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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

## METROPOLITAN.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178) was held at Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Thursday, September 2nd. Bro. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec., presided as W.M. He passed Bros. Carterbrook, Savage, and Nice; raised Bros. Shaw and Bell. The elections resulted in Bros. J. A. Smith, J.W., being W.M.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., Treas. and J.W.; Y. Laing, P.M., Tyler, being re-elected. The W.M., Bro. C. Deakin, arrived in time to close the lodge. The only visitor was Bro. P. Magee, 548. There was not any banquet or refreshment.

STAR LODGE (No. 1275).—The seventh installation meeting took place at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, September 3rd. Bro. J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M. and Treas., took the chair. He raised Bro. F. J. Lindsey, initiated Mr. C. Marr; installed J. J. Limebeer, S.W., as W.M. Officers are—H. J. Green, S.W.; R. W. Williams, J.W.; Rev. G. R. P. Colles, Chaplain; J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., Treas., (re-invested 6th time); F. Walters, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec. (re-invested 7th time); C. W. Williams, S.D.; W. B. Woodman, J.D.; W. Kippis, I.G.; E. W. Chetwynd, D.C. W. Ough, P.G.P., P.M., delivered the addresses. Vote of thanks was given to Bros. J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., Treas., and F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec., for carrying out their duties as Treasurer and Secretary to the satisfaction of the lodge, and with credit to themselves. Some candidates were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed. Banquet and dessert followed. Bro. E. W. Mackney, P.M., sang some of his best songs. The visitors were Bros. H. Potter, P.M. 11; C. M. Hubback, P.G.S., P.M. 58; G. T. Fox, P.M. 73; J. Hayward, W.M. 946; G. A. Garrett, P.M. 704; L. Dettimus, 179; J. V. Watkins, 1326; T. Jennings, P.M. 59; J. Hillhouse, P.M. 228; A. C. Burrell, W.M. 1446; J. Wright, P.M. 1158; J. H. Kemp, 27; A. W. Furber, 27; J. Burford, 173; A. M. Thomas, 134; F. R. Vine, 173; F. D. Vine, 173, and others. The members present besides those named were Bros. C. J. Hogg, P.G.P., P.M.; H. Keeble, P.M.; W. Mock, W. Brough, A. Tisley, W. Hardman, J. Brooks, J. Finch, S. Marketis, A. C. Woodward, H. J. Class, W. P. Tong, and others.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at Bro. Geo. Townsend's, the Leas, Stanley, Sandringham Road, Kingsland. There was a very large attendance of members of the lodge and visitors, the lodge, although a young one, having become very popular. As usual at this lodge, many of the visitors were of high rank in the Craft, while others have been known for some time as cordial supporters of the charities of the Order. Among the visitors were Bros. Wright, Grand Purs.; Peter de Lande Long, V.P. Board of General Purposes; H. G. Buss, P.G. Treas., Middlesex; W. Monckton, P.P.G.S.D., Kent; George Kenning, P.G.D., Middlesex; Thos. Grime, P.G.A.D.C., East Lancashire; E. Palmer, P.G.S.D., Kent; F. S. Knyvett, W.M. 1495; T. B. Yeoman, I.G. 1460; Koch, P.M. 820 and 1381; S. Watkins, P.M. 212; T. G. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933; B. Cundick, S.W. 1421; Williams, 933; Young, 820; H. Robinson, 65; Moss, 212; Fellows, 192; Turner, 754; Gutheray, 3, Hungary; Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason); Withers, 933; Durant, 1056; John Green, 27; and S. Archer, 1426. Among the members of the lodge were Bros. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; W. T. Howe, P.M.; G. Townsend, P.M. 820, W.M. 724; E. Blackmur, S. H. Cox, J. C. Preston, S. Howell, J. G. Long, [S. Hill, J. H. Cambridge, J. Badkin, G. C. Obey, J. H. Vollum, E. Smith, J. Rainbow, S. Clark, G. Mowl, J. Jermy, and W. A. Ide. Bro. Frank Green, W.M., presided, and by an excellent arrangement the only ceremony he had to perform was the installation, the ceremonies of advancing members having been completed at a former meeting, an example which might with benefit be followed by other lodges in the forthcoming season. The minutes having been confirmed, and the audit report, which was very favourable, having been adopted, Bro. Frank Green proceeded with the installation,

and in admirable style placed Bro. W. H. Myers, S.W., and W.M. elect, in the chair of the lodge. At the proper time the following brethren were appointed to office:—Bros. Frank Green, I.P.M.; F. W. Wilkins, S.W.; J. Pinder, J.W.; W. T. Howe, P.M., P.G. Purs. Middlesex, Treas.; G. E. Walters, Sec.; J. E. Simms, S.D.; J. Clark, J.D.; T. E. Goddard, D.C.; S. L. Green, I.G.; N. D. Partridge, Stewd.; C. Hubbard, Stewd.; and Bro. Gilchrist, Tyler. An eight guinea P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Frank Green, who made a short acknowledgment to the brethren for the gift. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial banquet and first class wines, provided by Bro. Townsend. The customary toasts were given and drunk at the termination of the repast. After "The Queen," and "The Grand Master" had been duly honoured, "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters and the rest of the Grand Officers" was proposed by the W.M., and Bro. Wright, G.P., replied. As a Grand Officer he hoped the present and future Grand Officers would endeavour to emulate those who had gone before them, and to earn the favourable opinion of their brethren. The present Grand Officers he knew were anxious to do so, and he advised the brethren as a stepping stone to be well up in lodge work. The Grand Officers were always well received in Masonry, and this stimulated brethren to do all they possibly could to obtain the same honours. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., who was also called on to respond, said, that as a member of the lodge he had hoped to be excused from performing this duty, but as the brethren would not excuse him he could only reiterate what Bro. Wright had said. It was a great pleasure to him to be a member of such a lodge as the Prince Leopold, and he hoped its prosperity would continue, which he could not doubt, as he could see it was opening and extending most brilliantly and splendidly under the auspices of the Masters who had already occupied the chair. "The Masonic Institutions" was the next toast, and the W.M. said he thought a Freemason who practised charity might go through the world, and be reckoned the best Freemason there was. He (the W.M.) would give the brethren an excellent opportunity of practising charity, for he should stand as Steward for the next festival of the Aged Freemasons. He did not know whether all the brethren before him had practised charity, but he could assure them that the pleasure of contributing to the pleasure of another person was the utmost delight any one could feel. Bro. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933, replied in a speech of considerable length, contrasting the position of the charities in the past with the present. Formerly the claims of the charities required pressing, but now it did not require much urging to induce individuals to subscribe. He believed he was the first that took up the subject in the East End of London. In his younger days, being ambitious of rendering himself useful in Freemasonry, and desirous of going into office, he was "snubbed" and "put down." At length he found there was a direction in which he could be useful—the support of the charities; and in this, when he took it up, he was not snubbed or put down, for he had the field entirely to himself. By his humble efforts attention had been called to what was thought the grandest feature in Freemasonry, the relief of those who were unable to relieve themselves. The Institution had now arrived at a glorious pitch, but it was insignificant to what it ought to be, and what he was sure it would be in the future. Some lodges there were—indeed, there was one great lodge in London—that rejoiced in having a bread-and-cheese banquet, and giving the price of a regular banquet to the charities. That was a glorious effort no doubt; but he trusted that Freemasonry had not fallen to so low a point as to be obliged to sit down to a bread-and-cheese supper in order to make the charities of the Order rich or sufficient to supply the wants of the poor. He hoped that they could afford to sit down to supper and yet give something to the charities, if only 5s. Even though small it was acceptable; it was the widow's mite, the many 5s. which made the Benevolent Institution so rich. There were 100 men that could give 5s. for one that could give £5, and 100 who could give £5 for one that could give £50. He exhorted the brethren to get all the 5s. they could; he himself had taken half-crowns. Let them not "despise the day of small things," or forget the "power of the pence." Bro. Frank Green proposed "The Health of the W.M." The W.M., he said, enjoyed a privilege which did not fall to the lot of every occupant of the chair—he brought with him to the Prince Leopold Lodge experience gained elsewhere. When he said that was an advantage to the W.M., he would like to impress on the brethren that it was a still greater advantage to the members of the Prince Leopold Lodge. Those W.M.'s who had gone before the present W.M. were not great in number but strong in principle. They had not had much previous experience, and for one of them at all events he might say that he came into the chair very "green" indeed to the work. He had heard it said that in the place from which the present W.M. last hailed, he found it impossible to steer that lodge clear of "mires." He could only say that if he could not steer the Prince Leopold Lodge clear of mires he would not leave it in the Slough of Despond. He congratulated the brethren on having the experience of their W.M., which, he was sure, would culminate in great credit to the Prince Leopold Lodge. He could not sit down without taking that opportunity, if the W.M. would allow him to do so, of congratulating him upon the number of visitors who were around that festive board. It was not only gratifying to the W.M., but equally so to the P.M.'s, to see the W.M. so well supported. Many of the visitors had come long distances to congratulate him on being installed. Many of the brethren who visited the lodge last year to see him (Bro. Green) installed were so well impressed with what they witnessed, and the reception they met with, that they had come again this year. No greater testimony

could be borne to the favourable nature of the reception they had last year. He hoped they would come a third, fourth, and fifth time. Bro. Green then drew attention to the circumstance that Bro. Grime had come from East Lancashire, and Bro. Walter Monckton from the wilds of Kent. Bros. Long and Palmer had also come at great inconvenience to themselves. The W.M. acknowledged the value of the experience he brought from his other lodge, but said he was one of the weakest of mortals at the banquet table. But for work in lodge he would not give way to any brother present. He would do his duties as Master in making, passing, and raising Masons. He then thanked the visitors for attending, and afterwards proposed their health. Bro. Peter de L. Long replied, and thanked the W.M. for the great Masonic treat which they had had. Having, as an old Mason, visited many lodges, he could say he had never seen the installation better performed than by Immediate P.M. Green that night. The W.M., also, in the appointment and investiture of officers had shewn the utmost skill, and these facts augured well for the prosperity of the lodge. The gavel was now in the hands of a brother who would most ably maintain the good name the lodge had already obtained. The visitors felt sure that he would do so, and he (Bro. Long) trusted that all the brethren would rally round the W.M., and support him in every way, and maintain the good name of the lodge for many, many years to come. The visitors would always be happy to assist again at the installation, and hoped they would see many as good Masons placed in the chair of the Prince Leopold Lodge as he who had been placed there that night. The W.M., in giving "The Health of the P.M.'s," said he would endeavour to prove that this lodge was designed from the "Third period of Creation," to become a fact, and he, in a series of amusing similes connected the names and pursuits of the Masters of the lodge with the events given in the lecture on the six periods of Creation. Bro. Green and Bro. Howe both responded, the latter saying that what little he had done for the lodge he had done with a great deal of pleasure. His anxiety for the prosperity of the lodge was as great now as when the lodge was first launched into existence. He looked upon that day as one of the red letter days in the history of the lodge, for they had then installed the third out of four of the promoters of the lodge. He was sure the new W.M. would go through his year of office as successfully as Bro. Green and himself (Bro. Howe) had; and if only the officers who would follow him would do the same, the lodge's prosperity would continue, and it would be second to none in the Craft. "The Officers of the Lodge" having been proposed and drunk, and responded to by Bros. Wilkins and Pinder, the brethren separated.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, September 3rd, at the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Ball's-pond Road. Bro. W. Stephens, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bro. G. Somers, S.W.; W. J. Murlis, J.W.; T. Jessett, S.D.; J. Walford, P.M., J.D., and several other brethren. Bros. C. H. Fisher, W. Langford, S. Smout, jun.; H. Johns, J. Pushman, and E. Blunt, were raised; and Bros. B. Jeffries, W. J. Cook, and D. Fraser, passed. The W.M. did the raisings separately, and gave the traditional history in very fluent and correct style. In the passings he explained the working tools according to the lectures. None of the numerous candidates for initiation, whose names had been previously balloted for, presented themselves. Several visitors were present, and one from the Grand Lodge of Quebec expressed his pleasure at finding the work of the lodge so well performed. Before the evening was brought to a close Bro. Murlis, W.M. elect., thanked the W.M., Bro. Stephens, for the kind invitation given to the ladies to the summer pic-nic at Burnham Beeches, the proceedings at which were reported in our last impression. He hoped that the lodge would never lose the opportunity of paying such a compliment to the sex, who had no other chance of meeting with the brethren as brethren. He also rejoiced in all the arrangements on that occasion having been carried out so successfully. Bro. Murlis, in turn, was congratulated on being W.M. elect. Bro. Murlis is very popular among the brethren, and is also a great supporter of the Masonic Institutions, and his coming Mastership is looked forward to as one likely to be as brilliant as that of Bro. Stephens.

DERBY.—HARTINGTON LODGE (No. 1085).—On Wednesday evening, the 1st inst., this lodge held its usual meeting at the Masonic Hall. The brethren present were: Bros. Henry T. Bobart, P.P.G.S.B., W.M.; S. Pipes, S.W.; W. Heathcote, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P.M., Treas.; J. Worsnop, Sec.; Theo. Hills, S.D.; Thos. Gadsby, J.D.; J. Heathcote, I.G.; T. Slinn, O.G.; Geo. Pipes, J. H. Biggs, T. H. Hepworth, Edgar Taylor, J. O. Manton, Henry Mills, James Parkins, jun. The lodge was opened in the First Degree at 7.30 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was read from Bro. Stone, acknowledging with heartfelt thanks the donation of five guineas, which was voted to him by the lodge at the last meeting for their appreciation of his services as Tyler. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was then closed in the Third and Second Degree. The W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the Grand Secretary's letter, forbidding all "special or commemorative lodge jewels" to be worn by members of the Craft without the express authority of His Royal Highness the Worshipful Grand Master. A gentleman having been proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed in ancient form and solemn prayer, and adjourned until the 6th of October.

LIVERPOOL.—LODGE OF EMULATION (No. 1505).—The last ordinary meeting of the first year's existence of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday, the 3rd inst., under the presidency

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#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, September 10, 1875.

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

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

General Committee, Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 1460, Thames Valley, Ship Hotel, Halliford, near Shepperton.  
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.  
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, SEPTEMBER 6.

Lodge 144, St. Luke's, Mason's Hall, Basinghall-street.  
Mark Lodge, 139, Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
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, SEPTEMBER 7.

Colonial Board at 3.  
Lodge 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.  
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.  
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, High-street, Woolwich.  
" 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.  
Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, Mason's Hall, Mason's Avenue Basinghall-street.  
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, Preceptor.  
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, Preceptor.  
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.  
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.  
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.  
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), 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, SEPTEMBER 8.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at 3.  
Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-St., Woolwich.  
" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.  
" 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstour.  
Chap. 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 Edgecumbe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

Lodge 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock.

" 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N.

" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill.

" 1471, Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.

Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tavern, Kennington.

" 619, Beadon, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction (898), George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar, at 8; Bro. S. T. Finch, Preceptor.

Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheapside, 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, SEPTEMBER 10.

Lodge 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hotel, New Wandsworth.

Mark Lodge, 176, Era, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.

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.

Pannure 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.

Stability Lodge of Instruction, Gresham-street, 6 to 8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, 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. Fouts, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

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

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 11, 1875.

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Assembly Rooms, Bull Hotel, Preston.

" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.

" 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.

" 1264, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.  
Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

Lodge 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.

" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.

Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescott, at 6.

" 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, SEPTEMBER 9.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.

" 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.

" 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 6.

" 950, Hesketh, 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, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles, near Manchester.

Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 5.

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, near Birkenhead, at 7.

Chap. 249, Mariners', Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, September 11, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

Lodge 124, Kilwinning, Union Tavern, Ayr.

" 129, St. Mirren's, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.

" 138, Operative, Blue Bell Hotel, Ayr.

" 237, St. John, Masonic Arms, Girvan.

" 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose Street.

Chap. 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-street, Glasgow.

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

Lodge 32, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.

" 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 87, Thistle, 30, Hope-street.

" 173, St. John, Masonic Hall, Largs.

" 198, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Maybole.

" 233, Hamilton, Spalding's Hotel, Hamilton.

" 331, St. Peter's, Portland Arms, Galston.

" 433, St. Thomas, Eglinton Hall, Dalmellington.

" 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.

" 497, St. John's, Brewery Hall, Catrine.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-street.

Chap. 113, Partick, St. Mary's Hall, Partick.

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

Lodge 88, New Monkland, Town Hall, Airdrie.

" 203, St. John's Operative, Olive Hall, Airdrie.

" 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hotel, Dalry, at 7.

Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Lodge 18, Dumbarton Kilwinning, Mission Hall, Dumbarton.

" 170, Leven St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Leven.

" 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hotel, Kilbirnie.

" 427, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Cambusnethan.

Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 11, 1875.

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

Lodge 10, Dalkeith, High-street, Dalkeith.

" 44, St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh.

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 86, Constitution-street.

" 30, St. David, Ship Hotel, E., Register-street.

" 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

Lodge 2, Canongate, St. John's Chapel, St. John-st.

Chap. 1, Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall, George-st.

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

Lodge 8, Journeyman, Freemasons' Hall, Blackfriars-st.

" 270, Thistle, Masonic Hall, West-Calder.

" 272, St. John's, Mid-Calder Hotel, Mid-Calder.

" 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

## METROPOLITAN.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178) was held at Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Thursday, September 2nd. Bro. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. Sec., presided as W.M. He passed Bros. Carterbrook, Savage, and Nice; raised Bros. Shaw and Bell. The elections resulted in Bros. J. A. Smith, J.W., being W.M.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., Treas. and J.W.; Y. Laing, P.M., Tyler, being re-elected. The W.M., Bro. C. Deakin, arrived in time to close the lodge. The only visitor was Bro. P. Magee, 548. There was not any banquet or refreshment.

STAR LODGE (No. 1275).—The seventh installation meeting took place at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, September 3rd. Bro. J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M. and Treas., took the chair. He raised Bro. F. J. Lindsey, initiated Mr. C. Marr; installed J. J. Limebeer, S.W., as W.M. Officers are:—H. J. Green, S.W.; R. W. Williams, J.W.; Rev. G. R. P. Colles, Chaplain; J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., Treas., (re-invested 6th time); F. Walters, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec. (re-invested 7th time); C. W. Williams, S.D.; W. B. Woodman, J.D.; W. Kipps, I.G.; E. W. Chetwynd, D.C. W. Ough, P.G.P., P.M., delivered the addresses. Vote of thanks was given to Bros. J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., Treas., and F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec., for carrying out their duties as Treasurer and Secretary to the satisfaction of the lodge, and with credit to themselves. Some candidates were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed. Banquet and dessert followed. Bro. E. W. Mackney, P.M., sang some of his best songs. The visitors were Bros. H. Polter, P.M. 11; C. M. Hubback, P.G.S., P.M. 58; G. T. Fox, P.M. 73; J. Hayward, W.M. 946; G. A. Garrett, P.M. 704; L. Dettimus, 179; J. V. Watkins, 1326; T. Jennings, P.M. 59; J. Hillhouse, P.M. 228; A. C. Burrell, W.M. 1446; J. Wright, P.M. 1158; J. H. Kemp, 27; A. W. Furber, 27; J. Burford, 173; A. M. Thomas, 134; F. R. Vine, 173; F. D. Vine, 173, and others. The members present besides those named were Bros. C. J. Hogg, P.G.P., P.M.; H. Keeble, P.M.; W. Mock, W. Brough, A. Tisley, W. Hardman, J. Brooks, J. Finch, S. Marketis, A. C. Woodward, H. J. Class, W. P. Tong, and others.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at Bro. Geo. Townsend's, the Lodge, Stanley, Sandringham Road, Kingsland. There was a very large attendance of members of the lodge and visitors, the lodge, although a young one, having become very popular. As usual at this lodge, many of the visitors were of high rank in the Craft, while others have been known for some time as cordial supporters of the charities of the Order. Among the visitors were Bros. Wright, Grand Purst.; Peter de Lande Long, V.P. Board of General Purposes; H. G. Buss, P.G. Treas., Middlesex; W. Monckton, P.P.G.S.D., Kent; George Kenning, P.G.D., Middlesex; Thos. Grime, P.G.A.D.C., East Lancashire; E. Palmer, P.G.S.D., Kent; F. S. Knyvett, W.M. 1495; T. B. Yeoman, I.G. 1460; Koch, P.M. 820 and 1381; S. Watkins, P.M. 212; T. G. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933; B. Cundick, S.W. 1421; Williams, 933; Young, 820; H. Robinson, 65; Moss, 212; Fellows, 192; Turner, 754; Gutheray, 3, Hungary; Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason); Withers, 933; Durant, 1056; John Green, 27; and S. Archer, 1426. Among the members of the lodge were Bros. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; W. T. Howe, P.M.; G. Townsend, P.M. 820, W.M. 724; E. Blackmur, S. H. Cox, J. C. Preston, S. Howell, J. G. Long, J. Hill, J. H. Cambridge, J. Badkin, G. C. Obey, J. H. Vollum, E. Smith, J. Rainbow, S. Clark, G. Mowl, J. Jermy, and W. A. Ide. Bro. Frank Green, W.M., presided, and by an excellent arrangement the only ceremony he had to perform was the installation, the ceremonies of advancing members having been completed at a former meeting, an example which might with benefit be followed by other lodges in the forthcoming season. The minutes having been confirmed, and the audit report, which was very favourable, having been adopted, Bro. Frank Green proceeded with the installation,

and in admirable style placed Bro. W. H. Myers, S.W., and W.M. elect, in the chair of the lodge. At the proper time the following brethren were appointed to office:—Bros. Frank Green, I.P.M.; F. W. Wilkins, S.W.; J. Pinder, J.W.; W. T. Howe, P.M., P.G. Purst. Middlesex, Treas.; G. E. Walters, Sec.; J. E. Simms, S.D.; J. Clark, J.D.; T. E. Goddard, D.C.; S. L. Green, I.G.; N. D. Partridge, Stewd.; C. Hubbard, Stewd.; and Bro. Gilchrist, Tyler. An eight guinea P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Frank Green, who made a short acknowledgment to the brethren for the gift. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial banquet and first class wines, provided by Bro. Townsend. The customary toasts were given and drunk at the termination of the repast. After "The Queen," and "The Grand Master" had been duly honoured, "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters and the rest of the Grand Officers" was proposed by the W.M., and Bro. Wright, G.P., replied. As a Grand Officer he hoped the present and future Grand Officers would endeavour to emulate those who had gone before them, and to earn the favourable opinion of their brethren. The present Grand Officers he knew were anxious to do so, and he advised the brethren as a stepping stone to be well up in lodge work. The Grand Officers were always well received in Masonry, and this stimulated brethren to do all they possibly could to obtain the same honours. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., who was also called on to respond, said, that as a member of the lodge he had hoped to be excused from performing this duty, but as the brethren would not excuse him he could only reiterate what Bro. Wright had said. It was a great pleasure to him to be a member of such a lodge as the Prince Leopold, and he hoped its prosperity would continue, which he could not doubt, as he could see it was opening and extending most brilliantly and splendidly under the auspices of the Masters who had already occupied the chair. "The Masonic Institutions" was the next toast, and the W.M. said he thought a Freemason who practised charity might go through the world, and be reckoned the best Freemason there was. He (the W.M.) would give the brethren an excellent opportunity of practising charity, for he should stand as Steward for the next festival of the Aged Freemasons. He did not know whether all the brethren before him had practised charity, but he could assure them that the pleasure of contributing to the pleasure of another person was the utmost delight any one could feel. Bro. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933, replied in a speech of considerable length, contrasting the position of the charities in the past with the present. Formerly the claims of the charities required pressing, but now it did not require much urging to induce individuals to subscribe. He believed he was the first that took up the subject in the East End of London. In his younger days, being ambitious of rendering himself useful in Freemasonry, and desirous of going into office, he was "snubbed" and "put down." At length he found there was a direction in which he could be useful—the support of the charities; and in this, when he took it up, he was not snubbed or put down; for he had the field entirely to himself. By his humble efforts attention had been called to what was thought the grandest feature in Freemasonry, the relief of those who were unable to relieve themselves. The Institution had now arrived at a glorious pitch, but it was insignificant to what it ought to be, and what he was sure it would be in the future. Some lodges there were—indeed, there was one great lodge in London—that rejoiced in having a bread-and-cheese banquet, and giving the price of a regular banquet to the charities. That was a glorious effort no doubt; but he trusted that Freemasonry had not fallen to so low a point as to be obliged to sit down to a bread-and-cheese supper in order to make the charities of the Order rich or sufficient to supply the wants of the poor. He hoped that they could afford to sit down to supper and yet give something to the charities, if only 5s. Even though small it was acceptable; it was the widow's mite, the many 5s. which made the Benevolent Institution so rich. There were 100 men that could give 5s. for one that could give £5, and 100 who could give £5 for one that could give £50. He exhorted the brethren to get all the 5s. they could; he himself had taken half-crowns. Let them not "despise the day of small things," or forget the "power of the pence." Bro. Frank Green proposed "The Health of the W.M." The W.M., he said, enjoyed a privilege which did not fall to the lot of every occupant of the chair—he brought with him to the Prince Leopold Lodge experience gained elsewhere. When he said that was an advantage to the W.M., he would like to impress on the brethren that it was a still greater advantage to the members of the Prince Leopold Lodge. Those W.M.'s who had gone before the present W.M. were not great in number but strong in principle. They had not had much previous experience, and for one of them at all events he might say that he came into the chair very "green" indeed to the work. He had heard it said that in the place from which the present W.M. last hailed, he found it impossible to steer that lodge clear of "mires." He could only say that if he could not steer the Prince Leopold Lodge clear of mires he would not leave it in the Slough of Despond. He congratulated the brethren on having the experience of their W.M., which, he was sure, would culminate in great credit to the Prince Leopold Lodge. He could not sit down without taking that opportunity, if the W.M. would allow him to do so, of congratulating him upon the number of visitors who were around that festive board. It was not only gratifying to the W.M., but equally so to the P.M.'s, to see the W.M. so well supported. Many of the visitors had come long distances to congratulate him on being installed. Many of the brethren who visited the lodge last year to see him (Bro. Green) installed were so well impressed with what they witnessed, and the reception they met with, that they had come again this year. No greater testimony

could be borne to the favourable nature of the reception they had last year. He hoped they would come a third, fourth, and fifth time. Bro. Green then drew attention to the circumstance that Bro. Grime had come from East Lancashire, and Bro. Walter Monckton from the wilds of Kent. Bros. Long and Palmer had also come at great inconvenience to themselves. The W.M. acknowledged the value of the experience he brought from his other lodge, but said he was one of the weakest of mortals at the banquet table. But for work in lodge he would not give way to any brother present. He would do his duties as Master in making, passing, and raising Masons. He then thanked the visitors for attending, and afterwards proposed their health. Bro. Peter de L. Long replied, and thanked the W.M. for the great Masonic treat which they had had. Having, as an old Mason, visited many lodges, he could say he had never seen the installation better performed than by Immediate P.M. Green that night. The W.M., also, in the appointment and investiture of officers had shewn the utmost skill, and these facts augured well for the prosperity of the lodge. The gavel was now in the hands of a brother who would most ably maintain the good name the lodge had already obtained. The visitors felt sure that he would do so, and he (Bro. Long) trusted that all the brethren would rally round the W.M., and support him in every way, and maintain the good name of the lodge for many, many years to come. The visitors would always be happy to assist again at the installation, and hoped they would see many as good Masons placed in the chair of the Prince Leopold Lodge as he who had been placed there that night. The W.M., in giving "The Health of the P.M.'s," said he would endeavour to prove that this lodge was designed from the "Third period of Creation," to become a fact, and he, in a series of amusing similes connected the names and pursuits of the Masters of the lodge with the events given in the lecture on the six periods of Creation. Bro. Green and Bro. Howe both responded, the latter saying that what little he had done for the lodge he had done with a great deal of pleasure. His anxiety for the prosperity of the lodge was as great now as when the lodge was first launched into existence. He looked upon that day as one of the red letter days in the history of the lodge, for they had then installed the third out of four of the promoters of the lodge. He was sure the new W.M. would go through his year of office as successfully as Bro. Green and himself (Bro. Howe) had; and if only the officers who would follow him would do the same, the lodge's prosperity would continue, and it would be second to none in the Craft. "The Officers of the Lodge" having been proposed and drunk, and responded to by Bros. Wilkins and Pinder, the brethren separated.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, September 3rd, at the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Ball's Pond Road. Bro. W. Stephens, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bro. G. Somers, S.W.; W. J. Murlis, J.W.; T. Jessett, S.D.; J. Walford, P.M., J.D., and several other brethren. Bros. C. H. Fisher, W. Langford, S. Smout, jun.; H. Johns, J. Pushman, and E. Blunt, were raised; and Bros. B. Jeffries, W. J. Cook, and D. Fraser, passed. The W.M. did the raisings separately, and gave the traditional history in very fluent and correct style. In the passings he explained the working tools according to the lectures. None of the numerous candidates for initiation, whose names had been previously balloted for, presented themselves. Several visitors were present, and one from the Grand Lodge of Quebec expressed his pleasure at finding the work of the lodge so well performed. Before the evening was brought to a close Bro. Murlis, W.M. elect, thanked the W.M., Bro. Stephens, for the kind invitation given to the ladies to the summer pic-nic at Burnham Beeches, the proceedings at which were reported in our last impression. He hoped that the lodge would never lose the opportunity of paying such a compliment to the sex, who had no other chance of meeting with the brethren as brethren. He also rejoiced in all the arrangements on that occasion having been carried out so successfully. Bro. Murlis, in turn, was congratulated on being W.M. elect. Bro. Murlis is very popular among the brethren, and is also a great supporter of the Masonic Institutions, and his coming: Mastership is looked forward to as one likely to be as brilliant as that of Bro. Stephens.

DERBY.—HARTINGTON LODGE (No. 1085).—On Wednesday evening, the 1st inst., this lodge held its usual meeting at the Masonic Hall. The brethren present were: Bros. Henry T. Bobart, P.P.G.S.B., W.M.; S. Pipes, S.W.; W. Heathcote, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P.M., Treas.; J. Worsnop, Sec.; Theo. Hills, S.D.; Thos. Gadsby, J.D.; J. Heathcote, I.G.; T. Slinn, O.G.; Geo. Pipes, J. H. Biggs, T. H. Hepworth, Edgar Taylor, J. O. Manton, Henry Mills, James Parkins, jun. The lodge was opened in the First Degree at 7.30 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was read from Bro. Stone, acknowledging with heartfelt thanks the donation of five guineas, which was voted to him by the lodge at the last meeting for their appreciation of his services as Tyler. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was then closed in the Third and Second Degree. The W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the Grand Secretary's letter, forbidding all "special or commemorative lodge jewels" to be worn by members of the Craft without the express authority of His Royal Highness the Worshipful Grand Master. A gentleman having been proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed in ancient form and solemn prayer, and adjourned until the 6th of October.

LIVERPOOL.—LODGE OF EMULATION (No. 1505).—The last ordinary meeting of the first year's existence of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday, the 3rd inst., under the presidency



of Bro. Henry Nelson, the first W.M., who is worthy of congratulation in connection with his general working and the admirable manner in which he has safely floated the good ship "Emulation." The officers present were Bros. J. T. Callow, S.W.; T. Morris, J.W.; J. Hocken, P.M., Treas.; W. Quayle, Sec.; R. Craft, J.D.; J. Capell, D.C.; J. Skeaf, acting I.P.M., Org.; and Ball, Tyler. The "full privates" present comprised among others Bros. J. Irving, R. Lytham, A. McKenzie, H. Coulson, M. Drake, jun., R. Foote, J. Queen, H. J. Atkinson, H. B. Saunders, R. Brown, W.M. 241; R. Taylor, C. W. Sidebotham, F. H. White, B. Anthony, W. S. Matthews, &c. The visitors present included Bros. G. Hutchin, S.W. 241; H. Burrows, J.W. 673; J. Robinson, 823; J. Norminton, 667; H. T. Raisbeck, 417; J. Busfield, 216; W. H. Cooper, J.W. 1350; R. N. Bence, 673; T. A. Bioletti, 241; W. Crane, P.M. 249; H. Hundle, &c. The First Degree was conferred on a candidate (Mr. Thomas) with masterly impressiveness by the W.M. The lodge then proceeded to the election of the necessary officers, when Bro. J. T. Callow, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. J. Hocken, P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treas.; and Bros. Queen and Atkinson were chosen auditors. It was resolved that a presentation should be made to Bro. Nelson, the retiring W.M., as a recognition of his valuable services during his official year. The brethren subsequently supped together, and during an exceedingly enjoyable evening the standard Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the prosperity of the Emulation, the excellence of its Mastership, the happy choice which had been made in the W.M. elect, and the fine musical harmony of the members, being the subjects most prominently dwelt upon. The musical programme, which was much above the average, was contributed to by Bros. Busfield (whose professional talent makes him a great favourite both amongst Masons and "outsiders"), Queen, Quayle, R. Brown, Morris, J.W.; Atkinson, Hindle, Washington, P.M. 1094; and R. R. Martin, 1094, each of whose efforts gave great satisfaction. Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., ably presided at the harmonium.

### Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—On Tuesday the installation meeting of this old Mark Lodge was held at Bro. C. Gosden's, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, when there were present Bros. Thos. B. Yeoman, W.M.; the Rev. Dr. Brette, of Christ's Hospital; Thos. Cubitt, Hyde Pullen, R. Wentworth Little, S. M. Lazarus, H. Massey ("Freemason"), Rev. W.B. Church, J. G. Marsh, W. T. Howe, Rev. P. M. Holden, Charles Horsley, H. Parker, Newton, W. Stephens, Keily, Southwell, R. G. Hall, W. Wilkinson, E. L. Shepherd, and W. H. Hubbard. The Rev. Dr. Brette was installed as W.M. of the lodge by Bro. H. C. Levander, and after the ceremony was completed the following brethren were appointed the officers of the lodge for the year:—Charles Horsley, S.W.; E. H. Thielley, J.W.; H. A. Dubois, M.O.; George Newman, S.O.; the Rev. P. M. Holden, J.O.; H. C. Levander, P.M., Treas.; R. Wentworth Little, P.M., Sec.; the Rev. W. B. Church, P.M., Chap.; Newton, Reg.; W. Stephens, S.D.; Keily, J.D.; Southwell, I.G.; H. Parker, Org.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. Levander proposed that a P.M. jewel should be presented to Bro. Yeoman for his zeal and ability in the discharge of his duties during the past year. The motion was seconded by Bro. T. Cubitt, and carried unanimously. A letter was read from P.M. Bro. George Kenning, regretting his inability to attend, and after this the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet. When the toasts were proposed Bro. S. M. Lazarus replied for the "Past G. Masters and Grand Officers," and after thanking the brethren for the toast descended on the beauties of Freemasonry, and of the wholesome influence it exercised in bringing together men of all parties, politics, nations, and religions. As a proof of this he narrated a circumstance which had occurred, and in which he himself was an actor. In 1825 and 1826 he was W.M. of the Sussex Lodge, Bath, of which the organist was Bro. Goodall, who, on his death bed, requested Bro. Lazarus to attend him to his grave. Having promised to do so, he obtained a dispensation from Bro. Col. Tynte, the Prov. G.M., for the brethren to appear in clothing. This was granted. A clergyman of the church of England read the service over the grave, and then retired. He (Bro. Lazarus) then, as W.M., stood at the head of the grave and read the funeral service, according to the Constitutions of the Order. There were then present, Bros. Henriade, a Turk; Rymer, a man of colour, and other brethren of different denominations. Hand in hand they walked in procession and stood at the grave. It was a matter of astonishment to the people of the place, many of whom were present, to see Bro. Lazarus, of Abbey Green, a Jew, with a Turk, and a man of colour, all standing at a Christian's grave; and they said, "This shews the universality of Masonry." Bro. Yeoman having proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and the brethren having cordially honoured it, the Rev. Dr. Brette replied and said his motto was, "Facta non Verba," and both in Masonry and in everyday life he had tried to be faithful to that motto. He had endeavoured to do so in the past, and as the brethren had now placed him in the high position of W.M. of St. Mark's Lodge it should still be his motto. He would endeavour to fulfil his duties to the very utmost of his ability. The W.M. afterwards gave the toast of "The Visitors," to which Bro. Hyde Pullen replied. To the toast of "The P.M.'s" Bro. Yeoman responded, and after "The Press" and "The Officers" had been duly honoured and responded to, the brethren separated.

### Scotland.

GLASGOW.—CALEDONIAN OF UNITY CHAPTER (No. 73).—The regular meeting of this chapter took place on the 31st ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, 170, Buchanan-street. G. W. Wheeler, M.E.Z., presided, in the absence of his two Principals. He was ably supported by J. Duthie, M.E.Z. 67; D. Gilchrist, G. McDonald, James Crabb, &c.; Comps. J. Balfour, S.E., and J. Bannerman, Treas., being in their respective places. Two applications for R.A. honours were submitted, viz., Bro. E. Arthur, M.M. of Mother Kilwinning, No. 6, and Bro. Thomas Kennedy, M.M. of Lodge Caledonian Railway, 354. The companions present had no objections to offer to the two brothers, and their applications were entertained. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened, when the two brothers received that degree, Bro. Wheeler officiating; after which the Excellent Degree by Bro. Duthie, when a R.A. Chapter was opened, and the two brothers made companions of R.A. Masonry, Comp. James Crabb, M.E.P.Z. of No. 50 Chapter, officiating. The nomination of office-bearers for the next year ought to have taken place then, but the night being far advanced, and some of the principal office-bearers absent, Comp. J. Balfour, S.E., moved that the nomination and election should be left over to the next regular meeting. At this stage a long and very animated conversation ensued on several points of R.A. law, Comps. Wheeler, Balfour, G. McDonald, Gilchrist, J. Crabb, and G. B. Adams taking part. It was ultimately arranged that Comp. Balfour's motion to postpone nomination should be agreed to, and the chapter closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE UNION AND CROWN (No. 103).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on Monday, the 30th ult. The R.W.M. was present, and was supported by Bros. A. Bain, I.P.M.; D. McGeachy, P.M.; G. Muir, D.M.; D. Murray, S.M.; Wm. Thomas, S.W.; D. Munro, J.W.; W. Anderson, S.D.; J. M. Pollock, J.D.; J. Campbell, R.W.M. 128, and others. As usual with this lodge, the meeting was exceedingly well attended. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, as also those of an emergency meeting which took place between the two regular meetings. After some business of an ordinary nature was settled Bro. Munro moved, That all those gentlemen who had been proposed for initiation previous to the passing of the motion for raising the lodge fees, and who in consequence were entitled to be admitted at the old rate, would forfeit that privilege if they did not come forward at the next monthly meeting, after which the new rate of entrance fee would be exacted. This was seconded by Bro. McGeachy, and unanimously carried. The R.W.M., Bro. A. W. Wright, submitted to the brethren the names of two gentlemen desiring to become members of the Order, viz., Messrs. Geo. Waters and John McInnes—proposed and seconded by Bros. Munro and Murray for Mr. Waters, McKay and Cameron for Mr. McInnes. There was no objection raised to their qualifications to receive the honour, and they were admitted in the usual form into the E.A. Degree, Bro. Wright performing the duties with his accustomed carefulness and ability. The lodge was then passed to the F.C. Degree, when Bro. Bunton was squared in that, Bro. G. Muir, D.M., performing the ceremony. This finished the business before the lodge, and it was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CALEDONIAN RAILWAY (No. 354).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, 30, Hope-street, on the 1st inst., at 8 o'clock. Bro. J. Shaw, R.W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Ferguson, Dunn, Colquhoun, McDougall, J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360, and others. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, when Bro. Colquhoun moved that the motion before the lodge for raising the affiliation fees should take effect from this date; this was seconded by Bro. McDougall, and became law. The case of the widow of a late brother was brought up, who had a young son depending upon her. She being very unable to do him the justice she would like, the members present agreed to take up the case and grant what assistance they could. The R.W.M. then referred to the forced resignation of Bro. Stafford, who was called away from Scotland to fill an important situation. He said they must all feel that the lodge in consequence of this had sustained a great loss; the able and efficient manner in which he discharged the difficult duties of S.W. was much admired by every member of the lodge; and he (the R.W.M.) would now propose that a jewel be procured and presented to him from the lodge as a mark of the high esteem in which he is held. This was at once agreed to. After some other business of a formal nature, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

COATBRIDGE.—LODGE ST. JAMES, OLD MONKLAND (No. 177).—On Friday, the 27th ult., the members belonging to the above lodge, along with their friends, assembled in the Masonic Hall, Main-street, Coatbridge, and, headed by the Rosehall brass band, proceeded to the beautiful policies of Douglas Support, belong to the Rev. Sholto Campbell Douglas. On arriving there a halt was called, and the company retired to the lawn, which was kindly granted for the occasion by the present tenant, Mr. Wm. Mitchell, where games of all sorts were entered into with great spirit. A quadrille band was in attendance, keeping those who felt inclined "tripping it on the light fantastic toe." Others enjoyed themselves roaming about the policies, surveying the natural beauties peculiar to the place. A muster was called about seven o'clock, when refreshments in abundance, and of excellent and diversified quality, were partaken of by the company. A vote of thanks to Mr. Mitchell, the overseer of the grounds for the kind way in which they were received, was given. The brethren then set out for home in regular procession, the ladies coming

on behind in machines specially engaged for the occasion, where they arrived about eight o'clock. This is the first pic-nic held by Old Monkland St. James, and augurs well for the future, as it was a most successful and enjoyable day's recreation.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CLYDE (No. 408).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on the 3rd inst. The R.W.M., Bro. Harper, was unable to be present, and Bro. Gordon, P.M., took the chair and officiated throughout the evening, which was a long one so far as the amount of business before the lodge was concerned. The R.W.M. was supported by Bros. J. M'Innes, S.W.; W. Bisland, J.W.; D. S. Mitchell, Sec., and others; and among others present were Bros. J. B. Macnair, R.W.M. Lodge Union, 332; Stark, D.M., Lodge St. Vincent, 553; Stevens 553; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed. The acting R.W.M. read an application from Mr. John M'Knight, (mariner), he was proposed by Bro. J. M'Innes, S.W., and seconded by Bro. Allin Martin. Bro. Gordon said, if the gentleman was approved of as a candidate, his mover and second wished to take advantage of the liberty left to the discretion of the R.W.M. of any lodge, to give more than one degree in one night when the candidate was about to leave the country, or was not stationary in one part of it. He said for himself he must tell them he was very much opposed to do this under any circumstances, but if it was the desire of the lodge he would not oppose it. The gentleman was approved of, and he received the First Degree. The lodge was then passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, the same candidate receiving that. A letter was then read by the Secretary from Bro. M'Dougall, R.W.M. of Lodge St. Vincent, 553, asking the R.W.M. of Lodge Clyde (if working the Third Degree) to do him the favour of giving that to Bro. C. E. Gibbs, sergeant-instructor, Royal Engineers, a member and Fellow Craft of Lodge St. Vincent; this was agreed to with pleasure. The lodge was then raised to the Sublimé Degree, when, besides Sergeant Gibbs for the St. Vincent, two for Lodge Clyde were raised to that degree, Bro. Gordon officiating throughout all the degrees. An application was then read from Mr. Thomas Brown, wishing to be admitted into the Order through the Clyde Lodge at the next monthly meeting. He was proposed by Bro. Anderson, and seconded by B. Harper, R.W.M. The application was ordered to lay on the table till next meeting. Bro. Stark thanked the acting R.W.M. and the Lodge Clyde on behalf of the St. Vincent Lodge for the favour granted by giving Bro. Gibbs the Third Degree. This finished the business of the evening, and the lodge was reduced and closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. VINCENT (No. 553).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in Claremont Hall, Kent Road, on the 2nd inst. In the absence of the R.W.M., Bro. McDougall, the D.M., Bro. Stark, presided. He was well supported by a considerable number of the office-bearers. The meeting was well attended by the members of the lodge and visiting brethren. The Secretary, Bro. J. Halley, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which touched upon the bye-laws of the lodge, which are in course of being arranged, and a proof copy before the lodge. A considerable difference of opinion existed, and was freely expressed by several members of the lodge, the whole of the brethren present listening with great attention to the conversation. Ultimately the minutes were passed, with certain additions and qualifications, which the Secretary carefully noted. An application from Mr. William Mailer was submitted to the lodge. He was proposed by Bro. Paxton and seconded by Bro. Crawford. There was no objection offered to him by the members of the lodge present, and he received the First Degree, Bro. Stark officiating. The lodge was then passed to the Square Degree, when Bro. Sergeant-Instructor C. E. Gibbs, Royal Engineers, who had been waiting for a month to receive this, was entrusted with it, Bro. Stark again officiating. A vote of thanks to Bro. McInnes, S.W. of Lodge Clyde, 408, who was acting S.W., brought the business to a close, and the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE DRAMATIC (No. 571).—The bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall (St. Mark's), 213, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at three o'clock. Their own office-bearers and members turned out well, and a considerable number of brethren from various sister lodges were present to give a cordial welcome to them as the youngest lodge in the province (this being but their second meeting.) The R.W.M., Bro. W. E. J. Dobson, took his place in the chair, supported by Bros. G. Houston, D.M.; W. Barbour, Treas.; J. Booth, acting Sec., and his Wardens in their respective chairs, viz.:—H. W. Jackman, S.W.; Wm. Sievwright, J.W.; J. McGregor, S.D.; R. S. Smyth, J.D. On the dais were Bros. J. Fraser, P.M. Lodge Thistle, 87, and Henry, 571; J. Balfour, P.M. Lodge Union, 332; J. F. Mitchell, R.W.M. St. Mark's, 102, and honorary member 571; and J. Monro, R.W.M. Commercial Lodge, 360. Amongst many other visiting brethren were Bros. J. Tweed, Mother Kilwinning, 0; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; J. Stewart, 360; and others. The lodge was opened in the First Degree. The Acting Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. Bro. John Fraser then rose, and addressing the R.W.M., Wardens, and brethren, said he took a deep and warm interest in the welfare and prosperity of the Lodge Dramatic, and would feel it not only a duty, but a pleasure, to do anything in his power to forward their interests. He then requested the R.W.M. to accept from him a gift of a set of mallets for the R.W.M. and Wardens, as also a mallet for the Third Degree, and with a few graceful words of caution placed the mallet of his office in his hand, proceeded towards the S.W. and J.W., and placed their respective mallets into their hands in like manner. The R.W.M.'s mallet bore a

suitable inscription on a silver plate. The R.W.M. said he could hardly find language to express himself in thanking Bro. Fraser for the very handsome present he had made to the lodge, but he could assure him that while he had the honour to fill that chair he would see those mallets properly used. Bro. Jackman, S.W., in a neat little speech, thanked Bro. Fraser on behalf of himself and J.W. An application from Mr. Alfred W. Baylis, of H.M. ship *Excellent*, proposed by W. Sievwright, J.W., and seconded by the R.W.M., was agreed to. An application was then read from Bro. Archd. Lauder, M.M. of Lodge Athol, 413, for affiliation into Lodge Dramatic. This was agreed to, he stepping to the altar, when the R.W.M. administered the usual obligation. Mr. Charles Harry Baylis, who was proposed and carried at the last meeting, was present in the adjacent room along with Alfred W. Baylis, who was carried at this meeting. They were prepared, and received the First Degree, Bro. Dobson, R.W.M., officiating in excellent and impressive style. The two gentlemen appearing at the altar occupied the relationship of father and son to each other, which added solemnity to the beautiful ceremony. Such an occurrence we had never seen before. There being no further business before the lodge, it was closed in all due and ancient form.

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The high position to which his brethren elevated him, and his continued re-election to the same, attest their appreciation of the many virtues and Masonic abilities of this excellent man. A good and a true man, moral in his deportment, kind and courteous in his demeanour, benevolent in his disposition, never weary in well-doing. As a neighbour he earned the regard of those who knew him, and as a husband and father he excelled in all those noble qualities, and possessed in a large degree those tender affections and endearing characteristics that make home happy.

"None knew him but to love,  
None named him but to praise."

Our late Grand Master promptly appointed our esteemed and R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason to act as Grand Secretary for the remainder of the year. Bro. Mason immediately entered upon the duties of the office, and I think it but due to him to say, that M.W. Bro. Wilson frequently expressed to me his entire satisfaction at the thorough and efficient manner in which Bro. Mason discharged the responsibilities so unexpectedly cast upon him.

I desire also to acknowledge the promptitude, energy, and assiduity evinced by Bro. Mason since I have been brought into close and frequent communication with him, and I take this opportunity of publicly thanking him for the services he has rendered to me, especially during the half year just ended.

As the funeral dirge is ever vibrating upon our ear, we become indifferent to the sorrow and grief of those around us. We heed not the mournful wail, until a deep-toned bell tolls the knell that summons us to the grave of one we love; then, in agony we kneel, and in our weakness cry unto the Mighty for help and succour!

Scarce had we left the grave of our brother—scarce had we wiped away the tears which we shed upon the last resting place of our Grand Secretary—nor had we begun to know the full measure of the loss we had sustained—when we were again plunged in grief—calamities accumulated upon us. The sad tidings went forth that our Grand Master was stricken, and that we were called to lay him in the silent tomb. Again did our sorrowing hosts assemble to pay their last sad offices to the departed—whose memory we revered—and to resign his body to the earth whence it came, and to offer up to his memory the last tribute of our affection and regard.

This being the first instance in the history of our Grand Lodge that the Grand Master had been called by the Supreme Architect of the Universe to lay aside the gavel, we were overwhelmed with unutterable grief, and this great bereavement threw us into confusion. Our Head and our Chieftain had fallen.

M.W. Bro. Wilson was initiated into Freemasonry in St. John's Lodge, Simcoe, in 1840. He at once engaged in the active duties of the lodge, being elected Junior Warden in the same year, and thenceforward he continued earnest and devoted in promoting the interests of the Order, seizing every fair opportunity of inculcating the principles and precepts which we profess, and actively discharging the duties which throughout his lifetime were cast upon him by his brethren.

It has been well written of him, that "The Craft has lost one of its brightest ornaments in Ontario, and the fraternity a shining light, whose large experience, sound judgment, and just decisions, commended him as a Masonic authority of the highest order. His services to Masonry have been great and are fully appreciated, though they can never be adequately rewarded, for no man could have done more to advance its interests. He was among the first to aid in the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and so highly were his services at that time regarded, that he was chosen the first occupant of the Oriental chair, which he held uninterruptedly for several years. In 1860 he was permitted to retire, and chosen again in 1866, holding the position for two years, when he only relinquished it on account of acceptance of office under the Government. Five years later he was again elected to this position, and continued to hold it up to the time of his death."

M.W. Bro. Wilson was most indefatigable in promoting the cause of Freemasonry. He shrank from no task calling for effort on his part, but cheerfully undertook the most arduous labour, and accepted the most exacting calls upon his time and his strength, in forwarding the cause he had so truly at heart. Brilliant in the discharge of his duties, untiring in his zeal and energy, possessing

those qualities which attract and charm the minds of men, it is impossible to measure the service he has rendered to the Craft in Canada.

He promoted our interest throughout the United States, and won for our Grand Lodge the high position which it occupies in the estimation of the Grand Lodges throughout the world. He introduced into the working of our system any improvements which he found existing in the other Grand Bodies visited by him. He examined into the working of our subordinate lodges, and contributed largely to their instruction, and in a great measure he controlled for good the cause of our Grand Lodge. He at all times furthered the prosecution of good works amongst his brethren, and inculcated the practice of our professions and tenets.

In M.W. Bro. Wilson were embodied those attributes symbolized by the three famous pillars of the ancient Temple. His Masonic wisdom was great. The strength of his decisions was conceded by all, and the beauty of his Masonic and Christian work won the admiration of his brethren. His exertions were largely crowned with success, and his untiring efforts were admired and appreciated by his brethren, who continued to shower upon him the highest honours that they could bestow; and whilst the records of our Grand lodge abound with the works of his hands, they also bear testimony to the estimation in which M.W. Bro. Wilson was always held by his brethren. Full of Masonic honours, he left this earthly scene.

In the world at large he played an important part, and discharged his duties in such a manner as to entitle him to the respect of all.

In official life he was affable and courteous—at the bar he was an able advocate and a generous adversary. In the municipal and county councils he was a thoughtful and prudent member, a dignified and judicious warden. In the military service he was a brave soldier, a considerate commander. On the bench, an upright judge and a sound lawyer. As a neighbour and friend, he was noble, generous, and hospitable. As a husband and father, he was kind and affectionate. As a good citizen, none stood higher. He was honoured as a man and almost idolized as a Mason—for he possessed all those qualities which distinguish the good and true brother, and which have indelibly impressed his name upon the tablet of our hearts.

It was by a strange and mournful coincidence that our First Grand Master and our First Grand Secretary were both taken from us within a few short months during the same Masonic year.

They had been for many years labouring side by side in the Masonic vineyard. In life their names and works were linked together for good, and now they have gone almost together to the Grand Lodge above.

But whilst we mourn our loss, let us endeavour to console ourselves with the belief that it is not commensurate with those high and noble honours and awards to which our beloved brethren have been called. Let us be admonished that in the midst of life we are in death, and so live and act our parts that we may have no cause for repentance when the hour of our own departure is at hand.

"Lives of good men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And departing, leave behind us  
Footsteps in the sand of time—  
Footprints that, perchance, another,  
Travelling o'er life's troubled main,  
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,  
Seeing, shall take heart again."

It is perhaps not necessary for me to add, that the funerals of our departed brethren were conducted by Grand Lodge, and that they were largely attended by the members of our Order, of all grades—as well as by an immense concourse of other citizens. They were two of the most numerous attended funerals ever known in this country. The proceedings at the special communications held on both occasions have been recorded, and will appear in our printed proceedings of Grand Lodge.

I regret to add that other familiar faces will be missed from our assemblies, the cruel hand of death having during the past year removed many who had been regular attendants at Grand Lodge. Mention is made of some in the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s, to be laid before you.

I cannot, however, omit to make special mention of the death of R.W. Bro. Dr. R. M. Wilson, P.D.D.G.M. of Niagara District, on Monday, the 31st day of May last, at Simcoe. Ill health prevented him from being with us lately, but he was one of the earliest of our members, having taken an active part in the formation of Grand Lodge, and subsequently proved to be one of the most useful and most faithful among the brethren. He was buried by the members of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, at the request of Niagara Lodge, No. 2, when the ceremonies were conducted by R.W. Bro. Bennett, D.D.G.M. of Wilton District.

Towards the close of last year the sad intelligence of the death of His Grace the Duke of Leinster, who for a period of sixty-one years, without interruption, ruled over the Craft in Ireland as Grand Master, with mild and courteous sway, was received here from the Grand Lodge of Ireland. We proffer our sympathy and condolence to that Grand Lodge on the loss of one who so worthily presided over the deliberations of that body for a period exceeding the span of most men's lives. The vacancy thus created in the Grand Master's chair was filled by the election of His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, who was installed on the 6th of January last.

One of the most important events which has transpired in the Masonic world during the year now closed was the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, in April last, in the presence of more than seven thousand Freemasons.

The grandeur of the proceedings attendant upon the installation was such as to call for the unqualified admiration and approval of all who witnessed them, and the occasion was one long to be remembered by the fraternity.

Long may our Royal Grand Master be spared to preside over the Craft in England, and to uphold the principles of the Order!

Our late Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Wilson, up to the time he was afflicted with his last illness, was very active in the discharge of the duties of his office. At the close of the annual communication at Toronto he repaired to Weston and dedicated two lodges, the Humber Lodge, No. 305, and the Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, when he installed the officers. From a trip to the seaside he returned in time to visit the bedside of his dying friend and brother, and to render him great service in those trying moments. He conducted the services when the remains of R.W. Bro. Harris were interred, and took an active part in investigating the affairs of the Grand Lodge, as they had been left by the sudden call of our departed Grand Secretary from his earthly labours. A few days later he was at St. Thomas, where he dedicated St. David's Lodge, No. 302, and installed the officers. Ten days after that we find him in Montreal, where he seized that opportunity of presenting to M.W. Bro. Thos. White, P.G.M., the testimonial which the Grand Lodge at the last annual communication directed to be procured and presented in recognition of the many valuable services of M.W. Bro. White.

The testimonial consisted of a beautiful silver epergne, side pieces, and a handsome silver tray and tea-service, and the committee to whom the selection was left are assured that it will be gratifying to the members of the Grand Lodge to know that the articles selected were those most acceptable to our Most Worshipful Bro. White. After discharging a number of minor but none the less exacting duties, he went to Ingersoll in October, where he dedicated the new Masonic Hall; and I am aware of the pleasure it gave him to conduct those proceedings and to meet his brethren and friends who participated therein. But a few days before he was confined to his bed he delivered a lecture at Chatham, under the auspices of Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, and dedicated Kent Lodge, No. 274, at Blenheim. These, with a multitude of official acts of every variety—which time would fail me to detail—kept him almost constantly occupied up to the hour when the summons was sent him to attend before the Great Architect and Ruler above.

Thus, my brethren, you will see that our Grand Master was to the last mindful of his duty and active in the discharge of the same. Let his example serve to stimulate us to the exercise of like energies, and the promotion of the honour and aim of our noble Order.

Whilst our late Grand Master was confined to bed I was called upon to act on his behalf in conducting the interesting ceremony of dedicating the new Masonic Hall at Hamilton, a special communication of Grand Lodge having been called on Wednesday, the 30th of December last, for that object.

This new hall is one of the largest, handsomest, and most substantial edifices in the city of Hamilton, and contains ample accommodation for all the Masonic bodies meeting in the city. It is admirably laid out for the purposes for which it is intended, and the halls dedicated to Ancient Craft Masonry have been most completely and elegantly furnished throughout.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of a large assembly of ladies and gentlemen, who had been invited to be present by the members of the Craft, of whom also large numbers attended and took part in the proceedings.

In the evening the event was celebrated by a Grand Masonic ball, which was largely attended, and proved to be a most successful and enjoyable affair.

I cannot pass from this subject without extending my most hearty congratulations to our Hamilton brethren upon the completion of this edifice; and I must at the same time commend them for the energy they have displayed in the prosecution of their undertaking and the enterprise which has characterised their efforts in connection with the same.

On the 3rd of March last I dedicated the new Masonic Hall in Seaford, when I was assisted by a number of Grand Officers and by brethren of Britannia Lodge, No. 170, and a large number of visiting brethren of the neighbouring lodges, who, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, assembled to take part in the proceedings. After the ceremony of dedication was completed I had the opportunity of attending a meeting of Britannia Lodge, and seeing the work performed by the W.M., and I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the able manner in which it was done. Everything was commenced in order, conducted in peace, and closed in harmony.

The new and handsome hall lately erected in the town of Aylmer, for the use of Malahide Lodge, No. 140, was dedicated to Masonry on the 1st of July last, when R.W. Bro. McGloghlin, D.D.G.M., of London, very kindly acted for me, and ably performed the ceremony.

At the request of the Board of School Trustees of Walkerton, I called a special communication of Grand Lodge at that place on Dominion Day, the 1st July last, and with the assistance of the brethren of Sauguen Lodge, No. 107, and of a number of other brethren from that section of the country, and in the presence of a large assembly of the people of that locality, I laid the corner stone of a new high and public school about to be erected in that town. I regret exceedingly that I was not able to avail myself of the kind hospitalities proffered on that occasion, but I desire to acknowledge the kindness shown by extending to me an invitation to the festivities of the day.

The corner stone of a new church at Belleville was laid on the 31st of May last, on which occasion R.W. Bro. Lazier, D.D.G.M. of Prince Edward District, kindly acted for me and efficiently performed the work.

On the 24th of May last the corner stone of a new Baptist Church was laid at Pembroke, by R.W. Bro. White, G.S.W., who ably represented me in conducting the proceedings; and R.W. Bro. Richardson, P.D.D.G.M. of Prince Edward District, performed a like ceremony at Napanee Mills, where the corner stone of a new church was laid by him.

R.W. Bro. McGloghlin, D.D.G.M. of London District, at the request of our late Grand Master officiated on the occasion of laying the corner stone of a new Masonic Hall, then about to be erected at Port Stanley by the brethren of St. Mark's Lodge.

A special communication of Grand Lodge was held at Ridgeway on the 15th September last, when the base of a tablet to be raised in the memorial church erected at that place to the memory of the brave volunteers who fell in the defence of their country during the Fenian invasion of 1866 was laid by R.W. Bro. Broderick, D.D.G.M. of Niagara District, who had been deputed to act on behalf of the Grand Master, and he conducted the interesting proceedings throughout with marked ability. In the appropriate observations which he addressed to those present he alluded in feeling terms to the sacred respect entertained for the memory of those who had sacrificed themselves on the altar of their country, and whose noble deeds infuse an inspiration of patriotism whenever recalled.

During the early part of the year our late Grand Master renewed his dispensations for:—

1. Hiram Lodge, Cheapside; 2. Chesterville Lodge, Chesterville.

And granted dispensations for the formation of the following lodges:—

1. Walker Lodge, Acton; North Star Lodge, Owen Sound; 3. Alvinston Lodge, Alvinston; 4. Temple Lodge, Hamilton; 5. Orono Lodge, Orono.

And since I assumed the gavel I have granted dispensations as follows:—

6. Zetland Lodge, Toronto; 7. The Hammond Lodge, Wardville; 8. Ionic Lodge, Napier; 9. King Solomon's Lodge, Jarvis; 10. Corinthian Lodge, London, East; 11. Eden Lodge, London; 12. Fordwich Lodge, Fordwich; 13. Stratford Lodge, Stratford; 14. Prince Arthur Lodge, Flesherton.

The work which has been performed by these lodges will be submitted to your consideration, and it will be for you to say whether or not warrants shall be issued to authorize them to continue longer to meet.

It afforded me much pleasure to receive the application of the brethren of King Hiram Lodge, No. 89, Lindsay, for the return of their warrant and for authority to resume work. After due enquiry into the state of Masonry in Lindsay, and upon receiving full assurance of the ability of the brethren about to engage in the work, and their thorough and earnest desire to resuscitate the lodge, I felt justified in acceding to the application. R.W. Bro. Traves kindly undertook the duty of returning the warrant and re-establishing the lodge in good working order. The manner in which the work has so far been conducted gives great promise of a prosperous and useful career for this long dormant lodge.

I have much pleasure in announcing to you that in August last I received at the hands of our late Grand Master my credentials as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Utah, near this Grand Lodge, and I now submit them to you. I trust that the cordial relations opened up with the Grand Lodge of Utah through our late Grand Master may continue to be of a most friendly character, and I shall esteem it a privilege if I may be in any means instrumental in preserving the relations so happily begun.

Through the like channel, R. W. Bro. Mason, Grand Secretary, received his credentials as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, in the place of our deceased R. W. Bro. Harris, who so ably represented that Grand Lodge for many years.

I have received information of the establishment and recognition by several other Grand Lodges of the Grand Orient of Hungary, and I am glad to recommend that she be received by us as a sister Grand Lodge, and the right hand of fellowship extended towards her upon her admission to the status of a Grand Lodge in the Masonic fraternity.

During last month I received from Winnipeg a letter from Bro. W. C. Clarke, advising me that "The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.," had been constitutionally formed on the 12th of May, 1875, by the unanimous consent of the duly appointed delegates from all the subordinate lodges in that province, and that formal and official documents would be forwarded to our Grand Secretary, to be laid before this communication of Grand Lodge.

No report has been received from the D.D.G.M. of Manitoba District, nor has any information been forwarded respecting the movement referred to in the above letter, which is the only intimation of any kind whatever that was communicated to us of either a necessity or a desire for change on the part of our Manitoba brethren. I therefore submit the matter for the consideration of Grand Lodge.

On the 5th of December last the Grand Lodge of Wyoming was organized for the territory of that name, the officers thereof elected and installed, and a constitution adopted for the government of the same; and the official notice received a few days since informs us that the proceedings were conducted in every particular in a manner consistent with the ancient landmarks and established usages of our Order. There has not been time to make due enquiry into the regularity of the above proceedings, but upon such enquiry proving satisfactory I recommend the recognition of this new Grand Lodge.

I have also received notice that at a meeting of delegates representing all the lodges in Prince Edward Island, held

at Summerside in February last, it was resolved that a Grand Lodge for that province should be formed, and that a committee was appointed to communicate with this and other Grand Lodges in this dominion, as well as the parent Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, requesting that such action may be taken as will lead to our recognition of the new Grand Lodge when organized. I have much pleasure in recommending to your favourable consideration the request of our brethren of Prince Edward Island.

I am glad to be able to report the satisfactory condition of our finances. The report of the auditors will be submitted to you. From this you will see that, after paying over to our brethren in the Province of Quebec 4000 dols., as authorised by resolution of Grand Lodge last year, we have:—

	Dollars.
Investments, Government Stock .....	45,573 33
" Bank of Toronto .....	628 99
" Bank of Commerce .....	6,614 52
	52,816 84

which stands upon our books to the credit of

	Dollars.
General Fund .....	28,445 55
Asylum Fund .....	6,828 99
Investment Benevolence .....	16,486 21
Benevolence Account .....	1,065 09
	52,816 84

The Masonic business of the past year has been far from unimportant. Many matters have been disposed of by the late Grand Master and by myself, which do not require special notice here. And others will be brought before you by the Board of General Purposes in the course of our proceedings.

I submit to your approval this review of the past year. I cannot hope that no error has been committed, or that in every case satisfaction has been given. To err is human. To satisfy all and yet discharge duty faithfully, impossible. But of this I am sure, that I have endeavoured to discharge the obligations pertaining to this position, by maintaining the landmarks and laws of Freemasonry with inflexibility, yet impartially, and in the spirit of courtesy and kindness. Obedience to duty is the highest obligation of a Mason. In my efforts to discharge this obligation my feelings and human passions have not been without severe trials, but, by the blessing of God, it was endured, and the approval of my brethren and of my own conscience, and the belief that I shall deliver over the trust so unexpectedly imposed upon me untarnished and unsullied, is my most ample reward.

The reports of the D.D.G. Masters of the various Masonic Districts were received, considered as read, and, on motion, referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The following reports of the Board of General Purposes were adopted:

The Board of General Purposes beg to present this their annual report.

The annual meeting was held in the town of St. Catharines, on Tuesday, the 9th day of February last.

The books of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer were carefully audited, together with the accounts, statements, and vouchers for the financial year ending 31st December, 1874, and the Board have much pleasure in reporting that they were found correct.

The Board have not had the accounts of the Asylum Fund Committee before them, and have not, therefore, had an opportunity of auditing them. They would recommend that in future the Asylum Trust Committee be required to send their accounts and vouchers to the annual meeting of the Board for audit.

The Board regret to find that their recommendation to invest 5000 dols., adopted by Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, has not been complied with, and they now beg to recommend that that amount, as well as an additional sum of 5000 dols., be at once invested in government securities, and they further recommend that as soon as the funds in the hands of the Grand Treasurer shall at any time reach the sum of 10,000 dols. an additional 5000 dols. be invested.

The Board have had under consideration an application from R.W. Bro. Groff, Grand Treasurer, asking the consent of the Board for the transfer of the account of Grand Lodge from the Canadian Bank of Commerce to the Federal Bank, and regret that (though they would wish to gratify R.W. Bro. Groff) they cannot sanction the removal at the present time.

With reference to the application of Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowell, for aid, and Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Belle Ewart, for a loan, the Grand Lodge has established a rule that its funds cannot be granted for the purposes mentioned.

The Board regret to find that there are a great many lodges in arrears, and beg to recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify to them, that unless they are in good standing at the next meeting of Grand Lodge action will have to be taken.

The Board are again indebted to R.W. Bro. Klotz, the zealous and worthy chairman of the Sub-committee on Benevolence, for the report and tabulated statements submitted herewith. (Here follow the semi-annual reports of various Boards of Relief, and a list of appropriations from the Fund of Benevolence, amounting to 2,310 dols.) The application of Bro. David Blakely has been rejected, the applicant not being considered worthy of relief.

The grant made last July to Bro. Lambert Cowell was not paid over to him, he having died before the money could reach him; it is, therefore, recommended that R.W. Bro. Allan McLean be authorized to pay over the money

to the son of the deceased brother, that son having been at great expense by reason of the sickness and death of his father, and not being able to bear that expense.

The Board of General Purposes beg leave to present the following report on certain questions which have arisen and have been submitted for their consideration and opinion:—

1. The jurisdiction of a lodge extends half way to the nearest lodge in a direct or air line (see sec. 3 of proposing members).

2. A member of a lodge who has been a Master of another lodge, and properly returned, is entitled to his rank according to seniority, both in Grand Lodge and in the lodge with which he is affiliated (see sections 6 of Masters of Lodges, 7 of Grand Lodge, and 28 of Private Lodges).

#### COMPLIMENTARY PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. C. PARKINSON, J.P., AT ABERDARE.

On Wednesday, Sept. 1st., at the Black Lion Hotel, Aberdare, in the presence of a large number of Masons, representing a number of the prominent lodges in the principality, an interesting presentation of a P.M. jewel was made to W. Bro. J. C. Parkinson, J.P., P.J.G.D. of England, &c., &c., and immediate Past Master of the St. David Lodge, Aberdare, No. 769. Apart from the eminent position Bro. Parkinson occupies in the Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons, and the deep respect in which he is held by the brethren of St. David's Lodge, he is greatly interested in and is manager of one of the largest industries in South Wales, viz., the Powell Duffryn Coal Company, and residing as he does a considerable portion of his time at Aberavon House, in the immediate neighbourhood, it was not surprising to find such a large muster of the lodge over which he has so ably presided during the 12 months previous to March last, and also of the brethren holding high rank in neighbouring and distant lodges. Shortly after six o'clock the brethren met in the lodge room. The lodge was duly opened by the W.M., Bro. Evan Thomas, and after the ordinary business on the agenda had been transacted, the Worshipful Master (Bro. Evan Thomas) formally invested Wor. Bro. J. C. Parkinson with a P.M. jewel. The jewel represents the red dragon of Wales, enamelled in gold, resting on a green ground; from the mouth of the dragon depends a large single brilliant pendant, from which is a P.M. jewel in frosted silver. The dragon is united by a small golden chain to a pale green silk ribbon secured at the top by a bar of gold with the word "Aberdare" in enamelled letters. On the obverse of the dragon is the following inscription:—"To W. Bro. P.G.D. J. C. Parkinson, from St. David's Lodge, No. 679, Aberdare, A.D. 1875."

After the formal presentation the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large front upper room where the banquet was served, the W.M. presiding. The following is a list of the brethren: W. Morris, P.M.; W. J. Thomas, P.M.; John Robertson, P.M.; Dr. Evan Jones, P.M.; George Smith, S.W.; C. H. White, J.W.; William Little, S.D.; William McCulloch, J.D.; Charles Botting, I.G.; Evan Jones, Sec.; Bro. Dyer, Dir. of Cer.; Dr. Price, Chap.; Major T. B. Powell, Treas.; Thos. Phillips and Edward Roberts, Stewards; William Davies, William Moody, Fred Davies, Matthew Mayne Morgan, Edwin Adams, John Rhys, John Snape, Captain Charles Grey, F. Widdowfield, E. G. Price, David Davies, H. I. Thomas, William Thomas, and John Hays. We also noticed amongst the visiting brethren the W.M., Bro. Chas. Taylor, of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, Merthyr; Peter Williams, P.M., Merthyr; J. E. Jones, W. E. Jones, P.M.; Seddon, I.P.M., Merthyr; and H. Simpson, Cardiff. Letters of apology were read from the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, T. M. Talbot, as well as the W. Dep. Pro. Grand Master, E. J. Morris. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been given and duly responded to,

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, coupled with the name of Bro. J. C. Parkinson, the guest of the evening, and, in doing so, said that Bro. Parkinson had instilled a measure of freshness, vigour, and energy into the hearts of the members, and imbued them with a determination to uphold the efficiency of St. David's Lodge.

The toast was enthusiastically received, and drunk with Masonic honours.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson said: In repeating my thanks for this most beautiful work of art, allow me to say that I shall wear it gladly at all Masonic gatherings, and shall always refer with satisfaction and with pride to my connection with the St. David's Lodge of Aberdare. From the night of my presenting myself at its door and working my way in here unknown, uninitiated, and unvouched for, trusting only to my own Masonic knowledge and to the universality of its passport, through the phases of my joining the lodge, being elected to its chair, and presiding over it as Master, I have met with uniform kindness from the brethren, as well as with what has been to me even more valuable—a ready and intelligent appreciation of the lessons of the Craft. (Hear, hear.) From causes to which it is unnecessary to refer, the Masons of Aberdare remained for some years under a cloud, from no fault of their own, but from circumstances entirely beyond their control. I venture to assert that the cloud has now been entirely removed, and under the genial rule of our Provincial Grand Master, whose unavoidable absence to-night we deeply deplore, this St. David's Lodge will henceforth take its legitimate place on the roll of lodges in South Wales, as one in which the spirit of Masonry burns brightly and where the working and the discipline of the Order may fairly challenge comparison. (Cheers.) I speak with some experience of lodge working, and I say the strides taken by the Masons of Aberdare during the last two years have been enormous, and reflect the highest credit upon them. Recent events have stimulated the public curiosity concerning the tenets and practices of our Order, and it is admitted on all hands



that we are a powerful and influential body, strong in our unity, our organization, and our discipline. (Cheers.) The only difference between our critics is as to the scope and tendency of those. Seven years ago I wrote a paper entitled "What is the good of Freemasonry?" and sent it to the late Mr. Charles Dickens, who did me the honour of publishing it in his periodical "All the Year Round." I then declared the Craft to be "Blessed by crowned, and banned by tonsured heads, the essence of evil according to some men, and a fountain of goodness if you listen to others;" and it has sometimes seemed to me that the description gains strength and force as the years roll on. Here, in England, where we have inherited from our forefathers all the blessings of religious toleration and civil liberty, we can hardly understand the venomous rancour with which so innocent and beneficial an institution as Freemasonry is assailed, and many of us were at first disposed to smile at attacks which seemed childish in their meanness, spite, and misconception. But the perseverance with which these attacks were repeated, and the unrelenting hostility displayed, has stimulated inquiry and caused the reasons for their enmity to be better understood. (Cheers.) Not to go over an old story, I would ask students of history to note that wherever nations are free, happy, prosperous, and law-abiding, where there is constitutional government and religious liberty, Freemasonry flourishes; the most exalted personages in those realms are proud to enter its ranks and to avow their allegiance to its principles. On the other hand, in countries oppressed by spiritual tyranny or civil despotism, the light of Freemasonry is dreaded, and it is proscribed as a thing accursed. There is at this time no country in Europe where it is so dangerous to admit to be a Freemason as in Spain, and we all know the distressed condition of that unhappy country. (Loud cheers.) Italy furnishes a stronger example still, for so long as she was oppressed by misgovernment Freemasonry was punished by imprisonment, confiscation, and banishment, while directly she became free, lodges multiplied, and a Grand Lodge, presided over by the distinguished patriot Mazzini, was established. In Rome itself, it is important to know—and I pledge my personal credit to the fact, for I have taken unflinching means to inform myself, and it is beyond dispute—that Italian and English Freemasonry are absolutely identical. All the gossip as to the incendiary designs of Italian Freemasons, their conspiracies against the State, and their lawless compacts, are absolute inventions of the enemy. Doubtless, in times past Italian Freemasons, smarting under the horrible mis-government of their country, endeavoured to realise the principles taught by the Craft, but now that Italy is free, Masonry there is precisely what it is here, and it would be as sensible and as truthful to brand this meeting as composed of assassins and conspirators, as to believe the same charges against the illustrious men who rule the Craft in Italy. (Cheers.) Let us never forget, whenever Freemasonry is called in question, that Italy's past and present history, and the position of the Craft in that country then and now, furnish the most complete answers to assailants. It is for them to prove that light, freedom, order, constitutional government, and religious toleration are imperilled when Freemasonry is allowed to pursue its way without suppression or interference. (Hear, hear.) This makes the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Rome one of the greatest Masonic triumphs of the century, and it is gratifying to find that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales readily recognised its importance, and that one of his earliest acts as Grand Master was to place the Grand Lodge of England in official communication with that of Italy. Brethren, by our Masonic laws and obligations, no lodge can flourish in any district without conserving and strengthening respect for duly constituted authority, obedience to the law, loyalty to the Throne, charity to all mankind, and affection to the brotherhood; and it is the bounden duty of every Mason, whatever his position in life, to co-operate with his brethren for upholding the Craft. I shall always be glad that I have been able to render some slight service to this lodge, and shall always refer with pride to this evening, and to this mark of your great kindness and consideration. As for my own wishes for the prosperity of the St. David's Lodge, let me quote the words of our illustrious Mason, our brother Robert Burns, as sung by him at the Kilmarnock Kilwinning Lodge on an occasion somewhat similar to the present:—

"The powers who preside o'er the world and the tide,  
Who marked each element's border;  
Who formed this frame with beneficent aim,  
Whose sovereign statute is order.  
Within this dear mansion may wayward contention,  
Or withered envy ne'er enter;  
May secrecy round be the mystical bound,  
And brotherly love be the centre.

—(Loud cheers.)

The remainder of the evening was spent in a very pleasant manner, the toasts being interspersed with songs and recitations.

**TRADE MARKS.**—One of the last Acts passed in the recent Session was to establish a Register of Trade Marks, under the superintendence of the Commissioners of Patents, and from and after the 1st July next a person is not to be entitled to institute any proceeding to prevent the infringement of any trade marks as defined by the Act until and unless such trade mark is registered. An office is to be established, not later than the 1st of January next, in such a manner and with such officers and at such salaries, to be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament, as the Lord Chancellor may, with the consent of the Treasury, direct.

## Poetry.

### THE "P.M.'S" SONG.

By BRO. T. BURDETT YEOMAN.

Dedicated by permission to the Most Illustrious, Exalted, and Worthy Bro. R. WENTWORTH LITTLE.

Come once again, whilst I relate  
Some worthy deeds and acts;  
Give ear all ye, till I discuss  
A record full of facts.  
My tales are true, no one will doubt  
They're pungent in their way,  
For stirring scenes and sympathies  
Are met with ev'ry day.  
Chorus: Then honour pay where it is due,  
For 'tis a sterling gem,  
One of rare worth—all Masons own  
Past jewelled chair, P.M.

The path it may be difficult,  
And some can ne'er attain;  
Sometimes a check lies in the way  
But patience pray maintain.  
All is not perfect e'en with us,  
To gain the goal we like;  
But earnest be in what you do,  
The vein you're sure to strike.  
Chorus: Then honour pay, etc.

One cannot stride through all degrees,  
But step by step one gains  
A near approach for what he toils  
Before he holds the reins.  
Much thought you need, and study too;  
'Tis not an easy task  
To reach the chair beset with cares,  
And in its honours bask.  
Chorus: Then honour pay, etc.

The rule is somewhat paradox,  
But truth it is laid down;  
Intelligence must reign supreme,  
Yet justice bears the crown.  
All are as one before 'tis done,  
And union is complete;  
You must by all accepted be  
To reach the longed-for seat.  
Chorus: Then honour pay, etc.

To rule a lodge of goodly men,  
With hope the guiding star;  
To sit among the jewelled band,  
Its lustre ne'er to mar.  
'Tis highly honoured in the Craft,  
Each glance doth homage pay  
To see this noble band of men,  
The Past Masters' array.  
Chorus: Then honour pay, etc.

### THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

On Saturday last a small party of brethren, well known in the Order, assembled at a most agreeable dinner provided with much care by Bro. R. Stone, at the Ship Hotel, Halliford, Middlesex. The chair was occupied by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Brette, of Christ's Hospital. On his left was Lieut.-Col. Peters, and among the other members of the company were Bros. R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G.S.W. Middlesex, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; J. G. Marsh, W. T. Howe, J. Llewellyn Jones, E. G. Hislop, C. A. Davis, George Townsend, W. Clifton Crick, R. Stone, and H. Massey ("Freemason"). After enjoying the excellent repast and choice wines set before them, the brethren honoured several Masonic toasts, beginning with "The Queen," and following this up with "The Prince of Wales, G.M.," "The Pro Grand Master," "The Deputy Grand Master, and others." In the course of the evening Dr. Brette proposed "Success to the Masonic Institutions," and when this had been enthusiastically drunk, Bro. R. Wentworth Little responded. In his reply he contrasted the present with the past condition of all the Masonic Charitable Institutions. After referring to the large number of annuitants now on the books of the Benevolent Institution, the number (177) of boys in the Boys' School, and of girls in the Girls' School, he said that the rapid increase in the members of the Order, and the liberality of the contributions to its charities, necessitated a corresponding distribution of their benefits. With this view the managers of each of the institutions were constantly exercising their minds as to how much further they might go in opening their doors to the multiplying demands made thereat. Speaking for the moment of the Girls' School, with which he was more immediately connected, he might inform the brethren that the building at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, was not capable of receiving a greater number of children than it at present contained (150). Although the grounds were extensive they were merely sufficient for this number of children, and the alterations in the neighbourhood of the school rendered it impossible to purchase more land contiguous to the existing site. It would therefore be incumbent on the managers to find land elsewhere to keep pace with the growing claims of the Craft, and a scheme would shortly be placed before the subscribers with that object. A notice of motion for the enlargement of the establishment had already been given in committee by a member (Bro. Joshua Nunn), and in that shape the matter would come before the brethren. The Rev. Dr. Brette thanked the brethren for their liberal support of his list, on which he, as Steward at the last festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, had been enabled to take up the sum of £94 10s., to be added to the funds of that institution. The party of brethren returned to town by the last train.

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

A committee of this institution met on Wednesday, September 8th, Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., in the chair. Bros. Samuel Rawson, R. H. Girard, Henry G. Warren, Charles F. Hogard, Louis Stean, John Newton, James Brett, C. A. Cottebrune, Wm. Stephens, Hyde Pullen, Thos. Cubitt, R. W. Little, and James Terry, Sec.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and verified. The Secretary reported the death of two annuitants, one of whom had received £159, and the other £213.

The report of the House Committee was approved, and an estimate directed to be made of the cost of erecting an iron railing in front of the institution at Croydon.

A widow was granted half her late husband's annuity, and one candidate was placed on list for election in May next.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday, 4th September, Bro. Henry Browne, Vice-Pat., in the chair. Among the others present were Bros. Richard Spencer, Vice-Pat.; Henry Smith, West Yorkshire, V.P.; Frederick Adlard, V.P.; George Bolton, V.P.; Henry Moore, Henry Dubosc, Robert Webster, Jesse Turner, and F. Binckes, Secretary.

Petitions were accepted on behalf of two candidates for April, 1876, election, and an outfit value £5 was granted to an ex-pupil, after which the Committee adjourned.

### Masonic and General Tidings.

We learn that Bro. Edward James Harty, the designer and drawer of the Installation Picture, has been in Paris in connection with the engraving of the picture, and that from thence he proceeded to Lausanne, to lay it before the "Convent Universel," which commenced its proceedings on Monday, the 6th inst. We are happy to learn that Bro. Harty is progressing well with his undertaking, and we trust that it will receive warm support alike at home and abroad.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, Hants, offers himself as a candidate for the vacant seat at the board of the London and South-Western Railway Company, caused by the resignation of Mr. Hutchins.

Mr. Alderman and Sheriff Ellis and Mrs. Ellis have returned to Byfleet from Castleham, Hollington, where they have been on a visit to the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress.

With reference to a complaint of our Bro. Homfray, A.G.D.C., we beg to say that his name, as well as that of Bro. R. Scott, D.G.M. Trinidad, were omitted from the posts they occupied in last Grand Lodge by inadvertence.

The will and codicil, dated July 22nd, 1871, and December 7th, 1872, of Sir Charles Locock, Bart., late of Hertford-street, Mayfair, and of Binstead, in the Isle of Wight, who died on July 23rd last, was proved on the 18th ult. by Sir Charles Brodie Locock, Bart., and the Rev. Alfred Henry Locock, two of the sons of the deceased, the executors, the personal estate being sworn under £100,000.

ALEXANDRA PALACE.—The number of visitors to the Alexandra Palace since the opening on the 1st of May has considerably exceeded one million.

Ten thousand rupees have been subscribed by the merchants of Aden for the purpose of giving a fitting reception to the Prince of Wales.

It is rumoured that the Maharaja of Travancore will proceed to Bombay to visit the Prince of Wales.

Messrs. C. T. Brock and Co., the Crystal Palace pyrotechnists, have been informed that the Municipality of Calcutta has decided to engage them to give a display of fireworks on a very large scale, in honour of his Royal Highness's (the Prince of Wales) visit to that city.

We are under obligations to the Provincial Grand Prior of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia for lists of the officers of the Nova Scotia Preceptory and the Priory of the same. They are as follows:—Sir Knts. Benjamin Curren, D.C.L., Eminent Preceptor; W. N. Woodill, Constable; C. F. Vose, Marshal; Rev. H. P. Almon, D.C.L., Chaplain; S. R. Sircom, P.E.C., Treasurer; H. M. Hamilton, Registrar; A. H. Woodill, M.D., Sub-Marshal; J. Tracey, Chaplain of the Guard; C. Payzant, B.A., Almoner; J. W. Andrews, W. W. Rickards, Standard Bearers; R. M. Stirling, A. G. Hesslein, Pursuivants; J. M. Taylor, Guard. Priory:—Sir Knts. Benjamin Curren, Eminent Prior; Rev. H. P. Almon, Prelate; W. N. Woodill, Capt.-General; C. F. Vose, First Lieut.-General; A. H. Crowe, Second Lieut.-General; W. E. McCoy, Third Lieut.-General; A. H. Woodill, Marshal; W. W. Rickards, Hospitaller; J. W. Andrews, Admiral; J. R. Jennett, Conservator; J. Tracy, Bailie; C. Payzant, Turcopoler; H. M. Hamilton, Chancellor; S. R. Sircom, Treasurer; J. M. Taylor, Guard. The head quarters are at Halifax.

NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR MUSIC.—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has decided that his free scholarship in this school shall be awarded, after an open competition, among the inhabitants of the Principality of Wales.

## NOTICE.

Many complaints having been received of the difficulty experienced in procuring the *Freemason* in the West-end, the publisher begs to append the following list, being a selected few of the appointed agents:—

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## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, SEPT. 11, 1875.

## SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY.

We had intended finishing our remarks commenced last week to-day, but as we publish in this impression a most able letter from a Scottish brother, on the present position of the Craft in Scotland, we think it better to give up our intention. We do not know that we could say much that is either new or striking. There is no reason why the Masonic system in Scotland should not be as firm and regularized as it is in England, but perhaps on the whole, it is more respectful to Scottish Freemasons, and the Scottish Grand Lodge, to believe that they are capable of managing their own concerns, and know their own business best, and so we leave the matter here. We shall always welcome any change, which shall give strength and vitality to Freemasonry in Scotland; as knowing how warm-hearted and "leal" our good brethren are, we always feel regret when we hear it said, what is the proof before the world of the active principles of Scottish Masonic Charity? All movements, though good in themselves, which do not deal with the annual contribution from every member to the Benevolent Fund are only palliatives in our opinion of a standing weakness, not a permanent remedy, nor a radical cure.

## THE MASONIC CONGRESS AT LAUSANNE.

A dreadful event is taking place this week in Switzerland. Elderly Abbés and young Ultramontones are shaking their heads and ears in pious horror at the development of the "mystery of the iniquity" of Freemasonry, evidenced by tolerated (tolerated, Sir!) meetings of revolutionists, conspirators, illuminés, agitators, destructives, unbelievers, internationalists, "children of Satan," &c., &c., from all parts of the world, at the pleasant and quiet city of Lausanne. What dreadful consequences may be the result of this weakness of the Swiss authorities, who can foretell or venture to say? But there can be no doubt "something is up," some mischief is being hatched, when these dreadful Freemasons meet in such large numbers. There can be little question that it is only to further their own "secret warfare against Church and State." Now, we always feel a great deal of pity for alarmists, whether elderly ladies or young "ansers," and we think it well to endeavour to relieve their anxieties and sooth their fears. Not that we believe that anything we can say will do so, in fact, now, as the word "Freemasonry" acts like "a bit of red rag" to large classes of bovine Romanists and Ritualists. As we write, and when you read, the meeting of the Rite Eccossais will be about half over, not quite; and we think it, therefore, well to call attention to its programme, with such comments as our Masonic experience may suggest. It seems that the Swiss members of the Supreme Council of the Scotch Rite, and foreign members of the same, delegates, &c., are expected to arrive at Lausanne on the 4th, 5th, and 6th, and are to be received by a Council of Reception with white rosettes. There is something very significant in this colour. Is it the "Drapeau Blanc" raised in Switzerland? or, though it looks like a "badge of innocence," does it only cover the dark deeds and the black hearts of Freemasons? It is a serious question. The "convent," it appears (nothing is said about a nunnery) is to be opened on the 6th at 3 p.m. in the casino-theatre at Lausanne. At seven, after four hours of "travail"—not travel—a banquet is to be offered to the hungry and thirsty brethren, and which is to be followed by a soirée familiere, a fraternal "free and easy," at which smoking and singing will both be allowed. We are not told whether ladies are to be admitted; we hope they are. Tuesday, the 7th, and Wednesday, the 8th, are to be given up to "labour," and as nothing is said about "refreshment," it almost looks, as Sir Wilfrid Lawson would facetiously observe, as if it would be a "very dry job." On Thursday, the 9th, after an early "seance" for work, they are to make an excursion to Chexbres, a pleasant hill and Pension not far from Vevey, overlooking the beautiful Lake of Geneva. On the 10th and 11th they are to go to work again, on the 12th they rest, and on the 13th they have a grand outing. A steamboat leaves Ouchy at 9 a.m., calls at Vevey at 9.45, and takes them on to Chillon. They will visit the castle and dungeon, they will shake hands with Bro. Bonnard, they will open a lodge actually in the subterranean chamber, and they will hold a revel in the Knights' Hall. At 6 they return to Lausanne. We fancy that the recital so far will cause our agitated adversaries to exclaim, What can they be after? What iniquity are they hatching? There must be something in this more than meets the eye, to assemble in a subterranean chamber, and dine in the Knights' Hall! Well, this band of conspirators will return to Lausanne, et puis? They do nothing apparently until the 18th; at least, nothing is said in the programme; no, they conspire in secret. On the 18th, dreadful act, they promenade in Lausanne and its environs, and, no doubt, admire the ladies and the scenery. Again a mysterious silence about four days. What can they be doing? On the 22nd they go to Eschallen for a picnic, croquet, and five o'clock tea, and having opened a lodge in the 33rd Degree Reamur, they close it immediately in consequence of the intense heat, and the extensive demand for Swiss champagne and the Sippon. The Lodge of Liberty thereupon invites the brethren to a sitting of "adieu," and a standing-up "family soirée," and then

they all disperse to the four winds of heaven as fast as the railway trains can carry them away. Is there not a good deal to be made out of this apparently explicit, but clearly misleading programme? What deeds of darkness are they plotting on the days not specified? Who can answer? On the whole, we are inclined to believe that our brethren of the Rite Eccossais, when assembled, will be excessively happy together, and with light hearts, good spirits, and excellent appetites, will enjoy alike the "seances" of "travail," the "banquets," and the "soirees familiares," as well as the "fête champetres." We fancy, that once assembled as Freemasons, lawfully and peaceably alike in the fear of God and love of man, they will care little for ban or blessing, for angry incrimination, or foolish excommunication. They will see one of the fairest countries in the world, they will look on the Lake of Geneva in all its beauty, and catch a glimpse of the Savoy Hills, and the "Pic du Midi." Theirs will be very happy "rassemblement," and fascinating "pelerinages," and if they are wise enough to take their fair sisters with them, they will double their enjoyment, and enhance the pleasantness of the reunion. We are sure they will meet and part in love for one another, and charity with all men, and as they pour out the final "vin d'honneur," they will wish to their calumnious and remorseless adversaries a more Christian vocabulary, and much better manners. We trust that all success and happiness will attend the brethren of the Rite Eccossais now gathered together at Lausanne.

## THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE.

A paper which we publish in another column, translated from the "Chaine de l'Union" of August, suggests many seasonable thoughts, to all those who take an interest in French Freemasonry, and we would add to the French brethren themselves. We do not know exactly what the "Eglise Libre" of Nice is as a journal, whether it represents what is termed the "Old Catholic" or the French Protestant, or even the Waldensian body. Whichever it be, the writer of the article uses very effective arguments, and shows much good sense. Curiously enough, the views propounded and the dicta laid down by this independent and non-Masonic witness, exactly agree with what has often been said in the leading columns of the "Freemason!" We have tried to point out that the real teaching of the French Freemasonry (whatever may be the "chic" of the hour,) is neither materialism, positivism, or moral independence. Remembering the older French teaching, we have contended that they, like us, are bound to uphold the theistic position of our Universal Order, and to make the Bible a perpetual emblem in their lodges, and the basis and guide of all their moral strivings. It is this, let us hope temporary, alliance with the sceptical school and violent politicians, both in France and Belgium, which has so weakened the true status of Freemasonry in each country, and has alarmed friends and embittered foes! Whatever Monsignor Dupanloup's real feeling about Freemasonry may be, when confined to the purely philanthropical and benevolent side of the question, as with us in England, we know not, though probably, like all sincere Roman Catholics, he does not allow himself to argue upon the matter, and accepts the infallible allocutions of infallible occupants of the See of St. Peter. Still, we are bold enough to think and to express our opinion that had the Bishop of Orleans only to deal with Freemasonry as it exists under the Anglo-Saxon system, and where its watchwords are "Loyalty and Charity," he would not have deemed it worth his while either to "etudier" the question, much less to communicate his "Etude" to the world. Under all the circumstances of the case, "le jeu," most certainly, ne valait pas "la chandelle." But as it is, he had a fine field open to him, and he has profited by the occasion to make the most of his case, and we fear that we must add, to cause impartial persons to admit that there is great room for improvement, alike in words and acts, among many Freemasons of both those countries. We therefore earnestly commend this important extract from Bro. Hubert's journal to the attention



of all our brethren in France and Belgium. Its moderation will ensure attention, and its ability will attract readers. Heartily agreeing with every word of it, and rejoicing to note how it confirms in every particular our previously expressed opinions, we feel that it is in itself a complete justification of every remark we have made and of every argument we have used. Our Bro. Valleton, who is the correspondent, we believe, of the "Monde Maconnique," says, that we believe everything the Bishop of Orleans and others choose to say against Freemasonry in France, &c. But, begging his pardon, we do nothing of the kind. We have, on the contrary, pointed out where we think Bro. Caubet has the advantage of the Bishop of Orleans, but where also, as Bro. Caubet seems to admit, the Bishop of Orleans may fairly complain of speeches which are not Masonic in any sense. We agree with Bro. Caubet that, so far, the Grand Orient of both countries are not responsible for the silly vapourings of individual brethren. When we talked of the "sterile path of politics, &c.," we meant that the Grand Orient should publicly disavow any sympathy with many of the proceedings of the lodges under its control, with numberless discussions which are not Masonic, and which do no good to true Freemasonry. As a body it is possible the Grand Orient does not allow any discussion on such topics, but if we in England in our lodges amused ourselves by long debates about purely political matters, such as the education question, and numerous social subjects which we leave wisely to the legislative bodies, and, above all, if we put forth disquisitions on points both of doubtful morality and actual scepticism, our Grand Lodge would be held responsible for the acts of the private lodges. And so it must be in France. The one hope of safety and salvation for Freemasonry in France and Belgium is that it may cease to be a debating club, and that it will banish all religious and political discussions from every lodge, and give itself up to works of common beneficence and usefulness, as peaceable and law-abiding citizens, as instructed and faithful Freemasons.

#### THE LOSS OF THE VANGUARD.

Few Englishmen, or Scotchmen, or Irishmen, but felt a thrill of pain, when they heard of the submersion of this noble specimen of our modern naval construction. We all feel proud, perhaps no longer of our "wooden walls," but at any rate of our "ironclad bulwarks." There is something in the free, manly, devoted spirit of sea service which has ever commended itself very deeply to the hearts and sympathies of all the inhabitants of Great Britain. We have been proud of our navy, its successes, its devotion, its discipline, and its unconquered flag! It is not often that such disasters have happened, though of course, in the long and stormy annals of the past, amid deeds of danger and scenes of peril, amid the storm and tempest, the battle and the breeze, amid the horrors of fire and the dangers of icy seas, we have had more than one occasion to mourn over losses of ships, and above all losses of life. The Royal George went down, with brave old Kempenfelt, with many hundred men; the Captain capsized in a squall off the Spanish coast; and we have had to deplore numerous cases of mournful shipwreck, only lightened up by the heroic endurance and the unfaltering discipline of our gallant blue jackets. In a fog off the Irish coast one great ironclad runs into the other, and in an hour the "Vanguard," struck by the ram, goes down in nineteen fathoms of water, luckily with no loss of life, except the captain's faithful dog. What a commentary on the uncertainty of earthly things, and the insecurity of earthly strength! Despite "water tight compartments," &c., which aim to keep the vessel afloat, the fatal rent has apparently overpowered all scientific contrivances, or rather the mighty and irresistible and uncontrollable ocean has asserted its own unchanging strength. Whether the "Vanguard" can be raised or not, remains to be seen, but whether or no, it is impossible but such an event must be a matter of much serious thought for all connected with the navy, and indeed for any

reflecting person. One writer states that the "Vanguard" could not communicate with the "Iron Duke" because it had no means of signalling in a fog. Surely the advance of science is able to deal with such a question as this, and in this age of discovery and amelioration, some mode may be found of affording the means of fog-signalling. It seems odd to an impartial spectator, that in a fog such mighty vessels were so close together, so as to allow no room for the slightest variation of the course, but that is surely a question for the naval enquiry. We are only expressing the feeling of all our readers when we say how much we regret to hear of such a startling catastrophe, and when we rejoice in knowing that all lives were saved, and that the "devouring main" which holds this mighty specimen of our modern Navy in its tumultuous waves, has not also in its mysterious depths any human victims, for us to mourn over, or to weep for.

#### THE PERILS OF THE RAIL.

Those of us who are old enough to remember the days of coaching, and the George and Blue Boar, Holborn, will call to mind not a few of the perils of the road. To-day we are most concerned, sic "tempora mutantur," with the perils of the rail. Every now and then London, calmly perusing the "Times" and daily papers, is startled from its apathy by the account of some dire accident. Many, then, are our remarks, "More Britannorum," and forcible are our observations. Still the perils remain, still they crop up, still they sadden us with their lugubrious details, still they make us actually think for a few passing moments, for the "phenomenon" of a railway accident is very impressive. Despite all the advance of science and efforts of skill, despite all human care and precaution, it often happens that "in a moment in the twinkling of an eye," the line is covered with the debris of shattered and splintered carriages, the ground occupied by the wounded, the dying, and the dead, and the shrieks of agonizing suffering, or the exclamations of absorbing terror, affect the strongest heart, and flurry the stoutest nerve. And we confess, that despite many great and heartrending episodes in railway travelling, we have seldom realized more deeply the perils of the rail than in the recent Kildwick calamity. The remarks of the "Times" on the subject were most opportune and effective, and at the same time most undeniably true. Kildwick is a station of the Midland Railway, in what is termed the Craven country, and this train was an excursion train returning to Bradford. Some hard worked Bradfordians had been away for an "outing," and on their homeward return there comes this dreadful accident, this cruel suffering for them and surviving friends. And then of course re-appears the old question, Who's to blame? Who did it? The first and hasty reply to the question is generally an attack on the railway company. At such times the frame of mind of the British travelling public is very severe, and they believe that until the fate happens to a Director or General Manager which Sydney Smith anticipated for a Bishop these accidents will never cease. Now, we feel bound to say for the Midland Railway Company, knowing its line well, that despite some dreadful accidents which have occurred on it, it is most carefully worked and skilfully managed. All precautions are taken, humanly speaking, to avoid collisions and to shut out danger in travelling; and we do not suppose that any company, as a rule, is more watchful over its arrangements and its officials, who, for the most part, are steady, particular, and yet obliging. Probably it all will have arisen from some unforeseen and uncontrollable contingency, the mistake of a pointsman, or the error of a signalman. The enquiry under Captain Tyler will probably tell us something to this effect. And then what more can be done or said? The victims are gone, the sufferers are still there. We do not know that much more can be made of the matter one way or the other. It is a most deplorable accident, and affecting in its commentary on the vicissitudes of human life, and the uncertainties of a day of pleasurable excursion. All our readers will be full of pity for those who saw the sad catastrophe, who suffered from it,

who survive it, who have left their friends to mourn for them for many a long day. But numbering the thousands upon thousands who throng our railway system, the stress upon railway officials, the extreme carelessness of many excursionists, and above all the unavoidable contingencies and perils of the rail, we cannot shut our eyes to the fact, considering everything, that accidents are happily not of frequent occurrence, and we are disposed to doubt whether the perils of the rail, with countless travellers to-day, exceed in their measure the perils of the road, with their hundreds by comparison fifty years ago. Since this was written the official enquiry has demonstrated that the collision was owing to one or both of the causes mentioned above.

#### THE MASONIC STRUGGLE IN FRANCE, AND THE NEW POSITION OF FREEMASONRY THERE.

With reference to the present struggle going on in France between the Ultramontanes and the Freemasons, and the true position of Freemasonry in that country, we have translated the following interesting paper, which originally appeared in the "Eglise Libre" of Nice, and is quoted by Bro. Hubert in the "Chaine de L'Union," for August. To understand the extract aright, we must bear in mind the internecine struggle going on between the opposing schools of thought and action, and we shall appreciate the impartial spirit and the correct views of the writer, be he who he may.

"With regard to the philosophical address of Mons. Littré, at his Masonic initiation, the 'Eglise Libre' has expressed the idea to which all Christians will subscribe. It is evident that if Freemasonry, which appears to aim at rallying all the living forces of true liberality in the struggle against an invading clericalism, had no other profession of principles but that made at the lodge of 'La Clemente Amie,' it would drive away from it not only Christians, but those convinced spiritualists who think you cannot create a sound social and individual morality without positive belief in the soul and its immortality. A fortiori the disciples of our common Saviour would feel themselves obliged to separate themselves from a society which was expressly based on principles hostile to their faith. But must we consider Mons. Littré's manifesto as an official declaration of Freemasonry?"

No; and nothing could be more erroneous. One might contend "au contraire," that the traditional and authentic Masonic principles are opposed to materialism and positivism. They are based on the belief in a personal God. The ancient expression of the "Great Architect of the Universe" applied to God, sufficiently indicates this fact, and one might say that the immense majority of Freemasons, especially among the middle and working class, still hold to this religious and moral idea, as philosophical as any other, and most akin to common sense. It is true that Freemasonry has not escaped more than other human societies in general, and religious denominations (churches) in particular, also, from the contentions of intellect, and from the divisions which result from them. All the perturbations of our actual society are reflected in them. We have had orthodox and Freethinkers, and we remember that a lodge was suspended some years ago by the Grand Orient of France for having introduced in its regulations details of doctrine which contradicted the traditional principles! There are also among Freemasons the "Littrés" "in petto," and even more advanced, as well as fervent Roman Catholics. The latter have become more rare since the war declared by the syllabus. There are in particular two great currents, one which draws us towards the principles of the morality called independent, and which entirely contests the affirmation of all believers, the other, which maintains the belief in God, Father of all men, source and end of the activity of all moral beings. This last, we say once more, is in a great majority. Whatever it may be, we may say that Positivism is not at all the official faith of Freemasons—just the contrary. They have come to tolerate it greatly, that is all. That this toleration may be maintained without giving a mournful blow to that humanitarian alliance which Freemasonry seeks, it is certainly desirable that it should not degenerate into manifestoes like that which has been alluded to. It is true that in the place of believing that the Littré manifesto is painful to the conscience of Christians, we might deduce from it on the contrary, that Mons. "Littré" dogmatizing gave to Christians the right of possessing their beliefs in the lodges, and of rendering homage to their Saviour. And as there are men of faith among the Freemasons the Gospel truth would have there its representatives and its defenders. But Freemasonry would lose too soon its character and its usefulness, if it became an arena for religious discussions, and of diverging professions of faith. The best would be, that it should return to its neutral character and its original purpose, which is an humanitarian alliance outside and above all political and religious parties, with this only dogma positive and exclusive; liberty for all, and respect of all! Holding itself within these limits as it is in reality inclined, Freemasonry could not have anything hostile to the evangelical faith, nor repugnant to Christians. On the contrary it could become one of the "boulevards" of modern liberties, for it is the only general organization and tolerated in all states which can be opposed to the great Jesuitical conspiracy. Far from encouraging Christians from uniting themselves with its efforts, and enrolling themselves under its banners, we ought to urge perhaps all liberal minded believers to enter its lodges. They would prevent Freemasonry from getting into the hands of intolerant philoso-

phical coteries, and they would reinforce the "League of Liberty" of which the success is so important above all in France, for the free spread of the evangelical faith."

[By this last phrase we understand that liberty of conscience and worship are meant, which all Freemasons respect.] Eu.

### Original Correspondence.

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

#### HIGHRODIANS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,

I have read with much interest Bro. R. W. Little's letter in your last "Freemason," and am not *primâ facie* indisposed to accept the plausible explanation he suggests, if it can be substantiated, as "Herodian" is very near to "Highrodian," though I cannot agree that his proposal to understand "Domestic and Foreign," Domestic and Geomatic, speculative and operative, one of the three that is for "Domaskin and Forin," so far is either a philological one, or is likely to be accepted generally. I do not, however, quite agree with him, that because in 1787 Preston opened the Grand Chapter of Harodim, therefore the grade, or whatever you like to term it, did not exist before. Preston distinctly says that it was an old Order, but mainly cultivated abroad, and new in England, and it is just possible that it is after all only adapted from one of the well-known foreign High Grades, in which the word "Harodim" occurs. I quite agree that if it really only was founded altogether in 1787, it could not be identical with an Order mentioned in 1746, but this point has yet to be decided, and cannot be settled until we know the exact nature, &c., of the Grand Chapter of Harodim, for which Preston claims great merit and excellence. With regard to the "Herodians," as a distinct grade, "formerly well-known in England," I confess that I receive the statement, with all deference to Bro. Little, with much hesitation.

It would almost seem as if our good brother's authority for the statement is Finch, though Bro. Little must well know that Finch's authority is of no value in such a discussion whatever, he being a thorough charlatan, and may have been the originator of the "Herodians" himself. Though I know Bro. Little has said so, Finch's assertion is new to me as a fact.

The "Herodians" are unknown, I believe, to all Masonic historians and writers. I know of no printed work professing to deal with the High Grades, though I have read a great many, which alludes even to such an Order.

They are not mentioned by Preston nor acknowledged by Oliver, as far as I am aware, I find no trace of them in Mackey or Macoy, nor are they apparently known by the compilers of the "Allgemeines Handbuch." But though I say this, I write deferentially on all matters relating to the High Grades, and I do not deny that Bro. Little may have subsidiary evidence which will settle the question. Bro. Hughan tells me there was a Harodim Lodge warranted in 1790, and which united with the Lodge of Antiquity in 1794. But a question comes in which Bro. Hughan might perhaps help us, as to whether this "High Order" did not refer to the Royal Arch after all.

There was also, it seems, a Grand Chapter of Herodim or Herodin in London in 1778, and which was visited by a German of the name of Meyer that year, which was under Robt. Lintot and Daniel Gottfried Hintze.

The compilers of the "Handbuch" seem to think that Oliver has confounded these two chapters in his remarks, but that is a point Bro. Little could clear up. I am very glad to hear that Bro. Little is contemplating publishing "excerpts" from the Grand Chapter of Harodim, and if he can verify Finch's statement, we may have the explanation of "Highrodian" in "Herodian."

Yours fraternally, A. F. A. WOODFORD.

#### THE 1717 THEORY.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I do not think that there is much use in going over this "debatable land" again!

Bro. Buchan, will he forgive me for saying so? seems in a very bad way. "Incidit in Scyllam cupiens evitare Charybdim."

In order to get out of the inevitable conclusion of historical and non-Masonic evidence—he has now endeavoured to set up three systems of Freemasonry, "The operative Freemasonry of the 14th, 15th, and 16th centuries," "The social Freemasonry of the 17th century," and "18th century Freemasonry." This is, begging his pardon, "a reductio ad absurdum" with a vengeance!

Feeling naturally how the "shoe pinches" as regards Plot's and Ashmole's evidence, he calmly disconnects the Freemasonry they mention from any previous or subsequent system, and make it of course entirely distinct from the 1717 Freemasonry!

What is the use of going on with such a discussion?

Bro. Hughan and myself, in accord upon this point, have pointed out to him that Plot, a non-Mason, actually describes almost the exact counterpart of our present system, and declares that it was in existence in 1686, and long previously.

To get over this, Bro. Buchan replies, "oh yes! Plot is correct, there was a Freemasonry in existence in his time, a 'Social Freemasonry,' different from the operative Freemasonry of 'Auld lang syne,' and different too from our modern system." Now what I want to ask Bro. Buchan is, what evidence will satisfy him?

He objects to Masonic historians, we offer him Plot non-Masonic; he quietly puts Plot on one side, invents pro hac vice, his wonderful theory of a "Social 17th century Freemasonry."

I hardly like to say more, but other critics may be

less lenient, because Bro. Buchan is an able man, he understands alike the force of evidence and of argument, and I cannot think his last letter either does credit to himself or the cause of truth, which I honestly believe he really after all, like myself, is anxious to maintain and to advance.

Yours fraternally, A MASONIC STUDENT.

#### MINUTES AND THEIR CONFIRMATION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Tebbs is not only not convinced by my last letter upon this subject, but he is confirmed in the opinion that he is right, because, according to him, "my quotations entirely bear out his view of the law of the case."

I am sorry that I did not express myself so clearly as to make him understand me. I am afraid that I cannot write more plainly than I did; it would be of no use to reiterate what I have written. I stated the law as I believe it to be, and I further gave the reasons why I thought it a good law, and I now, therefore, confine myself to remarking upon two errors, as regards fact, into which Bro. Tebbs appears to have fallen. He writes, "Now this is not the case with regard to the election of Grand Master (which I admit most willingly is a precedent to be followed by most every subordinate lodge), for what do we find in page 29, section 1? The Grand Master is to be nominated (not elected) at one Grand Lodge, elected at the next, and then installed, but without any second election at the ensuing festival." (The italics are mine.) Bro. Tebbs goes on, "Is not this exactly what I say should be done, and more, I believe usually is done? What I dispute is that any second election is legal."

The difference between the proceedings in Grand Lodge for the election of Grand Master and those in a private lodge for the election of W.M. consists in this, that in the former case the G.M. is nominated at a previous meeting, and in the latter case the W.M. is not so nominated. In all other respects the proceedings are precisely similar, and the same laws govern both elections.

As regards the words I have italicised above, I take it that Bro. Tebbs supposes that the election of G.M. is not subject to confirmation at the ensuing festival. Let me remind him that at the festival meeting the minutes of the preceding Grand Lodge, so far as they relate to the election of Grand Master, are put for confirmation before the ceremony of installation takes place. If when the question is put the minute were not confirmed the previous election of the Grand Master would be null and void.

Bro. Tebbs will, I trust, now see that this is not what he says should be done, and it is, moreover, not what he says is usually done, and that his contention that any second election (i.e. confirmation of the election of W.M.) is illegal falls to the ground.

Referring to my reasons why, in my opinion, time should be allowed (in the interval between election and confirmation) for due consideration of so important a matter as that of the election of a W.M., Bro. Tebbs writes "Now this seems to me to be perfectly unnecessary. Surely, the month between nomination and election is ample time for the consideration of the matter." My reply is that no such thing as nomination of a W.M. exists. No nomination is required, and, as a rule, I believe that generally none is made. The Secretary reads the names of the members of the lodge who are qualified for election to the office of W.M., each person then writes the name of the brother he votes for on a paper, the paper is placed in the ballot box, the W.M. examines the paper, and declares he who has most votes to be W.M. elect. At the next meeting of the lodge, when that election is confirmed, the brother so elected and his election confirmed is to be installed. What then becomes of Bro. Tebbs's argument? In the election of Grand Master the brethren have from December (the nomination) to the first Wednesday in March (the election), and then from the first Wednesday in March till last Wednesday in April (the confirmation) for consideration. In a private lodge the brethren have only one month, viz., from one lodge meeting to the next, to consider it; and Bro. Tebbs would not even allow them that. He not only thinks that the decision of at that one meeting is, but that it ought to be final.

I think that few will agree with Bro. Tebbs.

P.G.W.

#### THE POWERS OF W. MASTERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to thank P.G.W. for the trouble he has given himself to answer my letter of the 18th ult. I am sorry, however, he is so needlessly suspicious of me, and it would have been kinder if he had not presumed that there was "something more in my questions than meets the eye," as all I asked for was a plain answer to a plain question, involving a general principle with no reference to any particular case.

Yours fraternally,

AN ABSENT W.M.

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

#### THE ARMS OF THE FREEMASONS.

A correspondent under the initials E. S., in a communication at p. 338, asks what is the colour of the chevron and 3 castles on the shield shown on a Masonic token commemorating the election of the Prince of Wales as G.M., in 1790. The following extract from "Guillim's Display of Heraldry" will supply an answer, with the exception that, as borne by the Society of Free and Accepted Masons, both before the union and at the present day, and as shown in the Masonic token, the field is gules and not azure. Guillim says, "The Company of Masons, being otherwise termed Freemasons, of ancient standing and

good reckoning, by means of affable and kind meetings divers times, did frequent this mutual assembly in the time of King Henry IV., viz., the 12th of his reign. Their arms azure, on a chevron between three castles argent, a pair of compasses, somewhat extended, of the first, were granted by William Hawkston, Clarendieu, 13 Edward IV."

Many years ago a collection of Masonic extracts from MSS. and printed books, made by a member of the lodge at Newark towards the latter end of the last century, came into my hands.

The following extract may possibly interest some of the readers of the "Freemason."

"The Arms of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, &c., from a curious old MSS.

"The Freemasons' Arms were found in the collection of the learned and famous Hebreuist, architect and brother, Rabbi Jacob Jehudah Leon. This gentleman, at the request of the States of Holland, built a model of the Temple of Solomon. The design of this undertaking was to build a temple in Holland, but upon surveying the model it was adjudged that the United Provinces were not rich enough to pay for it, whereupon the model was by the States generously bestowed upon the builder, notwithstanding they had already paid him his demand, which was very great. This model was exhibited to public vision, by authority, at Paris and Vienna, and afterwards at London by a patent under the Great Seal of England, and signed Killigrew, in the reign of King Charles II. At the same time Jacob Judah Leon published a description of the Tabernacle and the Temple, and dedicated it to his Majesty, and in the years 1759 and 1760 I had the pleasure of perusing and examining both these curiosities. The arms are emblazoned thus: Quarterly per squares, countercharged vert, in the first quarter azure, a lion rampant or; in the second quarter or, an ox passant sable; in the third quarter or, a man with hands erect, proper robed crimson and ermin; in the fourth quarter azure, an eagle displayed or, crest the Holy Ark of the Covenant proper, supported by cherubims. Motto, Kodes La Adorai, i.e., Holiness to the Lord. The learned Spencer says, the cherubims had the face of a man, the wings of an eagle, the back and mane of a lion, and the feet of a calf. Ezekiel says they had four forms, a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle. When the Israelites were in the wilderness, and encamped in four cohorts, the standard of the tribe of Judah carried a lion, the tribe of Ephraim an ox, the tribe of Reuben a man, the tribe of Dan an eagle. These four standards comprised a cherubim, therefore, God chose to sit upon cherubims bearing the forms of those animals to signify that was the leader and king of the cohorts of the Israelites. Bochart says they represented the nature and ministry of angels; by the lion's form is signified their strength, generosity, and majesty; by the ox their constancy and assiduity in executing the commands of God; by their human shape their humanity and kindness, and by that of the eagle their agility and speed. As these were the arms of the Masons that built the Tabernacle and the Temple (!) there is not the least doubt of their being the proper arms of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity, Free and Accepted Masons, and the continual practice, formalities, and tradition in all regular lodges (from the lowest degree to the most high, i.e., the Holy Royal Arch) confirm the truth thereof."

Since the union the arms of the Grand Lodge of England consists of both these coats borne per pale, the former coat (as shown in the Masonic Tokens) on the dexter side, and the latter on the sinister. With the former coat the supporters were two beavers; with the latter (and as now borne) two cherubims.

WILLIAM KELLY.

P. Prov. G.M., Leicestershire and Rutland.

#### MASONIC MEDALS AND TOKENS.

Having had an opportunity of again examining the specimen of these tokens briefly referred to in my former communication at p. 283, I now append a fuller description of it, and it will be seen that, in one respect, it differs from those already described by your various correspondents. It is 1½th inch in diameter, and is in excellent preservation, being as fresh and sharp as when first struck.

The coat of arms, emblematical figures, and inscriptions on the two sides of this token exactly correspond with Bro. Hughan's description, except that what that worthy brother takes to be an hour-glass is clearly shown to be a book—the volume of the sacred law. The tinctures of the shield are also distinctly shown, and in reply to the queries of E.S. on this subject at p. 338, I send, under another heading; Guillim emblazonment of the Masons' Arms. Where the Leicester specimen differs from the rest is in the inscription round the rim, which reads as follows:—"Masonic Halfpenny Token MDCCXCIV. XX. X." The probability is that all these tokens were struck from the same die, and that the various inscriptions round the rim (of which other varieties may yet turn up) were subsequently stamped for different Masonic tradesmen, or others who might purchase a lot of the tokens to pay away as small change in their business—a practice which we know was very prevalent about the middle of the seventeenth century, and also, to a less extent, about the period in question, several specimens of which tokens I possess.

WILLIAM KELLY,

P. Prov. G.M., Leicestershire and Rutland.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Protracted suffering of any kind soon wears down the strongest frame, and weakens the most determined spirit; as the dropping of water will in time wear away the hardest granite, so will persistent pain wear away the powers of the strongest mind. Let none, therefore, who are afflicted with Chronic Rheumatism, Neuralgia, pains, or old painful sores, and Ulcerations, which render their life miserable, yield to despair, but give these inestimable twin remedies a steady and fair trial. Many who have done so (having previously tried "almost everything" without relief) have been delighted and amazed at the change for the better which has been the result of their use. They are invaluable in Skin diseases.—ADVT.

# ON THE PRESENT POSITION AND FUTURE PROSPECTS OF THE CRAFT IN SCOTLAND. (FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

The Institution to which we of the present age belong is sprung (as doubtless most of our readers are aware) from what in the olden time was a body composed entirely of men who were actually Masons, and who earned their daily bread by their skill in the manipulation of the mallet and chisel.

When, in the seventeenth century, there began to be admitted within its pale those who were other than members of the craft operatively, these were gentlemen who occupied either the highest positions in society, or had rendered their names famous in their country's history by their gallant deeds in times of war, or their chivalrous conduct in times of peace. Then, when there had sprung into existence the institution known in every corner of the world as Freemasonry, and its founders among us had placed at its head as Grand Master the great St. Clair of Roslyn, what a galaxy of noble, talented men stood around him, able and willing to advise and to support him. Then were the days of the glories of Freemasonry; then lived the men who were determined to make the name "Freemason" respected wherever it was heard, and, all honour be to their memories, they succeeded.

But as time passed on and the strictness of the regulations regarding a man's qualifications for admission into its lodges was relaxed, there began to creep into the fraternity men whom it would have been better without, and who, by their behaviour, degraded the name of the Craft. At one memorable period in the history of its progress in Scotland it was very nearly threatened with annihilation, as one of the consequences of a disgraceful trial for libel, but, though thrown under a cloud for a time, the tenets of the Order soon again began to assert their worth, and it was not long ere it had regained all it had lost, and had increased mightily in the public esteem. No society so honourable; no institution so much respected. At a time when the fires of revolution blazed throughout continental Europe, and their terrible fury caused nations to shake to their centres, when it was feared their seductive influences might take a too powerful hold on our own countrymen—when Chartism was not a myth but a reality, and troublous times were looming ominously on the horizon of the political sky—the enemies of the Craft thought that Freemasonry had received its death blow when the bill was introduced which denounced all secret societies as illegal, and made all secret conclaves liable to be entered upon by the officers of the law, owing to their likelihood to be treasonable. But here the purity of its teachings, and the well-known fact that not even an allusion to politics was allowable inside its lodges, stood it in good stead and saved it. Nay, when the bill became law, it alone was found to be excluded, and when consternation prevailed among the members of the other associations, and their meetings were deserted, its members met in their accustomed places, secure and safe from interruption or intrusion. Since that time the numbers of our brotherhood have gone on increasing wonderfully, and the stain which even but lately was attached to our name has gradually but effectively been effaced.

The position which Freemasonry occupies presently, not only in Scotland, but throughout the whole world, when contrasted with that of any other body, be it social, religious, or political, is not only second to none, but pre-eminently and conspicuously foremost. Freemasons have reason to congratulate themselves upon the fact that this is the case, and to be thankful to those who have striven nobly and well to bring about such a successful issue. And who are these last? First, our Grand Masters and the office-bearers of their respective Grand Lodges, and after them the managing committees of our Provincial Grand Lodges.

We are all agreed that for many years the work in our Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges has been carried on in a most business-like manner. The members of the various committees have not confined themselves to talking only, but have gone about the discharge of their duties in such a manner as to merit the commendation of all right-minded men. The visiting committees of our Provincial Grand Lodges deserve our special thanks. They go here and there and everywhere in their provinces, looking after our lodges, just as if they would accept no evidence as to good conduct or bad save and only that of their own senses, and we know that they are quite as ready to censure (but always kindly, and animated by a true spirit of Masonry) where blame is due, as they are to commend, and they are not slow to do that where praise is due. Then again, see how our Grand Lodge office-bearers attend to their duties, and what a lively interest they take in the welfare of the Craft. It is no sinecure holding office in the Grand Lodge, but though the amount of work entailed be great, our Grand Master and his office-bearers do not seem to shrink from it. But we live in an age of progress, and, having achieved great results, we are not disposed to sit idling our time or lazily to cry "Content, content; let us leave well alone." If we had been we would still be travelling in stage coaches on the land; we would still be taking months instead of weeks for our voyages on the sea; and we would never have encompassed the earth with that magic wire to the furthest extremities of which we can flash our thoughts with the speed of the lightning.

The position of the Craft in Scotland is eminently satisfactory, but though it be so that is no reason why we should desist from our efforts to make its influences even more widely felt and to raise its standing still higher. We are very hopeful of the future. The march of intellect and the consequent advancement of the arts and sciences received, we believe, a great impetus when the Compulsory Education Bill was passed. There lies one of our hopes. What are we to expect from this act as regards Masonry? Wise counsellors, firm, cautious rulers, and

intelligent members. These are what are wanted, because in many cases we have them not, and these will be what we will have. There is too much ignorance amongst us; there is too much lethargy amongst us. How many are there, who, having taken the various obligations of their initiatory degrees, attend the meetings of their respective lodges with the most unvarying regularity, and think, each one of them, "I am doing my duty; this is Freemasonry; this is all my obligations require of me." Are these men right? Emphatically, no! They are wrong; totally, miserably wrong. That is not their duty, that is not Freemasonry, that is not fulfilling the requirements of their obligations. As well might we say that the whole duty of a soldier is to become expert in his drill or quick in his motions, or of a lawyer to become learned in the law. There is something more required of the soldier—to defend and protect the interests of his native country by keeping its enemies at bay; there is something more required of the lawyer—to exercise his learning, in order that the guilty may be punished and the innocent protected. So is there something more required of the Freemason. He is to be the perpetual enemy of immortality of crime, or of evil of any sort; he is to assist the weak; to aid in alleviating human suffering and misery wheresoever found, to bestow his charity and compassion on all possible occasions on the deserving and the needy; to extend the right hand of fellowship to the stranger, to minister to his wants, and make him feel himself among brethren; he is to be as careful of his neighbours' good names as he would have them be of his—in a word, he is ever to be on the side of truth, mercy, and justice, and so to order his walk and conversation as to live in the favour of God and man. That is Freemasonry; that is his duty; that is what his obligations require of him. How we pray that this is what the future will bring us, and that the time will soon be when simply to say of a man "He is a Freemason," will be quite sufficient to afford us such an insight into his character as will enable us to trust him implicitly.

It is not on our Grand Master nor on our Grand or Provincial Grand Lodges that our future prospects of success depend. It is on each and every member of our common fraternity. From the moment of his initiation a sacred duty devolves upon the initiate. The welfare of the Craft is entrusted to his keeping, and there is not one amongst us whose position is so humble or obscure that he cannot either add to its lustre and its reputation or assist in tarnishing its time-honoured name.

That a future lies before us, the glories of which shall eclipse all the glories of the past, we are not slow to believe, but to bring this about we must work. And in working we have many noble examples to look up to. See what an interest the late Lord Dalhousie took in the Craft, and how he spent a large part of a long lifetime in endeavouring to promote its welfare. How devoted to the work was our last Grand Master, the Earl of Rosslyn, and have we not a Grand Master presently in the person of Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, whose reign promises to stand out conspicuously as one during which the Craft has flourished.

"Lives of great men all remind us

We should make our lives sublime,

And, departing, leave behind us

Footprints on the sands of time."

We must work, and work hard too. It is not three oars going in a four-oared boat that we want, but all four swinging merrily and heartily together. It is not big talk and little work, but big work and little talk. See, the sun is already peeping out upon us, and soon we may be basking in its glorious rays if we can only remove the clouds. Let us remove our Masonic clouds, and we shall see the fruits of our labour springing up around us like the plants in the tropics. Let us bend our backs to the oars, let us put our shoulders to the wheel, let us strain every nerve for the attainment of our common object—that of raising still higher the status of the Craft; and rest assured that if we do so we shall ultimately be rewarded with that grand prize of perseverance—success.

But in all our doings let us never be forgetful that there is one above us, one who sits on the great throne of the Grand Lodge on high, noting all our actions here below, and let us so work

"That to perfection's sacred height

We nearer still may rise,

And all we think, and all we do,

Be pleasing in His eyes."

X.Y.Z.

## FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER (No. 757) held its installation convocation at the Masonic Hall, Mazagon, Bombay, on Monday, the 12th July, when there were present M. Ex. Comps. Alexr. McKenzie, P.Z.; C. E. Mitchell, P.P.Z., as P.H.; V. Ex. Comps. G. R. Henderson, P.J.; A. Edginton, P.P.Z.; H. J. P. Thompson, P.P.Z.; W. H. Hussey, P.P.Z.; Ex. Comp. F. S. Lewellin, acting S.E.; Comps. R. Cooper, as S.N.; Ex. Comp. W. C. Rowe, P.S., who has held this post for four consecutive years; and Comps. Dr. De Tatham, First Asst., and W. Richardson, Second Asst. Sojourners; J. W. Seager, Janitor, and a large attendance of companions.

The chapter was opened in due form with prayer at 6.30 p.m., and the minutes of the last convocation and permanent committee were read and confirmed.

The business of the evening was to install the Principals elect, Comps. R. G. Henderson, W. C. Rowe, and H. W. Barrow, and the other officers of the chapter.

The M.E.P.Z. then requested all the companions below the rank of an installed Principal, with the exception of the Principals elect, to retire from the chapter, when Comps. G. R. Henderson was installed P.Z.; W. C. Rowe, P.H., and H. W. Barrow, P.J., and the companions were then admitted, and M. Ex. P.Z. invested the following companions:—F. S. Lewellin, S.E.; R. Cooper, S.N.; Dr. De Tatham, P.S.; and Ex. Comp. P.S. nominated

Comps. B. Robinson, First Asst., and W. Richardson, Second Asst. Sojourners. M. Ex. Comp. A. Edginton then proposed that a P.P.Z. jewel be voted by the chapter to M. Ex. Comp. Alexr. McKenzie for the services he had rendered to the chapter, which was carried by an unanimous vote. M. Ex. Comp. McKenzie then thanked the companions in feeling terms for their kindness in recognizing his past services to the chapter, but said he must take this opportunity of thanking the past officers of the chapter for the assistance they had given him by attending to their duties in the way they had done during the past year, and stated that at any time he should be most happy to give his services to the chapter whenever they might require them.

Comps. G. R. Henderson, W. C. Rowe, and H. W. Barrow then returned thanks to the companions for electing them to the high offices, and said they would endeavour to perform their duties to the best of their ability, to maintain and uphold the high name the chapter has held in the district for its working.

M. Ex. Comp. A. Edginton said he had read with pleasure in the last number of the "Masonic Record" the announcement of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales being installed as G.P.Z. in the Grand Chapter of England on the 3rd of May last, and proposed that the chapter record the great satisfaction this has given to all English R.A. Masons in the district, which was seconded by M. Ex. Comp. McKenzie, and carried with applause.

The sum of Rs. 50 was voted to the Janitor, he being out of employment, which was ordered to be paid to him at once.

V. Ex. Comp. H. W. Barrow proposed, and V. Ex. Comp. W. C. Rowe seconded, that Comps. Dr. De Tatham, B. Robinson, and C. Tudball, be elected as members of the Permanent Committee, which was carried unanimously by the companions of the chapter. V. Ex. Comp. W. C. Rowe proposed, and V. Ex. Comp. H. W. Barrow seconded, Comp. T. Council as a joining member. Comp. the Rev. C. Gilder signed the Grand Chapter certificate and received the same.

M.E.P.Z. then requested Ex. Comp. S.E. to enter the names of the companions that had passed the ballot, to be placed on the next summons for installation at the next meeting.

There being no further work before the chapter, it was closed in solemn form at 8.30 p.m., the newly installed P.S. giving the closing charge in a most impressive manner.

LODGE CONCORD (No. 757).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Mazagon, on Saturday, the 17th July, 1875. Present:—W. Bros. W. C. Rowe, W.M.; G. R. Henderson, I.P.M.; B. Robinson, P.M.; F. Burdett, as S.W.; F. S. Llewellyn, as J.W.; O. Tomlinson, Sec.; J. Spiers, S.D.; W. G. Davie, J.D.; J. E. Syers, Org.; J. F. Grew, Steward; S. Thomas, I.G.; J. W. Seager, Tyler. Members:—Bros. A. Edginton, P.M.; W. Fearn, J. H. Burrett, W. E. Craddock; W. W. Wilson, J. Weddle, J. Middleton, J. Jones, &c. Visitors:—Bros. Thomas Connell, W.M. 1100; E. C. Mitchell, P.M. 944; A. McKenzie, P.M. 944; H. W. Barrows, P.M. 944; W. J. Wilkinson, W. Grant, Rev. C. Gilder, J. Holland, G. Claridge, J. Watkins, J. O. Weeks, G. Parker, R. O. Kershaw, J. Hartley, E. Ludhall, W. Waring, &c. The lodge was opened with prayer at 7 p.m. The summons convening the meeting was read. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The minutes of the last meeting of the Permanent Committee were read and adopted. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Emanuel Lucas, of Lodge Corinth, No. 1122, E.C., as a joining member, and announced clear. One gentleman was then balloted for as a candidate for initiation, and announced duly elected. The W. Master then said, as there was no work before the lodge, he proposed to deliver an address "On the Solicitation and Selection of Candidates for Freemasonry," which he did in his usual masterly style. Some delicate points were treated in such a manner as to surprise most, if not all, present, and evidently to the satisfaction of all, for on the completion of the address he was warmly applauded. The application of Bro. J. W. Seager, Tyler, for assistance (he having been a long time out of employment) was then laid before the lodge, and Bro. F. S. Llewellyn proposed and Bro. J. Weddle seconded, that the sum of fifty rupees be voted from the lodge funds to Bro. J. W. Seager (carried). The resignation of one brother was then read, and accepted with regret. All dues fully paid up. A letter was read from D.G. Secretary, acknowledging receipt of the returns for the half year ending June 30th, 1875, together with a cheque for the amount due for the same. All members present who had not signed the new bye-laws were then requested by the W.M. to do so, and signed and received a copy of the new bye-laws accordingly. Bro. G. R. Henderson, I.P.M., then proposed, and Bro. W. C. Rowe, W. Master, seconded, that 100 rupees be given from the charity fund of the lodge to the European General Hospital fund (carried unanimously). The meeting then accorded a vote of thanks to the W. Master for the address he had delivered, and asked him to allow the same to be printed. The W. Master accorded his sanction to hand his manuscript copy of the address to his bro. Secretary, to be forwarded, with the proceedings of this meeting, to the "Masonic Record," as the work done in the lodge during this evening, but would not agree to its being printed as a separate address. The W. Master then proposed, and Bro. G. R. Henderson, I.P.M., seconded, that a "subscription box" be made and placed outside the lodge on lodge meeting nights, for any brother who chose to subscribe his mite to the Masonic Benevolent Institutions, and suggested the amount so collected during the year be brought to the notice of the lodge every regular December meeting, and that it be then decided which benevolent institution the amount so subscribed be voted to. Bro. E. Lucas then proposed, and Bro. B. Robinson, P.M., seconded, Dr. Gregson de Cuna as candidate for initiation.



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## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, September 17, 1875.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

Lodge 1361, United Service, Greyhound, Richmond.  
 " 1423, Era, King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court.  
 " 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Swan Tavern, Battersea.  
 Chap. 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.  
 Mark Lodge 144, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.  
 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, SEPTEMBER 13.

Lodge 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate.  
 Chap. 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Mark Lodge 173, Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney.  
 Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.  
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.  
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.  
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gutheil, 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, SEPTEMBER 14.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.  
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.  
 Mark Lodge 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
 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, Preceptor.  
 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), Wheatheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.  
 Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.  
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.  
 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, SEPTEMBER 15.

Lodge 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.  
 " 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Ho., Wandsworth.  
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.  
 Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, 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 Edgumbe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.

Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.  
 " 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park.  
 " 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hotel, Blackheath.  
 " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton.  
 Chap. 742, Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.  
 Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.  
 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, SEPTEMBER 17.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hotel, Barnes.  
 Preceptory 6, St. George's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.  
 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.  
 Stability Lodge of Instruction, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, 6 to 8 p.m.  
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Preceptor.  
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.  
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.  
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.  
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, 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, September 18, 1875.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.  
 " 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.  
 " 703, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.  
 " 721, Independence, M. R., Eastgate-row, Chester.  
 " 1021, Hartington, M. H., Barrow-in-Furness.  
 " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
 Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.  
 " 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.  
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.  
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Mas. Rooms, Warrington.  
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.  
 " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 9.  
 Chap. 613, Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.  
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), M. H., Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

Lodge 537, Zetland, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 5.  
 " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.  
 " 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.  
 " 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.  
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale, at 6.  
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
 " 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.  
 Chap. 580, Unity, Wheatheaf Arms, Ormskirk, at 4.  
 Mark Lodge 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Hyde, Cheshire.  
 Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.  
 " 343, Concord, Queen's Arms, Church-st., Preston.  
 " 425, Cestrian, Mas. Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester.  
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.  
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Ho., West Derby, at 5.  
 William de la More Preceptory, New Court House, Prescot.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

Lodge 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.  
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.  
 Jacques de Molay Preceptory, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 4.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, September 18, 1875.  
 All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

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

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

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

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

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

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.

Lodge 22, St. John's Kilwinning, George H., Kilmarnock.  
 " 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.  
 " 465, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Garngad-road, at 7.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

Lodge 12, Greenock Kilwinning, Town Hall, Greenock.  
 " 306, St. Thomas, Larkhall, 90, Wellgate-street, Larkhall.  
 " 321, St. Andrew's, Public Hall, Alexandria.  
 " 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-street.  
 " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.  
 " 471, St. John's, Stane Inn, Shotts.  
 " 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Larkhall.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

Lodge 28, St. John, Black Bull, Kirkintulloch.  
 " 524, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, East Kilbride.  
 " 544, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Bank-street, Coatbridge, at 7.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 18, 1875.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen's, Ship Hotel, Register-street.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

Lodge 1, St. Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.

" 17, Ancient Brazen, Town Hall, Linlithgow.

Chap. 40, Naval and Military, F. H., George-st.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

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

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.

Lodge 48, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-st.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

Lodge 85, Kirknewton and Ratho, Masonic Hall, Ratho.  
 Chap. 83, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

MASONIC MARK FESTIVAL  
AT  
GRIMSBY,

ON

Thursday, September 30th, 1875.

Constitution of Sutcliffe Lodge No. 188 of Mark Master Masons, at 11.15 a.m.  
 First Annual Lincolnshire Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, at 1.15 p.m.  
 Banquet at the Town Hall, Grimsby, at 3.15 p.m.  
 Bro. John Sutcliffe, R.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master for Lincolnshire, will preside. Visiting brethren from neighbouring Provinces are earnestly invited.

ROBERT GOUGH,  
Prov. Grand Secretary.

Grimsby, 8th September, 1875.