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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—A strong meeting of this important City lodge took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., being the first gathering since the vacation. The lodge was opened by Bro. Kennit, W.M., assisted by Bros. Hopwood, P.M., W.M. elect of 1512, acting S.W.; Davis, J.W.; Mallett, S.D.; Fox, J.D.; Dairy, I.G.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; Themans, I.P.M.; Stuart, P.M., P.Z., &c., Sec.; Davis, D.C.; Bye, W.S. Among the visitors present were Bros. Holden, P.M., Prov. Grand Chaplain of Middlesex; Wilkins, W.M. 73; Thompson, 188; Lambert, 1138; Dickson, 1178; Phillips, 1424. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. Field to the degree of M.M. most impressively, and initiated Mr. Martin into the mysteries of the Craft. According to custom the bye-laws of the lodge were then read, and the brethren proceeded to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M., who was assisted by P.M.'s Taylor and Themans, investigated the result of the ballot, and declared the election to have fallen on the Senior Warden, Bro. Waygood. The other members who received votes were the W.M., Past Master Cobham, and the Junior Warden. Bro. Carter, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Longstaffe re-appointed Tyler. Bros. Bye, Walls, Hewlett, Wilson, and Holland were appointed to audit the accounts on the 11th of October next. The Benevolent Fund Committee of the lodge having been appointed, and a Past Master's jewel voted to Bro. Kennit, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, which, during the recess, has been most chastely and elegantly decorated and re-furnished. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M.," and the usual Craft toasts, which were warmly received. In speaking of the G.M., the W.M. alluded to the approaching departure of H.R.H. for India, and hoped that his visit would be productive of great good, morally, socially, and commercially, to the interests of the inhabitants of that great empire. Bro. Themans, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and congratulated him upon the manner in which he had carried out the duties of his position. He hoped that he would be many years spared to hold the important rank of P.M. of the Lodge Faith. The W.M. made a brief reply, in which he said he had striven to perform the responsibilities of the Master's chair to the best of his ability, and if he had succeeded in pleasing the brethren, and he believed he had done so, he felt himself amply repaid. The Initiate, Bro. Martin, having been toasted, made a neat and "apropos" reply. "The Health of the Past Masters" followed, and was responded to by Bros. Themans and Stuart. The W.M., in giving "The Visitors," congratulated the lodge upon the goodly and distinguished number of visiting brethren present that evening, and hoped that their visit to the Faith had been fraught with pleasure. This toast having been duly and heartily honoured, was responded to by Bros. Holden, Dickson, and others. The first-named gave two excellent readings, "The Level and the Square," and the ever memorable "Charge of the Light Brigade." Bros. Bird, Martin and Walls also entertained the lodge instrumentally, dramatically, and vocally between the toasts. Bro. Longstaffe, the Tyler, having discharged his duty, the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—The first regular meeting of the winter session of this young and rapidly rising lodge was held on Tuesday, the 21st September, at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Southwark, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. George Mattock, supported by the following officers:—Bros. Charles Smith, I.P.M.; Cattle, S.W.; Poupard, J.W.; Jolly, Sec.; Cornhillson, S.D.; D. H. Ashford, acting J.D. (Bro. Ashwell, the J.D., being unavoidably absent); Knight Smith, I.G.; Fox, Tyler. The lodge was opened in the First Degree by the W.M., when the minutes of the last regular lodge meeting in March last and two emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The lodge having opened in the Second Degree, Bros.

Gloag, Partington, and J. Vernon being candidates to be raised to the degree of Master Masons, they were severally examined, &c., by the W.M., and having retired, the lodge opened in the Third Degree, Bro. Knight Smith undertaking the music, to enable him to do which Bro. J. R. Ashford relieved him of the duties of I.G., and on the re-admission of Bros. Gloag, Partington, and Vernon, they were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons in a most impressive manner. The lodge resumed to the First Degree, when Bros. Goodman and Matthews were examined as to their proficiency for passing. Bro. Goodman proving himself in a manner that was highly creditable to him, they were duly entrusted and retired. The lodge having opened in the Second Degree during their temporary absence, on their re-admission, were regularly Crafted. This ended the ceremonies, as the gentleman for initiation could not attend, owing to domestic affliction, the ceremonies having been worked by the W.M. in a most able and efficient manner. The lodge having again resumed to the First Degree, notice of motion was given and received for the removal of the lodge, which will be discussed at the next lodge meeting. Business being ended, the lodge was closed according to ancient form with solemn prayer. The brethren then adjourned for refreshment, which was served by Bro. Plock with his usual care and excellence. The Masonic toasts succeeded, after which the harmony of the evening was enlivened by some capital singing by Bros. Cattle, Knight Smith, and Skegg. Bro. Cattle, who is possessed of a magnificent voice, sang the "Will of the Wisp" in fine style. The Tyler's toast brought the evening's proceedings to a close, and the brethren separated.

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Wellington Club, Wellington-street, Islington. Bro. J. F. Wilson, W.M., presided. There were also present: Bros. Wright, S.W.; Dickinson, J.W.; Geo. S. Bigley, Sec.; W. H. Cohen, S.D.; H. W. Gladwell, J.D.; A. L. P. Stevens, D.C.; J. F. Walford, Org.; L. Buderns, I.G.; Geo. Allison, Steward; F. Blay, Steward; H. Ballantyne, P.M.; Walter John Woodman, P.M.; about sixteen lay members, and half-a-dozen visitors. Two gentlemen were initiated, Messrs. William Samuel Brooks and Thomas Stephen Lidbury. This was the first evening of the lodge meeting at the Wellington Club, and the whole of the furniture had been repaired and decorated in preparation for the event. The lodge therefore presented a very attractive appearance, and the room being a fine, large, commodious one, the brethren experienced great comfort. The premises appeared to be particularly suitable for the holding of a lodge, and the apartments devoted to the purpose had the great advantage of strict privacy. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren expressed themselves much pleased with their new habitation and the arrangements which were made to accommodate them, and the lodge having been formally closed, a nice repast was provided for them by the caterer of the club, over which Bro. Wilson presided. The customary toasts were duly honoured at the termination of the supper. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," said that H.R.H. was about to visit that miniature dominion of ours, the Empire of India, and he was sure there was no body of men in this or that country could wish him more substantial fruit of his journey than the brother Masons of His Royal Highness. They all wished him the enjoyment of the blessing of good health throughout his trip. They also wished him a prosperous and pleasant voyage. "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master," &c., was then given, and the W.M. proposed "The Initiates." Masons were always pleased to add to their numbers. As the Order was a good one, it conferred benefits upon all, and he hoped, as he doubted not, that the newly-initiated brethren might become an honour to the Order into which they had been admitted. The toast having been drunk, was followed by the E.A. song, and Bro. Brooks, in responding, said that he was very proud to have joined the Order and the Royal Standard Lodge that day. He hoped in future his and his brother initiate's future would prove them worthy of it. Bro. Lidbury also responded, and reiterated the words of Bro. Brooks. He trusted that he might prove to be a true Mason. The W.M. afterwards gave the toast of "The Visitors," and advised the brethren to visit other lodges than their own, that they might compare the working of the two. Bro. Simpson, of the Baltic, 284, Brooklyn, N.Y., replied, but said that such an honour had been little dreamed of by him when he had the pleasure of receiving an invitation from Bro. Bigley. He had been brought up in a very different Masonic school to that of most of the brethren round him, for in the United States they did not have banquets. He had noticed on the business paper of the evening a motion that banquets should be abolished, and before he came to the lodge he felt that if he were a member he should be disposed to favour such a course, but ever since he had been at that table, and had participated in the genial hospitality of the brethren, he had seen such cordial feelings exhibited to the visitors, and by all members of the lodge to each other, that he believed he had never seen its equal in similar assemblies, and he felt now somewhat of an opponent to the motion, which, however, was not brought on. It might not perhaps be out of place to allude slightly to some of the leading features of difference which he recognised in the working of lodges here and in America. Bro. Simpson explained these as far as they concerned the First Degree only, as initiates were present, and continued that the lodge-rooms in the United States were far more spacious than in this country, and were devoted entirely to the purposes of Masonry. After stating how the American lodge-rooms were arranged, and that they were very cosy and comfortable, Bro. Simpson said he was much struck that evening with the universal feeling of brotherhood which seemed to animate Freemasons. Although he was a native of Great Britain himself, having been born in Scotland, he had been much in the United States, and when he went into a lodge there he

found that nationality was of no account, for he felt on an equal footing with all who were present. He came to the Royal Standard Lodge that evening, a lodge in England, and he still found that he was among a band of brothers. This showed the universality of the brotherhood of the Craft, and it afforded him unlimited gratification to have the privilege of responding to the toast of "The Visitors," which had been so warmly proposed and so cordially drunk. Bro. Ballantyne, P.M., proposed "The W.M.," who had so competently discharged his duties while he had held the office of Master. The W.M. said it was very gratifying to receive such an expression of approval, and was an ample reward for the endeavours he had made. In proposing "The P.M.'s," he said that though the lodge had at one time been rather under the star of adversity, it was now under the star of prosperity, which he trusted might never set, and which was in truth owing to the exertions made by the P.M.'s. Bro. Ballantyne replied that he was happy to hear the W.M. say so, and it was very satisfactory to the P.M.'s to know that they had contributed in a measure to such a state of things. He was no chicken in Freemasonry, for he had been initiated in Scotland 24 years ago, and referring to Bro. Simpson's remarks about the universal brotherhood of Masons, which made them recognise each other over the whole world, said that as a Scotchman he should not have needed Bro. Simpson to tell him that he was a Scotchman, for his dropping of the word "cosy" instantly proclaimed his nationality. Bro. Wordman, P.M., also replied; and the W.M. then proposed "The Officers" of the lodge, making special reference to Bro. Bigley for the exertions he had used for the comfort and accommodation of the brethren in their new home. The brethren then separated, after enjoying some excellent music and singing by various members, Bro. H. J. Moxon contributing, in capital style, "Ring the Bell, Watchman," and other songs.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—On the 1st inst. the brethren of this lodge met for the installation of a new W.M., at the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Ball's-pond road. Bro. W. Stephens, W.M., presided, and installed Bro. W. J. Murlis as Master of the lodge. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. J. Jesscit, S.W.; J. E. Walford, P.M. 177, J.W.; W. Stephens, I.P.M. and P.M. 1365, Treas.; W. Jones, P.M. 445, P.P.G.D.C. Norths. and Hunts, Sec.; Dr. Symons, S.D.; John High, J.D.; J. Glaskin, I.G., D.C.; W. Grist, Steward; T. Hastings Miller, P.M. and Prov. G. Organist, Middlesex, I.G.; and Gilchrist Tyler. Before the lodge was closed the new W.M. rose and said he had very great pleasure in presenting a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. W. Stephens, and he only hoped that every P.M. of this lodge would be as worthy to wear such a jewel as Bro. Stephens. Bro. Stephens, in accepting the jewel, said that in performing the duties appertaining to the office of Master of the lodge he had only done what he thought was his duty, and what he considered the best for the Marquess of Ripon Lodge. Bro. Stephens then proposed that the sanction of this lodge should be given to a Lodge of Instruction to be held in connection with it. A meeting had been held to establish it, and it had been arranged that it should meet every Thursday evening at the Albion Tavern, Albion Road, Dalston. Bro. Jones, Secretary, seconded the motion, which was then put and carried. Bro. J. Hanney having presented a very handsome harmonium to the lodge, Bro. Stephens proposed and Bro. Hastings Miller seconded a vote of thanks to the donor, which was carried by acclamation. Bro. Walford proposed and the S.W. seconded a vote of thanks to Bro. Stephens for performing the ceremony of installation. Bro. Walford said he was quite sure that every one of the brethren present had been delighted with the way in which the ceremony had been performed, and it was a great happiness to know that their first W.M. had installed his successor. It was not often the case in lodges, and therefore this lodge should be additionally pleased. The vote of thanks was unanimously adopted, and the lodge was thereafter closed. The brethren adjourned to a beautiful banquet supplied by Bro. Grist, and under his personal superintendence. The toasts were afterwards honoured. In proposing that of "The W.M.," Bro. Stephens said he had known Bro. Murlis many years, and was convinced from his acquaintance with him of a quarter of a century, that when the brethren had known him as long, they would respect him as much as he did. He would be an excellent Master of this lodge, and, in fact, every thing that could be desired in a Master of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge. The W.M., in reply, said that, unworthy though he was to fill the office of Master, he was sure the brethren would assist him to keep up the lodge to the high point at which it had been kept hitherto, and also the spirit of harmony that had been maintained in it. He trusted that his year of office would not prove worse than its predecessor; but he felt a grave responsibility resting upon him in accepting the office. Indeed, he thought it was the heaviest undertaking of his life. He had been connected with many societies, and had held high offices in them; but he had not presided over a lodge of brethren. He hoped they would bear with his shortcomings, and he trusted that he should be spared to perform his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren. He would not willingly make an enemy, and he did not know that he had one in the world. If, therefore, anything should in the course of the year arise to cause unpleasant feelings, he would endeavour to pour oil on the troubled waters, and to arrange the matter amicably with all parties. When he joined Masonry he did not do it for the sake of taking office, but for the sake of charity, the brightest jewel in its crown. If he could benefit the institutions or the Order it would be the height of his ambition. Before sitting down he would propose "The P.M.'s," and he then referred to what Bro. Stephens had done for the lodge during his year of

office, to the splendid manner in which he had just performed the installation. For himself he could but express his gratitude to Bro. Stephens, through whom he had joined Masonry. He had belonged to other societies with him, and from every observation of his conduct he felt that he would be following a good man if he imitated Bro. Stephens and joined Masonry. The brethren of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge now desired to present him with a ring in token of their admiration of his conduct as their first W.M. A handsome ring was then handed to Bro. Stephens, who in acknowledgement thereof, said he was gratified to find that the brethren appreciated the efforts he had made on behalf of the lodge. He was thoroughly repaid by such consideration. He had not expected such a present. The P.M.'s jewel was quite sufficient. However, as the brethren had thought fit to supplement it with a ring he could but accept it. "The Officers of the Lodge" was the next toast, which the S.W. J. W. Secretary and others respectively responded to. Bro. Muggidge responded for "The Charities," after which the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. The following is a list of the brethren present, in addition to the officers given above:—J. Tovell, J. Hanney, J. R. Breeding, C. Smith, J. Friedrich, E. Blunt, H. Field, R. Cockburn, G. J. Glover, T. H. Martin, D. Martin, J. Starkey, H. Marrey, S. J. Parker, W. Langford, J. Pushman, J. Weston, F. C. Nevill, W. Gray, W. Norris, H. Patient, F. A. Hawthorn, J. Osborn, H. Johns, J. Crocker, C. Biggs, W. H. Mayes, W. J. Cook, B. Jeffries, P. A. Coard. Visitors:—J. G. Defries, 45 S.D.; R. J. Davies, 1278; A. Dickenson, 174 P.M.; H. G. Buss, 1293, P.G. Treas. Middlesex; T. Grove, 55; A. Gythman, Orient, Hungary; J. A. Taylor, 1365 P.M.; J. Godfrey, 1365; R. Buller, (P.M. 9), Sec. 1365; R. Wyatt, W.M. 1365; H. J. Perry, 145; M. J. Hayes, 1348; J. Lundy, P.M. 45; C. Crosbie, 174; W. M. Stiles, 1507; G. R. Soper, 1365 J.W.; J. H. Coulson, 27; W. H. Lee, W.M. 1524; H. Massey, P.M. 619, ("Freemason"); G. J. Mumford, 145, and H. Muggidge, P.M. 217, and others.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—This young and flourishing lodge met on Thursday, the 30th ult., when there were present Bros. W. H. Lee, W.M.; H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treas., Midsx., hon. mem.; T. C. Chapman, S.W.; R. Philp, acting J.W.; Neville Green, Hon. Sec.; J. B. Shackleton, S.D.; J. Symes, J.D.; H. Meyer, acting I.G.; Gilchrist, Tyler; R. Dallas, W. Brand, J. Alford, and J. Bailey. Visitors:—Bros. John Bingham, W.M. 55; C. B. Payne, P.M. 27; John Green, S.W. 27; Marx-Gross, 1278; G. E. Acker, Lafayette, U.S.A. 19; N. Finch, 1365; J. Coultis, 105. The business commenced with the raising of Bros. F. Brasted and E. Harding. Then followed the passing of Bros. J. Bailey and F. A. Kelly. Mr. John Varney was then initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The ceremonies were performed by the W.M. in his usual able manner. The notices of motion for the raising of the initiation and joining fees, of which due notice had been given, were then brought forward and carried unanimously. It was then resolved to sanction the meeting of a Lodge of Instruction, held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion Road, Dalston, every Wednesday evening, such Lodge of Instruction having hitherto been held under the sanction of another lodge. Propositions were then received for the next meeting, which will be held on Thursday, Nov. 25th. The Steward's jewel, commemorative of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., which had been voted to Bro. Lee by the members of the lodge at the last meeting, was then presented to the W.M. by Bro. H. G. Buss, Prov. Grand Treas. Midsx., P.M.P.Z., &c., who spoke of Bro. Lee in very eulogistical terms. The W.M. then thanked the brethren in feeling terms for the very handsome jewel presented to him, also Bro. Buss for the very kind manner in which he had referred to his (Bro. Lee's) Masonic services. The lodge was then closed in due form. An excellent cold collation was provided, to which ample justice was done. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then proposed. That of "The Initiate" was responded to by Bro. John Varney; "The Visitors" by Bro. H. G. Buss, John Bingham, G. E. Acker, and Marx-Gross. Among the other toasts given were "The W.M.," responded to by Bros. W. H. Lee, and "The Officers of the Lodge," to which Bros. Chapman, Shackleton and Symes replied. The brethren soon after separated.

PROVINCIAL.

WARRINGTON.—LODGE OF LIGHTS (No. 148).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, Sept. 27, when the W.M., Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G. Reg. Cumberland and Westmoreland, was supported by his officers, a goodly number of members, and several visitors. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. read a letter of apology from Bro. Dr. Joseph, who was due for preferment, but who was unable to be present. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Johnson and Peake sought advancement, and having sustained their claim, were entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when the two brethren were separately re-admitted and raised by the W.M., (the working tools being presented and explained by the S.W., Bro. W. H. Robinson. The lodge was closed down, when the remaining business was transacted, and when finally closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The W.M. presided, and was supported by the I.P.M., Bro. John Harding, Bro. Tomlinson, W.M. of the Good Samaritan Lodge, Sandbach; Bro. Tongue, of Crewe, and others. The West was well cared for by Bro. Joseph Pickethall, S.D. After supper the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given; the visitors warmly complimenting the W.M. on the excellent working which they had witnessed. After an evening pleasantly spent, the Tyler proposed his toast, and the brethren separated in harmony.

WOOLWICH.—NELSON LODGE (No. 700).—The first monthly meeting after the summer vacation of the above lodge occurred on Wednesday, 15th ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and was attended by a goodly number of both members and visitors. The following officers were present:—T. Ward, W.M.; W. Ritchie, P.M.; S. Goddard, P.M.; W. Dunham, P.M.; G. Bowles, P.M.; T. W. Butt, S.W.; J. Waters, J.W.; F. S. Dawson, P.M. and Treas.; J. Henderson, P.M. and Sec.; N. Woodley, S.D.; J. Warren, J.D.; J. Wilkens, I.G.; and B. Norman, Tyler. Among the visitors were—J. McDougall, P.M. 913; A. Jessup, Treas. 913; T. Hayes, S.D. 913; W. Gamble, 706; G. Spinks, J.W. 1536; W. G. Picken, 1536; R. J. Lapham, 1536; W. Hambyn, 975; T. Jorkey, 1107; J. Reynolds, 169; Mason, 309; and C. Jolly, 913. The lodge having been opened in due form and with solemn prayer, Bros. G. J. Beaver and W. Harris were raised to the Sublime Degree, and Messrs. J. Tame and G. Fraser were, after ballot and approval, initiated. Bro. E. Tappenden, of 781, had previously been received as a joining member. The ceremonies of raising and initiation were most impressively worked by the W.M., and gave unlimited satisfaction to all, more particularly as this was his first effort as a Master. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren then adjourned for refreshment, at which the visitors were most hospitably entertained. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then duly honoured, and Bro. P.M. Ritchie, as I.P.M., had the honour of proposing "The W.M.'s Health," and in so doing said he felt sure they would all respond to the toast with the heartiness that it deserved. They had all seen the admirable manner in which the ceremonies of the evening had been carried out, and he felt sure that every one of them must rejoice at the decision that had placed so good a W.M. in the chair of that lodge. For himself, he regretted exceedingly that circumstances, over which he had no control, and which were well known to the majority of the brethren present, prevented him from being present at the installation banquet, but from what he had seen that night he felt perfectly satisfied that the lodge was in the hands of one fully capable of maintaining its high character for efficiency, and who had been so well and deservedly placed in the W.M.'s chair. He felt, therefore, great pleasure in asking them to drink with him "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Ward." The W.M., in reply, said he thanked them exceedingly for the kind feeling they had evinced towards him, not only in that room, but during the working of the ceremonies in the lodge. P.M. Ritchie had expressed himself pleased with that working, but he (the W.M.) had only followed the example set by Bro. Ritchie and his predecessors, and had not once, from the date he was appointed I.G., been absent from the lodge during working hours; he had always felt it a duty to be present, and had fulfilled that duty, and he felt proud that his endeavours had been and were appreciated by the brethren of the lodge; he felt proud to be supported by so many worthy Past Masters on his left, and by so many in the lodge who had been his former companions and comrades outside, and he trusted to have the same support and kindness shown him in the future as in the past, and then they might be assured of one thing, and that was that his great aim should be to keep up the unblemished reputation of the Nelson Lodge. The next toast was that of "The Initiates," to which both brethren replied. "The Visitors" were most cordially toasted. Bros. Gamble, Hayes, Weston, and others responded, and all thanked the W.M. and the lodge for the rare treat afforded them in witnessing the thorough discipline and good working of the lodge, as well as for their hospitable reception at the social board. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Past Masters of the Nelson Lodge," paying high compliments to the I.P.M., Bro. Ritchie; P.M. Bro. Dawson, who, he said, had been his indefatigable tutor, and to whom he was indebted for so much of the efficiency they had been pleased to compliment; P.M. Bro. Bowles, who had initiated him into Masonry, and in fact every Past Master was well worthy of their hearty good wishes. P.M. Bro. Hobson was away on the moors, and P.M. Bro. Norman was unfortunately compelled to be by the side of a suffering wife, or he would have been present that evening. He asked them to drink his health most cordially. Bro. Ritchie replied in a most eloquent speech, and said he had come all the way from Colchester that day to be present and do honour to his friend the W.M. He then gave a glowing account of the exceeding kindness and brotherly love shown him by the brethren during a late affliction, and assured them that it would never be effaced from his memory. He had visited many lodges at Colchester, Harwich, &c., and although he was immensely pleased with the working of those lodges, yet he was not ashamed of the Nelson. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart for the kind reception of his name. Bro. Dawson and Bro. Bowles replied as well, and then, after a most pleasant and fraternal meeting, the brethren dispersed.

ISLEWORTH.—VILLIERS LODGE (No. 1194).—The 8th anniversary of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., and we are glad to see its continued prosperity. Indeed, the lodge is now almost too strong in numbers for its place of meeting, and it is contemplated to raise the fees very considerably. The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Ballots were taken for Messrs. James S. Lean and Edward W. A. A. Mayhew, and proved unanimous in their favour. The latter gentleman being under age, and about to depart for New Zealand, a dispensation had been obtained from the Provincial Grand Master to initiate him. Bro. Pendlebury, P.M., then duly initiated the candidates into the mysteries of the Craft separately, the W.M. elect having altered the business on the summons, and permitted him to perform the ceremony before the installation, as Mr. Mayhew was Bro. Pendlebury's nephew, and he had asked permission to initiate him. The ceremony was very impressively performed. Bro. Dodd took the chair, and installed Bro. Richard A. Steel as W.M. The officers appointed were Bros. W. Harvey, S.W.;

Thos. L. Green, J.W.; Thomas Verity, W.M. 1348, Treas.; William Dodd, P.M., Sec.; E. H. Dalby, S.D.; George L. Ridge, J.D.; Thomas A. Woodbridge, I.G.; Henry Allman, P.M., D.C.; John Verity, Assistant D.C.; William Plimsaul and Thomas Cross, Stewards; John Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middlesex, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bros. Dodd, Pendlebury, and Lancaster respectively. Amongst the brethren present were noticed: Bros. H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treas.; J. Galt Fisher, W. Vincent, H. Walker, W. T. Hollands, Frank Arliss, Edwd. Monsen, C. Simmons. Visitors: Bros. Edward Wits, W.M. 144; W. L. O'Neill, 1056; C. J. Foakes, 40; N. Green, 1524; B. Verity, 1348; W. H. Williams, 829; W. Lowes, 1260; and Vaccaini. We prophesy a successful year for the lodge under the rule of Bro. Steel, who has taken great care to render himself efficient for the office of W.M. Five guineas were voted to the Girls' School, to complete the amount requisite to constitute the lodge a Life Governor of that Institution. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Buss responded to the toast on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers, and said he was very happy to be of any service to the lodge. This province being young, both his colleagues and himself were always most anxious in every way to do the best they could to promote the interests of the Craft, in accordance with the feeling which was predominant in the mind of the Provincial Grand Master, and at the same time he personally felt great gratification in observing the prosperity of the Villiers Lodge. He thanked them very sincerely for the kind and cordial way in which the toast had been received, and he would take an early opportunity of conveying to the Provincial Grand Master the sentiments they had been pleased to convey to him. The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Brother Initiates—Bros. Mayhew and Lean." He was very happy to welcome them both to the lodge, but he was sorry that Bro. Mayhew should be compelled to leave them almost immediately after his coming amongst them in consequence of the state of his health, and to go to the other side of the globe, but he hoped when he got there he would be thoroughly restored to health, and, judging from appearances, he certainly did not seem delicate now, and he hoped that the change from our climate to a more genial and warm one would contribute to restore and re-establish his strength and health. With regard to Bro. Lean, he hoped he would be passed and raised in the lodge, and would continue with them for many years. The toast was drunk with all the honours, and afterwards Bro. Buss sang the song of "The Entered Apprentice," which was highly appreciated. Bro. Lean responded briefly, and thanked the lodge and the Worshipful Master for the kind manner in which they had received the toast of the health of Bro. Mayhew and himself, and he hoped as long as he lived he would be a credit to the Craft. Bro. Mayhew responded, and said—Worshipful Master and Brethren, though young in years, and but a new born babe in Masonry, I nevertheless rise with the greatest pleasure to express to you my sincere thanks for the kind manner in which you have received me amongst you and made me one of yourselves, and I sincerely trust you will never have cause to regret having admitted me into your lodge, but that you will hereafter find me an earnest Mason, and an ornament to a noble and honourable Order, for which I have for many years been looking forward to join, and had only been waiting until I had attained the age of 21 years, when my uncle and brother, well known to many of you, had agreed I should be initiated. Circumstances, however, have altered what was proposed. I have recently been attacked with congestion of the lungs, but after a short sojourn at the seaside I find myself considerably recovered; but the medical gentlemen who attend me are of opinion that a sea voyage would be most beneficial; it has therefore been deemed expedient that I should go to New Zealand, to which place (D.V.) I shall sail in about a fortnight, where, when I arrive, I trust I shall find myself perfectly well, and soon have an opportunity of having completed the work you have so kindly begun—a Master Mason, as my uncle, grandfather, and great grandfather have been before me, and, for what I know, others of my ancestors may have been. I can also assure you, that I shall carry away with me a lasting impression of the solemn ceremony of this evening, and shall anxiously look forward to the time when I shall make further progress in the Order. In the meantime I will endeavour to learn as much as possible, and, having a Mason well versed in the ceremonies at my elbow, as it were, I shall doubtless gain enough of the outline to enable me to knock at the door to claim the next step. I am now amongst you for the first time, and it may be many years before I shall have an opportunity of being with you again; but whenever I may be in England on some future occasion, you may depend I shall ascertain the day of your meeting and come to see you. Thanking you all, brethren, for your kindness, I now take the opportunity of bidding you a long farewell. The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and apologized for some little inconvenience which he thought some of them had suffered for want of room. The toast was honoured in the usual way, and afterwards Bro. Simmons sang a song, "Down in Trafalgar Square." Bros. Wits, O'Neill, and others briefly responded on behalf of the other visitors and themselves, and thanked the Worshipful Master for the kind, cordial, and hospitable manner in which they had been treated. Bro. P.M. Lancaster proposed "The Health of the New Worshipful Master," who had been long known to and respected by them all. The toast was enthusiastically drunk. The Worshipful Master responded, and said he was deeply thankful for the honour they had done him, and he would do his best to discharge the duties of his office, and promote the prosperity of the lodge, and leave

his name as one not unworthy to be added to the long list of former Masters of the lodge. The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters." Bro. Lancaster returned thanks on behalf of Bro. P.M. Dodd and himself. In passing he could not refrain from remarking that he was this evening very much struck by the sincere and earnest manner in which the two brother initiates, Mayhew and Lean, went through the impressive ceremony of initiation. They seemed thoroughly to appreciate the feeling and spirit of Masonry. He must also say that he deeply regretted the necessity which compelled Bro. Mayhew to go abroad, but they would be all proud to have in a far distant clime a brother who he believed would do credit to their lodge, and he hoped in future years to meet him once again restored to health and vigour. The toast was warmly received and drunk, and Bro. Ramsay sang the song, "There's a land which bears a world-known name." The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of "The Senior Warden and Junior Warden." Bro. Green responded briefly, and said that he and his brother officers would do their best at all times to assist the Worshipful Master. Bro. Gambrell sang a song, "I will stand by my friend." The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary." The Treasurer took care of their money and the Secretary took care of their minutes, and had been Secretary for about six years, and, as they all knew, both Secretary and Treasurer were most able and competent officers. The toast was enthusiastically received. Bro. Verity and Bro. Dodd responded, and said they would endeavour in the future to discharge their duties in the same manner as they had hitherto done. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the rest of the officers, which was duly responded to, after which Bro. Vaccaini sang an Italian song. The Tyler's toast was then drunk. Bro. Mayhew gave a recitation from "Hamlet"—"Polonius' advice to his son." The brethren then adjourned to meet their train.

HALLIFORD.—THAMES VALLEY LODGE (No. 1460).—A meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Saturday last at the Ship Hotel, Halliford. The Rev. Dr. Brette, of Christ's Hospital, W.M., P.P.G. Chaplain, Middlesex, presided, and there were also present Bros. J. Llewellyn Jones, J.W.; W. Paas, Treas.; J. G. Marsh, Sec.; W. T. Howe, S.D.; J. A. Magee, J.D.; T. B. Yeoman, I.G.; Col. Peters, P.M., Prov. G.S.D., Middlesex; T. R. Gibson, W. Sweetland, R. Stone, J. H. R. Gowan, Major the Hon. O. G. Lambert, E. C. Hislop, W. Alcock, G. Townsend, W.M. 754; E. Lidbury, 656, New South Wales; H. C. Levander, S.W. 1415; W. W. Stephens, 657; Adam Leigh, 657; Capt. Heathcote, 228, and H. Massey ("Freemason"). Bro. J. G. Marsh initiated Messrs. Dunn, and Tyler, and passed Bros. W. Alcock, E. C. Hislop, and Major the Hon. O. G. Lambert, shortly after which the lodge was closed. An excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. R. Stone, followed, and the W.M. afterwards proposed the toasts. In giving that of "The M.W.G.M.," Dr. Brette said the brethren could but express the hope that the G.A.O.T.U. would protect him in the long and difficult, and he might say somewhat dangerous, journey he was about to undertake. A more difficult task he had not undertaken than to go through India and win the hearts of the Indian people as he had won the hearts of the Craft and the people here. When the lodge met next spring he (Dr. Brette) hoped the brethren would have the pleasure of congratulating H.R.H. on his safe return. The toasts of "The Pro G.M.," "The D.G.M. and G. Officers," and of "The Prov. G.M., Col. Burdett," and "The D. Prov. G.M., Sir G. Elliott," followed, and Col. Peters, Prov. G.S.D., Middlesex, and Bro. W. T. Howe, Prov. G.S., responded. Col. Peters afterwards proposed "The W.M." As an officer in Her Majesty's auxiliary forces he knew it was necessary to have a head to all bodies of men, and he could only hope that they might have a good head. He was very proud himself of being a commanding officer, and he was also proud that the Thames Valley Lodge had such a good commanding officer as Dr. Brette. All the brethren appreciated him, because during the time he had been W.M. he had done all he could in furtherance of the prosperity of this lodge. All of them would agree that, provided it went on as it had begun under him (Col. Peters), who was the father of the lodge, it would soon become second to no other lodge in the Province of Middlesex. His friend, Col. Burdett, had put him in the proud position he now held as father of the lodge, and he hoped he might live many years so to be, and to see it the best lodge. Under the present W.M. he was sure it would pursue that object. The W.M. replied, and said that the brethren had so generously supported him that day that he had ample testimony of their wish to raise the lodge to the highest point of excellence. He thanked them most heartily for their support, and for their good wishes. With a continuance of that support he would use his best exertions in favour of the success of the lodge. Dr. Brette then proposed "The I.P.M.," founder and father of the lodge, Col. Peters, and hoped he might long be the father of the lodge. Col. Peters responded, and said he felt it a high honour to be father of a lodge in which there were so many gentlemen of position as members. There were no doubt many lodges in the Province of Middlesex, but he did not think there were any equal to the Thames Valley Lodge, 1460. It was one of the best as a supporter of the charities, and at last festival sent up a list of over £95 to the Girls' School. There was generally great difficulty in getting up an amount of that kind; but doing so showed the energy of their W.M. The W.M. went in for it, and he did it to the satisfaction of everybody. When the amount was announced by Bro. Little (who he was sorry was unable to be present with them on the present occasion) there was quite an ovation. The toast of "The Initiates" followed, and Dr. Brette reminded those brethren of the obligations they had laid themselves under.

Bros. Dunn and Tyler responded, and Bros. Lidbury, Levander, and Capt. Heathcote replied for the visitors. Bro. J. Llewellyn Jones, J.W., responded for the officers, and the brethren shortly afterwards returned to town.

LIVERPOOL.—LODGE OF EMULATION (No. 1505).—The first annual installation gathering of this, the second youngest lodge in the province of West Lancashire, was held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Friday, the 1st inst., when there was a very large turn-out of members and visitors. The lodge was opened promptly at four o'clock by Bro. H. Nelson, W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. T. Callow, S.W.; H. Morris, J.W.; J. Hocken, P.M., Treas.; W. Quayle, Sec.; W. H. Corbin, S.D.; T. Large, I.G.; J. Capell, D.C., J. Skeaf, P.M., P.G.O., Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. R. Brown, W.M. 241; A. E. Pearson, J. Purvis, A. McKenzie, H. Coulson, T. Walley, P. Thomas, J. Carmichael, O'Haigh, L. Johnson, J. Queen, W. S. Matthews, H. B. Saunders, J. Irving, C. Sidebotham, J. R. Taylor, T. Garratt, W. H. Chapman, M. Drake, jun., R. Lytham. The visitors included Bros. J. A. Edgington, P.M. 1182; J. Robinson, 823; J. Thornton, P.M. 673; R. W. Holt, P.M. 1276; W. Laidlaw, P.P.G.S.B., P.M.; W. Davidson, 1276; J. F. Hall, 673; T. Delcock, W.M. 594; E. Clements, 673; G. Grant, 1017; W. Hiles, 1299; H. Burrows, J.W. 673; G. Hutchin, S.W. 241; J. Busfield, 216; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G. Chap.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1264; P. B. Gee, W.M. 1264; T. Shaw, W.M. 823; H. Hindle, 1393; J. B. MacKenzie, 1357; T. Kewley, 241; W. T. May, P.M. 673; S. E. Ibbs, P.M. 594; H. Jackson, W.M. 1393; J. Skelly, 673; W. Forrester, 1035; T. Salber, 241; D. Meek, 203, &c. After the minutes had been confirmed, Bro. H. Nelson, W.M., as the closing act of an excellent year's services, initiated three candidates into the privileges of the Order in a remarkably effective manner. The balance sheet, which showed a highly satisfactory state of the finances, was taken as read, and unanimously passed on the motion of the I.G. Bro. J. T. Callow, the W.M. elect, was then presented to Bro. Nelson, the retiring W.M., by Bros. J. Hocken, P.M., and J. Skeaf, P.G.O., P.M. 216, Org.; the chairs of S.W. and J.W. being respectively filled during the ceremony by Bros. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 241, and R. Brown, W.M. 241, Hon. Sec. to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. Bro. Callow was installed W.M. in a most efficient manner by Bro. Nelson, to whom a special vote of thanks was ultimately passed by acclamation. The following were invested officers of the lodge:—Bros. H. Nelson, I.P.M.; H. Morris, S.W.; W. Quayle, J.W.; J. Hocken, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); W. H. Corbin, Sec.; R. Croft, S.D. (by proxy); T. Large, J.D.; J. Capell, I.G.; C. Sidebotham, S.S.; H. Coulson, J.S.; J. Skeaf, Org., and W. H. Ball, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. P.M. Hocken, seconded by Bro. Queen, it was unanimously resolved to vote the sum of ten guineas for the purchase of a testimonial to Bro. H. Nelson, I.P.M., in recognition of his very valuable services during the first year's existence of the lodge. After two propositions had been made for initiation the lodge was closed, and nearly the whole of the brethren adjourned to the large dining hall for banquet. The menu and toast carte was very artistic, reflecting the highest credit upon Bros. Vandyke and Brown, the eminent photographers, who executed the excellent likenesses of the W.M. and I.P.M., and also upon Bro. Matthews, who did the "litho" work. The loyal and Masonic toasts were pointedly given by the W.M., "The Health of the P.G.M. for W.L. and his Officers" being acknowledged by Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O. In proposing "The Worshipful Master, Bro. James Teare Callow," Bro. I.P.M. Nelson said it was satisfactory to find that one had been chosen as W.M. who was so well fitted to fulfil his important duties. Bro. Callow fittingly responded. "The Past and Installing Master, Bro. Henry Nelson," was proposed in highly complimentary terms by the W.M. "The Officers of the Lodge" had respondents in Bros. H. Morris and W. Quayle; and "The West Lancashire Educational Institution" was eloquently acknowledged by Bro. R. Brown, W.M. 241, the Hon. Sec. Various other toasts followed. Several excellent glees, songs, &c., were given by Bros. Busfield, Queen, Quayle, Forrester, and others, Bro. Skeaf presiding at the harmonium.

INSTRUCTION.

STAR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1275).—On the 4th inst. the sixth anniversary banquet of this lodge was held at the Marquis of Granby Tavern, New Cross, at which Bro. Charles James Hogg, P.M. 1275, P.G.S., Treasurer of the lodge, was to have presided. Illness however prevented this esteemed brother from attending, and in his absence Bro. Keeble, P.M. of the mother lodge, was elected to the chair. The Vice-Presidents were Bro. Green, S.W. of the mother lodge, and Bro. Jobson. The President was supported on his right by Bro. Macdonald, S.W. 1158, Hon. Sec. and Preceptor, and on his left by Bro. P. M. Dilley, the late Preceptor. Among the brethren present we observed Bros. Davidge, the late Secretary; Jardine, Jenkins, Nevins, Tong, Hutchings, Glover, Davison, Turner, Catterson, Sherfy, of Boston, U.S., and Allcott, lately returned from a long residence in China. The banquet was admirably served, and did credit to Bro. Seager, the proprietor, and his staff of assistants. On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to with the utmost cordiality. These were followed by the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Star Lodge of Instruction," which was coupled by the President with the name of Bro. Macdonald, their Hon. Secretary, who, in returning thanks, stated that fifty-two weekly meetings had been held during the year, at which the attendances had been 1401, giving an average of twenty-seven for each meeting, a result that had not been attained by any other lodge of instruction in London. The

funds had prospered during the year; they had received £18 2s. 2d., out of which they had presented £10 10s. 0d. to the Boys' School, and £1 1s. had been applied in individual charity, about £5 had been spent in furniture, and a balance of £1 12s. 2d. was carried forward. He thought that this state of affairs must be very satisfactory to all present, and as an officer of the Lodge of Instruction he begged to thank them for the cordial manner in which they had responded to the toast. "The Health of the President" was then proposed by Bro. Dilley, and Bro. Keeble having briefly returned thanks, proceeded to propose "The Health of Bro. Macdonald," and to present him, on behalf of the brethren of the Star Lodge, with a mark of their affectionate esteem in the shape of a gold watch, a very handsome piece of workmanship manufactured by Bro. Gloster, and having engraved upon it (by Bro. H. L. Jenkins) the monogram of the recipient, and an inscription in his honour. The President said that knowing Bro. Macdonald as they all did, how energetic, how painstaking, how persevering, and at the same time how kind, considerate, and courteous he was, it was quite unnecessary for him (Bro. Keeble) to say anything to call these good qualities to their minds. For himself, he might say, and he believed they would all endorse the remark, that he himself was extremely proud of the position of the Star Lodge of Instruction, and of the large amount of knowledge it had been the means of diffusing, and the charitable good it had been enabled to do; and as Bro. Macdonald had been largely instrumental in obtaining these results, he and they could not but feel a great amount of esteem for Bro. Macdonald on this account, as well as having a separate affectionate regard for him on account of his more personal, kindly, and genial nature. The toast having been enthusiastically received, Bro. Macdonald, who was evidently affected by the reception of the toast, returned thanks for the honour that had been done him, and spoke very feelingly of his appreciation of the friendships he had made among them. Various other toasts, Masonic and otherwise, were proposed and duly honoured, and the brethren did not separate till a late hour.

Royal Arch.

BLACKPOOL.—CLIFTON CHAPTER (No. 703).—A meeting of this chapter was held on the 22nd ult. at the Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool, when the following were present:—Comps. Ralph Landless, Z.; J. Pemberton, P.Z. 1094, acting as H.; William McMurtrie, J.; J. Grime, S.E.; A. Viener, S.N.; H. Johns, P.S.; E. Gregson, First A.S.; J. B. Fisher, Second A.S.; J. Harrison, C. Caudwell, A. Wade, J. Eccleston, H. Bird, W. Parker, H. Raines, and W. Stewardson. The visitors present were Comps. T. Nevett, Z. 113; J. Pemberton, P.Z. 1094; S. Biddulph, 204; and Joseph Wood, Treas. 1094 ("Freemason"). The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and four brethren were balloted for. Two of these being in attendance, they were exalted in a manner which did much credit to the working of the chapter. Three brethren were proposed for exaltation at the next meeting. After "hearty good wishes" from the visiting companions, the chapter was closed in perfect harmony. An excellent banquet was subsequently served, but on account of the death of Comp. J. Crossley, H. of this chapter, all toasts were dispensed with except "The Queen," "The Prince of Wales," and "The Grand Officers."

Mark Masonry.

BOLTON.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE (time immemorial).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, on Wednesday, 29th Sept., when there were present Bros. John Alcock, W.M.; Jas. Horrocks, S.W.; Jno. Harwood, J.W.; Jas. Allen, S.O.; Thos. Holmes, J.O.; Henry Greenwood, J.D.; Samuel Barrett, I.G.; also the following P.M.'s:—Thos. Entwisle, P. Prov. G. Mark Master, Lancashire; Thos. Morris, P. Prov. G. Sword Bearer; Robt. Harwood, P. Prov. S.G. Deacon; Daniel Stansfield, P. Prov. J.G. Deacon; Jas. Newton, P. Prov. G. Inspector of Works; Jno. Brandwood, P. Prov. G. Standard Bearer; Wm. Hamer, and others. The lodge being opened and the minutes read and approved, two candidates were balloted for and elected, and one of them being in attendance (Thomas Dooley, M.M. 146) was advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master by Bro. Entwisle. This being the meeting for the election of W.M., the ballot was taken, and resulted in the election of Bro. James Horrocks, S.W. A candidate was proposed for advancement, and the lodge was then closed.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360).—The regular bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, on the 1st inst., Bro. Monro, R.W.M., presiding; Bros. J. M. Olliver, S.W.; T. Graham, acting J.W. There was a goodly number of brethren present, members of the lodge and visitors. On the minutes being read and approved, the ballot was taken for Messrs. John L. Barr and David Nicoll for admission into the ancient Order of Freemasonry, which proved favourable. The candidates then entered, and received the E.A. Degree, Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., officiating in his usual efficient manner. The lodge was then raised to the F.C. and M.M. Degrees, when Bro. Murdoch McLean was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., Bro. David Lamb, D.M., officiating. This degree also was worked in a most admirable and impressive manner. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due form, according to ancient custom.

RUTHERGLEN.—**LODGE ST. JOHN'S OPERATIVE** (No. 347).—The consecration of the new Masonic Hall for this Lodge, recently erected in Cathcart-street, Rutherglen, will take place on Friday, 12th Nov., 1875, at 7 p.m. Bro. Colonel Campbell, R.W.P.G.M., will preside, assisted by the office-bearers of the P.G. Lodge, Renfrew, East. To prevent overcrowding it is arranged that admission be by ticket, none but Master Masons to be present. Dress, full Masonic. As circulars have been sent to the R.W.M.'s of lodges, inviting deputations, it is expected that a goodly number will be present.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

On Thursday, the 23rd ult., the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire, of which Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley is the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, was held at the Mechanics' Institution, Hyde, situated about seven miles from Manchester, for the purpose of transacting the annual business of the province. The brethren from Birkenhead, Egremont, Seacombe, Rock Ferry, and other places on the shores of the Mersey, who attended in goodly numbers, were conveyed from the Central Station, Ranelagh-street, Liverpool, and arrived about twelve o'clock, somewhat late, but this was unavoidable in consequence of certain causes over which the railway company in this instance had no control. The Masonic province of Cheshire comprises the towns of Birkenhead, Chester, Stockport, Staleybridge, Runcorn, Congleton, Seacombe, Egremont, Newton, Macclesfield, Hyde, Nantwich, Northwich, Knutsford, Crewe, Cheadle, Sandbach, Marple, Altrincham, and other places, there being altogether about forty lodges, and each of these sent representatives, some in large numbers, to attend the annual meeting of the province. Besides the R.W.P.G.M., there were present about forty Provincial Grand Officers, about 360 W.M.'s, P.M.'s, officers and members of lodges in the province, and nearly fifty visitors from East and West Lancashire and other provinces. The town of Hyde, which is certainly not attractive in situation nor surroundings, wore quite a holiday aspect, banners and flags floating in nearly every direction, and at various points the motto "Welcome to Lord de Tabley" was displayed, this welcome being given especially by the members of the Lodge of Industry, Hyde, No. 361 (which sent sixty-one representatives), and the Clarendon Lodge, Hyde, No. 1166 (which sent seventeen). The annual meeting was held under the auspices of these lodges, but the committee entrusted with the arrangements do not deserve much credit in connection with these. Every brother was allowed to look after his goods and chattels as best he could, and the provision made for signing the Tyler's Book was simply ridiculous. One book was provided and placed on a form in the entrance from the street, right in the gaze of the wondering outsiders. This has occurred more than once in connection with these Provincial Grand Lodge meetings in Cheshire, but it is to be hoped the same thing will not again occur. A dozen folio sheets of paper and as many pens would greatly expedite the signing and save confusion. As scarcely half the brethren signed the book, and as there were no facilities given for getting names, we cannot give a list of those who were present.

Business was announced to begin at half-past twelve o'clock, and, shortly after that time Bro. Lord de Tabley opened the Provincial Grand Lodge in due form, solemn prayer being offered by Bro. the Rev. R. Hodgson, P.G.C. Letters and telegrams of apology for non-attendance were read from Bro. G. Cornwall Legh, D.P.G.M.; Bro. Lord Grosvenor, and others; after which the rolls of P.G. Officers and lodges were read. The minutes of the last annual meeting at Chester on the 17th September, 1874, were also read and confirmed, as well as the minutes of the committee of the Fund of Benevolence, held at Crewe in March.

Bro. Platt, P. Prov. J.G.W., who moved the confirmation of the proceedings, explained that the votes of the Province of Cheshire for the last charity election had been lent to Warwickshire, but they would be forthcoming next month. There was no doubt they would carry their candidate at the next election, and he trusted that every lodge would send its votes signed in blank to the Prov. G. Sec.

Bro. Lord de Tabley said he thought they could not do better than re-appoint Bro. Capt. Cope, P.G.S.B. of England, the Chairman of the Committee of the Fund of Benevolence. They must all deplore that Bro. Cope's absence was caused by the illness of a near relative. The re-appointment was carried unanimously.

Bro. Lord de Tabley, P.G.M., in accordance with his custom in previous years, then addressed the brethren on the present position and prospects of Masonry in his province. It was to him a great happiness to be able to continue the same congratulation which he expressed last year in reference to the Craft in his division. Freemasonry was flowing on interruptedly in its prosperity—increasing in numbers, and he hoped increasing in the influence it exercised on the opinions of the society in which it existed. He had the greatest pleasure in seeing the lodges of the province over which he had the honour to preside so fully and numerously represented as they were that day; and it was also a source of satisfaction to him to have the welcome given to the P.G. Lodge in that north-east portion of the province—a welcome, he was sure, which would long remain green and fresh in their memories. He had before spoken of the care which ought to be exercised as to the respectability of those initiated into their Order, and he would again urge them to exercise this caution, striving not to secure mere numbers, but assuring themselves of the character and sterling worth of those they introduced. (Applause.) He would also say that, proud as he was of the number of the lodges over which he presided, he was above all anxious for the stability of those lodges in every part of the province. His conduct as P.G.M. must have been criticised when he hesitated to forward a petition to the

G.M. for a new lodge, but before forwarding it he was bound to consider whether there was a fair and reasonable ground for believing that that lodge would be steadily and permanently carried out; and that the warrant would not be tossed about after the promoters left the neighbourhood. He hoped his conduct in this respect would meet with the approbation of the brethren, and their charitable and kind indulgence. (Applause.) The minute books of the different lodges, he said, had been carefully kept, and showed considerable improvement; but he would remind the Secretaries of lodges of the necessity of stating in each case in the minutes, and also on the circulars, the cause for holding "Lodges of Emergency." The gift of a pulpit which they had last year made to the cathedral at Chester was still incomplete, owing to the whole of the promised subscriptions not having been received; but he was certain he had only to mention this to have the moneys paid up without delay. He had no doubt that he would soon be able to report that the pulpit, which was being erected under the direction of Mr. Gilbert Scott, would be one in every respect worthy of their Craft. (Hear, hear.) Their charities had again been very successful during the year, and they had succeeded in electing one old woman for the London Institution, and there was every prospect of their boy candidate being elected in October. He trusted that their charity in the future would enable them to be as successful in connection with coming elections, and he cordially urged the claims of all their charities on the hearty support of the brethren. His lordship then referred to the deaths of prominent members of the Craft in that province during the year, alluding specially to Bros. Cruttenden, Dr. Evans, Terry, and William Bulley, each of whom had done honour to Masonry.

The P.G. Treasurer (Bro. Ferdinando Jackson) said he was very glad to present a favourable financial report, notwithstanding the fact that last year they had voted very large sums. The balance at present to the credit of the funds of Prov. Grand Lodge amounted to £406 7s. 9d., and the sum of £1236 18s. 6d. was the balance to the credit of the Fund of Benevolence. The financial report was adopted, and Bro. F. Jackson was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer, on the motion of the P.G.M., who referred to the excellent manner in which the duties of the office had been carried out.

Bro. G. W. Latham, P. Prov. G. Reg., then moved, "That a grant of 500 guineas be made from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the purpose of aiding in the purchase of a perpetual presentation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; such grant to be on the condition that a sufficient additional sum be raised in the province to make up the amount required by the Governors of the Institution for such privilege." He stated that this was probably the largest sum which the brethren had ever been called upon to vote for charity, but he had no doubt they would cordially fall in with the proposition. The usual cost of a perpetual presentation was 1500 guineas, but the governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys had generously agreed to reduce it to 1000 guineas. The raising of the other 500 guineas would take some consideration, but he thought a way was already seen by which the sum might be raised. He also proposed that Bros. Horatio Lloyd, P.G.S.W.; J. Wood, P.G. Reg.; G. W. Latham, P. Prov. G. Reg.; and J. E. Williams, P.M. of the Cestrian Lodge, Chester, be appointed a committee to confer with the Governors of the Cheshire Educational Institution, and also with the Governors of the Boys' School, London, with reference to the matter.

Bro. H. Bulley, P.G.S.B. of England, seconded the motion.

The P.G.M. said it gave him the greatest pride and pleasure to put this motion to the brethren, and it had his most cordial support.

The motion was carried unanimously amid great cheering.

Bro. Lord de Tabley said he had received a letter from the D. Prov. G.M. (Bro. G. Cornwall Legh), asking him to express to the Prov. Grand Lodge how sorry he was that he was prevented from being present in consequence of the state of his health. He, however, hoped to be in his place next year, and take part in the proceedings.

The following brethren were then appointed P.G. Officers for the ensuing year:—

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| G. Cornwall Legh | Prov. D.G.M. |
| Horatio Lloyd | Prov. G.S.W. |
| Captain H. A. Bennett | Prov. G.J.W. |
| Rev. R. Hodgson | Prov. G.C. |
| Rev. J. S. Darvell | Prov. G.C. |
| F. Jackson | Prov. G. Treas. |
| J. Wood | Prov. G. Reg. |
| E. H. Griffiths | Prov. G. Sec. |
| J. E. Williams | Prov. G.S.D. |
| J. Hibbert | Prov. G.J.D. |
| R. T. Bowden | Prov. G.S. of W. |
| Wilmot Eardley | Prov. G.D.C. |
| P. Wadsworth | Prov. G.A.D.C. |
| Captain Arrowsmith | Prov. G.S.B. |
| J. Travis | Prov. G.O. |
| R. Sykes | Prov. G.P. |
| J. Swindells | Prov. G. Tyler. |
| J. Boardman, F. Broadsmith, M. H. Bradley, W. Berry, G. Hesketh, and J. Turner | Prov. G. Stewards. |

Bro. Horatio Lloyd, P.G.S.W., in a few well-chosen words, conveyed to the P.G.M. the pleasure felt by the brethren at his restoration to health, which would enable him to stay during the whole of the day's proceedings.

Lord de Tabley briefly acknowledged the kind expression of sympathy by the brethren.

The P.G.M. then presented Charity Jewels to Bros. C. Dutton, H. Bennett, Goodacre, and Matthews, which they received in consequence of serving the office of Stewards at the festivals in London in aid of the Masonic Schools.

A telegram from Bro. Romaine Callender, E.L., was read by the P.G.M., deeply regretting his inability to be present.

On the motion of the P.G.M. thanks were voted to the Rev. W. H. Lowther for the use of the church and the schools, and to the directors of the Mechanics' Institution for the use of that building.

After Lord de Tabley had intimated his intention of holding his next Provincial Grand Lodge at Knutsford, the business proceedings closed.

The brethren then formed in the usual order of procession, and marched through the streets to St. George's Church, headed by the Kingston Mills brass band, of which Mr. Reuben Taylor was conductor.

On arriving at the door of the church the procession halted, the brethren opening to the right and left, face inwards, to leave room for the P.G. Master to pass up the centre, preceded by his Standard and Sword Bearers; the P.G. Officers and brethren following in succession from the rear, so as to invert the order of procession. On leaving the church, the brethren observed the order of procession by forming as they were on halting at the door of the church.

The service was a special one, Bro. J. Travis, P.G.O., presiding at the organ. The processional hymn was the well-known "Onward, Christian Soldiers," the proper psalms for the day were sung to chants by Lawes and Fitzherbert, and the anthem was Dr. Goss's "The Glory of the Lord." The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. Hodgson, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, and at the close a collection was made on behalf of the Provincial Fund of Benevolence and the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution, the amount realised being upwards of £22.

A banquet was served by Messrs. Jennison and Co., Manchester, in St. George's Schools, to which about 250 brethren sat down, under the presidency of Bro. Lord de Tabley. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Travis, P.G.O., who presided at the piano-forte, the vocalists being Bros. Edmondson, Stafford Dumville, Ball, and Roscoe.

After proposing the toasts of "The Queen" and "H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," Bro. Lord de Tabley gave "The M.W. the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and Earl of Chester, and the other Officers of Grand Lodge." The acceptance of the Grand Mastership by the Prince of Wales had, he said, given an impetus to Masonry which it had not received for many years. H.R.H. was about to enter on a lengthened journey, and he (Lord de Tabley) was sure the good wishes of the whole Craft would accompany him, and they would hail with pleasure his happy return to his brethren in England. "The Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G.M. of Cheshire," was proposed in happy terms by Bro. J. Wood, P.G. Reg., and received with tremendous enthusiasm. His lordship replied in equally felicitous terms, expressing his thanks to the officers and brethren in that province for the support they had given him. "Bro. G. Cornwall Legh, R.W.D.P.G.M., and the Other P.G. Officers" (acknowledged by Bro. H. Lloyd, P.G. S.W.), "The Visiting P.G. Masters and Officers," "The W.M.'s of Lodges 361 (Industry), and 1166 (Clarendon)," "The Visiting Brethren," "The P.G. Stewards," and "All Poor and Distressed Masons" were the remaining toasts on the list, which were got through speedily in consequence of the early departure of trains from this out-of-the-way corner of the province.

Obituary.

OUR LATE BRO. JOHN FREEMAN.

We called attention shortly in our last impression to the loss Freemasonry in Yorkshire and the Craft generally has sustained by the death of this worthy brother, and we now recur to his Masonic career. Bro. John Freeman was admitted at a comparatively late period into Freemasonry, but as an able correspondent of ours truly puts it, "this I always look upon as rather a compliment to our Order than otherwise. For it seems to me a much greater acquisition for our principles to win over a man of mature years and ripe experience."

Bro. Freeman, our correspondent goes on to say, "was a P.M. of the Harmony Lodge, 275, Huddersfield, which is not one of the least distinguished in the province, nor one in which it is very easy to attain that rank. He was also a P.Z. of the chapter, and P.Prov.G.R., and P.Prov.S.G.W. of the province."

Such, in the terse but lucid language of our correspondent, is the Masonic career of our late worthy and lamented brother.

It boots not here, in the pages of a purely Masonic journal, to recount his professional experience, or his public avocations. Bro. John Freeman was a very useful man in his time and generation, and one who worthily filled many important posts among his fellow citizens, especially those which related to his profession as a solicitor, and as a member of the well known firm of Brock, Freeman, and Battey. He was what may fairly be termed a self-made man, and had earned for himself the regard of a large and attached circle of friends, and the approval and respect of his fellow townsmen. Now that he has passed away from the home and circle in which he lived, and from the many posts of active labour which he conscientiously filled, there can be, and is, but one expression of regret for his loss, and appreciation of his many qualities of geniality, kindness, uprightness, and worth. He will be missed for some time, both in his profession and in the Craft, of which he was a faithful member.

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NORTH OF ENGLAND LODGES.

In the "Freemasons' Pocket Companion," printed for Peter Tait, James Brown, and John Tait, of Glasgow, in 1771, I find "an exact list of regular English Lodges, according to their seniority and constitution," from which I extract the following nine, being all that are named as then existing in the six northern counties:—

- "41. King's Head, at Salford, near Manchester, 1st Monday in the month.
- "51. Three Tuns, in Scarborough, 1st Wednesday, August 27, 1729.
- "76. New King's Arms, at Leith, in Lancashire, February 22, 1731.
- "93. A private room, in Bolton Lec Moors, in Lancashire, next Wednesday to every full moon, November 9.
- "104. Red Lion, at Bury, in Lancashire, next Thursday to every full moon, July 26, 1731.
- "117. Fencers, near Newcastle upon Tyne, 1st Monday, June 24.
- "128. Fountain, Gateshead, in the Bishoprick of Durham, March 8, 1735.
- "132. George in Tyth-Barn-street, in Liverpool.
- "138. City of Durham, in Wallow-street."

I will be glad to receive any information, for my "History of Freemasonry in the North of England," regarding these or any other old lodges in the northern counties. Were they all acting under charters, or warrants, granted by the Grand Lodge of York? Or was the last on the list the lodge for which the Grand Lodge of London granted a warrant for Durham, in 1724? Now that much of the so called ancient history of Freemasonry must be dismissed with the Scottish verdict of "Not Proven," it is time that every true and faithful brother among us did his share to rescue from oblivion the true history of the Craft, which will then shine with more resplendent glory than ever. Whilst we have been cherishing myths we have been neglecting to preserve and make known the true history of our wide-spread and unrivalled institution.

GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDELL

RECORD LODGE OF INDUSTRY, GATESHEAD.

Following up Bro. Hughan's clue to the meaning of "at Domaskin or at Forin," I venture to suggest an additional one. The ancient architectural remains at Gateshead point to the fact that there was a Roman settlement there. If so, what so feasible as that certain terms should remain in use and become part and parcel of the local dialect. If this were the case, "Domaskin" might be derive from "Domus" (Latin, house), with the addition of the Saxon "Maskewen" (a probable form of "maskewid" masked, fortified, or enclosed); whence "masken." Again, "Forin" from "Forinsecum," abroad (e.g.: "Forinsecum Maneticum"—[Latin], a manor without a town's boundaries, and again "Forinsecum Servitium," "the payment of aid, scutage, and other extraordinary impositions of knight's service [see Bailey]), whence "at Domaskin or at Forin" might mean either "within the enclosed town or in the manor beyond it," or (and, perhaps, more probably) "within the tiled lodge or at another place of meeting."

As explanations, however seemingly far-fetched, may still be valuable as ultimately leading to results in sometimes unlooked for directions, I venture to add another, which is, perhaps, somewhat in accordance with my previously suggested explanation of "Highrodiums." In Monkchester (Newcastle, just on the other side of the Tyne) there was a foundation of St. John; this (as the Roman as well as the Greek Church canonized both) may have been dedicated either to St. John the Almoner, otherwise St. John of Jerusalem, or to St. John Damascenus (who also lived at Jerusalem). Either, or both, may have been adopted as the patron of the "High Order" alluded to; St. John of Jerusalem is well known as the Patron Saint of Masons, as well as of Knights Templar (Manuel du Franc Maçon, p. 144.) St. John Damascenus also lived in Jerusalem, entering the Convent of S. Saba there in 730. As he was renowned as both orator and philosopher, it is quite possible that he, too, may have become the patron of the primitive, or mother, lodge held at Jerusalem.

It is just possible, then, that "Domaskin" may be a corruption of Damascenus or Damascene, and "Forin" of Conferens (the Distributor of Alms, or Almoner), whence we might explain the terms in question, either by the supposition that the "High Order" of "High-rodiums" was dedicated to either St. John "Damascene" or St. John "Conferens," (or perhaps to both); or that the brethren of "Lodge Industry" were admitted into the "High Order," either "at Domaskin or at Forin," that is, on the feast-days of these saints, which were doubtless well known to the inhabitants of Gateshead, surrounded as it was by monkish foundations. In confirmation of this supposition your readers may be referred to a note in Mackey's "Lexicon of Freemasonry," Art.: "St. John of Jerusalem," p. 304.

WILLIAM TEBBS.

ROMAN CATHOLIC EXCOMMUNICATIONS.

Can any brother give me a reference to the Bull of Benedict XIV., published May 18th, 1751, beginning "Providus Romanum Pontificum," in an English translation?

I shall also be much obliged by a reference to the published allocation of Pius the Ninth, the present Pope, in which he condemns the Masonic body.

THE EDITOR.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

As announced in our impression of last week the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lincolnshire, was held at

Grimsby on the 30th ult. Preliminary to the proceedings of the day, the Prov. G. Mark Master, Bro. John Sutcliffe, entertained the brethren at breakfast at his residence. The first proceedings were the consecration of a new Mark Lodge, the Sutcliffe Lodge, which was performed in the Mechanics' Hall, by Bro. F. Binckes, the Rev. Dr. Ace delivering the oration, which specially dealt with the idea of "marks," which were used from the earliest times. At the conclusion of this ceremony the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was formed, Bro. Sutcliffe presiding. After the appointment of the Grand Officers, the Grand Master exhorted the Mark Brethren to interest and exert themselves in the cause of charity. A banquet was afterwards partaken of at the Royal Hotel, and the toasts were honoured in due course. Among the brethren present at the meeting were Bros. F. Binckes, James Terry, Thos. Perkinson, W. H. Prince, Dr. Harris, Dr. Ace, Watkins, Bland, Kirk, Watson, Bates and Gough. The Grand Lodge was well attended, and for so young a province exhibited signs of the strongest vitality.

THE CONGRESS AT LAUSANNE.

We publish the following from the "Daily Telegraph" of Friday week:—

A spirited reply to the attacks of the Vatican has been drawn up by the Freemasons at Lausanne, in a document which attracts a considerable amount of attention here. It is exactly such a declaration of principles as might have been made by the English Grand Lodge, thus proving that the alleged wide divergence between English and Continental Masonry does not exist; if it is real, at any rate, it is not apparent in this enunciation of principles. Freemasonry, the Ultramontanes are told, is an acknowledgment of a creative principle under the name of the Great Architect of the Universe. It places no limits on the search after truth; and it guarantees and exacts toleration. In its workshops it prohibits political and religious discussion. It receives all, even the profane, whatever be their religion or political opinion, provided they are personally free and of good morals. Freemasonry is opposed to all intolerance. It is a school, the programme of which may be summed up thus: To obey the laws of one's country, live in conformity with the precepts of honour, love one's neighbours, work incessantly to promote the happiness of mankind, and prosecute its progressive and peaceful emancipation. "Freemasonry," the address continues, "lays down the principle that the Creator has given us liberty as the most precious of all blessings; liberty, the patrimony of the whole of mankind, a ray from above which no power has the right to diminish or suppress, and which is the source of all feelings of honour and dignity. From the preparation for the degree to the attainment of the highest step in Scotch Masonry, the first condition, without which nothing is granted to the claimant, is an unblemished reputation for honour and honesty. To these men, for whom religion is a supreme consolation, Masonry says: 'Practise your religion without let or hindrance; follow the dictates of your conscience.' Freemasonry is not a religion; it has no form or worship; therefore it wishes for the establishment of lay education, and its doctrine may be summed up in the beautiful tenet—Love thy neighbour. To those who dread, with so much reason, political dissensions, Freemasonry says: 'I banish all discussions from my meetings; be for thy country a faithful and devoted servant; thou hast no account to render us.' The love of country, moreover, accords with the practice of all virtues. Masonry has been charged with immorality! Our morality is the purest morality, the holiest morality! It is based on the first of all virtues—humanity." The "Convent" proceeds to declare that its own meeting was sufficient proof of the catholicity of its principles. Its members, unknown to each other and from widely different countries, had no sooner met than fraternal hands were clasped and there were the utmost harmony and concord. Such are the laws, such the principles, such the mysteries of Freemasonry. "Against it calumny and insults will be unavailing." It is said that the success of the gathering at Lausanne has been so great that similar assemblies will be attempted hereafter. The next meeting is to be held at Rome under the presidency of the King of Italy, or at London two years hence, with the Prince of Wales presiding.

The "Standard" of Thursday week, which publishes the same address, adds the following "morceau" from the French "Pays":

"In point of fact, Freemasonry is nothing but a vast secret society, which, in spite of its assertion, dabbles in politics—and very unwholesome politics too. . . . It is not easy to understand why the Government tolerates the existence of that old-fashioned association; perhaps it is because its accessories are too grotesque to be dangerous. . . . There are among the masses a certain number of imbeciles who actually believe in the humanitarian humbug of the society, &c."

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

A large and distinguished party have been staying at Sandringham Hall, Norfolk, previous to our Royal brother the Prince of Wales's departure for India; and on Sunday the Prince and Princess, with the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, Mr. Disraeli, Lord Colville, and other visitors, attended divine service in pretty little church in the park, when the Rev. Canon Birch preached in the morning, and was assisted in the service by the Rev. W. Lake Onslow, M.A., Chaplain to the Prince, and the Rev. E. M. Evans, M.A., of Waddesdon, Bucks. Canon Birch made allusion to the fact of the Prince's departure for India, and commended him to the thoughts

and prayers of his relations and dependants, trusting that the whole nation would earnestly offer up their supplications for his safe return. Service was again held in the afternoon, the sermon being preached by the Rev. E. M. Evans from Eph. iv. 4, 5, 6.

Masonic and General Tidings.

We regret to learn that Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, has been confined to his room for the last ten days with a severe throat affliction. It is feared that it will yet be some days before he will be enabled to resume business.

At a quarterly and election court of the Needle-makers Company held on Thursday, Bro. J. C. Parkinson, J.P. was unanimously re-elected Master for the ensuing year, and Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., and Bro. Dr. Ramsay Wardens, and at the same court seven freemen were elected on and admitted to the livery.

It is understood that a testimonial is to be set on foot for presentation to Bro. Vine, the Lord Mayor's Secretary, on his retirement from the office he has so ably filled.

An emergency meeting of the Gresham Lodge, No. 860, will be held in the Banqueting Hall of Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park, this day (Saturday), at 2 o'clock. A report of same will appear in our next.

Bro. Simeon Charles Hadley, Past Grand A.D.C., has been duly elected Alderman for the Ward of Castle Baynard.

The tender of Bro. T. Boyce for erecting a new building for the London School Board has been accepted. The cost exceeds £10,000.

At the Mutual Society's meeting, held on Tuesday last in the Freemason's Tavern, Great Queen-street, Mr. George Coulson James was seized with an epileptic fit, and died in less than five minutes. The deceased, who was a member of the legal profession, had just made a speech on the proceedings of the board.

Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe, P.G.C., Provincial Grand Master for Devon, will dedicate the New Masonic Hall, at Bideford on the 13th inst. The proceedings will commence at 12.30 precisely.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Shaw, who is known as an able writer, is understood to have kept a diary of his official duties during his year of office. From this it is understood that some graphic sketches will see the light before the next Session of Parliament.

A Masonic Soirée and Conversazione in connection with the Dedication of the New Masonic Hall, will be held (by special dispensation from the Prov. Grand Master) at the Public Rooms, in Bridgeland, St. Bideford, Devon, on Wednesday next the 13th inst.

The Prince of Wales has appointed this day (Saturday), at three o'clock, for the reception of the address from the Corporation of London, preparatory to his departure for India.

A communication from Bro. Lord Carnarvon, Prov. G.M., to Governor Sir Henry Barkly, which appears in the Cape Town papers, points out that a construction has been placed upon some portion of the noble earl's recent dispatch with reference to the South African Confederation which a more careful perusal of the document would have shown to be contrary not only to its whole intention, but to the language actually used. His lordship, in the communication, then proceeds to indicate the mistakes which have arisen on the subject.

FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE.—The marriage of Viscount Castlereagh, eldest son of Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry, to Lady Theresa Talbot, eldest daughter of the Earl of Shrewsbury, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire was celebrated in the private chapel of Alton Towers, Staffordshire, on Saturday. In addition to a large party of distinguished friends of the families, over a thousand of the tenantry of the Staffordshire, Shropshire, and Cheshire estates availed themselves of the opportunity of showing their respect for the noble earl and his daughter. The bridegroom was attended by Lord Hemsley, and the bridesmaids were Ladies Gwendoline and Muriel Talbot, the bride's sisters, and Miss Chetwind. The ceremony was performed by the Archbishop of Armagh, assisted by the Dean of York, the Rev. the Hon. A. C. Talbot (great-uncle of the Bride), and the Rev. the Hon. W. Talbot. Luncheon was served to over a thousand persons in the Armoury. A magnificent wedding-cake was placed in the Talbot Gallery, which the bride duly cut, and shortly afterwards the newly-married couple left for Ingestre Hall, another of Lord Shrewsbury's Staffordshire seats, where they will spend a week, and then proceed to the bridegroom's seat in Kirby Hall, Yorkshire. The presents to the bride were very numerous.

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SATURDAY, OCT. 9, 1875.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO INDIA.

There is "nothing new under the sun," we know, and we equally have to realize every now and then, that there is nothing reliable in the current news of the hour. The "Times" having given a most elaborate list of the daily movements of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in India, and which appeared in the last "Freemason," turns round quietly to-day, and offers us the following laconic "Communiqué." "We are authorized to state that none of the programmes which have lately appeared regarding his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales's Indian tour are accurate in their details. In fact, beyond Calcutta, nothing is settled, except that His Royal Highness will go up country, probably as far as Jummoo, visiting the Camp of Exercise at Delhi, and some of the native capitals of Northern and Central India." This almost puts us in mind of a Delphic oracular announcement, but we have thought it well to lay it before our readers. We shall not fail to communicate ourselves from time to time all the official and reliable information we can obtain of the expedition, which has such interest for our great English people, and not the least for our Masonic confraternity. May all of health and happiness attend upon our Royal Grand Master in his most interesting and important journeyings.

THE EXTENSION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

There is "a tide in the affairs of men," we are assured on great authority, and it seems that such a turn has taken place in the position and prospect of our Girls' School, that an extension of its educational good work is actually needed. Three plans so far are before us. The first comes from our worthy and well-known Bro. Joshua Nunn, and is very simple and straightforward. The following is his motion, to be submitted to the Quarterly Court:—"With a view to enable the Institution to accommodate a greater number of children, found necessary by the increase of applications (four-fifths of the applicants at the next election cannot be admitted for want of room), and the vastly extending growth of the Craft generally, with the circumstance that space cannot be obtained on the limited site of the present school, as it is so hemmed in by railway lines and buildings, and which at no distant period will be required (or partially so) for increased railway accommodation that year by year has extended since the school has been at Wandsworth. That, a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand pounds (£25,000) be expended out of the funds of the Institution in the purchase of land, and the erection of a suitable school-house and buildings, to educate and support two hundred children, and to be so arranged that in the event of the existing school being removed, space be found for extending the same, so as to contain all the children under one roof." By this motion if carried, our brethren will see that £25,000 is to be spent on a new site and school for 200 children, in addition to the existing number of children, thus making, when the existing school is removed, the number of inmates 350. Whether 350 children can be accommodated with all the new requirements of educational establishments for £25,000, which sum is to include the purchase of the site, is, we think, *primâ facie* a little questionable. But that is of course a matter of arrangement and detail. Bro. Joshua Nunn reckons on a large sum for the present school-house and land, when sold, but, as we understand, does not at present contemplate either the sale or the removal of the existing school buildings. Bro. J. A. Rucker proposes:—1st. "That in the opinion of this Committee it is advisable that arrangements be made for the admission of an increased number of children to the benefits of the institution;" and 2ndly. "That this Committee recommend that a Sub-Committee consisting of nine members, of whom not less than four shall be members of the House Committee, together with the Treasurer and Trustees of the Institution, be appointed, three to form a quorum, to consider and report to the General Court on the arrangements to be made for the admission of from thirty to fifty more children to the benefits of the Institution; that in case of need a Special General Court be summoned to receive such report, and that such report be read for information at any House Committee or General Committee that may meet between the completion of the report and the meeting of the (Quarterly or Special) General Court." The way in which Bro. Rucker proposes to give practical effect to these resolutions is, as we understand, to expend £10,000, and erect a preparatory school, from which the girls will be drafted in turn to the existing establishment, and both will be kept always full. Bro. Raynham Stewart proposes another plan, which is to utilize the existing infirmary, and to rent another house near, and to turn it into an infirmary with a proper establishment. No doubt Bro. R. Stewart's plan will give probably the most immediate help to our candidates, as he proposes to take in all approved candidates without ballot at once. But some subsidiary questions arise. What is the accommodation which the infirmary will give, at the most? And is it wise or safe to remove the infirmary to any material distance from the school? We understand that no ground can be obtained near the school for the purposes of extension, and therefore the new infirmary, if Bro. Raynham W. Stewart's motion be carried, must be at some distance from the school. Is this practicable or advisable? It seems that not long ago the girls were suffering severely from "mumps," a very catching com-

plaint, to the number of forty, and formerly there were from seventy to eighty cases of scarlet fever, and it therefore seems to be an imperative condition for the infirmary that it should be as near the school as can be, to escape the difficulty of removing cases of infection any considerable distance. Such are the three schemes before us. If some arrangements could be made by which in the meantime the approved candidates could be dealt with, we should say, that would be most satisfactory to the Craft, and whatever decision the Quarterly Court may come to, we would impress upon it, for the sake of some who, if not elected now, will be left poor orphans in the wide world, that that plan will be most gladly hailed by our entire brotherhood which will ensure the benefits and blessings of this invaluable institution to all present approved candidates. It is possible that were we now to increase the accommodation so as to educate 200 girls, a plan might be matured for an enlarged building on a convenient site, whether for 200 or 300 girls, and in the meantime 200 girls would be actually educating, a great fact and blessing. When a new site is obtained and the new building erected, the girls could all be moved there once for all, and the present buildings and site would be sold, which would recoup the House Committee for much of their expenditure. We are looking more to the immediate wants of the Order, and claims of our poor orphans, than anything else, and we think that while Bro. R. Stewart's plan will afford the most immediate benefits to all alike, Bro. Joshua Nunn's plan is the plan of the future. Of course the practicability and advisability of Bro. R. Stewart's plan rests on the possibility of renting a house near for the infirmary. We shall await with great interest the result of Saturday's meeting of the Quarterly Court.

THE LAUSANNE MASONIC CONGRESS.

We are glad to hear, on the authority of the "Times," that this meeting has been a great success. We predicated success for the movement, and we are happy to hear that for once our anticipatory views have been realised. But the telegram concluded with a statement that the next meeting is to be in London or Rome. We feel at once what intense difficulties surround the question of such a congress in London, as far as English Freemasonry is concerned, and as far as relates to our Grand Lodge; and if the "difficulty of the situation," to use a term of the day, be successfully surmounted, then comes on another, and still more difficult question, *cui bono?* In the first place, we must bear in mind that the congress at Lausanne has been a meeting of the "Rite Ecossais," which answers in England to the "Ancient and Accepted Rite." Our Grand Lodge knows nothing, and can know nothing by its enduring and unchanging Constitutions, of any grades beyond the R.A. It would be impossible for members of our Grand Lodge to meet together in another "Rite," of which they are utterly ignorant, and with which they have no concern. Even supposing a congress could meet as "Master Masons," it could do no possible good, and could not have the slightest possible influence on our Grand Lodge. Happily, in England we have no points to discuss, and no difficulties to arrange. We prefer our own peaceful, and religious, and loyal system of Freemasonry to any other, and we do not approve of any admixture of foreign views of Freemasonry in our purely indigenous and Anglo-Saxon teaching and practice. We cannot even understand what such a congress could do while in England, the topics even it could discuss, the end of its meeting. It is hopeless to suppose, that amid the confusion of various systems abroad we in England are to be expected in any way to alter or accommodate our old, and long tried, and most successful organisation, whether in its formulæ or its outward manifestations, in a vain idea of uniformity of system and ritual. That is, we know beforehand, an utter impossibility, a chimera of chimeras. Our English system is so simple, so sensible, so straightforward, and so reasonable, that it commends itself alike to our feelings, our tastes, and our affections, and we would not exchange it for any other system, or in any way sap or weaken its fundamental principles. We speak here as much for Freemasonry

in Canada, India, and the United States, as for ourselves. We could not, for instance, weld it into any agreement, either with the Rite Ecossais, the Rite of Misraim, or any other foreign eclectic Rite, as we should, by so doing, lower its status of historical importance, and betray its position and prestige. But while we say this for ourselves, we have no doubt that the Rite Ecossais would be able to find a genial welcome and much of interest to themselves at Rome or elsewhere. Rome is full of attractions to the instructed Mason, and we cannot conceive a pleasanter fortnight than one spent amid its palaces, its churches, its galleries, and its ruins. While, then, we wish all success to any future congress at Rome or elsewhere, we have felt it our duty to point out, as far as Craft Masonry is concerned, its utter impracticability and unmeaningness as regards us and our Grand Lodge. It is true that there is an important body, both in England and Scotland, terming itself "The Ancient and Accepted Rite," and if so influential an organisation can see its way, in the interest of the High Grades, to hold such a gathering, by all means let it hold one. But we fancy that even it would find a difficulty. What is to become, for instance, of the "Priory of the Temple." As the French say, "sous tous les rapports," we feel persuaded that such a congress in London would be alike a waste of time and money, and would certainly not tend in any way to promote the cause of Freemasonry, but rather to excite many angry questions, and to arouse some burning controversies.

MASONIC JEWELS.

Some little question having been raised lately on this subject, we beg to point out to-day, the following as the law on the subject:—"No Honorary Jewel or emblem shall be worn in the Grand Lodge, or any subordinate lodge, which shall not appertain to or be consistent with those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by and are under the control of the Grand Lodge as part of pure and ancient Masonry." The five-pointed star is in our opinion, clearly legal and admissible under this law. The square and compasses, old Masonic teaching used to say, belonged to the Grand Master, but his jewel, as decided by the Book of Constitutions, is "The compasses extended to 45°, with the segment of a circle at the points." The Deputy Grand Master wears the compasses and square united with a five-pointed star in the centre; the Past Deputy Grand Master, the compasses and square only; Provincial Grand Masters the compasses and square, with a five-pointed star in the centre. Such is the present law on the subject, and all brethren should confirm themselves to it, and avoid wearing any jewels in lodge which do not come within the clear definition of the Book of Constitutions. All Mark jewels and High Grade emblems are clearly illegal, and all W.M.'s should forbid any brethren to wear them, if members-of the English Constitution.

MR. HORSLEY'S LETTER.

The Rev. Mr. Horsley, Vicar of St. Michael's, Shoreditch, has written a very friendly and able letter to us, which appeared in the last "Freemason." We commend it to the careful perusal of our readers, for it gives us this most important information, that the attack which has recently been made persistently by one weekly journal, professing to represent what are commonly called Ritualistic views, only represented, after all, the feelings of individuals, not of the section or body. Henceforth, therefore, we shall not assume that this school amongst us is hostile to Freemasonry; we shall always take care in future to point out, that such views, when expressed, are the views of individuals alone. There is this little excuse, we think, for our falling into the error to which Mr. Horsley fairly alludes, of mistaking a part for the whole, that for some time past the "Church Herald," from which we have often quoted, always distinctly declared, though it seems now without any authority, that it represented the Ritualistic, or as it called it, "The Catholic School." That

some individual members of that school agree with its violent and unnecessary denunciations of our loyal and benevolent Order is unquestionable, and we are very sorry to see any English clergymen, professing to belong still to a very tolerant Church like the Reformed Church of England, following in the wake of Rome's insidious attacks, or violent incriminations. But as we quite agree with Mr. Horsley that it is wrong for us to mistake the utterances of an individual for those of a body, we at once withdraw the statement, that the Ritualistic School generally denounced Freemasonry, as we for ourselves never could see why they should, and only put it down, as the Romanist kindly does to us, to the score of "invincible ignorance." We are very much pleased to be able to make such an "amende honourable," and to receive the assurances of the Vicar of St. Michael's, Shoreditch. In the meantime, the "Church Herald" is defunct, and we will say pathetically, "peace to its manes." Thus then we see that the atmosphere is cleared a little around us. We have a violent Roman Catholic attack upon us, a Reformed Presbyterian accusation, a Baptist denunciation, some Anglicans very wordy indeed, and "full of froth," like the writer in the Roman Catholic "Month," and a few fanatics of differing bodies! But Freemasonry really has no fear and little concern for such assailants or such assaults. It is moving on, despite anathema and allocution, despite sermon and sensational lecture, despite the decrees of synods, and the resolutions of Anti-Masonic meetings, despite Baptist and Bunkum of any kind, and we believe will continue to move on. That it is a most useful and benevolent Order, its charitable efforts tell to all around; that it is and may be a means of much good in this suffering world of ours, we also venture to assert against all gainsayers. Like all human institutions it may have defects here, and weaknesses there, but look at it as a whole, "take it" as they say often now-a-days "all round," there are few purely earthly societies which come near it, for its general usefulness and its particular value! At a time when men's minds are irritable, and ceaseless controversies and divisions abound; when contest wax hot, and sensible and religious men are struggling for "trifles light as air," as if they were a matter of death and life, Freemasonry is preaching a sermon of absolute toleration. It is boldly declaring, at a time when some are so excited as to lose often the balance of justice and fair play, that the worst use you can put a man to is to "burn" him, and that we and all must agree to differ, as we are not judges of one another's creeds, and to his "own Maker" each one of us stands or falls. Surely such a society is valuable, and deserves the support of all cultivated intellects and ingenuous minds. We thank Mr. Horsley and his reverend brethren for their friendly and sympathetic opinions of our much maligned Order.

A PLEASURABLE INCIDENT.

We publish in another column two very interesting and pleasant letters. They speak volumes for the mutual regard and fraternal sympathy existing between the brethren of a distinguished province and their noble head. The letters themselves tell their own tale, and need no note or comment from us. We think that they do equal credit to the heads and hearts of our Staffordshire brethren, and to our distinguished brother the Earl of Shrewsbury. Our best wishes will accompany the youthful and charming bride, who, the daughter of a Freemason, has married a "Lewis," the eldest son of our kindhearted and popular brother, the Marquis of Londonderry.

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.]

ROMAN CATHOLIC INTOLERANCE, AND LIBERALITY OF THE ORTHODOX GREEK CHURCH.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

By post I forward you a copy of "La Borsa" newspaper of 13th inst., containing an account of

a presentation, or, rather, an address on vellum, which was made to the Venerable Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church on the occasion of his kindly burying a brother of ours, viz., a Mr. Figari, an Italian advocate of Cairo, whom the Roman Catholics refused to bury because he was a Freemason.

The translation is as follows:—
 "The Evangelic charity of the Venerable Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church suggested the idea to several Masonic brethren to present him with the following address, which was signed in Egypt by a large number of Freemasons of every nationality.

"To His SANCTITY THE PATRIARCH SOFRONIOS.
 "The undersigned Freemasons resident in Egypt, conscious of the good action of your Holiness when the Roman Catholic clergy refused burial to their respected Brother Figari (advocate or barrister), come forward to express the sincere thanks and respect they owe to your Holiness. The burial of our worthy deceased brother, through the means of the Orthodox Church, which is governed in Egypt by your Holiness, caused all worthy Freemasons to feel the effects, because it is in accordance with their institution to teach all men of the world who are sons of One Great Father to be tolerant, following the dictates of Jesus Christ.

"In you, true follower of Christ, and of His moral principles, we have found the noble philanthropic sentiments which are inculcated in the Masonic doctrine, sentiments which you profess with courage worthy of a great minister faithful to the duties of his mission (who studies to imitate our Saviour, Jesus Christ), to unite the knot of fraternity of all nations, always avoiding religious or party feelings.

"The Freemasons of Egypt fervently hope long life may be spared your Holiness, and pray to God that you may be protected to the glory of your throne for the benefit of the suffering humanity, which are divided, and cruelly persecuted, by some who call themselves ministers of Christ, but are only obstacles of light and lovers of discord.

"Accept therefore, your Holiness, the reverence of the undersigned Freemasons, who will ever have imprinted on their memory and in their hearts the recollection of your action, which is gratifying to the Great Architect of the Universe.

(Here follow the signatures of about 300 brethren.)
 "The committee appointed to present the above address to his Holiness consisted of the following brethren:—
 "DEMETRIO MOSCONAS, W.M. Pythagoras;
 "E. H. BINGHAM, P.M.;
 "L. D. MARIA;
 "W. H. WELDON, W.M. St. John's, 919;
 "J. ALUM JONES, Barrister;
 "HENRY JEYON, Secretary St. John's, 919;
 "A. ZACCA;

who had the honour to be received by His Holiness on Sunday, September 12th, 1875, at ten a.m., when, in response to the address, he replied as follows:—
 "Gentlemen,—

"I thank you for an honour which I do not merit, because I have only performed my sacred duty—Si praecepta mea servabitur manebitis indilectione mea, si diligitis me mandata mea servate. The Greek Orthodox Church observes and maintains the precepts of Christ, is ever ready to assist, by His ministers, all who call for her protection. His Holiness then spoke on the great virtues of the deceased advocate brother, Figari, who was greatly respected by all who knew him, and concluded with the hope that one day all the Christian churches might be joined together as one under the Holy Symbol of the Cross.

"The committee then took leave of his Holiness and retired."

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
 Sept. 25. H. JEYON, Sec. 919.
 [We publish the above with great pleasure from our worthy brother, Henry Jevon. We have seen "La Borsa."]

HUDIBRAS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
 I am a good deal amused by Bro. Bernard's dogmatical letter in your last impression. It seems a great pity, and to reflect little credit on our Masonic teaching, that hardly any one can write on the commonest subject without becoming personal. As the writer of the article, and the criminal quoter of the inculpated versicle, I venture to say, pace so learned a critic, that I happen to know my "Hudibras" as well as he knows it, it may be even better. But comparisons are "odorous." I used the verse as others have used it, better men than either of us, with no question or concern as to its correctness. I did not quote "Hudibras," at all, and so did no injustice to Butler's pleasant shade, but I used the words as a common saying to convey my meaning, which they did and do most appositely. For a long time every one who cares for such things has known that there was an error in the actual quotation itself, but as the popular proverb and popular version had great currency there seems to be but little use or value in being hypercritical. For myself, I can only say that the state of mind which the popular saying represents is not an uncommon one, and despite Bro. Bernard's learned disquisition, there is nothing absurd in the use of such words. Burke's concluding sentence may be reckoned equally "sublime and beautiful," but it looks here very like what the American called "greased lightning."

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
 THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.
 Dear Sir and Brother,—
 Permit me through the medium of your columns to call attention to the proposition to be brought before the Quarterly Court on Saturday next, the 9th inst., for building and extending the above institution.

The increasing demand for admittance of children and the want of more space and accommodation for the daughters of our indigent brethren call for prompt action, especially as the funds are in hand, now lying idle, and which cannot be used for better purposes than making such extension.

I am, Sir, yours fraternally,
A VICE-PRESIDENT.

MASONIC TOKENS.
To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir,—
Having seen a great deal of correspondence in your paper of late respecting the token commemorating the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, I feel much pleasure in forwarding a description of the one in my possession, and which is the only one I have ever seen.

The circular inscription is "Prince of Wales, elected G.M. 24th November, 1790."
In the centre is a shield divided by a chevron, composed of the square and compasses, between three castles. The shield supports a globe, surmounted by a dove with folded wings. The side supporters are two beavers.

The riband bears the motto: "Amor. Honor. Et. Justitia."

On the obverse is the circular inscription: "Sit Lux. Et. Lux. Euit."

In the centre is a right angled triangle, and on the three sides are the words "Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty."

In the triangle is a Cupid pointing his right hand finger to the letter G, surmounted by the all-seeing Eye, from which rays of light are shedding downwards. The left hand supports a plumb rule.

At the base of the triangle is a Bible, mallet, trowel, square, and compasses.

The edge of the token bears the inscription, "Scetchley, Birmingham. Facit. Masonic Token."

It was presented to me in gratitude by a non-Mason in return for a trifling favour that I conferred on him.

I remain, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
SAML. DUTTON, Sen. Sec. and Tr. 650,
P.P.G.P. Essex.

MASONIC CLOTHING.
To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Correctness in clothing and insignia is, I consider, as desirable as uniformity of ritual and similarity of ceremonial.

In the Constitutions of symbolical Masonry the regulations for the former are clear and distinct, but in those for the Order of H.R.A. there exists some ambiguity, or rather a lack of precision. This is especially the case with regard to the regalia of Present and Past Officers of Provincial Grand Chapters. Let any companion study those regulations carefully, and at the next country chapter he attends let him examine the clothing and insignia worn by the members, officers, and visitors, and judge how far those regulations have or have not, in his opinion, been carried out.

Answers by some competent companion to the following questions would be of much service, and assist materially in establishing that uniformity so much to be desired:—

1. Description of apron of Second and Third Principals and other officers of Provincial Grand Chapter?
2. Device of jewels worn by Second and Third Principals of Provincial Grand Chapter?
3. Authority for collars usually worn by Past Officers of Provincial Grand Chapters?
4. If jewels are worn by Second and Third Past Principals of Provincial Grand Chapters. If so, device?
5. If jewels are worn by other Past Officers of Provincial Grand Chapters?
6. Colour of ribbon by which medal of Past Officers of Provincial Grand Chapters is suspended?

Yours, PROVINCIAL.

A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
In August last a distressed brother applied for relief from this lodge. He stated that he belonged to a lodge at Quebec, that he had been master and owner (or part owner) of a small vessel, the wreck of which had left him penniless; that he had lost his certificate when his vessel went down, that he had been picked up and taken to Dover, and had received relief there from certain magistrates, and also from a lodge (as set forth in a paper certifying to his loss, and purporting to be signed by such magistrates, &c.), that on his way through London he had received relief at Freemason's Hall, and that he was then on his way to Bristol to seek employment as a mariner.

We relieved him, but should not have done so had we been in possession of information which subsequent enquiry has given us, and which is at the service of any brother interested.

Yours truly and fraternally,
WILLIAM NOTT,
P.M. and Sec. 663; P.P.G.R. Wilts.
Devizes, 4th October, 1875.

(COPY.)

Lapley, Penkridge, 24th Sept., 1875.

Dear Lord and Brother,—
At a meeting of the P.G. Chapter at Tamworth it was suggested that, in consideration of many acts of kindness received from your lordship as P.G. Master, especially in your valuable support of the Masonic charities, and the kindness shewn to the brethren on the occasion of the Installation of the Prince of Wales, that an article of jewellery should be presented to your daughter, Lady The-

resa Talbot, on her marriage with Viscount Castlereagh, as a mark of respect from the Freemasons of the province. At a committee meeting held at Birmingham to-day we found it impossible to arrange for its presentation on the wedding day. Will your lordship please ask the Lady Theresa to kindly inform me if she will accept this testimonial, which might be presented at any time convenient to her ladyship when visiting at Allon or Ingestre after the marriage.

I can assure your lordship it is a great pleasure to me to make this communication.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,
GEORGE S. TUDOR, Grand Supt., Stafford.
The Earl of Shrewsbury, P.G.M. Stafford.

Ingestre, Stafford, Sept. 25th, 1875.

Dear Bro. Tudor,—

I hardly can find words to express the deep sense of the honour that I consider has been paid to me and to my family by the kind intimation by you of the wish of the Freemasons of the province to offer my daughter, Lady Theresa Talbot, a present on the occasion of her marriage with Viscount Castlereagh. I am requested by the young lady to express her most grateful thanks, and to say how deeply she feels the compliment paid to her, and how proud she will be of a gift given by the whole province.

For my own part, I must state whilst immensely gratified by the kindness of the brethren, I am not surprised at their action, as it is only a continuance of the brotherly feeling which has been always shewn to me, and which, I trust, I thoroughly reciprocate. I will add that the pleasure is greatly enhanced by your having been selected as the brother who should convey to me the expression of the brethren's wish.

Believe me, Dear Bro. Tudor, Yours very sincerely and fraternally,

SHREWSBURY, P.G.M. Stafford.
To Bro. Tudor, Grand Supt. P.G. Chapter, Staffordshire.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this institution met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. W. F. C. Moutrie in the chair. Very few brethren attended, but Bros. H. Browse, Jesse Turner, John Symonds, H. Massey, J. W. Dosell, S. Rosenthal, J. G. Chancellor, Hyde Pullen, Henry Dubose, R. Spencer, and F. Binckes, Secretary, were present.

On the recommendation of the House Committee the brethren resolved to admit one lad (Brock) by purchase in January next. An additional vacancy in the school, caused by the death of one boy, was declared for the election of next Monday. Some petitions were received, and an outfit was granted to an ex-pupil. The Committee then adjourned.

SUPREME COUNCIL 33°.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1ST JULY, 1875.

| Dr. | | RECEIPTS. | | | |
|---|------|-----------|----|----|--|
| 1st July, 1874. | | £ | s. | d. | |
| To Balance in London and Westminster Bank | 304 | 15 | 0 | | |
| " Do. in hands of Treasurer | 6 | 6 | 0 | | |
| " Receipts to 30th June, 1875 | 2000 | 0 | 8 | | |
| | | £2311 | 1 | 8 | |

| Cr. | | EXPENDITURE. | | | |
|--|------|--------------|---|---|--|
| By Payments for Rent, Salaries, Wages, Furniture, Repairs, &c. | 1307 | 18 | 5 | | |
| " Deposit Notes | 641 | 15 | 0 | | |
| " Balance in Bank | 358 | 5 | 3 | | |
| " Balance in Treasurer's hands | 3 | 3 | 0 | | |
| | | £2311 | 1 | 8 | |

Examined and compared with the vouchers, and found correct,
(Signed)

1st July, 1875.
S. RAWSON, 31°.
G. LAMBERT, 31°.
BALANCE SHEET, 1ST JULY, 1875.

| ASSETS. | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|----|---|
| Cash in London and Westminster Bank | 358 | 5 | 3 |
| " Deposit Account | 704 | 15 | 0 |
| " in Treasurer's hands | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| £900 Madras Stock cost | 1007 | 5 | 0 |
| Library, estimated at | 2057 | 16 | 1 |
| Plate, valued at | 276 | 8 | 6 |
| Organ, valued at | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| Furniture and Appointments | 1519 | 17 | 8 |
| Leases:—33, Golden Square | 1048 | 0 | 0 |
| 2, Upper John Street | 925 | 0 | 0 |
| Masonic Hall | 1652 | 0 | 0 |
| Cellarage | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| | £10,352 | 10 | 6 |

| LIABILITIES. | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----|---|
| Compounders, 31°, 32°, 33°—78 Members | 579 | 12 | 6 |
| Do. 30°—175 Members | 727 | 7 | 6 |
| Unappropriated | 5 | 9 | 6 |
| | £1312 | 9 | 6 |

| | | | |
|------------------------|---------|----|---|
| Balance, being Capital | 9040 | 1 | 0 |
| | £10,352 | 10 | 6 |

(Signed)

KENNEDY & MEGGY, Accountants,
11, Old Jewry Chambers, E.C.
H. CLERK, 33°, Grand Treas. Gen.,
33, Golden-square, London, W.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Friday, October 15, 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, OCTOBER 9.

- Quarterly General Court Girls' School, at 12. See Advt. Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- " 1361, United Service, Greyhound, Richmond.
- " 1426, The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- " 1457, Bagshaw, Bald-Faced Stag, Buckhurst Hill.
- Mark Lodge, 104, Macdonald, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.
- 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, Preceptory.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11.

- Quarterly General Court Boys' School, at 12. See Advt. Lodge 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
- " 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
- Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Stanhope Arms Upper James-street, Oval Road, Camden Town, 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, OCTOBER 12.

- Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
- " 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- " 211, St. Michael, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- " 228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.
- " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
- " 917, Cosmopolitan, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
- Chap. 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
- Supreme Grand Council 33°, 33, Golden-square.
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Larham, Precep.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
- Prince Frederick 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, Bishops-gate-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.
- Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. J. Brett, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13.

- General Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at 3.
- Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 9, Albion, Regent's Masonic Hall, Regent-street.
- " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-St., Woolwich.
- " 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
- " 147, Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
- " 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

Lodge 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse.
 " 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1260, Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. John's Wood.
 " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-st., Wapping.
 Supreme Grand Council, 30° and 33°, 33, Golden-square.
 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.
 Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction (1524), 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, OCTOBER 14.
 Lodge 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.
 " 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Docks.
 " 1216, Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell.
 " 1425, Hyde Park, Westbourne Hotel, Craven-rd., W.
 " 1471, Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
 " 1475, Peckham, Victory Tavern, Trafalgar-road, Old Kent-road.
 Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
 " 140, St. George's, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
 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, 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.
 Marquis of Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1489), Albion Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston; Bro. W. Stephens, Prec.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15.
 Mark Lodge, 176, Era, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
 Rose Croix Chapter Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square.
 Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Brcs. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 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-st., 6 to 8 p.m., Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, Preceptor.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Prec.
 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, October 16, 1875.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11.

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12.

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. 537, Zion, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), M. Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13.

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, OCTOBER 14.

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.
 " 786, Croxeth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 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, Bridgwater, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles, near Manchester.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15.

Lodge 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 16, 1875.
 All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11.

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12.

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 179, St. Mungo, London Hotel, Mauchline.
 " 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-st., Maryhill.
 Chap. 113, Partick, Masonic Hall, Partick.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14.

Lodge 88, New Monkland, Town Hall, Airdrie.
 " 109, St. Marnock's, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.
 " 203, St. John's Operative, Olive Hall, Airdrie.
 " 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hotel, Dalry.
 " 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.
 Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15.

Lodge 12, Greenock Kilwinning, Town Hall, Greenock.
 " 31, St. Mary's Coltness, Scott's Hall, Wishaw.
 " 306, St. Thomas, 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, OCTOBER 16.

Lodge 524, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Kilbride.
 " 544, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 16, 1875.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen's, St. James's Hall, Writers' Court.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12.

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13.

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14.

Lodge 8, Journeyman, Blackfriars-st., High-st.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15.

Chap. 83, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

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