Minerva, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne, at 7.  
 " 317, Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.  
 " 1504, Red Rose of Lancaster, Swan Hotel Padiham, at 6.30.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 6.**  
 Lodge 44, Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.  
 " 219, Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden, at 7.30.  
 Preceptory, Loyal Volunteers, Queen's Arms Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne, at 6.30.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 7.**  
 Lodge 1458, Truth, Royal Archer Inn, Dale-street, Manchester, at 4.30.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.**  
 For the week ending Saturday, August 7, 1875.  
 All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 2.**  
 Lodge 20, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Lesmahagow.  
 " 124, Kilwinning, Union Tavern, Ayr.  
 " 129, St. Mirren's, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.  
 " 138, Operative, Blue Bell Hotel, Ayr.  
 " 237, St. John, Masonic Arms, Girvan.  
 " 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.  
 " 556, Clydesdale, Freemasons' Masonic Hall, 106, Rose-street, S.S.

Chap. 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-street, Glasgow.  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 3.**  
 Lodge 33, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.  
 " 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.  
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.  
 " 87, Thistle, 30, Hope-street.  
 " 173, St. John, Masonic Hall, Largs.  
 " 233, Hamilton, Spalding's Hotel, Hamilton.  
 " 331, St. Peter's, Portland Arms, Galston.  
 " 433, St. Thomas, Eglinton Hall, Dalmeilington.  
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.  
 " 443, St. Thomas, (Ril), Dalmeilington.  
 " 497, St. John's, Brewery Hall, Catrine.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4.**  
 Lodge 0, Mother Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Kilwinning.  
 " 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.  
 " 86, Navigation, Commercial Hall, Troon.  
 " 21, Old St. John, Masonic Hall, Lanark.  
 " 126, St. Andrew, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.  
 " 128, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston.  
 " 166, St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Airdrie.  
 " 354, Caledonian Railway, 360, Hope-street.  
 " 442, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Ardrossan.

Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Trongate.  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 5.**  
 Prov. Grand Lodge of the Royal Order for the West of Scotland, Freemasons' Hall, 213, Buchanan-street.

Lodge 11, St. John, King's Arms, Maybole.  
 " 149, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Irvine.  
 " 157, St. John, Main-street, Beith.  
 " 165, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr.  
 " 202, St. Clement's, Traids Tavern, Kilmarnock.  
 " 320, St. John Royal Arch, Salcoats and Ardrossan, Masonic Hall.

" 370, Renfrew, Masonic Hall, High-street, Paisley.  
 " 405, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Garnard-road.  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 6.**  
 Lodge 114, Royal Arch, Masonic Hall, Cambuslang.  
 " 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.  
 " 135, St. James', Crown Inn, Tarbolton.  
 " 156, St. Barchan, Masonic Arms Inn, Kilbarchan.  
 " 175, Greenock, St. John's Hall, Greenock.

Lodge 217, Cumberland, Old Town Hall, Port Glasgow.  
 " 242, Houston, Cross Keys Hotel, Johnstone.  
 " 244, Union St. John, Black Bull Hotel, Stonhouse.  
 " 248, Lockhart St. John, Masonic Hall, Carnwarth.  
 " 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st, Calton.  
 " 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-street.  
 " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.  
 " 459, Kilburne, Cumbrac Hotel, Millport.  
 " 512, Thorntree, Masonic Hall, Thornliebank.  
 " 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Larkhall.  
 " 554, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 7.**  
 Lodge 458, St. John's, Wilson's Hall, Busby.  
 " 544, St. Andrews, Masonic Hall, Bank-street, Coatbridge, at 7.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.**  
 For the Week ending Saturday, August 7, 1875.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 2.**  
 Lodge 429, St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 3.**  
 Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 86, Constitution-street.  
 " 36, St. David, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.  
 " 405, Rife, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4.**  
 Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-street.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 5.**  
 Lodge 48, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-st.  
 " 97, St. James, St. James's Hall, Writers'-court.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 6.**  
 Lodge 291, Celtic, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.

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