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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

THE HERVEY LODGE (No. 1260) held their usual summer banquet on Wednesday, July 28th, at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne. The sun seldom shone on a more propitious day, and the arrangements for the excursion were most satisfactory and complete. A goodly company, including many relatives and friends of the brethren, numbering about sixty, were assembled and exchanged friendly and fraternal greetings. Having spent a considerable time in admiring the beautiful grounds attached to the commodious dining hall, where Bro. Benningfield, the proprietor, whose exertions for the general enjoyment were indefatigable, had prepared a sumptuous repast, to which one and all did ample justice. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been disposed of, and several excellent songs had been given by Miss Lincoln, who bids fair to become a very accomplished vocalist, the W.M., W. Bro. J. Hogg, P.G.D., in proposing "The Health of Bro. G. King, jun., P.M. and Sec.," alluded to the very earnest manner in which that brother undertook any of the duties that were involved in his position, and in proposing "The Healths of the S.W., Bro. Harrison, and J.W., Bro. Southwood," thanked them in the name of the company present for their very appropriate presents to the banquet in the shape of illuminated menu cards and splendid artificial bouquets of flowers for each lady. The company then dispersed while the room was prepared for the dancing which although not prolonged to "the wee sma' hours," was sufficiently enticing to detain both young and old "till night's dark mantle had covered all." And then with hearty hand shakings, hats and cloaks were donned, and some returning by rail and others preferring a ride home by road, there parted a company who were unanimous in wishing success to all connected with the Hervey Lodge.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The second emergency meeting since March was held on 29th of July, at the Metropolitan Club, 269, Pentonville Road, N. Present:—Bros. Willing, W.M.; Williams, S.W.; Berrie, J.W.; Child, S.D.; Kingham, J.D.; Fowler, D.C.; Seales, Steward; Douglass, I.G.; Daley, Tyler; Rose, Secretary; Tims, P.M. 177, Treasurer; also Bros. Siles, Easy, Saintsbury, Shand, Side, Carter, Gilbert, and Brade. Visitors:—Bros. Savage, W.M. 1425; Graham, P.M. 475; Berrie, J.W. 1293; Buscall, J.D.; Wicks, 813; Ormiston, 262; Jordan, 511; Musgrave, 1799, Org. Business transacted:—Bros. Read and Brunell, raised. No passings. Messrs. Little, Erwood, Sayers, J. Levy, and Rogers, were balloted for and impressively initiated. Baron von Tittenborn duly elected joining member. Bye-laws read, several new propositions made, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on the 29th ult., when there were present Bros. W. H. Lee, W.M.; T. C. Chapman, S.W.; H. Lister, J.W.; B. Meyer, Treas.; N. Green, Sec.; J. B. Shackleton, S.D.; J. Symes, J.D.; Robinson (Lodge 177) as I.G.; Gilchrist, Tyler; and others. The lodge having been opened in due form, Bros. Dalpas, Watson and Allord were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The lodge was then closed to the Second Degree, when Bros. Brasted and Harding were passed. Lodge being then resumed in the First Degree, Mr. F. A. Kelly, who had been previously proposed, was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, Bro. Lee very ably performing the ceremony. Bro. Howe, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. 1445, proposed that the lodge should present the W.M. with the Steward's jewel, commemorative of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., which was agreed to unanimously. Notice of a motion, to be brought forward at the next meeting, was then given, for the initiation fee to be raised. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards partook of a slight repast, the chair being occupied by the W.M. After ample justice had been done to the good things, the chairman, in appropriate terms, proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were duly honoured. The W.M. then proposed "The Initiate." Bro. F. A. Kelly responded. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. Lee, who coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Howe, P.G. Parst. Middlesex, P.M. 1445, to whom he expressed his great pleasure at seeing present. This

toast, which was very cordially received, Bro. Howe responded to, in a very effective speech. Bro. Howe then proposed the health of the W.M. in eulogistic terms. The W.M., in his reply, thanked Bro. Howe for his kind remarks, and the brethren of the lodge for the manner in which they had drunk his health, and he also thanked the brethren very warmly for the Steward's jewel which they had that evening awarded him. Several other toasts were given, and the brethren soon after separated.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540) held an emergency meeting at the Bridge House Hotel on Thursday, July 29th. There were present Bros. T. J. Sabine, W.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M., &c.; J. C. Mason, S.W.; E. S. Sudolph, J.W.; F. Walters, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; Rev. D. Hatch, Chaplain; W. J. Kemp, S.D.; C. Hudson, J.D.; H. Faija, I.G.; A. J. Hawkes, D.C.; A. P. Stedman, W.S., &c. Ballots were unanimous in favour of the admission of fifteen joining members. Five gentlemen were initiated, viz., Messrs. Pierce, William Crosbie, Richard Henry Willats, Elliott Emanuel, Joel Emanuel, and John Worster. Each candidate was introduced separately, and in a most impressive manner initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The Reverend Bro. Hatch, in a beautiful style, gave the all-important charge to the newly-initiated brethren. Some important private business having been disposed of, the brethren separated after the lodge was closed, partaking of a slight refreshment after labour. A very large number of visitors were present.

PROVINCIAL.

WARRINGTON.—LODGE OF LIGHTS (No. 148).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 26th ult. The W.M., Dr. John Bowes, P.M., P.Z., Past Prov. G. Reg. Cumberland and Westmorland, was supported by Bros. W. H. Robinson, S.W.; Thomas Tunstall, J.W.; Jos. Pickthall, S.W.; John R. Young, J.D.; C. E. Hindley, I.G.; W. Sharp, P.M., Treas.; W. Mossop, P.M., Prov. G. Steward; W. Richardson, P.M., W.M. No. 1250; G. A. Clark, John Dimmelow, Charles Crozier, J.W. No. 1250; W. Crompton, Jabez G. Hughes, Mos. Jones, John Armstrong, James Hannah, Tyler. Visitors:—Bros. P. J. Edelsten, M.W. 1134; J. R. Tomlinson, W.M. 368; J. W. Sanders, 1219; J. H. Galloway, 1250. The lodge was opened in due form with prayer, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and declared to be correctly recorded. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. James Paterson claimed advancement, and having sustained his claim was entrusted. On re-admission Bro. Paterson was raised to the Sublime Degree in ample form by the W.M., the working tools being explained by the S.W. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree, when the following gentlemen, who had already been approved, were separately introduced and initiated by the W.M., viz., Messrs. S. E. Johnson, A. Peake, and B. L. Pierpoint. Bro. Robt. Vawser, C.E. and Thos. Sutton were proposed as joining members, and a gentleman as a fit and proper person. The lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

GARSTON.—LODGE OF HARMONY (No. 220).—There is no more popular suburban lodge in the neighbourhood of Liverpool than the old "Harmony," and its annual summer festival meeting is, therefore, always enjoyed with the greatest zest. That for 1875 was no exception, and although there was a little hitch in the even tenour of the afternoon's proceedings, owing to an unexpected delay, everything passed off smoothly and pleasantly. The annual meeting took place on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at the Gartston Hotel, Garston, a few miles from Liverpool, where the lodge was opened by the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. John Evans, who was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. J. W. Baker, P.M.; Dr. J. V. Worthington, I.P.M.; W. Jones, P.M.; R. Jones, P.M.; C. Leedham, P.M.; J. Hughes, S.W.; T. B. Tellett, J.W.; W. S. Vines, P.M., Treas.; C. Humphreys, P.M. 1013, Sec.; J. Clark, Org.; J. Tickle, I.G.; J. Tewkesbury, S.; W. Price, S.; J. Robinson, Tyler; M. A. Lovelady, W. Guest, W. Morrison, A. Sharples, W. Lawson, S. Chambers, T. Wainwright, H. Hatch, R. Pink, J. Robinson, F. Ratcliffe, J. T. Bullock, J. Cave, J. Jarvis, J. Thompson, W. Newall, and W. Troughton. The visitors present were Bros. H. Davies, 1356; W. G. Sharpe, I.G. 1086; T. Roberts, S.W. 673; W. G. Veale, Org. 1356; H. Burrows, J.W. 673; C. Leighton, P.M. 1035; J. Bramham, 1298; T. K. Hughes, P.M. 1013; and W. T. May, 673 and 1393. As the closing act of his year of office, Bro. J. Evans, W.M., initiated Messrs. Croft and Crowther into the mysteries of the Order in a very efficient manner. The chair was then taken by Bro. J. W. Baker, P.M., who installed Bro. John Hughes as the W.M. of the lodge in the masterly style so well known in the province. The following officers were subsequently invested: Bros. J. Evans, I.P.M.; T. B. Tellett, S.W.; S. Tickle, J.W.; W. S. Vines, P.M., Treasurer; C. Humphreys, P.M. 1013, Secretary; J. Tewkesbury, S.D.; G. Price, J.D.; W. Lawson, I.G.; James Robinson, S.S.; A. Sharples, J.S.; and J. Robinson, Tyler. The brethren afterwards banqueted, and as many had to return to town, the after dinner loyal and Masonic toasts were given briefly but pointedly by the W.M. and other brethren.

RADCLIFFE.—LODGE OF FAITH (No. 344).—On Wednesday morning, the 28th ult., a party of the brethren belonging to the Lodge of Faith, 344, with their wives and friends, numbering altogether about thirty, left the Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, (East Lancashire), in an omnibus to which was attached four greys, for Altrincham and Tatton Park, proceeding by way of Cheetham Hill, where they changed horses. The subsequent route was via Chester Road, through Stretford, where a short stoppage was made at the house of Bro. Edwards. They then drove on to the Unicorn at Altrincham, where an excellent lunch awaited them, and which was thoroughly enjoyed. After spending an hour or two in the vicinity of Altrincham, they proceeded to Tatton Park, by

way of Rosterne Mere and Rosterne Old Church, which was visited by part of the company, and an inspection made of the memorials of the Egerton family, and which, as works of art, are said to be some of the finest in England. From the churchyard one of the finest views in the vicinity of Manchester is to be obtained, embracing the Mere, the Downs, and the village of Bowdon. The party continued its journey to Patton Park, and having obtained permission to inspect the gardens and grounds, they spent a few hours there both profitably and pleasantly. About four o'clock the party returned to dinner at the Unicorn Inn, at Altrincham, after partaking of which, another hour or two was spent in social enjoyment, and some very good songs were sung and recitations given.

DALTON.—BALDWIN LODGE (No. 1398).—The members of the Baldwin Lodge met in the Castle, Dalton, on Thursday, the 29th ult., for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master, and investing the officers for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Francis Henry Clark was duly elected and installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. R. Pearson, I.P.M. 995, and Provincial Grand Registrar of West Lancashire, in a very able and impressive manner, for which Bro. Pearson is so well and deservedly famed. Bro. Clark afterwards invested his officers as follows for the ensuing year:—Bros. F. Bell, Senior Warden; John Walton, Junior Warden; J. Postlethwaite, I.P.M.; R. Hosking, Treas.; R. Blake, Sec.; Rev. J. M. Morgan, Chaplain; T. Grieve, Org.; W. Dalzell, Senior Deacon; C. Godby, Junior Deacon; F. Atkinson, I.G.; T. H. Hosking and A. Gracie, Stewards. There was a considerable number of members and visiting brethren present. After the interesting ceremony had been gone through the brethren retired to the house of Bro. Bell, Wellington Hotel, to partake of the banquet, and amongst those present we noticed the following, in addition to the officers aforementioned:—Members of 1398—Bros. J. Garden, P. Wurzbarger, W. H. Fox, T. Tremloth, E. B. Mitchell, J. T. Lawn, R. Townley, J. T. Scott, A. Slater, and J. Hardy. Bros. R. Pearson, I.P.M. 995, and P.G.R.; H. Purdue, Ranelagh Lodge, 834, London. Bros. M. Haslam, W.M.; R. T. Taylor, S.W.; Jos. Huartson, J.W.; R. A. Brooke, P.M. 774; all of Hartington Lodge, 1021, Barrow. Bros. H. Pickavance, W.M.; James Hunter, J.W.; J. Bland, M.M., of Hindpool Lodge, 1225. Bros. H. Waiting, Sec., Whitwell Lodge, 1390, Millom. After all had done justice to the really splendid and ample spread provided by Bro. Bell, who seems on every occasion to excel his past efforts to please (if it were possible to do), the W.M. gave the first toast, "The Queen," after which the "National Anthem" was sung. Next followed the toast of "The Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Grand Lodge Officers," with honours. Bro. Blake was next called upon for a recitation, entitled "The Accepted Mason," which was rendered in his usual effective style, followed by the toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge Officers." The W.M. in all cases commented in appropriate terms on the various persons connected with the toasts, this one being coupled with the name of Bro. Pearson, I.P.M., who replied to the same. Bro. Purdue being called upon, responded in a very pleasing manner with the song "Tis but a Little Faded Flower." Bro. Postlethwaite, I.P.M., in proposing the next toast, "The Worshipful Master of Baldwin Lodge," spoke very highly of Bro. Clarke's abilities as an efficient officer, who had laboured hard in the cause of Masonry, and fully deserved the high honour that day conferred upon him. This was followed by Bro. E. B. Mitchell's song, "The Rhine Wine." Bro. Clarke, in replying to the toast, thanking all for the honour conferred upon him, said he would take that opportunity of presenting to Bro. Postlethwaite, on behalf of the lodge, a Past Master's jewel, as a token of the high esteem in which he is held by the brethren, and for the very efficient manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during his term of office, hoping that he would be long spared to wear the same. This was followed by the hearty approval of the brethren in the usual Masonic style of applause. Duet, "Pining Away," by Bro. Walter Bell and Bro. Purdue, which was exceedingly well rendered. Bro. Postlethwaite responded in feeling terms to the kindness of the brethren, expressing his regret that business engagements had prevented him from doing as much in the lodge as he could have wished. Bro. Whiteside, I.P.M., proposed the toast of Past Officers in fitting and highly complimentary terms, which was responded to by Bro. F. Bell, S.W., followed by a song, "The Union Jack of Old England," by Bro. Jos. Huartson, J.W. 1021, in that happy and effective manner for which he is so deservedly noted. "The Installing Master" was ably responded to by Bro. Pearson, who, in thanking the brethren for the honour done him, said it was always a labour of love for him to take an active part in Masonry, and especially in the Baldwin Lodge, for he had taken so active a part in its formation that he should always feel very interested in the lodge. He urged at some length that greatest of all Masonic virtues, "charity," commending to the notice of the brethren those grand and noble institutions for the destitute and needy of the Order, which had been so blessed in their philanthropic endeavours to relieve and assist the children and widows of Masons, and strongly urged them to ever have their claims in view, and heartily respond to the calls upon them for our sympathy and support. Song, "The Englishman," by Bro. J. Huartson, followed by the toast of "The Clerical Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. Rev. J. M. Morgan, Provincial Grand Chaplain, when the W.M. expressed the high honour we ought to feel in having so many provincial Grand Lodge Officers amongst us as members of our local lodges. Bro. Morgan replied in his usual worthy and appropriate style, giving much valuable and instructive information to the brethren, and strongly supporting Bro. Pearson in his remarks, urging upon the brethren to always give such noble institutions their best support, as they were some of the great ornaments of our Order. "The Visiting Brethren" was

next given, coupled with the name of Bro. Brooke, I.P.M., who responded. Thus the programme of one of the most pleasant ceremonies and proceedings was brought to a close, in a manner highly satisfactory to all who had the pleasure of being present.

GREAT STANMORE.—**ABERCORN LODGE** (No. 1549).—The first regular meeting of this newly-consecrated lodge was held on the 6th ult., which promises well for future prosperity. The lodge was opened at 4.30 by the W.M., Bro. R. Helsdon, P.M. 733, with solemn prayer. The minutes of the previous meetings having been read and confirmed, the ballot was unanimously taken in favour of Mr. R. Beet and Mr. H. W. Swatton, of Bushey, and also of Mr. J. Felton, of Stanmore, and they were separately initiated to the end of the obligation by Bro. C. Veal, P.M. 889, P.G.S.D. Surrey, who, as Hon. Secretary, and founder of the lodge, was honoured with this portion of the first ceremony, the conclusion, with the explanation of the working tools, being taken by the W.M., and great impression was evidently made by their efficient performance. The ballot was also unanimously taken in favour of Bro. William Boydell as a joining member. Three new candidates and one joining member having been announced for the next meeting, the W.M. gave instructions for a lodge of emergency on the first Tuesday in August, at 3 p.m. The usual business was then disposed of, and the lodge duly closed, the brethren adjourning to a satisfactory banquet, provided by mine host, Bro. Veal, and the evening was finished most harmoniously. At the ceremony of consecration we must record the omission of a letter having been read from the S.G.W., Bro. the Marquis of Hamilton (from whose family the lodge takes its title), regretting his inability to attend, and his lordship was thereupon unanimously voted an honorary member of the lodge. The lodge-room is very effectively arranged, the furniture bearing the well-known name of Bro. George Kenning.

Royal Arch.

JERSEY.—**ROYAL SUSSEX CHAPTER** (No. 491).—The convocation of this chapter, now very prosperous, held on Monday, July 19th, at the Masonic Temple, had more than ordinary attractions, for it was selected as a fitting opportunity to acknowledge the long and faithful services of one of its oldest members, Comp. A. Schmitt. The chapter was opened by Comps. R. Barrow, Z.; J. Oatley, P.Z., as H.; E. Martel, J.; supported by Comps. A. Schmitt, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E., E.; Gen. Thos. C. Kelly, C.B., N.; P. W. Benham, P.Z., Treas.; P. Binet, P.Z.; J. O. Le Sueur, Asst. S.E.; F. P. Le Marquand, P.S.; and several others. Amongst the visitors were Comps. G. J. Renouf, Z. 590; A. Viel, P.Z. 590; Jos. O'Flaherty, J. 590; Capt. J. Williams, Treas. 224; and others. After the minutes of the last convocation had been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. drew the attention of the companions present to the important fact of presenting a tangible mark of respect and esteem to M.E. Comp. A. Schmitt, P. Prov. G. Sec., P. Prov. G.S.W., President of the Local Board of General Purposes, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E., for his arduous services rendered to the chapter as P.Z., and also as Scribe E. Comp. Schmitt has devoted the best part of his life to our noble institution, and in fulfilling the duties of S.E. for the last sixteen years, the chapter has thought proper to evince their appreciation of such unwearied zeal and assiduity by presenting that esteemed and honoured companion with a gold jewel (of Prov. Grand S.E.) of exquisite beauty. The following is the inscription:—"Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 491. To M.E. Comp. A. Schmitt, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E., &c., in affectionate recognition of valuable services.—Jersey, July 19th, 1873." After having decorated the recipient, the M.E.Z. added:—"May it please the G.A.O.T.U. to bless you, Comp. Schmitt, with health to enjoy long the esteem of the brethren and the respect of all good men. And as a proof of the popularity of that companion, the Yarborough Chapter, No. 244, deputed E. Comp. P. W. Benham, P.Z., to present him with an apron and sash of Past Principal, as a token of their love and respect, in kind acknowledgment of services rendered to the Yarborough Chapter, as P.Z., and S.E., during a long period of years. This last present came quite unexpectedly to Comp. Schmitt, and caused him such an agreeable surprise, that for the moment it required all his self-possession to collect himself, and in thanking the Sussex and Yarborough Chapters for their fraternal and sympathetic kindness he assured them that the memory of this important event would never be effaced from his mind, that he would still continue for the future, as he had done for the past, to be a worker in the busy hive of Masonry, and would use his utmost endeavours in promoting its best interests, and after a lengthy speech, concluded by saying that a society encouraging such kindly feelings of love, relief, and truth, must certainly find an echo in every conscientious mind. At this period of the evening a letter was read from M.E. Comp. W. J. Hughan (of Truro), P.Z., and P.G. Senior Deacon of England, honorary member of Lodge and Chapter "La Césarée," No. 590, expressing his high approbation at the judicious course the ArchMasons of Jersey had manifested in acknowledging the valuable services of his honoured friend, Comp. Schmitt, and stated that it was with the deepest regret that he was debarred from being an eye-witness to the ceremony. The letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes of the evening. After the closing of the chapter, the companions adjourned to the festive board, where plain but substantial fare was provided. On the removal of the cloth, the M.E.Z. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was accepted with the utmost loyalty, and after the usual Masonic toasts on these occasions, the toast of the evening, viz., "Our esteemed Comp., A. Schmitt," admirably proposed by the Chairman, was received with rapturous applause, and feelingly acknowledged by Comp. Schmitt.

Comp. P. W. Benham proposed a special toast, "Comp. W. J. Hughan, of Truro," which was received with a thunder of applause, for although that esteemed companion is personally known but to a few in the province, his writings and literary Masonic works have made him the bosom friend of every Mason. Such demonstration of friendship and admiration naturally demanded a reply, Comp. Schmitt warmly acknowledged the compliment so gracefully paid to his absent friend in justly and deservedly eulogizing the Masonic worth and literary labours of that distinguished companion. The companions separated, highly delighted with the day's proceedings.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

The quarterly communication of the P.G. Lodge of Glasgow took place on Thursday, the 29th ult., in Freemasons' Hall, 213, Buchanan-street. The P.G.M., Walter M. Neilson, presided, and was supported by Bros. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M.; A. McTaggart, P.G. Sec.; W. Bell, acting P.G.S.W.; G. McDonald, acting P.G.J.W.; J. Gillies, P.G.S.D.; James Balfour, P.G. Dir. of Cer.; John Fraser, P.G. Assistant Marshal; W. Phillips, P.G.S.B., and A. A. Smith, P.G.I.G., as office-bearers. Among the members of P. Grand Lodge present we noticed the following:—J. B. Macnair, R.W.M. 332; Alexander Thomson, R.W.M. 333; W. Harper, R.W.M. 408; J. Singleton, R.W.M. 178; D. Reed, R.W.M. 465; John Campbell, R.W.M. 28; J. S. Scott, R.W.M. 419; John Lockhart, R.W.M. 510; D. McLachlan, J.W. 510; J. Simpson, J.W. 419; J. Forsyth, S.W. 333; R. Hepburn, J.W. 178; D. Peacock, S.W. 117; Andrew Angus, J.W. 117; D. Ronald, S.W. 275; John McInnes, S.W. 408; J. Howie, J.W. 556; Robert Gardner, S.W. 178; J. B. McNaught, S.W. 556; W. Bisland, J.W. 408; W. Finlay, J.W. 75; J. Clarke, J.W. 465; Colin McKenzie, S.W. 413; James Booth, S.W. 87; &c., &c.

The meeting was exceedingly well attended. The P.G. Sec. read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed; as also were the minutes of the P.G. Lodge Committee.

The business before the meeting was of a miscellaneous character, the most important part of it being the resignation of Bro. F. A. Barrow as P.G.D. Master, of which he had previously given notice. Bro. Barrow has had, for a considerable time back, a great deal of work thrown upon him, in consequence of the duties involved by the numerous offices of importance to which he has been appointed, not the least important of which is that of the superintendance of the P.R.A. Chapter of Glasgow, and Bro. W.M. Neilson, P.G. Master for Glasgow, having for a considerable part of the year been unable to attend to his duties as such, through ill-health, these have also devolved upon him. He was, therefore, to some extent justified in his wishing to retire. However, after Bro. Neilson had, in the most humorous and kindly persuasive manner, requested Bro. Barrow to reconsider his resolution, he (Bro. Barrow) felt that the great love he had for the Order, and his anxiety to see its usefulness and prosperity extended, had caused him to make up his mind to withdraw his resignation for the present, hoping, at the same time, that the Craft would look out for a suitable successor. He thought he had some claim to seek retirement after fifteen years' service. The next business of importance was that a petition from Dramatic Lodge for a charter, which was favourably entertained, and remitted to Grand Lodge for completion. A question of discipline, in reference to some irregularity of a brother, was then satisfactorily settled. This left little business before the lodge, and it was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—**CATHEDRAL CHAPTER** (No. 67).—This chapter held the regular monthly meeting on the 27th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, 22, Struthers-street. Comp. James Duthie, Z., presided. Among other companions present we observed Comps. D. Ronald, H.; J. O. Park, Z. 122; J. de Neef, Third Soj. 122; J. Scott, H. 122; G. B. Adams, 50 (*Freemason*); and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. then intimated that he had received a letter from the S.E., resigning his appointment as S.E. of the chapter. He said this was an unfortunate occurrence so close upon the annual election of office-bearers. Comp. Ronald suggested that Comp. Mason, S.N., might possibly be able to undertake the duties of S.E., in addition to those of his own office, until the annual election. Comp. Mason not being present, Comps. Duthie and Sloan offered to wait upon him with a view to secure his services. Comp. Duthie said that, in the event of both duties being too much for Comp. Mason, he himself would be most happy to assist him in any way. This was met with a hearty vote of thanks from the companions present, and satisfied them that the work of the chapter would be efficiently carried through. After some other general business was got through, the chapter was called to harmony, when a pleasant and profitable hour was spent by the companions assembled. The chapter was then closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE CLYDE** (No. 408).—A special meeting of this lodge took place on the 28th ult., in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, for the dispatch of business. The meeting was very well attended; among others were the R.W.M., W. Harper; Bros. John McInnes, S.W.; William Bisland, J.W.; J. Gordon, D.M.; D. Downie, P.M.; J. B. Macnair, R.W.M. 332; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; G. B. Adams, 360 (*Freemason*), &c., &c. The R.W.M., who was suddenly called away upon pressing emergency, requested Bro. T. Gordon, D.M., to take the chair and carry on the business before the lodge,

which he performed in an able and satisfactory manner. An application from Mr. Donald McBain for admittance into the Order was laid before the lodge, and met with approval. The First Degree was given to him in a full and able manner by Bro. Gordon; as he will shortly have to proceed abroad, it was agreed to give him the F.C. Degree also, his instructors having agreed to get him prepared to receive the M.M. Degree at the next regular meeting of the lodge. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—**COMMERCIAL CHAPTER** (No. 79).—The monthly meeting of this chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, 30, Hope-street, on the 30th ult. Comp. J. Brodie, M.E.Z., presided, and was supported by Comps. J. Duthie, M.E.Z. 67; J. M. Oliver, acting S.E.; J. Crabb, P.Z. 50; E. B. Adams, 50; R. Brodie, 79, and others. The meeting was well attended although not large. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The principal business before the chapter was a motion by Comp. J. Monro, S.E., seconded by Comp. J. M. Oliver, H., viz., "That the bye-laws be altered as follows,—That the office-bearers meet annually on the second Friday of August to select for nomination their successors in office, so as to enable them to lay the names of the companions so selected before the regular meeting of the chapter in August; the companions so recommended, and any others that may then be duly proposed and seconded, will be held as nominated. In the event of more than one candidate being nominated for one office, the one commanding the majority of votes shall be declared duly elected." This was unanimously agreed to, and the chapter was closed in usual form.

GLASGOW.—**THETIS CHAPTER** (No. 122).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, 35, St. James-street, Kingstown, on the 26th ult. The meeting was well attended for the season of the year. Comp. J. O. Park, M.E.Z. (who was well supported and assisted throughout the evening by Comp. J. Duthie, M.E.Z. of Chapter 67), presided, and conducted the business of the evening. Among others present we observed Comps. Quigley, S.E., in his own place; J. Scott, H.; A. McFarlane, N.; John Hampton, of the Kimberley Concord Chapter, No. 153, South Africa; J. de Neef, acting 1st Soj.; G. B. Adams, acting 2nd Soj., &c., &c. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened, when the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Applications for further advancement in Freemasonry were read from Bros. Robt. W. Merriam and Herman Wilhelm Strahlendorff, their proposers and seconders being Comps. Park, Dobie, J. de Neef, and Wilson. The applications being approved of, the two brothers received the Mark Master Degree; the lodge was then raised to that of Most Excellent, when that degree was conferred upon them, after which a R.A. Chapter was held, and they were admitted companions of the R.A. A vote of thanks to Comp. Duthie for his able assistance brought the business of the evening to a close. Comp. Hampton, who took great interest in the ceremony, will, no doubt, carry away with him to South Africa a pleasant recollection of the night's proceedings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire was held on Wednesday, 28th July, at the Town Hall, St. Alban's, under the banner of the Halsey Lodge, No. 1479. The R.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, presided. He was supported by about seventy brethren. Among those present we noticed M.W. Bros. H. C. Finch, P.G. Reg.; W. Wilson, P.G.J.W.; T. S. Carter, P.G.S.D.; E. Lacey, P.G.S.D.; F. H. Wilson-Iles, P.G. Sec.; the Rev. Lewis Deedes, P.G. Chaplain; J. Terry, P.G.D.C.; M. Heywood, P.G. Org.; H. Campkin, and E.R. P. Francis, P.G. Stewards; J. R. Cocks, P.P.G.J.W.; S. Austin, P.P.G., Sup. Wks.; W. H. Rowe, P.P.G. Sup. Wks.; R. A. Wright, P.M., 504, P.P.G. S.D.; W. Cutbush, P.P.G. Sup. Wks.; J. Lewthen, I.P.M. 1479; Laxton, W.M. 404; E. Palin, W.M. 404; Hayward Edwards, W.M. 1385; J. Perriott, S.D. 1479; G. Askew, W.M. 1479.

Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last P.G. Lodge held at Hertford were read and confirmed. The accounts presented by Bro. A. J. Copeland, P.G. Treas., were passed. The P.G. Lodge Laws were then considered and adopted.

The following appointments were then made by the P.G. Master:—

J. Sedgwick, P.M. 404 (re-app.)	.....	D. Prov. G.M.
J. Lowthin, P.M. 1479	.....	P.G.S.W.
J. Copestick, W.M. 869	.....	P.G.J.W.
Rev. Burchell Herne, 404	.....	P.G. Chap.
Rev. C. E. Mayo, 869	.....	P.G. Chap.
F. H. Wilson-Iles, P.M. 404 (re-app.)	.....	P.G. Sec.
A. J. Copeland, P.M. 404 (re-app.)	.....	P.G. Treas.
E. Palin, W.M. 404	.....	P.G.S.D.
J. W. J. Gifford, W.M. 409	.....	P.G.J.D.
Hayward Edwards, W.M. 1385	.....	P.G. Sup. Wks.
J. Terry, P.M. (re-app.)	.....	P.G. Dir. Cer.
Young, 1327	.....	P.G. Ass. Dir. Cer.
Paterson, 1385	.....	P.G. Org.
Yolland, 1385	.....	P.G.S.B.
Laxton, W.M. 504	.....	P.G. Purst.
Godson, 1479; J. N. Edwards, 1479;		
Blenkinsop, 504; Sheldon, 1327;		
Foster, 504; Gilbert, 1327	.....	P.G. Stewards.
Thomas, 404 (re-app.)	.....	P.G. Tyler.
Wright, 403 (re-app.)	.....	P.G. Tyler.

The following sums were voted from the P.G. Lodge Funds:—£20 to the Boys' School, £10 to the St. Alban's Abbey Restoration Fund, £5 each to Bros. Wilson-Iles and

T. S. Carter, to purchase the Prince of Wales's installation jewel, they having served the office of Stewards for the Province at the Albert Hall in April last. A vote of thanks and £5 5s., to purchase a jewel to Bro. W. Wilson, P.P.G. Dir. Cer., he having so efficiently acted in that capacity for several years.

The brethren afterwards dined together in the Assembly Room, and spent a most pleasant evening.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

A quarterly communication was held at the Alfred Masonic Hall, I.C., Waymouth-street, Adelaide, on Wednesday, 7th April, 1875. Present—The Right Worshipful Arthur Hardy, Esq., J.P., District Grand Master in the chair; Worshipful Bro. P.D.G.S.W. Wicksteed, as Deputy District Grand Master; Bro. Sawtell, P.M. 598, as W.D.G.S.W.; W.D.G.J.W.; D.G. Chaplain; W. D.G. Secretary; W. D.G. Steward Bright, as W. D.G.S.D.; W.D.G. Dir. Ceremonies; Bro. R. Davis, W.M. 842, as W.D.G.J.D.; W. Dist. Grand Sup. Works; W. D.G. Organist; Bro. J. Eunson, J.W. 583, as W.G. Pursuivant; D.G. Tyler, W. D.G. Steward, F. C. Smith. The visitors were Bros. Horsfall, 584; Deslands and N. Johns, 598; Thomson, 423, and Fergusson, 842.

The D.D.G.M., D.G. Treasurer, D.G. Registrar, D.G. Assist. Dir. Ceremonies, D.G. Sword Bearer, D.G. Pursuivant, D.G. Steward Burton, were excused.

The lodge was opened with solemn prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The balance sheet for 1874 was taken as read (copies having been distributed) and adopted. The report of the General Committee for the past quarter was read and adopted, and copies distributed in the room.

The following report of General Committee was presented to the Right Worshipful the District Grand Master and District Grand Lodge.

Your Committee lay before you the balance sheet for the year 1874.

Since the last meeting of this lodge the regulation postponing (under certain conditions) the meetings in January and July, passed July 1st, has been approved by the Grand Lodge of England, and was acted on last January, every member receiving due notice by circular.

Steps have been taken to form a library, in confirmation of resolution passed October 7th, 1874, and the committee appointed to carry out the scheme hope to report more fully at the next meeting.

A dispensation having been granted to the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1172, to appear in regalia on December 11th, 1874, they opened the lodge and received the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. A. Hardy; W.D.G.M., Bro. H. E. Downer; with the D.G. Chaplain, Bro. H. Read, M.A.; and nearly all the D.G.L. Officers, and numerous members of the city lodges. The D.G.L. was opened and a procession formed, and the stone of the Mount Barker Institute laid by the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. A. Hardy; an address was delivered by the W.D.G.S.W., His Honour Judge Gwynne; the trowel with the R.W.D.G. Master's crest and suitable inscription was presented to him, and the brethren returned to the lodge room and closed the Grand Lodge.

On Friday, January 15th, 1875, the foundation-stone of the Masonic Hall, Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1252, at Mootna, was laid, a dispensation having been granted, the W.D.D.G.M., Bro. H. E. Downer, the W.D.G. Chaplain, Bro. H. Read, and several District Grand Officers and brethren attending. After the lodge No. 1252 was opened, the D.G. Lodge was received, and the procession was then formed, and the stone laid, and an address delivered by the W.D.D.G.M.; a massive and elegant silver trowel, supplied by Mr. Mannheim, with an inscription surmounted by the W.D.D.G. Master's crest, was presented to him; the brethren returned to the lodge room and Grand Lodge was closed.

Bro. P.M. Saul Solomon stated that the places of meeting of the lodges in South Adelaide having been found inconvenient they had resolved to take rooms at the Eagle Chambers, lately erected on the corporation acre, and that they would be ready for occupation in about two months.

It was resolved—That it be left to the General Committee to make arrangements for the future meeting of the District Grand Lodge.

The lodge was then closed with solemn prayer.

MASONIC PIC-NIC AT SUNDERLAND.

The eighth annual pic-nic of the Freemasons of Sunderland was held on Wednesday, July 21st, at Helmsley, in the East Riding of Yorkshire, and proved a greater success by far than any of its predecessors. In order that ample provision might be made, the committee were obliged to stop the issue of tickets a week previously, and many brethren who had not obtained them before the specified time found themselves too late in making application, and were consequently doomed to disappointment. When it is remembered that the arrangements to be made included a ninety miles' journey, each way, by rail, the supplying of luncheon, &c., to four hundred people at one time in a small country town, and other things necessary for insuring the enjoyment of so large a party, the wisdom of the committee declining many late applications will be readily seen and admitted. The party journeyed by a special train of thirteen carriages, provided by the North Eastern Railway Company, and leaving Sunderland a few minutes past six o'clock in the morning, reached its termination shortly before ten o'clock. The monument erected in the market place of the little Yorkshire town, the church with its fine specimens of carved woodwork, the old thatched and white framed houses of the Elizabethan period, were the

first objects to attract attention. At eleven o'clock the whole party, numbering rather over four hundred, sat down to lunch in a spacious marquee, which has been erected in what is known as Castle Hill, where are some extensive ruins of the old castle at Helmsley, once the residence of the celebrated George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham. The chair was taken by Bro. A. J. Turnbull, W.M. of St. John's, No. 80, who was supported by Bros. J. H. Coates, P.M. 949 (Hon. Sec. to the Pic-nic Committee); W. Liddell, P.M. 749, P.P.G.D. (Treasurer to the Committee); W. G. Laughlin (agent to Earl Feversham); and others. Bro. Turnbull was faced by Bro. T. Riley, W.M. of 1389, and the other vice-chairs were filled by Bros. F. Surtees, W.M. 94; F. Younger, W.M. 97; and A. Gray, W.M. 949. The other members of the committee present, viz., Bros. J. Mitchison, S.W. 80; D. P. Huntley, J. W. 80; J. D. Todd, J.W. 94; H. Fryer, S.W. 97; A. Currie, J.W. 97; J. Eccleston, S.W. 949; G. B. Hall, J.W. 949; and F. Maddison, S.W. 1389, also occupied prominent positions at the tables, and did good service in promoting the comfort of those present. Justice having been done to the substantial fare which had been provided by Mr. T. Wright, of the Black Swan Hotel, Helmsley, the chairman briefly submitted the usual toasts, which, having been duly honoured, the whole party adjourned to the Bowling Green, where an excellent photograph of the group was obtained by Bro. Paul Stabler, of Sunderland. Shortly after half-past one dancing commenced on the green sward, Bros. F. Maddison and A. Currie officiating as M.C.'s, being "led off" by the former and Mrs. Godfordson, the wife of the old and respected Treasurer of No. 80, and was kept up with great spirit during the afternoon and evening. At four o'clock an adjournment was made for tea, which was of the same substantial character as the luncheon. An excellent band discoursed sweet music during luncheon and tea, and also supplied the music for the dancing. During the day numerous parties visited Revaulx Terrace, with its temples, one of which contains some really fine fresco paintings; the ruins of Revaulx Abbey, and the valley overlooked by the terrace; the seat of Earl Feversham at Dunscome Park, inspecting the collection of paintings by the old masters, and the rare pieces of statuary which the hall contains; the conservatories, the gardens, the Home Terrace, and other objects of interest in the neighbourhood. The day was exceedingly fine, and the whole arrangements were carried out to the satisfaction of all present. Every credit is due to the committee and to its Secretary (Bro. Coates) for the careful and complete manner in which every want had been anticipated, and to Mr. T. White, of Helmsley, for the liberal manner in which he catered. Bros. W. G. McLaughlin and G. Frank were also very active in promoting the enjoyment of their "visiting brothers." The return train left Helmsley at a quarter-past seven in the evening, and reached Sunderland safely at half-past ten, every one delighted with the day's outing, and looking forward to the "next merrie meeting."

FREEMASONRY IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

The usual monthly meeting of Lodge Caledonian, No. 489, S.C., was held in the Temple Haskien, on July 22nd, and as there was rather an unusual assemblage present on this occasion, even for us of the Orient, and knowing not a few on Albion's coasts interested in our proceedings, it occurred to the writer to speak to the brethren through their Masonic medium, the *Freemason*. All eyes to the east then for a brief period. The officers present were Bros. Wm. Dorrell, W.M.; G. R. Warren, P.M., acting D.M.; R. Jamieson, S.M.; A. Noble, I.P.M.; H. T. Rand, S.W.; J. Noble, J.W.; Wm. Morrison, S.D.; J. Lindsay, J.D.; G. Sutherland, I.G.; A. Scott, Tyler; the duty of Organist being admirably discharged by Bro. T. Tucker, while the not altogether dispensable members of the mystic cabinet of 489, Treasurer and Secretary, were represented by Bros. Chalmers and Frayer. Opening ceremonies over (1st degree) and minutes confirmed; visitors were admitted, Bro. Wm. Ite, W.M. No. 166, I.C.; Bro. F. J. Hammond, P.M. No. 630, E.C., a brother recently arrived in Byzantium, where he intends to reside, practising as M.D. Next was admitted brethren from H.B.M.S.S. "Antelope" fine specimens of those who go down to sea in ships, and see wonders in the great waters; then another stranger, Bro. Botelar, 687, but "Hold enough," nay! "Still they come." Strangers indeed, and yet brethren true and tried, sons of Israel from Smyrna, and Crete, and the isles around, while they spoke the silent language of Craftsmen, as Craftsmen, they also found brethren who could converse with them in the idiom of their fathers, for be it known that we "Caledonians" are linguists from Selavonic to Gaelic. The labour was initiation, the neophyte an intelligent Armenian, who in addition to his ormmelokit's (country's) language can fluently speak and write English. The Apprentice Degree was ably enjoined and imparted by Wor. Bro. Dorrell, but although the lodge was fenced in the First Degree, the glass atmospherically indicated 74°, a shade or so too tall for hard work, and, although more labour was announced, it was deemed advisable to close. The brethren adjourned to refreshment, and spent a social hour in unity and harmony, thus rehearsing our joys in 489. It may not be uninteresting to mention one sorrow, fraught with kindly remembrance. Bro. Geo. Pollock, Teacher, and a member of the lodge, was entertained to supper, principally by fellow-craftsmen, a week or two ago, on the eve of his return to Scotland; the repast served up by Bro. J. Rawe was recherché, the speeches choicé, and the harmony dulce. Bro. Pollock has the goodly wishes of many here, and the hope that new and old friends gave him a hearty welcome, "Where the heather is blooming, And the eagles are free."

FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

On the 24th June, being the festival of St. John, the Freemasons of Kimberley mustered in strong force, and the Temple being too small for the accommodation of the brethren, the Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 1409 was compelled to meet in the Kimberley Hall (Theatre Royal), which was specially prepared for the ceremony of installing officers, &c. The stage was fitted up tastefully for the W.M. and the other rulers of the Craft entitled to sit in the East. Shortly after twelve o'clock the lodge was opened in form by the Worshipful Bro. Spence Britain, the outgoing W.M. All present were dressed in evening costume, and wore the aprons, sashes, collars, and jewels of their respective Degrees. There were Royal Arch Masons, Masonic Knights Templar, Rose Croix Masons, and others whose rank our reporter did not learn. When all were seated it was announced that the Right Worshipful the District Grand Master of South Africa, His Excellency R. Southey, C.M.G., demanded admittance. He was received with grand honours, according to ancient usage, and conducted to the throne by the Stewards and Past Masters, and the following anthem was then sung with instrumental accompaniment, the brethren all standing:—

Hail, Eternal, by whose aid
All created things were made,
Heaven and earth thy vast design,
Hear us, Architect Divine!
May our work begun in Thee,
Ever blest with order be,
And may we, when our labours cease,
Part in harmony and peace!
By Thy Glorious Majesty,
By the trust we place in Thee,
By the badge and mystic sign,
Hear us, Architect Divine.

This was given with telling effect, and the lodge was then called up to the Second Degree, when the first portion of the installation ceremony was gone through. Finally a conclave of actual and Past Masters were formed, all brethren who had not passed the chair previously retiring, with the exception of the W.M. elect, Bro. Richard Day Atkins, who remained for installation. That worthy brother was then placed in the chair of K.S., the ritual being solemnly rendered by Bro. Britain. The conclave being closed, the M.M. in attendance were re-admitted and in procession saluted the new Master. Subsequently the brethren not in possession of the Masters' degree entered and joined the others in saluting. The following was then sung:—

The spacious firmament on high,
With all the blue ethereal sky;
The spangled heavens, a shining frame,
Their great original proclaim;
The unwearied sun, from day to day,
Doth his Creator's power display;
And publishes to every land
The work of an Almighty hand.

The W.M. then announced that the Cosmopolitan Lodge had elected Bros. Haarhoff, Rorke, and Shaw, to act as Treasurer, Secretary, and Tyler, respectively, for the ensuing Masonic year. He himself desired to appoint, as was his privilege, Bros. Graham and Peggs as Wardens, Rink and Girdlestone as Deacons; De Beer, Bryant, and Abrahams as Organist, Inner Guard, and Masters of the Ceremonies, respectively; and Hallyburton, Druce, Bodley, and Chivers as Stewards. These announcements gave great satisfaction, the appointments being highly approved of.

The W.M. with the assistance of other brethren then formally installed the following officers, delivering the ancient charges to each as he invested them with their collars:—

Bros. Spence Britain, I.P.M.; W. T. Graham, S.W.; J. H. Peggs, J. W.; Dan. Haarhoff, Treasurer; J. Rorke, P.M., Secretary; H. Rink, S.D.; N. Girdlestone, J.D.; J. H. De Beer, Organist; T. Bryant, I.G.; Charles Shaw, Tyler; J. Abrahams, M.C.; G. Hallyburton, J. J. Druce, J. Bodley, J. Chivers, Stewards.

The new officers having been conducted to their places in the lodge and saluted, the anthem from Addison's beautiful ode on the Creation was sung:—

Soon as the evening shades prevail,
The moon takes up the wondrous tale,
And, nightly, to the listening earth
Repeats the story of her birth;
Whilst all the stars that around her burn
And all the planets in their turn,
Confirm the tidings as they roll,
And spread the truth from pole to pole.

The lodge was then called off to refreshment, and the brethren went in procession to attend Divine service at St. Cyprian's Church.

The procession was headed by a band which, during its progress by New Main, Reitz, Main, Stockdale, and Market streets played a slow march. The various lodge and Royal Arch Banners gave the column a gay appearance, and the brethren marched in even time. Arrived at the church an avenue was formed by a double line of the members of the Order, through which the District Grand Master and the new Master of the Cosmopolitan passed, the others following in reverse order to that in which they had approached the building. The evening service was choral, and at the end Bro. the Rev. E. W. Stenson preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon, taking for his text Proverbs III. v. 32, "For the froward is an abomination to the Lord; but His secret is with the righteous." The discourse was listened to with very marked attention, and with evident pleasure by the members of the Craft present. The procession being reformed, all returned to the Kimberley Hall, the band this time playing "The Entered Apprentice," the quaint air composed for the song of Dr. Anderson in 1721. When all were within the building, the

lodge being called from refreshment to labour, a collection was made as an offertory for the church, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the clergy.

The festival passed off very happily, there not being a single incident to mar the proceedings. There were several sharp showers in the early morning, but long before noon the clouds had disappeared, and the day was in every way suitable for the pageant. Those who know how good and charitable are the principles inculcated by the ancient and most honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons must indeed have been gratified to find that the fraternity numbers so many adherents in Griqual and West. Still one looks for practical beneficence, and not merely sentimental utterances, and it is therefore much to be regretted that the brethren of South Africa cannot boast of the institutions which are found connected with Freemasonry in other parts of the world. "Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth," is indeed a noble motto to have adopted, but its very grandeur makes the neglect which we refer to the more glaring and blameable on the part of the Brotherhood. We saw by announcement in recent issues of the *Argus* and the *News* that earnest men occupying high positions in the Order had taken the matter in hand, and were endeavouring to procure the co-operation necessary to bring about a better state of things. We are pained to learn that their efforts have not received in this province the encouragement that was deserved. This is worse than mere apathy; and so long as the brethren here fail to make provision for the orphan, their claims to be regarded as a benevolent society will by the outsider be deemed untenable and groundless.—*Mining Gazette*.

THE BURDETT COUTTS LODGE (No. 1278.) PRESENTATION OF CHAIRS BY BARONESS BURDETT COUTTS.

On the 29th ult., a special meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of receiving at the hands of the Baroness Burdett Coutts the gift of the three principal chairs for the Master and Wardens. At the consecration of the lodge six years ago her ladyship, then Miss Burdett Coutts, presented the lodge with a handsome copy of the Sacred Law, and since that time she has never forgotten the lodge which bears her name.

The additional presentation of chairs was indeed a welcome gift, not only as a valuable accession to the furniture of the lodge, but as showing the excellent feeling which the Baroness entertains towards the body of Freemasons. In her mind at least there is nothing in the principles of the Order repugnant to religion, morality, or loyalty; and we suppose no one in the world will question the sincerity of the Baroness either as a religious, moral, or loyal lady. Coming from such a quarter the support of the Craft has a powerful significance, and we trust that such support may long be extended to this valuable institution.

The ceremony of presentation was concluded in the Zealand Room, in which the brethren of the lodge and a strong contingent of ladies were assembled. The Baroness was accompanied by her old friend, Mrs. Brown, Countess Beauchamp, Lady Augusta Paulet, Lady Charles Wellesley, Miss Wellesley, Mr. and Mrs. Otway, the Hon. H. Ryder, Bro. J. K. Aston, Professor Tennant, Mr. W. H. Wills, and Bro. G. C. Silk. Bro. James Terry, Prov. G. D.C., Herts, the first W.M. of the lodge, presided, and among the other brethren and ladies present were Col. Burdett, P.G.M. for Middlesex; Mrs. and Miss Burdett; H. G. Buss, P.G. Treas. Middlesex; Major Creaton, P.G.D.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; John Boyd, P.G.P.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; E. P. Albert, A.G.P.; F. Binckes, P.G. Steward; Thos. Lloyd, jun.; W. H. Gathercole, &c., &c.

The chairs were not occupied at first, but Bro. Terry stood on the left of the W.M. chair. The Stewards for the occasion were Bros. J. G. Harris, W.M.; W. J. Crutch, S.W.; W. Toye, J.W.; Jas. Terry, P.M., Treas.; G. Ward Verry, Sec.; C. K. Crouch, S.D.; W. Christian, D.C.; A. Lazarus, I.G.; Wallington, and Cambridge. While the procession was entering the room the organ was played by Bro. Miller, Prov. G. Org., Middlesex. When the procession had entered, the Baroness was placed on the right of the Master's chair, after which Bro. Terry informed the company that they were assembled on a very special occasion in the annals of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, viz., to receive first of all the lady after whom the lodge had the honour of being named, and in the next place to receive from her hands the three chairs which then adorned the room. He then called upon the brethren to sing a hymn, which having been done, the Baroness said she begged to present the chairs, and trusted they would be always occupied by brethren as true as those who had already presided over the lodge. Her ladyship added that she was glad to see on the Master's pedestal the volume of the Sacred Law which she had given them in 1869. Bro. Terry replied, that on behalf of the Burdett Coutts Lodge he formally accepted the noble gift, and he could but reiterate the wish she had just so kindly expressed. Then seating himself in the W.M. chair, he called on the Wardens to take possession of the other two. This having been done, he called on the Secretary to read the address the lodge wished to present to the Baroness. Bro. G. Ward Verry thereupon read the following address, which had been written by Bro. Crouch:—

"To the Baroness Burdett Coutts.—Madame,—The Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons desire to express their thanks for the interest which your ladyship takes in the lodge, and the patronage which you have extended to it. We thoroughly appreciate your goodness in having conferred upon us a splendid and costly copy of the 'Law of the Lord,' which is 'light to our feet and a lantern to our way.' We also gratefully acknowledge your more recent benefaction of three beautiful chairs for the official use of the principal officers of the lodge. To your ladyship acts of benevolence are customary and constant, and

we trust that you will never have cause for regret for this new direction which you have given them. It affords this worshipful lodge the highest satisfaction to find that a lady of your rank and intelligence is able to set aside the prejudices which so many entertain towards a society the most powerful and benevolent, as well as the most honourable and ancient, in the world. We desire to express the hope that the example that your ladyship has set in this respect will be followed by other good and kind ladies as it has in so many other particulars been happily imitated. As the Bible always remains open in a Freemasons' lodge we shall be reminded of you by the most sacred associations, and, as our officers fill those chairs and ensure law and order, we shall naturally remember how much you have done to harmonise all classes of the people with lawfully constituted authority and in peaceful social fellowship. We sincerely pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may build up for you great happiness, and that He who is 'Light' may illumine your path and conduct you to the world where the sun of His glory never sets."

The address was engrossed, and had been placed in a handsome album.

Bro. Crouch, who had written the address, and Bro. Lloyd, the two Deacons, then presented the album to the Baroness, who replied as follows:—"Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren,—In tendering you my sincere and hearty thanks for the address you have just read, I must avail myself of the opportunity offered to express the grateful pleasure I feel, as the daughter of a Mason, that in the lodge which you have wished should bear my name there will remain embodied the memory of my loyal, true-hearted, single-minded father, so long the representative of the liberties of the city of Westminster. In receiving the Bible for the table of your lodge, and in the chairs which I now present for the use of the officers, you have also conferred a favour upon me, though, like skilled craftsmen in the art of kindness, you have made the recipient appear the donor, and the courtesy and hospitality you extend to me and my friends to-day is one more of the many illustrations of the law of kindness which rules your beneficent and ancient society. I earnestly reciprocate your wishes for myself, and that we may rest in Him who is 'Shadow as well as light; for the Lord God is a Sun and Shield; the Lord will give grace and glory, and no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.'"

A formal motion having been carried that the address and reply be entered on the minutes of the lodge, another hymn was sung, and Bro. Verry having read letters expressive of regret for inability to attend from Lord Skelmersdale and the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford the proceedings terminated. The whole party then adjourned to an elegant déjeuner at Freemasons' Tavern, at the conclusion of which the loyal toast was first proposed by Bro. Terry, who presided. After the toast of the M.W.G.M., Bro. Terry proposed "The Earl of Carnarvon, &c.," for which Colonel Burdett replied, and Bro. Terry then proposed "The Health of the Baroness Burdett Coutts." In doing so he said that he felt a great responsibility attached to him as the representative of the lodge in endeavouring to give utterance to all those kind wishes and good feelings which the brethren had towards the lady who was their guest, and if he failed adequately to do so they must attribute it to the want of power on his part and not to that of will. He would ask them to drink "The Health of Baroness Burdett Coutts, a lady whose name was known throughout the length and breadth of Christendom. Wherever Christianity was, or where a good act had to be carried out, there had been found the name of the Baroness Burdett Coutts. They all remembered that unparelleled act of generosity of her ladyship when she gave to one of the bishops a blank cheque, with a request that he would fill it up for any amount he might think fit. Hardly any other lady would have done such an act. By the papers it appeared the great consideration Lady Burdett Coutts was giving to the welfare of poor dumb animals, and a kind feeling or true heart could not be more clearly exhibited than in pleading for those who could not plead for themselves. If he were to take up the time of the brethren for a long period he could do no more than say, that in the Baroness Burdett Coutts seemed to be summed up all that was holy and good in womanhood, all that was pure, and that tended to elevate mankind generally. As our Most Gracious Sovereign had been pleased to confer, in the plenitude of her wisdom and power, the dignity of a peeress of the United Kingdom on her, it was a circumstance that Masons rejoiced in, and the brethren were proud that their lodge, which received from her its volume of the Sacred Law, bore her illustrious name. He would only say, that had it not been for the honour conferred on Baroness Burdett Coutts by her Majesty, the Burdett Coutts Lodge might not at this time have had the honour of entertaining her. He would not detain the company further: he was not paying any fulsome compliments on their guest, for everything he had said of her was well deserved; but he would call on all the company present to drink with heartiness and sincerity, and with every good wish and feeling, "Long life, health, and happiness to the Baroness Burdett Coutts."

The toast having been drunk with the greatest enthusiasm,

Col. Burdett, who was deputed by her ladyship to respond for her, thanked the ladies and brethren for the very handsome manner in which her name had been received after the flattering way in which it had been proposed by Bro. Terry. Her ladyship was much gratified at the style in which she had been received in the lodge-room, and at the lodge's acceptance of the three chairs. She was also pleased that her gift was acceptable to the brethren. She remembered that it was not the first present she had made to the lodge: it was one she had given with good will; and she felt that the precepts of the volume were followed by the brethren. She, however, wished him to state that

whatever generosity Bro. Terry had credited her with she had never yet given a blank cheque to anybody that they might fill it up with what amount they pleased. (Laughter.) It was an entire mistake, which had arisen from certain circumstances that occurred some years ago. He knew the statement had not been made wilfully by Bro. Terry, and she wished him to correct it, because she had no desire that her generosity should be magnified. The Baroness also desired him to state that she was pleased at allusion having been made to the subject in which she took peculiar interest, kindness in the treatment of dumb animals. She was president of the Ladies' Committee of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, in which cause she had exerted herself in every way she could. She desired to press this subject on the brethren, and she felt she would have their support. Col. Burdett then thanked the brethren on behalf of the Baroness for the address which they had presented to her, and again thanked them for the reception she had met with.

The Baroness and party then left, escorted by Bro. Terry and the Stewards, and on the return of these brethren to the room, Bro. Terry informed the brethren that her ladyship had invited them all, with the ladies of their families, to her garden party at Holly Lodge on the following Monday. (Cheers.)

The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated. The arrangements for the successful performance of the whole ceremony reflected great credit on those by whom they were managed.

LODGE LIBRARIES.

The following appears in the correspondence of our newly-established contemporary, the *Masonic Chronicle*, of New York:—

I have often been surprised at the lack of interest in Masonic libraries, knowing as I do that Masonry has a literature of its own, second in interest only to that of the Christian Church. I can only account for this from the fact that the collectors of the libraries—if they are entitled to that name—seem to have had no definite idea of the object sought to be obtained, further than securing a large collection of miscellaneous publications, without order or arrangement, to be placed upon their shelves for the admiration of visitors. We think, however, if the following plan were adopted by lodges, we would guarantee that every working member would become interested, not only in collecting, but make himself familiar with the contents of each volume added to its number.

Start with the determination to secure a complete collection of every Masonic publication of historical importance known to have been published within the jurisdiction of your Grand Lodge. This will interest every member, and, at the same time, render him familiar with the history and progress of the Craft, not only at home, but much of the same relating to other jurisdictions. The continual discovery, and bringing to light old and forgotten documents, creates an interest in all, and an incentive to further exertion which can scarcely be comprehended; and many a valuable document or manuscript will be gathered from the waste-basket or the paper-mill, which, when properly applied to its legitimate place, will supply and repair many a broken link in the chain of the Masonic history of the State. As the various transactions of the day make up the history of a nation or a community, so the various transactions of a society make up its history. These, to the actors and participants familiar with them, are often lightly estimated, and too frequently thrown aside after their first perusal; and thus is lost much of the most valuable matter necessary to fill up and perfect a history, of not only Masonry, but every society or association that has ever been instituted since civilization began. We would lay down a few rules for action in the collection and arrangement of a lodge library.

First.—To collect complete files of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

Second.—The same of the constitutions adopted at different times.

Third.—All pamphlets issued by the Grand Lodge on the subject of Masonry within its jurisdiction, also all edicts emanating from the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, as well as all circulars from the same and subordinate bodies in any way connected with the Fraternity.

Fourth.—Complete files of all Masonic journals, papers, and magazines.

Fifth.—Works on Masonic history, philosophy, law and jurisprudence, works on the ethics, symbolism, and dogmas of our institution, as well as the various monitors or manuals that have from time to time been compiled and arranged by many of the brightest members of the Craft, and numerous other works on Masonry of a miscellaneous character.

Sixth.—All "Anti-Masonic" publications. Although the last-named may not be entitled to the name of Masonic literature, still they are a part of the history of the times, and often illustrate the particular phase of society at the time better than could be obtained from any other source.

If, as will undoubtedly be the case, duplicate works are brought to light, they should be carefully preserved until exchanged for others needed for the library. All this can be done with comparatively small expense, if the brethren of a lodge can only be made to feel an interest in the matter, as almost every brother has something in his possession which he might spare for the purpose of making up a library, whereby not only the brethren might be entertained and improved, but his own opportunities for the use of Masonic literature greatly increased.

ANTIQUARY.

We most heartily endorse all that our correspondent has said, and feel that we cannot too strongly recommend the careful consideration of the subject of Masonic libraries, not only for lodges, but for private use.

GRAND CHAPTER.

The quarterly convocation of Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, when Comp. Samuel Rawson presided as M.E.Z.; Comp. Frederick Pattison as H.; and Comp. Major Creton as J. The other companions present were John Savage, as S.E.; Percy Leith, as S.N.; Robt. Gray, as P. Soj.; Capt. Platt, as First Assist.; Joshua Nunn, as Second Assist.; J. C. Parkinson, Swd. B.; J. Smith, Benj. Head, H. Browse, Edward S. Snell, J. Brett, W. R. Woodman, D.C.; N. Bradford, and others.

The paper of business, printed in the *Freemason* of last week, was gone through, and the charters granted for all the chapters named therein.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

Review.

"Monumental Inscriptions of the British West Indies, from the earliest date, &c.," chiefly collected on the spot, by Captain J. H. Lawrence Archer.—London: Chatto and Windus, 1875. Demy 4to, half Roxburghe; price, 42s.

This valuable historical work, by Bro. Captain J. H. Lawrence Archer, contains the most interesting records of members of the Craft that have succumbed to the pestilential climate of the West Indies, and is commended to all by the modesty with which a really great and enduring contribution to literature is described by the author in his preface. The work as an example of printing and illustration is simply superb, and by doing honour to the producer reflects a credit on the Craft, and does justice to our talented and indefatigable brother.

Obituary.

BRO. DAVID BRANDWOOD, RADCLIFFE BRIDGE. The remains of this brother, a P.M. of Lodge of Faith, 344, Radcliffe, near Manchester, were interred at St. Thomas's Churchyard, in that town, on Sunday afternoon. A considerable number of brethren preceded the corpse to the burial ground, Bro. R. Whittaker, of Farnworth, P. Pro G.D.C., East Lancashire, acting as G.D.C. The deceased brother was fifty-one years old, and up to about a year ago held the post of manager and secretary to the Radcliffe and Pilkington Gas Co., failing health leading to his resignation.

Masonic Tidings.

An electric clock has been placed in front of Bro. Sir John Bennett's, in Cheapside, and it attracts almost as much notice as the celebrated automatic figures did formerly.

Bro. Francis Trott, for thirty-two years with Messrs. Brook and Son, Poultry, and latterly with Mr. W. Connell, Cheapside, died on Thursday, the 29th ult., at his residence in New-cross.

The Great Eastern has been chartered to run between Liverpool and Philadelphia during the Centennial.

A telegram dated Scilly, August 3, 3 p.m., states, "Divers have recovered two kegs of treasure from the wreck of the Schiller."

It is estimated that over 100,000 persons entered the Alexandra Palace and Park on Monday last.

A full report of the Recreation Banquet of the Britannic Lodge, No. 33, will appear in our next issue.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction, at the Earl of Chatham, Thomas Street, Woolwich, on Friday, the 27th August, by Bro. David Rose. The lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock.

We understand, that a marriage will shortly take place between his Imperial Highness Prince Demetrius, Grand Master Mason and Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33rd Degree, in Greece, and Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33rd Degree, for Scotland, &c., and eldest son of his Imperial Highness Prince Rhodocanakis, of Rhodocanakis Castle, in the Island of Ohio, and Kathleen, eldest daughter of Captain George Newcomen, R.N., of 33, Queen's-gate, South Kensington, and Feltwell Lodge, Norfolk.

FELTOW & SONS' 'SPECIALITE' SHERRY.—"This wine is a particularly wholesome one. It has a smooth, dry flavour, and is remarkably free from the heat and acidity so usually found in all but the very finest Sherries. We are quite confident that for a wholesome stimulant this Sherry can hardly be surpassed."—*The Chemist and Druggist*.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Summer weather brings with it many risks and many diseases, the blood becoming often overheated and the circulation of it increased in rapidity, renders it a susceptible receptacle for poisonous emanations and infectious processes. Fevers are often generated in this manner, and sometimes lie lurking in the system in a latent form, until some accidental exciting cause calls the disease into activity. Premonitory symptoms such as Nausea, Headache, pains in the back, shivering, &c., and such admonitions should be disregarded by none. Early attention to them will often ward off impending danger, and stifle the disease in its infancy. Holloway's remedies afford the best means of doing this.—ADVT.

Poetry.

LINES READ BY A M.M. AT 332, LODGE OMAGH, IRELAND, ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN.

I would I had the ready Speaker's tongue,
And then the thought, a sublime theme to suit!
'Tis MASONRY—so oft well said and sung,
A tree, still flourishing and bearing fruit.
What time, and where 'twas planted, none need know.
Enough it is, it rises, branching yet
Its fadeless foliage, towering o'er the snow
Of wintry clime, and 'neath the summer's heat
It stands, so firmly rooted nought can bend
If from its purpose true—to shelter all
Who would fair Charity with Friendship blend,
And living, die to hear the Master's call.
To live so that, amid this world's wiles, each
Disseminates the truths locked in his breast.
The key is Love. Oh! may its unction reach
To North, to South, to East, to farthest West;
To die in perfect trust it is God's will
That when this life be past new life's begun,
If, hearkening to the voice so small and still,
Each earnest effort make to earn "Well Done."

Death has been busy in our ranks since last,
We held high anniversary, and feast of love.
How many of our friends are 'mong the past,
Called from us here to the Grand Lodge above.
The ancient Geraldine, the tried and true,
And our own Thompson, eminent 'mid men,
And other brethren true of Three-three-two;
And Walmsley—worthy wielder of the pen.
I, too, bewail a brother of my kin
As lost to sight, to memory ever dear;
A place high up, abroad, he sought to win,
Hope at the helm, his onward course lay clear,
A worthy brother,—he now rests from work
His labours ended, in the East he lies,
He owned the claim of all men—Jew or Turk,
Who sought a Father in the great All Wise.
We trust that those departed ones have met
With their reward on High, and now we turn
To gratulate ourselves that we have yet
Rare reinforcements 'stead of those we mourn.
With Albert in the chair (the son of him,
'Yclept the Good), our Craft and Nation's hope;
With Edinburgh and Connaught's Duke and slim
Young Leopold, who'll with us care to cope;
With Abercorn, whom all justly own
Erin's Chief in wisdom and in worth,
The Craftsmen crowded lately round his throne,
With pride beheld the Chosen of the North.
Our Worshipful we gladly see, just where
We wish him, with his laurels richly won
At 'Baldoyle brilliant'—his Turquoise was there,
And shone right glorious, showing how to run,
Another gem is added to his crown.
He is the Victor still at every meet,
We give him joy of his deserved renown,
And gladly cry "The Murphy's can't be beat."
Though absent oft our Master never dies,
He revels in the West, and well he may,
There sets the Sun, but as it sinks to rise
With promise of a brilliant coming day,
So rests our Master on our Brother West.
Full well he knows him whom he leaves behind,
And tells us when he goes that we are blest
In miracle of manhood, memory, and mind.

In duty bound, we welcome foreign friends,
The members of our sister lodge we prize,
We hail with joy each brother who attends,
For brethren all we be—all bound by loving ties.

Whom have we got—new workers? let me see!
There's Law and Physic very, very strong.
Whilst Commerce and the Banking interest be
Both bulwarks. Brother Treasurer, am I wrong?
Another of our bulwarks, "One of us,"
And of a corps, I think they call a "crack."
At rifle drill, or rifling of a "bus,"
Who can compare with our good brother Jack?
'Tis not an omnibus of which I speak,
'Tis something gained in giving back again.
'Tis rifle practice near allied to cheek,
'Tis practice ne'er confined to riflemen.

'What's in a name?' 'tis said. I say there is.
See, here are three of our Jons'sons to night.
Whilst all are proud of being sons of his,
We must admit those sons by double right.
Here's Agriculture, feeder of us all,
But for the farmer we might starve almost,
Whilst his works follow him ne'er to the wall.
We'll come, but plenty have to boil and roast.
Oh! bless us, but the clergy do wax strong,
I crave their pardon, and I don't forget
They come in crowds to see we do no wrong.
We neither "hinder" them, nor do we "let."
Some of the genus say they'll put us down,
We cannot help their bluster and tirade
But while four sons of Her who wears the crown
Be with us, brethren, be ye not afraid,
And though illiberality protest,
And suasion seek to sever brotherhood,
This to the zealous worker adds but zest
To labour on—because the cause is good.

F. S. GORDON, 332, Concord.

FREEMASONRY.

TRANSLATED FROM "LE NOUVEAU MONDE" OF MONTREAL.

Despite the condemnation which the chair of Saint Peter has hurled against this Society, many people still hesitate to look upon it as the declared enemy of Christianity. The following facts, reported by the American correspondent of the "Monde," and which he vouches for as authentic, are of such a nature as to dissipate the illusions of those who look upon Freemasonry as merely a philanthropic society.

"In the month of August, 1862," writes Mr. J. E. Martin, "I made the acquaintance of an old monk of the Order of Passionists, at Hoboken, opposite New York. In the course of a conversation on the subject of Freemasonry, he related the following anecdote:—

"I was called, a few days ago, to administer the last sacrament to a dying man at Brooklyn: he was a German whom I had happened to meet once or twice. His only daughter, an excellent catholic, warned me that her father was a Freemason, and that it would be necessary to make him recant.

After having heard his confession, I asked him if he did not belong to some secret society.

"Yes, father: I am a Freemason; but you know, in America, there is no harm in being one."

"You are wrong," I said, "Freemasonry is condemned wherever it exists; I call upon you to retract any oaths you may have taken, and to give me up the insignia of your Order."

The dying man objected strongly; but he was still a catholic, and so signed the recantation which I dictated to him. I then had fresh trouble to obtain from him his scarf, silver trowel and square, his kid skin apron, and his book of ritual, which were locked up in a chest near his bedside. I left the room with these 'spolia opima,' happy at having snatched a soul from the clutches of the devil. His daughter was waiting for me in the passage. 'Well?' said she, 'has my father given you everything? has he made his peace with God?' Yes, daughter, see here, and I showed her the articles in my possession.

She took them up, one after the other, and then said, in a sorrowful tone, "No, this is not all; my father wore these badges when he went to his lodge, and on grand occasions. It has not cost him much to give you up these. The book, which is peculiar to his degree, was of more value to him. But there is something more."

"What is it?"

"A written document, of the contents of which I am ignorant. My father has ordered me to take it, unopened, to the Master of his lodge, after his death. It must be some important secret."

I went back to the sick man, and said to him "Why have you deceived me? You are about to appear before the tribunal of God; do you think you will escape his justice? You still have something to give up to me." He appeared astonished. I noticed the pallor of his face, and the troubled look in his eyes; then he said to me, with a certain amount of hesitation. "No: you have taken everything away. I have nothing more to give up to you."

"No. There is a written document, such as all Freemasons have."

"You are wrong father; I have nothing of the kind." I redoubled my persuasion, but all was in vain; the devil was on the point of triumphing. I employed every means that I thought might be of use in such a case. All was useless. The dying either denied or remained silent, when his daughter opened the door, and threw herself on her knees by his bedside. "Oh, papa! for God's sake save your soul! Your daughter is wretched. You say you love me; prove it to me now."

The dying man was not prepared for such an attack; the kisses and tears of his daughter, as she lavished upon him the most affectionate caresses, moved him; she spoke to him in the kindest manner of the heaven that he was throwing away, but he still replied, "You know I have nothing hidden." His daughter, in an inspired manner, exclaimed "Father, do not lie: you have always been honest and truthful: do not let me have to blush for your memory. Give the holy Father the document you have bidden me take to the Master of your Lodge." At these words, the sick man uttered a cry, and then with an effort, said, sighing, "No, my girl, you shall not have to blush for your father. Take this key which hangs round my neck, open that drawer, and give the Holy Father the paper you will find in it." He then fell back, fainting. His daughter executed his orders as quick as lightning, and gave me a sealed and folded paper, exclaiming, "Victory! my father is saved: he has thrown up the poison!" (Il a vomie le poison.)

This scene had touched me deeply, the girl's courage reminded me of the early Christians. The sick man lived for a few hours, and his last words were "an expression of contrition as well as of faith and hope. I opened the sealed paper in his daughter's presence; it was an oath, signed with blood!

I had heard of these documents as common among the chiefs of Freemasonry, but when I read this paper, I could not believe my eyes, it was a declaration of an endless, merciless war against the church, the papacy, and kings, with the most fearful curses upon any one who should violate the oath.

I gave the paper to the archbishop in order that he might be enabled to appreciate the infernal malice of Freemasonry as well as I myself."

Such was the tale of the passionist father, and it has remained engraved on my memory. It is only one of the thousand proofs that Freemasonry is the same all over the world.

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SATURDAY, AUG. 7, 1875.

THE BURDETT COUTTS LODGE.

The proceedings at this interesting "reunion," which we give in another column, will, we think, be very gratifying to all our readers. For not only do we as Freemasons gratefully acknowledge the kindness evinced to our Order by that estimable and benevolent lady who was present on the occasion, but we think the tone of the proceedings was most thoroughly in accordance with the spirit of Freemasonry from first to last. Lady Burdett Coutts called attention we are glad to perceive, to the open Bible in the lodge, her own kindly gift. We are always pleased to point to the fact, that English Freemasons still preserve in their lodges, and still revere in their minds, the Best of Books. The address of the lodge was, we think, both in good taste, and entirely Masonic in expression and utterance, and equally do we feel bound to commend Lady Burdett Coutts's reply, and trust that this friendly interest of hers in the Burdett Coutts Lodge may continue unabated on her part. Under the energetic presidency of Bro. Terry, and aided by the zealous assistance of the Stewards, the gathering appears to have been a great success, and despite lachrymose complaints and petty jeremiades at such revolutionary proceedings, we congratulate the brethren of the Burdett Coutts Lodge on the fair assembly which responded to their invitations, and smiled on their pleasant hospitality. Such occasions as this, and certain great and high days of our Order are, we venture to repeat, most suitable occasions, when we can properly invite and approvingly hail the presence of our fair sisters amongst us. Such days may be fairly called our Masonic Red Letter Days, when woman's kindness may animate, and woman's grace may delight, and when the monotony of our custo-

mary assemblies may be advantageously varied by the introduction of that most potent charm of earthly life, the influence and personality of the ladies. Amid those mysteries of dress which puzzle us "outsiders," lords of the creation though we call ourselves, amid the genial and enlivening flow of female conversation, which is often most prolonged and animated, amid those charms of bright eyes and waving locks, and warm hearts, and unselfish wills, by which woman so attracts and impresses our often harsh and doubting sex, we can well fancy how this successful gathering pleasantly passed off, and has left many vivid memories behind it. We wish that all success may attend on the Burdett Coutts Lodge, and that this assembly of Craft Masons will not be the last which will unite their benevolent patroness with them, in mutual feelings of truly Masonic esteem, respect, and good-will.

MASONIC ELOQUENCE.

We called attention some time back to "after-dinner speeches," and we feel it to be our duty to-day to enlarge on the subject of Masonic Eloquence generally. It is, as Bro. Binckes said at the Chaucer Meeting, a "very wide subject," when speaking of the admission of ladies to the Boys' Anniversary. We accept his words to-day, as exactly descriptive of the matter on which we are now treating. If we are to believe Mr. Heckethorn and numerous other profane "ansers," whose cackling may be constantly heard, and in respect too of subjects of which they are utterly ignorant, Freemasonry just now has neither literature nor writers, speeches nor speakers, utility nor mission at all. Pace, however, Mr. Heckethorn, and all the "vulgus profanum," we are prepared to contend, as we contended before, that Masonic Eloquence has increased greatly latterly amongst us, and is every now and then of very high "calibre," and for the most part "above the mark," that is to say, above the average eloquence of the British public. It is true that every now and then some erratic speaker lands himself and us in a dreadful "corner" or "hole," and boggles out of his ill-timed words with the greatest clumsiness, and the worst possible grace. It is a fact that here and there you may still have to listen to lugubrious specimens of that turgid nonsense, of that "high falutin" which seemed at one time to be the necessary accompaniment of Masonic meetings, and the unvarying characteristic of Masonic oratory. Men are still men; Freemasons are yet human; and to suppose that simply because they are Freemasons, they are not likely to be betrayed into frailties, or to display inanities, or to commit a "betise," is neither reasonable, nor is it even the way of the world. For if there be one thing the longest experience of time would teach us all, it is this, that we all of us need, and all of us should make, many allowances here for the inevitable foibles, the uncontrollable "nialseries" of our race. That all Freemasons talk sense we do not aver; that no Freemason ever talks nonsense we do not say; but this we do affirm, that in our opinion latterly the eloquence of Masonry has been marked by careful abstinence from its ancient besetting faults, "tall talk," empty phrases, and wearisome repetitions. And we think that we note a decided improvement in the character of Masonic orations and addresses, and even of the dinner speeches generally. Some of us who are now "getting on in years," and remember old meetings and old friends, can vividly summon up before us to-day the old fashioned speakers with their stereotyped formularies of Masonic eloquence at ancient gatherings. Their history was shaky, their chronology was defective, their views of Freemasonry proper hazy in the extreme. You were taken back to Noah, and Nimrod, to Babylon and Bacchus, to Grecian mysteries, to Egyptian pyramids, to the Druids, as a matter of course, with an amount of confidence which was somewhat startling, and a calmness of assertion which left no doubt or reply possible. We were told that Freemasonry was ancient, and social, and benevolent, undeniable truths, and that it possessed great and invaluable privileges, and that we were all "jolly good fellows," and that we were a

loyal, a moral, and a friendly Order. Such was the address we heard over and over again, with no variation, made up moreover of a little of Anderson, of a touch of Hutchinson, more of Preston, and a good deal of Oliver. Now we do not deny that there may be, and there most probably is, a substratum of truth in all these claims and asseverations, more or less, but boldly spoken they do not commend themselves to the fair criticism of the outer world, or even of the Masonic student. Surely we have changed for the better. Masonic investigation has opened the chained-up gates of Masonic Archaeology, has stirred the dust of centuries, has put Dryasdusts and Fabulists to flight, and has offered to our Order a critical and a reasonable account of our organization. We say nothing here of those great rhapsodical utterances which are termed, "proposing the ladies," as we prefer dealing with what is real and prosaic even, rather than with what is purely sentimental. Masonic eloquence has become, we think, more natural, more reliable, and more accurate, and generally more intellectual, since the days of its old hyperbole are over, and what may not unfairly be called "Masonic swagger" charmeth us no more. But after all is said and done, the orator like the poet, "nascitur non fit." Masonic eloquence to be truly effective must come from the intellect as well as from the understanding, from a knowledge of the subject, as well as from an "artificial memory." We may make up a speech, we may string together facts and statistics, we may indulge in Masonic glorification and familiar commonplace, but unless the spirit of eloquence be there, it falls at once into the ruck of ordinary and factitious speaking so prevalent amongst us. It is given to few, we may however well remember here, "the applause of listening senates to command," and it is the lot of very few indeed of the more gifted of our species to attract attention and to retain interest. So long as we can boast amongst our Order one or two really eloquent orators we should be quite content. They are in truth "rare aves in terris," and perhaps it as well that they should be so. Too many eloquent speeches would make some of us become like Simeon Stylites, or an Eremite in the loneliest wilderness. If then our average Masonic eloquence is as a rule above the mark,—above, that is, the common level of the great river of human verbosity,—if it keeps equally at a distance from politics and religion, from hopeless vapidness and "bottled moonshine," if it be fair and reasoning, calm and courteous in tone, true and tolerant in assertion, if it seeks to allure and to attract instead of dogmatizing, and denouncing, we may rejoice to think that our lot is cast in these days when we are not forced to listen to reiterated absurdities, or to "didactic twaddle." A clever speaker once said, that the "truest eloquence is that, which is contained in the fewest if most forcible words." And many of us will remember how in "auld lang syne," some of the "doctors" of our "Israel" alike charmed us and warmed us up, alike encouraged and directed us, with words sparkling like brilliants, and with scintillations fresh from the anvil of genius. Their speeches were neither too long nor too short, neither too learned nor too sentimental, but memory lingers by them yet, as delivered in all the pure simplicity of our Anglo-Saxon vernacular, with all of heartfelt admiration, saying to us gratefully, if regretfully "Adveniant utinam sic mihi sæpe dies."

THE FLOODS IN FRANCE.

The report of its two delegates, Mr. John Furley and Captain Kennick, has been received by the Executive Committee formed in the City of London for the relief of the distress caused by the recent inundation in the South of France, and which committee is, as most of our readers know, presided over by our worthy and benevolent Bro. the Lord Mayor. Most sad is the report. They say that they have travelled over 800 miles of country, and the following is their description of what they have themselves witnessed. Although the country in the immediate neighbourhood of Bordeaux bore evidence of having been more or less inundated, they observed no traces of exceptional damage until they

reached Barsac. Thence, as far as La Réole, the whole valley had suffered severely, and hay, straw, and various kinds of debris in the branches of the trees which bordered the fields showed the height the water attained. In that district the greater part of the loss sustained consisted in this year's crops, and, with few exceptions, it was probable that even the vintage was not entirely destroyed. At La Réole the damage done commenced to be more apparent, and thence to Agen the destruction caused by the floods could scarcely be exaggerated. Dams had been swept away, and in several places the railroad had been broken up, and rails and sleepers had been thrown to a distance of 30 or 40 yards, while portions of the embankment had disappeared altogether. Over some fields a thick alluvial deposit had been left by the water, which, although it had destroyed this year's harvest, would doubtless prove to be of great value hereafter, but where a coating of sand or stone had been deposited the damage done to small proprietors was almost irreparable. Fortunately, the high hills on each side of the valley formed some protection and lessened the loss in cattle, which otherwise would have been much greater than it was. At Agen the destruction was quite beyond description. In places the torrent had trenched the ground to the depth of several feet, houses had been completely swept away, and scarcely a vestige remained of the beautiful public gardens and promenades which ornamented the quays on the right bank of the river. Clothing was very much wanted, but it was useless to send anything but under-clothing to the peasantry, as they were too proud to wear cloth clothes which could be recognized as being the gift of charity. The workmen in the towns made no such objection, and gladly accepted garments of every description. Agricultural and other tools and implements were much needed, but they must be of the same style and pattern as those to which the workmen and peasants were accustomed, or they would not be appreciated. Cattle were also wanted, but an English cow would only be acceptable to a rich proprietor, as the small farmers used even milch cows for draught purposes. The part of that department (Lot et Garonne) which was not inundated was quite able to supply the number of beasts which were lost. And then they go on to-day; on arriving at Toulouse they at once proceeded to the Faubourg of St. Cyprien. No description in words, no series of sketches or photographs, not even the most vivid imagination, could picture the terrible scene that once thriving place, which was lately occupied by from 18,000 to 20,000 inhabitants, now presented. What St. Cyprien must have been in the last days of June it was too horrible to conjecture. No bombardment ever wrought such complete and general destruction. Nothing was too great or too strong, nothing too insignificant, for the invading flood of waters which between the morning of the 23rd and that of the 24th rose between 30 and 40 feet above its usual level, and overwhelmed that extensive tract, destroying the lives of some hundreds of men, women, and children, and leaving behind it nothing but ruin and misery. Most of the houses were knocked out of all shape, the majority of them being nothing more than a chaotic heap of bricks, slates, tiles, and pipes, while the few walls that were left standing were propped up on all sides with timber. In some places the walls had been undermined by trenches from six to ten feet in depth. The large suspension bridge called the Pont St. Michael had been literally torn away, and some of its strong wire cables were lying along the banks of the river, with large trees and portions of the former planked roadway tightly held within its strands. In Toulouse itself but little damage had been done, except at St. Michel and in the Quartier des Amidonniers—two districts forming the extremities of the city on the right bank of the river. The latter quarter was covered with mills and manufactories, all of which had been more or less injured, while some had been totally destroyed. As a consequence of that a large number of artisans had been turned out of employment. In the village of Les Sept Deniers the fruitful gardens which helped to supply the city were utterly destroyed, the houses had fallen, and the inhabitants were dispersed. They might also mention the case of

Fernouillet, a village lying at a distance of six miles to the north of Toulouse. That commune was one large garden, cultivated by an industrious population. Now in many cases it was impossible to distinguish the boundaries which formerly existed between the different little properties. Of 223 houses in the village, only eight were now standing, and of these few scarcely one was at present habitable. Fortunately precautions which proved successful were taken in time, and of the 950 inhabitants all were saved excepting two. In the department of L'Ariège, the village which had most suffered was Verdun. During the night of the 23rd of June a landslip is supposed to have happened from one of the hills; that blocked up the bed of the torrent, forming a sort of dam, which retained the waters until they had acquired such volume and weight as to burst it. Sweeping every obstacle in their downward course, the pent-up flood rushed upon the village, burying under its ruins about 82 persons, 147 horned cattle, and over 600 sheep and pigs. The extent of the catastrophe might be imagined from the fact that 300 soldiers were engaged in clearing the ground, and they have not yet succeeded in discovering all the bodies. Upon these indubitable facts they base the following propositions:—That it is only necessary to include four departments in the division of the fund—namely, La Haute Garonne, Lot et Garonne, Tarn et Garonne, and L'Ariège. In coming to that conclusion they had been guided by the decisions of the Conseil Municipal of Paris and the Alsace and other committees. The order in which they had placed those departments was based on the following figures:—La Haute Garonne stood first, as having suffered more severely than any of the other departments. Its loss amounted to no less than 32,215,800fr. Lot et Garonne had sustained losses estimated at 24,200,000fr.; Tarn et Garonne, 13,650,000fr.; and L'Ariège, 7,446,966fr. By a comparison of the total of losses they beg to suggest that the following partition should be made of the Mansion House Relief Fund:—La Haute Garonne, 4-10ths; Lot and Garonne, 3-10ths; Tarn and Garonne, 2-10ths; L'Ariège, 1-10th. That those sums should as far as possible be spent in the purchase of those articles which have been already mentioned—namely, strong iron bedsteads of simple form, blankets-coarse linen for sheets and shirts, flannels, wool, len stuffs for women's clothing, and in "bons" or orders for artisans' tools and farming implements. But, inasmuch as there was a difference in the actual requirements of the sufferers in each of the four departments, and gifts in kind were more serviceable than gifts of money, they would strongly urge on the committee the desirableness of their being represented by two delegates, one of whom should be at Paris in communication with the Central Committee, and the other in the South of France to act in concert with the Departmental Committees. If that suggestion should be adopted, the wants of the sufferers and the wishes of all parties could be met without wounding national susceptibilities; and at the same time, if gifts in kind should be sent to France, such delegates, acting in concert with each other and with the Central and Departmental Committees, would be in a position to judge of the quantities respectively required, and the ports and railway stations to which the objects should be addressed. Such a plan would also insure economy both in time and money, while it would be in accordance with the wishes expressed by the French authorities. A tabulated statement appended to the report showed that the entire losses were estimated at 99,849,919fr., thus enumerated:—Farms, mills, and manufactories, 22,671,345fr.; furniture, merchandise, and stock-in-trade, 14,783,545fr.; land 18,213,297fr.; crops, 25,635,737fr.; and cattle, 2,446,000fr. Seventeen communes had been totally and 260 partially flooded. And the final conclusion to which these two worthy delegates come to in their most lucid report is, that the distribution had better be left to the Central Committee, presided over by Madame McMahon, instead of to special English agents. We, ourselves, fully concur in the conclusions of this just and admirable report, and, to say the truth, we never could understand why any doubts should be entertained as to any want of

fairness on such a matter by the Central Committee, and least of all can we comprehend the action of the Mayor of Birmingham in the matter. Why a French committee, in the presence of such overpowering calamities, should be supposed more likely than an English committee to be actuated by unworthy motives we cannot possibly realize, and we think such a view unfair, both to the Government and the People of France. We trust, therefore, that the London committee will accept the conclusions of their able delegates, as, on calm reflection, such a conclusion will be that, we feel sure, of all English contributors. The fund, so far, may be said to reach to something like £25,000 in round numbers, but it is clear, if our aid is to be commensurate with the exigencies of the case, a larger amount must be raised. The total loss sustained by the French people is over four millions, and many years must elapse before these fertile districts can again be what they were once, if ever they entirely lose the traces of this great disaster. We beg, therefore, to commend this fund to the notice of our lodges. We trust sincerely that in the spirit of fraternal philanthropy all our lodges may send a contribution, be it large or small, to the Lord Mayor's Committee, and we shall be most happy to announce, in a special column, all such amounts forwarded to the committee of which we shall receive notice. Indeed, we may add, that if any of our lodges or brethren prefer to forward such subscriptions to our publisher, Bro. George Kenning, he will have the greatest pleasure in personally paying the amount over to the Mansion House Executive, and acknowledging the same in the *Freemason*.

WHAT NEXT?

A rumour comes to us, on ecclesiastical authority, moreover, which seems to us both a little strange and startling. There is, in the glorious fane of Winchester, dear as well as glorious to all old Wykehamists, specially from pleasant memories of other days, a well-known slab, said to cover the bones of St. Swithin, or St. Swithun. Of course this fact, like many other similar facts in the world, is said by some to be a fiction. St. Swithin was, according to his own wish, originally buried outside the church, at a spot where what Rudborne calls "modica cupella," a little chapel, was raised over his grave. About 100 years afterwards St. Ethelwold, Bishop of Winchester, translated his remains with great pomp into the Cathedral. St. Ethelwold was succeeded by St. Elphege, who was martyred by the Danes, and who was translated as Archbishop of Canterbury from Winchester in 1006. He took with him, Osborne tells us, the head of St. Swithin to Canterbury, and from this relic William of Sens, the Master Mason of Canterbury, took a portion to Sens Cathedral. It is upon these facts that many writers declare that the slab covering St. Swithin does not represent truly his place of sepulture. It was opened in 1797, when the bones of a person buried in a black serge cowl were found. It was felt that they were the remains of a person of note, and Milner suggests of the famous prior Silkesteade, whose actual burial place is, we believe, unknown, though probably in his own chapel, as it is called. Knowing how, in old days, people were proud, and inclined to boast of relics, we are led to believe that the remains discovered in 1797 were actually those of St. Swithin, probably re-interred when the shrines were broken up, and removed at the Reformation. Now it seems that a tomb is about to be raised to Bishop Sumner, and that this old slab is to be disturbed to make way for it. We object to such a proceeding in toto, as a proceeding of modern iconoclasm and of barbarism. Whether the slab covers the remains of St. Swithin or Silkesteade matters little; like Archytas, it may say to the executors of Bishop Sumner, or his injudicious friends:—

"At tu vagæ ne parce malignus arenæ,
Ossibus et capiti inhumato."

Or, as Francis translates it:—

"Nor thou, my friend, refuse with impious hand,

A little portion of this wandering sand,
To these my poor remains."

Surely the authorities of Winchester Cathedral will feel how proper and needful it is "quieta non movere." We hope that some true Freemasons and worthy archaeologists will be found in the good old city of Winchester to lift up their voices against this far too common practice of these restoring days, to destroy and erase what is old because it is old, to make way for a new specimen of statuary, or a burnished piece of lacquer work. It is altogether a false proceeding in the interests of art and ecclesiastical archaeology, and we protest against it, wherever it is attempted to be carried out. Surely some befitting place may be found for a stately memorial of Bishop Sumner without drawing on the projectors of this destructive perversity, if the report be true, the curse that William Shakespeare pronounces against all who irreverently move or interfere with the bones of the great, the good, and the departed. Surely we all shall say "requiescant in pace."

BRO. MAJOR BURGESS.

We are induced to call attention again to this controversy, in consequence of the clear and pointed letter signed "A Mark Master," which appeared in our last issue. We leave out all the personal questions at issue between the controversialists—unfortunately the whole matter is a personal one—and we turn to the general principles laid down by our correspondent, "A Mark Master." If we understand his words right, in his opinion it does not make any difference whether all the signatories are Masonic, for though he does say he understands the Chivalric degrees to be composed solely of Master Masons, yet we apprehend that under the novel form of the Priory of the Temple such a qualification is no longer a sine qua non. At any rate, we should like to have this point clear. The Scottish Templars do not admittedly require a Masonic qualification, and if such now be the actual status of the "Priory of the Temple," we feel strongly that "A Mark Master" has put forth a somewhat startling proposition. Because if his argument be good for anything, it must amount to this, that the Mark Degree has a right to make a "concordat" with any grade or Order, Masonic or non-Masonic. He seems however to feel the incongruity of such arrangements on Masonic grounds, and he therefore skilfully makes a distinction between breaches of Masonic discipline and dishonourable conduct, implying thereby that Bro. Burgess's case comes under the latter category, whereas in truth it appears to have been a pure case of Templar discipline from first to last. And we would ask "A Mark Master," how can the Order of the Temple and the 33° be judges in a case of Masonic discipline which can properly only be adjudicated on by a purely Masonic body, which neither of these distinguished Orders admittedly are? The dilemma in which the Mark Degree now finds itself is very remarkable and clear. By the tripartite treaty it virtually hands over its members to the decision of an alien and non-Masonic tribunal, as more or less a supreme court of appeal, so that if a Mark Mason is found guilty, being a Templar, and of the 33°, of some disciplinary delinquency, he is "ex necessitate," suspended from his functions and privileges as a Mark Mason, though he is utterly guiltless of any breach of Mark Masonic law. This is so serious a position for all Mark Masons, that we cannot believe, on the principles of Masonic equity, it will be sustained by the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons. If it is, we are very sorry for it and them. We say nothing about what our able correspondent terms the "more select degrees," because we utterly deny the assumption and the claim, as we do not consider that there is, or can be, any superiority or distinction of any kind between the Christian bodies, or the Mark Degree, and Craft Masonry. We would venture to suggest a practical conclusion of this painful controversy. Let a committee of four, two to represent Bro. Burgess, and two to represent the higher grades, be appointed amicably, the four to select a chairman, and let their award be accepted as "amici curiæ" to settle a very difficult and intricate matter, which threatens to develop into a long and most useless logomachy.

THE PICTURE OF THE INSTALLATION.

We call attention to a circular which we give below, emanating from the company which is placing this welcome memorial of a great event in English Freemasonry before the Craft and the world. We recommend that circular to the careful perusal of all our readers, and we trust sincerely that those who are bringing out this artistic and valuable souvenir will receive, as they deserve to receive, the support and sympathy, the encouragement and patronage, of our numerous, and intelligent, and loyal Order.

THE INSTALLATION PICTURE.

We have been requested to publish the following:—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master, &c., &c., &c., having been graciously pleased to accept the special dedication, a splendid historical steel engraving will shortly be published, of the Royal Installation on the 28th of April last, in the Royal Albert Hall.

By special arrangements made previous to the Installation with the R.W. Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter King-at-Arms, P.G.W., Grand Director of Ceremonies, the artist, Bro. Edward James Harty, S.D., No. 1201, was granted a special position in the hall, and has been successful in drawing a picture so unique in its conception, comprehensive in design, and faithful in detail, as to have received, after careful inspection, the gracious approval of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the following distinguished brethren:—M.W. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; R.W. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master; R.W. the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hamilton, Senior Grand Warden; R.W. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Junior Grand Warden; also R.W. Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter King-at-Arms, P.G.W., Grand Director of Ceremonies; R.W. the Right Hon. Lord Holmesdale, M.P.; R.W. Rev. John Huyshie, P.G.M. Devonshire; R.W. William Kelly, P.P.G.M. Leicestershire, &c.; R.W. Hugh D. Sandeman, D.G.M. Bengal; R.W. Colonel A. W. Adair, P.P. G.M. Somersetshire; R.W. R. Scott, D.G.M. Trinidad; R.W. Colonel Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex; R.W. the Right Hon. Lord Dunboyne, Member of the Irish Deputation; R.W. the Hon. W. T. Mercer, P.D.G.M. China; V.W. Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer; V.W. Aeneas John Melntyre, Grand Registrar; V.W. John B. Monckton, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes; V.W. John Hervey, Grand Secretary; V.W. Rev. Charles John Martyn, P.G.C.; V.W. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; W. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; W. John Anthony Rucker, P.G.D.; W. William Hickman, P.A.G. D.C.; W. J. Daniel Moore, P.G.S.B.; W. Charles Banister, P.G.S.B.; W. John Boyd, P.G.P.; W. John March Case, Installation Steward; W. H. Dicketts, P.G.S.; W. John Coutts, P.G.P.; W. Fredk. Whitaker, P.P.G.J.D.

To render this work a historical, authentic, and interesting record of the greatest of Grand Lodges, it has been resolved to introduce portraits, wherever possible, of the most prominent of the brethren, and especially of Grand Officers and Grand Stewards, Present and Past, Members of Deputations, &c., and to more fully carry out which arrangements have been made with the eminent photographer, Bro. E. M. Haigh, P.M., P.G.S., of 213, Regent-street, to photograph, free of expense, such brethren in the exact position and pose at present represented in the original drawing, for the use of the engraver, and each of whom will be entitled to a proof copy on the terms mentioned on the order sheet sent herewith.

Arrangements have also been concluded with the eminent engraver, Mr. Charles George Lewis, for the execution of the work on steel, and he has already commenced on the plate.

The order sheet gives the prices which have been fixed for the various descriptions of impressions, and Grand Officers are particularly requested to take notice that the number of portraits which can be engraved being necessarily limited, applications will be registered in priority of date, and that the accomplishment of the undertaking may be completed and ready for delivery by the First Anniversary of the Installation, it is earnestly requested that brethren who are desirous of having their portraits engraved will at once return the order sheet filled up.

To the brethren under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of England the Royal Installation on the 28th of April must ever be a red letter day in their Masonic career. Unparalleled in importance, and the grandest in accomplishment, it is admitted that the picture correctly delineates the unequalled scene, and the noble proportions of the Royal Albert Hall are also faithfully portrayed, the whole forming a coup d'œil of surpassing splendour. And whilst it will be universally taken by lodges as an adornment to their temples, it must command a prominent position in the galleries of princes and nobles, as well as in the drawing rooms of the wealthy and the halls of the multitude of that class who form the basis of society; and to all brethren of whatever Grand Lodge, constitution, country or clime, throughout the globe, it is intended that this historical representation of the Installation of our most illustrious Prince should be a fitting and worthy memorial of the greatest and grandest Grand Lodge of Freemasons ever assembled.

The M.W. the Pro Grand Master remarked "that never in the whole history of Freemasonry had such a Grand Lodge been assembled," and His Royal Highness the Grand Master confirmed this, saying, "That such an assemblage in Grand Lodge had never been before known," adding, "When I look round this vast and spacious hall

and see those who have come from the north and the south, from the east and the west, to be present on this auspicious occasion, it is, I trust, an omen of good."

To perpetuate this to generations of our noble Order yet unborn has been one of the conceptions of the artist, and will be the duty of the engraver to carry into effect.

And bearing in mind the further eloquent remarks of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, that the watchwords of our ancient and noble Order are "Loyalty and Charity," it has been determined, should the Picture meet with encouragement from the Craft, that a portion of the proceeds shall be divided equally between the three Royal Masonic Charities—viz., The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows.

The prices of impressions are as under, and for Nos. 1, 2, and 3, include the expense of the photograph and the impression. One moiety payable on subscription and the balance on the delivery of the impression.

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[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.]

BRO. MAJOR BURGESS AND THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"A Mark Master" should perhaps have signed his letter as "A Colquhoun Knight." When he has courage enough to make under his own name a statement of fact, instead of anonymously asking questions with the object of conveying insinuations, I think it will be time enough for me to reply to him. If he will even repeat his questions, in his own name, I shall be happy to answer them.

Faithfully yours,
London, 31st July, 1875.

CHAS. J. BURGESS.

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

WAS SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN A FREEMASON?

Post Boy, No. 5245, March 2nd—March 5th, 1722.—"This evening the corpse of that worthy Freemason, Sir Christopher Wren, Knight, is to be interred under the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral."

Post Man, March 5th—March 7th, 1723.—"Last Tuesday night the corpse of Sir Christopher Wren was carried from his late dwelling-house to be interred in the vault under the dome of St. Paul's; the hearse was preceded by a handsome cavalcade, and followed by fifteen mourning coaches and six, as well as by several gentlemen's coaches."

Post Boy, March 5th—March 7th, 1722.—"The following plain inscription is engraven on the plate upon Sir Christopher Wren's coffin, viz.—"Christophorus Wren, Eques awratus, hujus Ecclesie Architectus, obiit Feb. 25, Anno Dom. 1723 aetat. 91."

I cannot discover any further account. But, please, observe the difference in dates, to be accounted for by the old and new style.

The *Post Boy* of March 5th, 1722, prints an inscription that says Sir Christopher Wren died Feb., 1723. The *Post Man* of March 5th—7th, 1723, says Sir Christopher Wren was buried last Tuesday night. "Such is the result of the search in the British Museum."

A MASONIC STUDENT.

I have read the remarks by "A Masonic Student" at page 338, but although he answers the above question in the affirmative, he brings forward no real evidence in support of his view. The idea that the use of the words, "that worthy Freemason" by the *Post Boy*, proves the general acceptance of the factis scarcely the sort of Masonic evidence that I would put much weight upon. The only real piece of evidence that I have yet seen, so far as I can at present judge, is the quotation from Aubrey's Natural History of Wiltshire, but that quotation does not state that he was enrolled among the members of the fraternity, if merely states that on May 18th, 1691, he is to be adopted a brother. Consequently, as "there's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip," and as "is to be" and "was" are not exactly equivalent expressions, I venture to consider it possible that Wren never was adopted at all. Of course we read in Preston's Illustrations of Masonry, that Wren got on to be a Grand Warden in 1663, and a Deputy Grand Master in 1666, but as both of these dates occur a considerable time previous to May 18th, 1691, when even his adoption was still in the womb of futurity, it follows that, to say the least, the evidence as to Wren's Masonic career is somewhat conflicting, not to press the facts that it would appear that no such Masonic

"Grands" were in existence in 1666. As to the value of Elmes' statements, that is seen to be very small indeed when he quotes as a fact the imaginary 1666 Deputy Grand Mastership of Wren. Then as to the notion that the connection of Sir Christopher Wren with Freemasonry caused it to be so popular that even William the Third of England joined the body in 1695, we find Bro. Hughan in the *Masonic Jewel* for April, 1875, saying, "Neither is there a scrap of evidence that Freemasonry was popular from 1691, because of Sir Christopher Wren's admission into the fraternity, or, in fact, that the fraternity was at all popular from 1691 to 1721!" The question is still an open one yet, I think—"Was Sir Christopher Wren ever adopted at all?" W. P. BUCHAN.

MASONIC MEDALS AND TOKENS.

The Schichley Masonic token which came into my possession about eight months ago differs, if any, very slightly from Bro. Hughan's. The inscription on the rim is "Masonic token. I. Schichley, fecit 1794." The initial letter "I" has not been mentioned by either of your correspondents; what Bro. Hughan calls the hour-glass appears to me more like a book. I cannot discover the mallet, but have an idea, if it is on my token, it is near the supposed book; the trowel is placed between the left foot of the figure and the plumb.

The coat of arms as described by E. S., page 338, is the same, but I cannot discern the compasses on the chevron, but they may be worn off, though the motto is very plain; and the supports are intended for "beavers," not "leopards," the first-named being operative builders.

Aug. 3rd, 1875.

T. F.

LAYING THE MEMORIAL STONE OF THE NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL AT TARBOLTON.

On Saturday, 24th ult., the memorial stone of the new public school buildings in course of erection at Tarbolton was planted with Masonic honours, under the auspices of St. James Kilwinning, No. 135—the lodge in which Burns

"Of, honour'd with supreme command,
Presided o'er the sons of light."

In the absence of Colonel Mure of Caldwell, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, the ceremony was performed by the Senior Provincial Grand Warden, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Proxy P.G.M. of the West India Islands, etc. He was accompanied by Bros. Robert Wylie, J.P., Past Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire; John Whinton, P.G. Treas.; the Rev. John W. Ritchie, of the Old Kirk Mission, Edinburgh, Acting P.G. Chaplain; John Baird, P.M. 3 bis, Substitute Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow, P.S.W. 488, Tobago, etc. There was a numerous attendance of the Craft, representing the following lodges, viz., Mother Kilwinning; St. Cuthbert Kilwinning, Kirkcudbright; Navigation, Troon; Kilwinning, Ayr; St. Mungo, Mauchline; St. Paul, Ayr; St. Barnabas, Cumnock; St. John, New Cumnock; St. Thomas Kilwinning, Dalmellington; Govandale, Govan; St. John, Catrine. The strongest deputation (numbering 70, including musicians) was that led by R.W.M. Chambers, of Ayr St. Paul. In addition to these were the members of the Tarbolton Lodge in great force, bearing the flag, now sadly dilapidated, under which the poet had walked in "grand procession" through the village, with the minute-book and other documents containing his signature—the jewel which had hung on his breast while presiding in the Orient worn by the Acting P.G.M. Two very old Craftsmen honoured the ranks with their presence, viz., Alexander Murchy of Mockton (now Troon) Navigation, aged ninety-three, and John McMillan of Tarbolton St. James, aged eighty-nine years—the former having been initiated in 1802, is believed to be the oldest Freemason in Scotland. Among the onlookers we observed two brethren whose past Masonic services entitle them to this recognition, viz., Bro. James Brown, merchant, a Past Master of St. James, and Bro. John Sloan, of St. David (Burns' mother lodge).

Starting from No. 1 Public School, where it was marshalled by Bro. Charles Sneddon, and headed by the Ayr Volunteer Artillery Band, with the Annbank and the Mauchline brass bands stationed for effect at different points, the procession moved towards the new buildings, where they were received by the following members of the School Board, viz., Bros. the Rev. David Ritchie, A.M., Established Church; the Rev. William Young, Free Church; John Gray, Tongue. The R.W.M., Neil Murchie, and the principal officials of the Tarbolton Lodge—Bros. James McCosh, Peter Barclay, Edward Dodd, James Cree—also appeared on the platform. The vacant space around the building was densely packed with spectators, and by the time the brethren had assembled every available spot for witnessing the proceedings was crowded. The ceremony began with prayer by the acting Provincial Grand Chaplain. A bottle containing coins, copies of newspapers, &c., having been deposited, the memorial stone was lowered to its bed, and having been tested by plumb, square, and level, corn, wine, and oil was poured upon it, and with three taps of the mallet it was declared to have been duly laid according to the rules of Masonry. The ceremonies were interspersed with appropriate music. The choir of the Established Church, under the leadership of Bro. David Petticrew, occupied a place on the platform, and sang the Old Hundredth Psalm and other sacred pieces with admirable effect.

Bro. Lyon, in addressing the assemblage, said—"The business for which we have been convened, and which has been done in due and ancient form, recalls to mind the passing away of that system of education for which during several centuries this country has been famous, and under which have been educated some of the brightest men of genius of which Scotland or the world can boast. Let us hope that the new system may prove a worthy successor to

the old, and eventually realise all that is expected of it. Some years ago the educational wants of this village were met by the erection of a subscription school—a step which was honourable alike to its originators and those who aided in carrying it out; and it is a matter of congratulation that the School Board should, in the erection of this other seminary, have afforded still greater facilities for educating the youth of the parish. (Applause.) My limited acquaintance with Tarbolton precludes me from presenting a retrospect of its educational history. "Death and Dr. Hornbook" has immortalised the parish schoolmaster of the time; but farther back on the roll of those who have held that office stands the name of one whose godly life and devotion to Presbyterianism in the persecution which preceded the Revolution has earned for him an exalted place in our national history. That man was Alexander Peden. (Applause.) And standing as it were under the shade of those woods where

"Summer first unfaulds her robes," does not "Mary's Thorn," with its tender memories, and "The Castle of Montgomerie," stir up recollections of Burns's intimate association with this district? So does the appearance of St. James Kilwinning Tarbolton at the head of the procession to-day; for it was to the brethren of that lodge he addressed the "heart-warm fond adieu" which has imperishably associated the poet's name not with that particular lodge only, but with Masonry itself. (Applause.) Burns was strongly attached to the principles of Freemasonry, and shared in its labours—and it was to his relationship to the Craft that he owed his introduction to the brilliant circle of literary and scientific men whose acquaintance he made on his first visit to the Scottish metropolis, and who did so much to spread the fame of his poetical genius. In referring to Burns and his connection with Tarbolton, I am reminded of the fact that this parish was the birth-place of Thom, the sculptor of the statues illustrative of a scene in the tale of "Tam o'Shaunter," which have been admired by thousands of visitors to Burns's Monument at Alloway. In modelling as well as in cutting these and other figures the sculptor had an apt assistant in his brother Robert. The presence of that gentleman in the Masonic ranks is a pleasing feature of this day's proceedings. (Applause.) In many respects this locality is rich in its associations. Here it was that, at a remote period of our country's history, the invading Britons were successfully resisted by the Scots and Picts, whose victory was rendered complete through the death of the enemy's chief. A green mound within a few hundred yards of this spot is still pointed to by tradition as the last resting-place of "Auld King Coil." In pre-Reformation times, this neighbourhood was the seat of a monastery, but little is now known of it or its occupants, save that the convent was founded in the middle of the thirteenth century, and that "The Friars of Fail drank berry-brown ale,
The best that e'er was tasted, . . .
And they never wanted gear enough
As long as their neighbours' lasted."

But, brethren, believing that you will be better employed in viewing the scenery amid which this village is embosomed than in listening to any further remarks of mine, I shall conclude by thanking you for your attendance here to-day, and the builders of this edifice for the excellence of their arrangements. (Applause.)

The Acting P.G.M. having also expressed his acknowledgements to the members of the School Board present for their courtesy in connection with the proceedings on this occasion,

The Rev. Mr. Ritchie begged, in his own name and in the name of the other members of the School Board, to express their deep sense of their obligation to them for their attendance on that occasion, and the important work which had been so well performed by the Grand Master.

The Rev. Mr. Young also made a few remarks. After the ceremony the Lodge St. James entertained the Acting Provincial Grand Master and other gentlemen to dinner in the Crown Inn.

CELEBRATION BY BLACKHAWK LODGE OF HAMILTON, U.S.

Blackhawk Lodge No. 238, A.F. and A.M., of Hamilton, celebrated St. John's Day, Thursday, June 24th, on the island between Hamilton and Keokuk in an appropriate manner.

The procession was formed at Masonic Hall in Hamilton, at 10 o'clock, and proceeded from thence to the grounds, where the usual order of exercises was observed.

Music by the Keokuk Cornet Band.

Chorus, by Male Quartette, composed of Theo. English, Dr. C. H. Winslow, Dr. G. S. Fuller, and G. O. Hilton, of Keokuk.

Oration, by Hon. R. F. Bower, of Keokuk.

Chorus—Male Quartette.

Call off for refreshments, &c.

Music—Band. Chorus.

Original Poem—Composed for the occasion by Iowa's gifted poetess, Kate Harrington. Chorus.

After the delivery of the poem the steamer Jennie Brown, accompanied by the band, left the landing for a two hours excursion on the Rapids.

The site selected for the celebration—the island directly opposite the city—is a convenient, accessible and inviting one. It is covered with a beautiful blue grass sod, abundantly shaded, and has a good landing on the river front for steamers and sail boats. There was free access to the grounds.

All friends of the Order were invited to be present and participate in the celebration, and there was a large attendance from Keokuk city.

The reputation of Black Hawk Lodge for getting up enjoyable entertainments, is sufficient guarantee that the celebration was a success.—*Daily Gate City.*

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, August 13, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7.

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 9.

General Committee, Boys' School, at 4. Chap. 720, Panmure, Horns Hotel, Kennington. " 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall. Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor. Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor. Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7. Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor. Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor. British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8. St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor. Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors. West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor. Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8. Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead. " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford. Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor. Domestic 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. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor. Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey P.M. 180, Preceptor. Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W. Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30. Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor. Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction (No. 1360), Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8; Bro. G. King, P.M., Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at 3. Lodge 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone. " 1260, Hervey, Freemasons' Hall. 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 12.

K. T. Precep. 45, Temple Cressing, Bridge House Hotel London Bridge.
 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), Buil and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13.

Lodge 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hotel, New Wandsworth.
 Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Brcs. 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 Coutts 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 14, 1875.

MONDAY, AUGUST 9.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston
 " 721, Independence, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 5.
 " 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.
 " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.
 " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 9.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescott, at 6.
 Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-le-Willows.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
 " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 " 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
 " 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12.

Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.
 " 950, He-keth, Royal Hotel, Dock-st., Fleetwood.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1213, Bridgwater, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles, near Manchester.
 Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.
 For the Week ending Saturday, August 14, 1875.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11.

Lodge 54, Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale, at 7.
 " 116, Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne, at 7.
 " 146, Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bolton, at 7.
 " 204, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.
 " 277, Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Oldham, at 6.
 " 325, St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Salford, at 6.30
 " 852, Zetland, Albert Hall, Salford, at 6.
 Chap. 298 Unity, Masonic Rooms, Rochdale, at 7.
 Mark Lodge 142 Wike, Church Inn, Whitefield, near Manchester, at 7.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12.

Lodge 281, Amity, Swan Inn, Haslingden, at 7.
 " 816, Royds, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale, at 6.30.
 " 854, Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham, at 8.
 " 1055, Derby, Knowsley Hotel, Cheetham, Manchester, at 6.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13.

Lodge 815 Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, August 14, 1875.
 All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, AUGUST 9.

Lodge 102, St Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 204, St. Paul, Whip Inn, Ayr.
 " 205, Garthland, St. Wimoch, Eagle Inn, Lochwinnoch.
 " 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
 " 307, Union and Crown, Masonic Hall, Barrhead.
 " 302, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.
 " 384, Athole, Washington Hotel, Kirkintulloch.
 " 403, St. George, Oddfellows' Hall, Helensburgh.
 " 541, Marie Stuart, Masonic Hall, Crosshill.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

Lodge 177, St. James, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.
 " 230, St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hotel, Old Cumnock
 " 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 419, Neptune, 35, St. James's-street.
 " 426, Prince of Wales, Mas. Hall, High-st. Renfrew
 " 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street, Glasgow.
 Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.
 Chap. 113, Partick, St. Mary's Hall, Partick.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12.

Lodge 88, New Monkland, Town Hall, Airdrie.
 " 109, St. Marnock's, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.
 " 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hotel, Dalry.
 Chap. 50, Glasgow, 313, Buchanan-st.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13.

Lodge 18, Dumbarton, Kilwinning Mission Hall, Dumbarton.
 " 170, Leven St. John's, Black Bull Hotel, Leven.
 " 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hotel, Kilbrnie.
 " 427, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Cambusna then.
 Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14.

Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 14, 1875.

MONDAY, AUGUST 9.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen's, Writers' Court, High-st.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

Lodge 1, St. Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.
 " 17 Ancient Brazen, Town Hall, Linlithgon.
 Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11.

Lodge 2, Canongate, St. John's Chapel, St. John-st.
 Chap. 1, Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12.

Lodge 8 Journeyman, Freemasons' Hall, Blackfriars-st.
 " 270 Thistle, Masons Hall, West-Calder.
 " 272 St. John's, Calder Hotel, Mid-Calder.
 " 392 Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

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