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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

EGYPTIAN LODGE (No. 27).—The Egyptian Lodge met for the first time after the holidays at its old quarters, Anderson's Hotel, when some sixty brethren assembled. Bro. S. P. Lambie, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. John Green, S.W.; H. G. Buss, P.M., Treas.; J. B. Poole, P.M., Sec.; J. Walker, S.D.; W. O. Paterson, J.D.; W. Richards, I.G.; T. J. Maidwell, D.C.; Charles Atkins, I.P.M.; and Past Masters C. B. Payne, F. Harrison, H. T. Hoare, John Coultis, D. H. Jacobs, W. H. Libbis, and T. Sheppard. The work performed comprised the raising of Bro. John Riches, and the initiation of Messrs. Richard Adolphus Howell, Benjamin Young, and Robert Maidwell. At the termination of this business the brethren adjourned to banquet, at which they honoured the long list of toasts recognised by lodges, and the W.M. and brethren wished His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., a prosperous and happy journey to the East, with a speedy and safe return.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, when Brother George Everett, the W.M. of the lodge, presided. Bros. George Everett, jun., (son of the W.M.), Gilbert, and Osborne, were passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. Simmer, Jennings, Pierpoint, Pinhey, and Sherlock were initiated, the W.M. exhibiting much skill in the performance of these ceremonies. Brothers Thomas George Ell and John Kent were admitted as joining members of the lodge, and at the conclusion of the lodge work, the brethren, to the number of 104, sat down to banquet. The W.M., in proposing the first toast, said the toast of "Her Majesty" was always well received by all classes of her subjects, but more especially Freemasons, who prided themselves so much on their loyalty. Now that the Prince of Wales was about leaving us for so long a time, he trusted the Queen would emerge from the long seclusion, and appear more frequently in our midst. Such a proceeding on her part would be hailed with delight by all her people. In proposing "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England," the W.M. said he was sure the toast would be received with more than ordinary interest on that occasion, it being just on the eve of his departure to India. This visit would necessitate his absence from his native land for upwards of six months, and, as our Grand Master, and the head of our noble institution, they naturally felt a deep interest in all his doings, as well as a certain amount of anxiety on his behalf. Since his advent to Freemasonry he had never failed to show his deep concern for the Craft, and they in return were bound to show the same feeling towards him. He trusted, and indeed he felt assured, that much good would result from this visit, and he was convinced the brethren round the table would all join with him in wishing His Royal Highness God speed on his journey and a safe return to his native land. The toast was received with much cheering. Bro. F. Kent, C.C., the I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," paid him a high compliment for the manner in which he was carrying out the duties of his office. He liked originality, and there was a good deal of that in their present Master. The toast was received with much heartiness. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Kent and the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast. Although they met so numerous, the kind attention they paid to the chair, and the ready assistance they rendered him on all and every occasion, made his duties very pleasant and comparatively easy. The toast of "The Grand Officers" was ably responded to by Bros. Josh. Smith and Adams; that of "The P.M.'s" by Bro. F. Kent. The officers each in turn made most excellent

replies to the toast of their health. Bros. Watts, Clark and several other brethren contributed by their excellent singing and reciting to the harmony of the evening, and a most splendid banquet was as usual ably superintended by the manager of the hotel, Bro. Smith.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The first meeting of this well-known lodge for the Masonic season just commenced was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Thursday the 7th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Geo. Newman, W.M., supported by his officers, Bros. T. Cohe, S.W.; Charles Arkell, J.W.; J. G. Marsh, P.M. and Sec.; E. Jones, S.D.; H. Legge, J.D.; F. Fellowes, I.G., and W. T. Rickwood, D.C. The lodge having been duly opened, the following brethren were passed to the Second Degree—viz., Bros. E. C. Skoles and T. T. Hampton. The business in the agenda having been disposed of, a letter was read from Bro. J. Hordern Jukes, P.M. 120 and 892, P.P.G.W. Herefordshire, presenting to the lodge, through the hands of Bro. George Kenning, P.M., an Ancient Masonic Apron, together with the certificate of a brother named Jonathan Smith, who was initiated in this lodge in the year 1801, at a time when the lodge did not possess any distinctive name, but was known by the number, 258, and the sign of the house where it was held, viz., Northumberland Arms, Artillery Lane, London. The apron is in good preservation and most interesting as regards its antiquity, the three great attributes of our excellent institution, viz., "Faith, Hope, and Charity," being beautifully delineated on the kid, with the Bible and compasses, and other Masonic devices. The certificate is dated Nov., 1801, bears the signature of Bro. Robert Leslie, as G.S., and Edward Harper, D.G. Sec. It need scarcely be said that the presentation was received with great interest by the members present, and the thanks of the lodge were voted to Bro. Jukes for his great kindness in presenting to the lodge these ancient relics of the lodge in bygone days, and we are glad to hear that the lodge intend to confer on the said brother an honorary membership. We regret to note that since the last regular meeting the lodge has sustained a loss by death of two of its well-known and valued P.M.'s, viz., Bro. W. Goodyer, Treas., and Bro. F. Trott; and also two other of its members, well-known and much respected, Bro. Sidney Spencer and Bro. S. Muggeridge. This bereavement to some extent could not fail somewhat to cast a gloom over the pleasures of the evening. The lodge having been closed and adjourned in due form, the brethren banquetted in the large Pillar-room, at which the W.M. presided, when all the usual loyal Masonic toasts usually given on these occasions were most ably rendered; the visitors present, who were numerous, gave a most hearty response to the toasts, so heartily proposed by the W.M. The Tyler's toast, according to time-honoured custom, brought a most agreeable meeting to a close. Amongst the members present were Bros. Geo. Abbott, P.M.; Geo. Kenning, P.M.; E. Roberts, P.M.; E. King, P.M.; J. Mayo, T. Barker, W. R. Baker, R. E. Bright, S. Haynes, J. Curle, W. Smale, S. T. Lucas, G. T. Smith, S. Edwards, W. F. Poulton, E. C. Alfatt, W. Alfatt, B. Jenkins, T. Perrin, J. H. Fuller, Geo. Bartholomew, W. Elliott, T. Fisher, G. H. Gillam, W. Medwin, H. A. Pratt, C. J. Benson, W. Cotter, T. B. Charlesworth, Geo. Hall, A. G. Marks, Charles Cann, A. Lewis, Henry Davis, R. G. Dixon. Visitors—C. R. Smith, 87; J. Copestick, P.M. 809; H. Roberts, 45; W. Worrell, P.M. 766; H. B. Dunn, 28; T. H. Cox, 1445; H. Russell, T. B. Ycoman, 1460; E. Ledbury, 656; W. Chames, 1423; J. H. Webster, 1309; W. T. Farthing, P.M. 55; G. M. Felton, J. Morton, P.M. 1056.

HERVEY LODGE (No. 1260).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, Oct. 12th, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and was very fully attended. Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., W.M., presided, supported by his officers, as follows:—Bros. George Harrison, S.W.; Southwood, J.W.; Darby, Treas.; George King, jun., P.M., Sec.; H. Hollingsworth, S.D.; J. Sandilands Ward, J.D.; Goodacre, I.G.; and C. T. Speight, Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Cubitt, P.G. Purs.; J. G. Defries, 45 and 1278; Robert Grey, 259, Deputy Master to the Prince of Wales's Lodge; W. Morgan, 1358; Ballard, 511; Nuttall, West Kent Lodge; Atkins, I.P.M. 27; John Green, 27; H. Thompson, P.M. 177, 1158, and 1426, &c. The lodge was opened soon after four o'clock, when the minutes having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and Bro. Hall was most impressively raised to the Third Degree, the W. Master's interpretation of the ritual being in his usual excellent style. The lodge was then lowered to the Second Degree, and Bro. Foote was passed to the degree of a F.C. Two candidates offered themselves for initiation, they were Mr. Gifford Thomas Salmon and Mr. Adolphus L. Rosenthal, and the ballot being unanimous in their favour, they were admitted to the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the ritual being most ably rendered by the W. Master. At the conclusion of the ordinary business the W. Master said he rose with great pleasure to perform one of the most pleasing duties which could devolve upon the Master of the lodge, which was the presentation to the lodge of a portrait of Bro. Hervey, painted by Bro. Baron Tetterborn, of Liverpool-street, King's Cross, who was present that evening. It was a portrait of a most worthy brother, who was always ready to do a good action, and at the right time and in the right place. As their brother initiates might not be aware of it, he told them that it was a portrait of one of the most distinguished members of the Craft, a man whose virtues were so well known to the Craft that they needed no eulogium from him, and his only object was to place his good qualities in a strong light, but that was almost unnecessary to those who had the honour of his acquaintance. For this valuable present they were indebted to Bro. Southwood, their worthy Junior Warden, and the picture represented one of the brightest characters to be found in the Order of Freemasonry. He was not only known for his

genial and amiable virtues, far and wide (and all who knew him estimated his character), but for the assistance he was ever ready to render to others. He (the W. Master) had seen him that day, and he was not sorry that he was not then present to hear what he said, for in his absence he could speak of him with greater freedom; and he said a more estimable man than Brother Hervey he never had met with in his life, for his equal temper, his great judgment, and his willingness to extend the hand of friendship to every brother who required his assistance. He had been for many years the Preceptor of the Lodge of Emulation, and at all times he was ready to assist with his advice and instruction the youngest member of the Order. He was known by all for the kindness of his heart, and therefore he need not detain the lodge with a detail of his good qualities, but he felt sure that he could not say enough of him, for any one who applied to him for his advice or assistance never applied in vain. It was with pleasure that they received this portrait, and the lodge had every reason to be glad that the Board of General Purposes had permitted them to have possession of that of so distinguished a member of the Emulation Lodge, and when younger members looked upon the lineaments of his kind and placid face, and read the inscription that was placed under it, he hoped that it would stimulate others to go and do likewise. He was proud that the duty of unveiling the splendid portrait of Bro. Hervey, painted by Bro. Baron Tetterborn, had fallen upon him. It was no slight honour and pleasure to receive it in that lodge, and the inscription at the foot of it would always keep them in mind that it was to Bro. Southwood that they were indebted for it, and he was sure that it must always be a great pleasure to the brethren to have such a beautiful work of art displayed on their walls. The Worshipful Master then by a slight motion unveiled the portrait, and there was a spontaneous expression of opinion that Bro. Tetterborn had achieved one of his greatest triumphs of art, for he had not only secured the features but the exact expression of the worthy brother, and it was unanimously pronounced to be a work of fidelity, for which the artist was entitled to the highest praise. The inscription attached to the portrait was as follows:—"The V.W., Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, &c., of the Grand Lodge of England. Presented to the Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, October 13th, 1875 by Bro. J. H. Southwood, Junior Warden." It may be worthy of remark that this first-rate work of art, with all its fidelity of details so splendidly executed, was produced from a small carte de visite, and during the many months that Bro. Tetterborn was engaged on that work he never once received a sitting from Bro. Hervey. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to Simpson's Hotel, in the Strand, for the banquet. At the conclusion the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," which was heartily responded to. The W. Master said the next toast he had to give them was "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons," and on the present occasion they wished him "God speed." Their hearts were with him on his journey, wishing that he might enjoy himself in India, and that he might speedily return in renewed vigour, and that for many years he might remain at the head of the Craft. On this occasion he thought they ought to couple with the toast the health of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, who, as a loving wife, had accompanied him on a part of his journey. The toast was cordially responded to. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers." On this occasion he had not much to say as to the Pro Grand Master, but he knew that he was most willing to occupy the position assigned to him, so that between the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master nothing would be wanting in Grand Lodge when the Grand Master wished them to act in his place. They had present with them that night two Grand Officers, Bros. Grey and Cubitt. He had known Bro. Grey for many years, he did not like to say for how many years, as that might make Bro. Grey as old as himself, but he might say that he had known him from his initiation. Bro. Grey was then a very young man, full of energy, had filled every office. He (the W. Master) was struck with the energy he displayed in the Lodge of Emulation, for there he filled every office, worked the sections, and did everything that it was possible for him to do, and in due time he received his reward, as he wore the purple, and at the present time was Deputy Master to the Prince of Wales Lodge, and on that occasion they were called upon especially to do honour to Bro. Grey, for whom he had a sincere respect. As to Bro. Cubitt, he was well-known to all the members of the lodge, as he had filled the office of Grand Pursuivant, and he hoped the brethren would do honour to them that night. Bro. Grey, Deputy Master to the Prince of Wales's Lodge, said whilst he was in the robing room he heard one of the brethren tell one of the initiated that he was expected to make a speech ever so long, and, therefore, any speech on the part of the Grand Officers must necessarily be very short. The Worshipful Master had been pleased to speak kindly of him and of their early associations when they worked together, little thinking when they were side by side that they should wear the purple together. It was one of the greatest pleasures to him, as a Freemason, to visit that lodge, and see his old friend Dr. Hogg sitting in the chair. The W. Master then, in an eloquent speech, in which he dismounted upon the antiquity of the Order, and its great novel effects upon the happiness of mankind, proposed "The Health of the Initiates," which was duly responded to. Bro. Grey then said that the privilege had been given to him by special favour to propose a toast which had been intrusted to his hands, but which he regretted had not been confided to

abler hands who would be able to do more justice to it, which was "The Health of the W. Master." He then proceeded to speak of him in complimentary terms, and said he could speak of his working in the lodge of Emulation, and the many acts of charity which daily and hourly characterised his Masonic life, and if he spoke of him for hours he could not exhaust the enumeration of his good qualities. He asked the brethren to drink the health of the W. Master, wishing him long life, health, and prosperity, and he congratulated the lodge in having such a Master to preside over them. The toast was enthusiastically responded to. The W.M. said he thanked Bro. Grey from his heart for the kind and brotherly way in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the very cordial way in which they had responded to it. As regarded his humble endeavours he should be happy to do his utmost to make that lodge one of the best in the Craft, and he hoped that he should then deserve all the praise that Bro. Grey had said of him. The W.M. then gave "The Visitors," for which Bro. Cubitt, P.G. Purst., returned thanks, and alluded to the excellent portrait of Bro. Hervey presented to the lodge, and said that when it should please the G.A.O.T.U. to remove in substance Brother Hervey, they would have a correct resemblance of the original left to them. As the visitors had been so kindly received it would be a great inducement to them to come again. The next toast was "The Press," for which Bros. Thompson, P.M. 177, and 1158, and 1426, and Morgan, returned thanks. The W. Master gave "The Health of Bro. Baron Tetterborn, the painter of the portrait of Bro. Hervey," for which that brother returned thanks, stating that he never had a sitting from Bro. Hervey, and had produced the picture from a carte de visite, and although he had been a Mason for 20 years he had never painted a portrait of a Freemason before. He thanked them sincerely for the honour they had conferred upon him. The Past Masters of the lodge was given for which Bro. Hyde Pullen responded, congratulating the lodge that the seed he had sown some years ago had produced such abundant fruit. Some other toasts were given, and the evening was spent in the most harmonious manner, and in the true spirit of Masonry.

ST. CLEMENT DANES LODGE (No. 1351).—At the installation meeting of this lodge on the 7th inst., at Bro. Carr's, King's Head, Strand, Bro. D. Betts, W.M. presided, and having initiated four gentlemen into the Order, and performed other Masonic work, installed Bro. Stewart as Master of the lodge. The brethren appointed to assist the new W.M. were Bros. C. Livett, S.W.; Wilson, J.W.; Parker, P.M., Treas.; W. Hilton, P.M., Sec.; H. Porter, S.D.; Wigg, J.D.; Butler, I.G.; Perryman, D.C.; Barnes, Org.; and Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. Dr. Archer Farre, of the Waterloo-road, was elected a joining member of the lodge, and the brethren afterwards celebrated the installation of the W.M. at a banquet. Bros. Joseph Smith and W. Ough, P.G.P., responded to "The Grand Officers" toast, and Bro. Betts, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." In doing so he said he wished him every happiness which he himself had had during his past year of office. If the W.M. could have the same happiness when he surrendered his emblem of power to his successor he would feel the same gratification as he (Bro. Betts) then felt. There were many things required to make love and harmony in a lodge. The W.M. might sometimes do all he could, but if the brethren did not show their anxiety to do the same, all his efforts were of no avail. He (Bro. Betts) had had nothing of that kind to complain of, and he had had the pleasure of installing in the chair that evening a brother who would endeavour to win the hearts of the brethren, and at the same time shed lustre on his office and on Freemasonry. Speaking not for himself only, but for every brother around the table who had not the privilege of an intimate acquaintance with the W.M., he could say he was a brother to be respected. He had had a long and close knowledge of him, and had found that not only was he an excellent Mason, but a good and true man. He could honestly call him his "dear old friend of many years." He would not enlarge on his private virtues, because the brethren knew them as well as he, but he might say that in whatever position of life he was placed he had shown that he was aware of the duties that therein devolved upon him, and performed those duties as a true Christian and good man. His pocket (thank God! he had an ample pocket) was always open to the relief of the poorer brethren he came in contact with, and his heart was as large as his pocket. The brethren had seen how he had that night presided over the lodge, and it was unnecessary to say any more about him. He could only wish him all the prosperity and happiness he could wish himself, and he (Bro. Betts) wished that when the W.M. laid down his gavel he would have health given him, prosperity and happiness, all the blessings of life. The brethren had elected him as their W.M., and they could not give him a higher certificate than that. The W.M., in reply, said that he must thank the brethren very much for their kindness, and Bro. Betts for the very flattering way in which he had spoken of him. Indeed, Bro. Betts had said a great deal about him that he scarcely knew of himself. Perhaps it was as well for men or brethren passing through life that they should not know all about themselves, but let others find it out. That appeared to have been the case with Bro. Betts, who had found out a great deal more about the W.M. than the W.M. knew. He (the W.M.) did not care what he found out about him providing it was creditable to Freemasonry, and that he had done his duty in the station of life to which it had pleased God to call him. What Bro. Betts had said of him he had said from the kindness of his heart, the gentility of his disposition, and his very strong friendship for the W.M. But to the brethren he would also return his best thanks for the heartiness with which they had received what Bro. Betts had said. Two years ago he (the W.M.) had not the slightest idea of going into the chair. His health was then in such a state that

he thought it his duty to send in his resignation as a member of the lodge. Owing, however, to Bro. Betts and the P.M., his resignation was not accepted, and he (the W.M.) felt now deeply indebted to the brethren that his resignation was not received. His health after that improved, and after a few months he was able to resume his position in Freemasonry, and join his brethren with that love and harmony which had characterised them since the formation of the lodge. Having been placed in the chair by the brethren's suffrages and good will, he promised that he would do his very best for the Craft for the promotion of the brethren's comfort and happiness, and for the advancement of the lodge. After the toast of "The Visitors" had been drunk and responded to, the W.M. gave "The P.M.'s," and after passing a high compliment on all the P.M.'s for the energy they had shown in advancing the best interests of the lodge, said he was more concerned than with the I.P.M., Bro. Betts. They were all very proud of him. Bear in mind he was a son of their own. He was born in the St. Clement Danes Lodge; he was christened there, vaccinated there, educated there, he arrived at maturity there, and they all knew the rapid progress he had made in the science of Freemasonry since he had attained his majority. In four short years he had passed through all the offices of the lodge, and had occupied the W.M. chair. He had attained to the third chair in Royal Arch Masonry; he had become a member of the Board of General Purposes; and he had crowned all by installing that night, in a way never to be excelled, the W.M. All honour to Bro. Betts for his proficiency, and for the eminence to which he had attained. He (the W.M.) had been asking himself since sitting there what had been the mainspring of action and the moving cause which had urged Bro. Betts in the noble Craft, and he had come to the conclusion that it was first of all his love for Freemasonry. He believed Bro. Betts loved Freemasonry for its own excellence, that he loved its principles, and felt that he was under some slight obligation to the Craft for being placed in his present position. When he first took office in that lodge Bro. Betts pledged his honour as a man and his fidelity as a Mason that he would render himself efficient for the various offices that he would have to sustain. He (the W.M.) would appeal to the brethren now to testify how ably he had discharged his obligation. That he had performed his duties in a way well pleasing and acceptable to all of them they had admitted in a more substantial way than by merely expressing it in so many words. On the last occasion they voted him a jewel, which he (the W.M.) held in his hand, and which, with their permission, he would now present. To Bro. Betts: In the name of this lodge, I attach this jewel to your breast, not only as the expression of their kindly feelings towards you, but as a mark of merit and approbation for the very able and efficient manner in which you have discharged the duties of your office. I am sure you will wear it with pleasure and with profit. May you long continue to do so; may you live many years to come in and out amongst us as a P.M. of this lodge, to cheer us by your smile, and aid us by your counsels; and when by the inscrutable wisdom of the G.A.O.T.U. you are removed from this sublunary abode, may you ascend to the Grand Lodge above where the world's G.A. lives and reigns for ever." Bro. Betts said, although no tongue could adequately express his feelings, he would be quite unworthy of the kind expressions which had fallen from the W.M. if he did not thank him for his kindness, and the brethren also for the way in which they had received it. The W.M. of a lodge might do whatever he pleased to promote the interests of the lodge, but he would be a very sorry figure indeed if he was not well supported. He had endeavoured to do his best for the lodge, which he had found united in the closest bonds of friendship, and this had aided him a great deal. For the glittering jewel just placed on his breast he thanked the brethren very much indeed, and he was very proud of it, as testifying to the brethren's opinion of the way he had performed the office of W.M. But there was that which they had given him which could not be bought, and which he could not thank them sufficiently for, which was the cordial friendship and kind assistance they had always shown him. More than this; he had initiated many brethren into the Craft, and eight of them had given him £5 5s. each when he was Steward for the Boys' School. He did feel proud of his lodge, and he would say there were very few lodges in the kingdom of which the W.M. could say he had been so well supported. He would always feel affection for the lodge. In that lodge he was initiated; in it he had initiated his son; the eldest son of his dearest sister; and he hoped they would love it as much as he did. The other toasts were given, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated. Among the brethren present were Bros. Duncan Harrison, Butler, Porter, Hilton, Hamilton, Parkes, W. Hatl, J. Child, J. K. Metherell, and J. Mott. Bros. Harwood and Blamey were the principal musical brethren of the evening, and they contributed some charming glees, &c., to the general enjoyment. Bro. Barnes was Organist.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—An exceedingly strong muster of the members of this lodge took place at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 5th inst. There were present Bros. Gardner, W.M.; Everett, W.M. (Domestic), S.W.; Koch, P.M., acting J.W., in the place of Bro. Harry Painter, deceased; Drysdale, P.M., acting I.P.M.; Page, P.M., &c., Treas.; Higgins, acting S.D.; Walls, acting J.D.; Webb, I.G.; Mann, P.M., acting Sec.; Kohler, A.W.S. The minutes of the last lodge and emergency meetings having been read and confirmed, the W.M., assisted by P.M. Drysdale and his officers, raised Bro. Rogers, passed Bro. Stranger, and initiated Mr. J. W. Brooke. Mr. R. Whinham was balloted for, and Bro. F. Trotman (742) admitted as a joining member. A sum of £5 5s. was voted to Bro. Stuart, P.M., Sec., and a vote of condolence passed to the widow of Bro.

Painter, J. W. Bro. Page, P.M., having informed the lodge that Bro. Pope, P.M., had presented the lodge with two ceremonial chairs and "firing" glasses, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Pope, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Mann gave notice of motion that the entrance fee should be increased from six to eight guineas. Several minor matters having been transacted, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, most elegantly served by the new caterer to the lodge, Bro. Trotman. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the toast "The Queen and Craft and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." He alluded to the departure of the latter for India on the 11th instant, and hoped that both the Prince and the inhabitants of the great Indian empire would be greatly benefitted by the visit, and concluded by wishing H.R.H. "God speed" and a safe return. The other toasts followed in quick succession. Bro. Koch, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and Bro. Gardner briefly replied. The health of Bro. Brooke, the initiate, having been given, that brother made a most appropriate reply. Bros. Whitley, P.M. (Strawberry Hill), and Palmer, S.D. Domastic acknowledged the health of the visitors, and expressed the gratification a visit to the Kennington Lodge always afforded them. The toast of the Past Masters was responded to by Bros. Koch, Page, Mann, Drysdale, and Pope. Bro. Walls having contributed a ballad, the W.M. proposed, in most complimentary terms, "The Health of the Minor Officers of the Lodge," and in particular congratulated the lodge upon having so good a S.W. as Bro. Everett, who, as W.M. of the Domastic, was "gaining golden opinions from every one." This toast was acknowledged by Bros. Everett, Reeves, and Walls, on behalf of the other officers, absent and present. Bro. Longstaffe, the Tyler, having discharged his duty, the lodge shortly afterwards separated until the 1st Tuesday in November.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The installation meeting of the Great City Lodge was held on Saturday evening, Oct. 9, at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, and was most numerously attended by members and visitors; but with a view of lightening the work for this day an emergency meeting was held on the previous Saturday, when Bros. Durrant, Rowe, Liscombe, Lord, and Goodman were raised to the Third Degree; Bros. Skinner, Hartley, Lockett, and Clark, were passed; and the following were initiated:—Mr. William Edward Thompson, Mr. John Wynne, Mr. Emanuel Horace Cadiot, and Mr. Henry John Bertram. Mr. William Edward Thompson was, by permission of the W.M., initiated by his father, Bro. Henry Thompson, P.M. 177 and 1151, and who is a member of this lodge. The lodge was opened at three o'clock, Bro. Nathan Bryant Headon, W.M., presiding; Bro. J. H. Townend (W.M. elect), S.W.; and Bro. Seex, J.W.; and all the subordinate officers were present. There was a large body of visitors present, and some of them came from very distant places. The first business was to initiate Mr. Everett into the mysteries of Freemasonry, which was performed in the W.M.'s usual careful manner, and at its conclusion Bro. James Hamilton Townend, P.M. (W.M. elect), was presented to receive the benefit of installation. Although this was attempted by Bro. Headon for the first time, he installed his successor into the chair in a manner which elicited the highest commendations. After receiving the usual congratulations and salutes, the new W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Seex, S.W.; Staneray, J.W.; Bleckie, S.D.; Catchpole, J.D.; Preston, I.G.; Freeman, Treas.; Moody, Sec.; Hamer, D.C. Hook, Org.; Jenkins, Assistant Org.; C. Taylor, S.S.; Kibble, J.S.; and Steedman, Tyler. Bro. Headon then delivered the usual addresses, and at the close he was greeted with loud cheering. The report of the Auditor's of the accounts for the past year was received and adopted. The Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., said before the lodge was closed he wished to call their attention to a subject which was well worthy of their consideration, and that was, the way in which Bro. Headon had discharged his duties, not only in the past year, but from the very commencement of the lodge. He need not tell them, as they were all well aware of the great gratification with which he had met them on every occasion, and from his gentlemanly manners and examples he had won the good opinion of all, not only as their Worshipful Master, but as a man. Their feelings, however, were expanded when they found their Worshipful Master so punctual in his attendance, and by his beautiful interpretation of their ritual he had added the greatest dignity to the ceremonies performed in the lodge. He was not merely a technical expositor of Freemasonry, but by the gentlemanly, moral, and dignified conduct he had displayed the lodge had attained a most distinguished position, for while those high qualities had been observed, at the same time he had carried out the traditions of their Order in spirit and to the letter. In the case of the worthy brother who had just retired from the chair, his one great idea was the prosperity and welfare of the Great City Lodge, for from him it first originated. It was true that this was done in conjunction with Bro. Moody, their worthy Secretary, and other brethren who were the founders of the lodge, but they were about to pay honour to the one from whom originated the great idea which had been so admirably carried out, and which it had pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to permit them to see. The brethren, therefore, took that opportunity of testifying to his zeal in the work by asking the acceptance by Bro. Headon of a graceful tribute of esteem for him as the first originator of the lodge, and for the dignified and kind manner in which he had carried out the duties in the past year. He was sure that if he spoke for half an hour he could not express the silent feelings which played round their hearts, but he might say, at the same time, that his modesty was equal to his good qualities. He presented him with that watch as a token of their affection and regard, but he would carry with him, both in his private

and public life, that which was dearer than gold, and that was the unbounded esteem of his brother Masons. He hoped and trusted that he would enjoy good health and all other blessings, but when it should please the Great Architect of the Universe that he shall be called away from this sublunary lodge he trusted these presents would be an earnest of the higher prizes which were to be obtained in the Grand Lodge above. He then asked Bro. Moody to read the address in conjunction with the present of the watch he then handed to him. Bro. Moody, the Secretary, then read the address, which was splendidly illuminated and handsomely framed and glazed. It was as follows:—"Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England. Great City Lodge, No. 1426. To Bro. Nathan Bryant Headon, P.M., member of the Board of General Purposes. Dear Sir and Brother,—The members of the Great City Lodge being desirous of showing their high appreciation of your eminent services as the originator and one of the founders of the lodge, have much pleasure in presenting you with this address, and the gold watch, value 50 guineas, which accompanies it. They desire specially to record the fact that it was entirely owing to your persevering energy that the Most Worshipful Grand Master ultimately granted the warrant for the formation of the lodge, and they also take the opportunity of bearing testimony to your intelligent interpretation of the ritual of Freemasonry." Then follow the signatures. Bro. Headon, who was evidently taken by surprise at this presentation, remained silent for some moments, and appeared quite overcome by the warmth of the sentiments expressed towards him, at length said—Worshipful Master and brethren,—I really do not know how to express myself to you; I can only say I thank you. The fact of this presentation was ordered to be recorded on the minutes, and after some other matters had been disposed of the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining-hall for refreshment, where a splendid banquet was served, under the superintendence of Bro. Lord, the manager of the Terminus Hotel. The cloth having been drawn, grace was sung by Messrs. Bernard, Daniels, Morgan, and Bamford. The W. Master then said that amongst all the talents with which the G.A.O.T.U had blessed him there was one that he was not possessed of, and that was speechmaking. He should, therefore, not worry himself or bore the ears of the brethren by attempting to make a speech, but get over the business as quick as he could, so that they might all get home in good time if they chose to do so. In a few pithy sentences he gave "The Queen and the Craft," which was drunk with great heartiness, and followed by the National Anthem, Mr. Bernard taking the solo parts, and Bro. W. H. Hook, the Organist, presiding at the pianoforte. The W. Master said the next toast was "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." In one of the charges delivered to Masons they were told that "monarchs themselves have been promoters of the arts, and have thought it not derogatory from their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the trowel, have patronised our mysteries, and even joined in our assemblies," and although they often had a prince of the blood as a member of the Craft, yet they now once more had as the head of their Order the Prince of Wales, heir apparent to the throne, who by his social and genial qualities had endeared himself to all, and particularly to Freemasons, and those who had witnessed his installation at the Albert Hall would never forget the ability with which he presided and the able manner in which he appointed his officers of Grand Lodge on that occasion. Most sincerely did he (the Worshipful Master) hope that it would be a considerable time before he would be called upon to ascend the Throne of England, and sorry indeed should he be if anything were to happen to Her Majesty; but when it should please the Great Architect of the Universe to call her away, he felt sure that the Prince of Wales would give satisfaction to all classes of the people, as he had hitherto done to the Craft. The toast was enthusiastically responded to, followed by the song of "God bless the Prince of Wales," but with a new verse, written and sung for the first time by Bro. Hook, the Organist of the lodge:—

"O'er sea and land we follow,
With heartfelt joy, to own
Our Royal Prince, and trust that he
May journey safely home.
Our Worshipful Grand Master,
Each brother's voice now hails,
With hearty wishes good, and prays,
God bless the Prince of Wales."

This new verse of the national song was highly applauded. In proposing the next toast, "The Right Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, K.G.," the W. Master said it was well understood, when the Prince of Wales undertook the office of Grand Master, that, in consequence of the numerous duties devolving upon him, he could not at all times attend the Grand Lodge, and therefore a Pro Grand Master was appointed, the Earl of Carnarvon, who had himself done good suit and service to the Craft. As the Royal Prince was now about to visit foreign parts his place would be supplied by the Earl of Carnarvon, and he had no doubt that he would well fulfil all the duties the Craft required of him. The toast was cordially received. The next toast on the list was "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present." Bro. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain, in responding, thanked the brethren, on behalf of Lord Skelmersdale, for drinking this constitutional toast, and after a few other observations he alluded to the position of The Great City Lodge. To use a common expression, the lodge's heart was in the right place, and he said that it was not often that the man who originated an idea had the honour of carrying it out, and he gave as an illustration of his argument that the first lifeboat was the idea of a poor man of Shields, who afterwards died in the workhouse,

while others came after him and carried it out. He had visited Ireland lately, he had been to Dublin, Limerick, and other places, and he there found Freemasonry greatly on the increase, but they had regard to quality and not to quantity. They were cautious there, and so they ought to be. Still, he spoke of Masonry as having a great mission in the world. They should show that its principles were to uphold truth and morality in the government, in the Church, and in the body politic throughout the world. It was its mission to help to build up the social fabric and make man what he ought to be, and worthy to enter a mansion beyond the skies. Brother Headon, I.P.M., said in the usual way it devolved upon him to propose the next toast, which was "The Health of the W. Master," but as he should have frequent opportunities of speaking in regard to him, and as one of his oldest friends was present—he meant Sir John Bennett—he was going to ask him to put the toast before the brethren, for at the next meeting they might not have the opportunity of having Sir John present amongst them. Brother Sir John Bennett said he really rose with some trepidation, as he was a little out of order, and especially as he had to follow a distinguished orator like their Chaplain, Brother Simpson, but an Irishman was expected to be an orator. That night he might say it was no little pleasure to him to find one of his oldest friends installed as W. Master of The Great City Lodge. He had known him from his cradle, and had seen him in and out for the last 30 years, and as he was now at the head of such a distinguished body as the Great City Lodge, it was a great honour for him to be present on such an occasion. He knew their W. Master was fond of a joke when it came in the right place, but he could also be serious in a right cause, and he knew that he was willing to undertake all the responsibilities of his office. Now he (Sir John Bennett) was never one who could treat in a light spirit the great objects of Freemasonry, as he knew from its antiquity that it had played no insignificant or unimportant part in the history of the world. He had thought over the history of mankind for the last 3000 years, and although in Rome there were bright days, yet in the darkest hour of the darkest ages, when the privileges of freedom were at their lowest ebb, the little lamp of Freemasonry preserved the light and spirit of freedom, and it is now scarcely known for how much of what they now enjoy mankind is indebted to Freemasonry. They had the benefit of what had been done by Masonry, and men had carried it forward like a string of beads from generation to generation, and so it had come down to them in the present day. It had preserved a great principle, and his old friend, who then sat in the chair, was one of a line of men whose influence was so great and so potent in the great object of promoting the welfare of their fellow creatures. The past was but an earnest of the future, and within the walls of the Craft they would send out worthy successors to make their fellow men more happy and more useful members of society. Brother R. J. Simpson denied the soft impeachment of Sir John Bennett as to his being an Irishman, as his father was born in Canada, and he had only been a temporary sojourner in that country. He was therefore indebted to Sir John Bennett, only for the country he had assigned him. The W. Master said he thanked Sir John Bennett very heartily for the very complimentary manner in which he had spoken of him, but he thought his friendship had blinded him to his faults, and he had only put the bright side before them. He might say that he always made it a principle never to undertake to do anything but to do it to the best of his ability, and he might also say that some twelve months ago, when there was a probability of his being elected as W. Master, there was a war of elements in his mind whether he should go on or not, but there predominated an amount of ambition in the prospect that he should obtain the chair of the Great City Lodge, and he had looked forward to it with pride. As the ritual to which he was accustomed was different to that used in that lodge, and they did not work in the manner he was used to, he should have some difficulty in unlearning what he had already learnt, and if any little discrepancy should now and then occur he hoped they would pardon him. He trusted that when his year of office had expired he should go out of the chair with the same esteem and respect they had given to his esteemed predecessor, Bro. Headon. The W. Master, in giving the next toast, "The Immediate Past Master and Installing Master, Bro. N. B. Headon," said the manner in which he had worked the ceremonies and interpreted the ritual during his year of office had been an admirable one, and had elicited encomiums from all classes and visitors, and he had endeared himself to all by his kindly disposition and the assistance he was at all times willing to render. He was the first to put his hand into his pocket, and as to his charity, he had proved himself to be a man and a true brother. He had received a substantial mark of esteem in the lodge, as a token of their appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had worked the ceremonies, and although others might be equal, they could not be superior. He was sorry that he had gone out of office, for he had always listened to his working with pleasure. He had much gratification in placing the jewel voted by the brethren on his breast, and he hoped for many years he might wear it, and he might say that if ever a brother deserved a Past Master's jewel, that was Bro. Headon. Bro. Headon, P.M., said their kindness had quite overpowered him. He had never risen before in The Great City Lodge but with pleasure; that night it was with pain, for after what had been done in the lodge their kindness that night had quite overpowered him. He was prepared to receive the Past Master's jewel, but not such a mark of esteem as he had received in the lodge, and as long as he was connected with it he would do anything and everything in his power to promote its interests. Some other toasts were given, and the evening was spent in complete harmony. The musical arrangements were under

the direction of Bro. W. H. Hook, the Organist, assisted by Messrs. Bernard, Daniels, Morgan, and Bamford, and gave the highest satisfaction. As an earnest of the W.M.'s promise at the commencement of the evening, the business was brought to a close, and the Tyler's toast was given, before ten o'clock.

PROVINCIAL.

CHESHUNT.—GRESHAM LODGE (No. 869).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at Cheshunt, Herts, on Saturday last, W. Bro. A. C. Wylie, P.P.G.S.B., W.M., in the chair, assisted by Bros. John E. Grocott, S.W.; W. H. Etherington, J.W.; the Rev. Charles E. Mayo, M.A., Chaplain and P.G. Chaplain; F. D. R. Copestick, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Walter E. Gompertz, P.M., P.P.G.P. Secretary; E. G. Pottle, S.D.; T. C. Chapman, J.D.; Thomas Stephens, I.G.; C. B. Chcecs, S.; G. Gilchrist, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. William Bradstock, King Harold (1327); J. K. Young, P.M. (1327); Charles Cuthbertson, Egyptian (27), and Bro. Massey ("Freemason"). To the large section of Freemasons who desire to see all purely Masonic ceremonies performed in private rooms the removal of this lodge from the Swan at Waltham Cross to the Banqueting Hall of Cheshunt Great House will be hailed as a step in the right direction. And, indeed, by all it must be acknowledged that it is very seldom, if ever that a lodge has had the good fortune to secure such a home as has fallen to the lot of the Gresham Lodge Saturday was the first occasion of their assembling at Cheshunt Park, and we never remember to have witnessed the impressive Masonic ceremonies performed with greater effect than in the atmosphere of olden time which seemed to pervade the place. For the information of those of our readers who unacquainted with this relic of antiquity, we may say that it is supposed to have been erected in the time of Henry VI., and was parcel of the revenue of John Walsh of Cheshunt, who devised it to Sir John Moore, father of the celebrated Lord Chancellor Moore. The greater portion of the original structure has been pulled down; the portion that remains consisting of a large hall and apartments to the north, with a vaulted crypt beneath, formerly used as a chapel, and is said to have been paved with embossed tiles. This house was one of the residences of Cardinal Wolsey; and it is by the kindness of Bro. Mayo, himself a lineal descendant of that great man, that the Gresham Lodge has acquired such an unique lodgeroom as the Banqueting Hall makes. It is thirty-seven feet long by twenty-two wide, and thirty-six high; it has an arched gothic roof supported by ribs of oak or chesnut, with wainscoted sides, and floored with a tessellated pavement of black and white marble. Around this grand old room hangs a valuable collection of family and historical portraits, with several scriptural and historical compositions by old masters. Over the cavernous fire-place hangs a fine portrait of the great cardinal in a beautifully carved oak frame, surrounded with cherubim and flowers, and surmounted with a bishop's mitre. In front of this, on a carved pedestal, is an extremely ancient shirt of chain mail—so ancient as to be now a very ragged shirt—with neck piece of apparently later date. Higher up on the wall is a large family piece of the second Sir John Shaw and family, by Sir Peter Lely, and we are told that one of the little girls there represented is the great-great-grandmother of Bro. Mayo. There are several other suits of armour. Some, of serviceable black plate, we presume the armour of actual warfare, show, by the dints upon them, that they have saved both head and heart from bullet and axe. There are others of gayer, though, perhaps, not less serviceable kind; possibly for jousting purposes, or to adorn as well as protect some knight with "swellish" tastes. Many banners, scutcheons, and ancient halberds, crossbows, and lances adorn the walls, and render the hall of the greatest interest to the antiquarian. Here, also, is to be seen the identical chair in which the "splendid prelate" reclined and cogitated upon those schemes of ambition which made him so remarkable and so dangerous a man. Among the portraits are to be found those of Sir Hugh Middleton, Cromwell, James II., William II., and Mary, his Queen; the Earl of Orrery, Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth, Philip of Spain, Lucius Carey, Lord Falkland, Fairfax, Charles I. (a very fine portrait by Vandyck), Charles II., Queen Ann, Archbishop Laud, Archbishop Juxon, and many others. We have said enough, however, to show how extremely interesting a home has been acquired by the Gresham Lodge; and we expect that the fact of their meeting there will be a great inducement to Freemasons living in the neighbourhood of Cheshunt, to become members of the lodge. The lodge having been opened in due form, and with solemn prayer, the W.M. rose and said that he thought that their first duty, and the very least they could do, was to thank Bro. Mayo for his kindness in placing this fine old room at the disposal of the lodge, and, therefore, he proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to that effect. He was quite sure that the kindness and care with which the room had been arranged for their benefit must be evident to all the brethren present. The vote was seconded, and carried unanimously. Bro. Mayo: Worshipful Master and Brethren, I can only say that I am too happy in having it in my power to give you the use of this room, and I thank you for your kind acknowledgments for it. I can only say further that I think you have said too much about it. Mr. William Layton, proposed by Bro. Forsyth, seconded by Bro. Copestick, P.M., and Mr. J. R. Rignall, proposed by Bro. Mayo, seconded by Bro. Wylie, W.M., were then balloted for, and initiated, the ceremony being performed in a very impressive manner by Bro. Gompertz, P.M. and Sec., who, being, as we understand, the father of the lodge, was gracefully invited by the W.M. to perform the ceremonies on this occasion, which marks an era in the history of the lodge. The ballot was then taken for Bro. G. F. W. Mugliston, M.D., I.P.M. 1421, as a joining member, and Bro. Dr.

Mugliston was declared duly elected. The ordinary business being ended, the W.M. said that observing that Bro. Hunt (the landlord of the Swan, where they had met for so many years,) was now present, he would take occasion to assure him that the removal from his house had been made solely in the interests of the lodge, and not from any dissatisfaction with Bro. Hunt's arrangements; but because several of the local gentry objected to join a lodge that met at a house of public resort. He knew that Bro. Hunt had always done all that he could for the comfort of the brethren, and he assured him that they all desired to avoid hurting his feelings, and had only made the step they had taken purely in the interests of the lodge itself. They all felt towards him personally in the kindest manner. He therefore proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Hunt for what he had done on behalf of the lodge, and trusted he might be spared for many years to come among them as a member of the lodge. Bro. Hunt: I thank you sincerely for your vote of thanks. I have done my best for the prosperity of the Gresham Lodge. I believe I am the oldest member of the lodge. I hope I shall continue a member for many years to come. I shall always do all I can for its benefit, and I may say that nothing could please me better than the change you have made. I thank you very cordially for the vote you have passed. The lodge was then closed in perfect harmony. The brethren adjourned to the Green Dragon, where dinner was served in an admirable manner, and heartily enjoyed by all present. During the repast, by favour of Bro. Etherington, band master to the Band of the 41st Middlesex Volunteer Corps, the brethren were entertained with some good music from the band referred to, who occupied an adjoining room. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in the heartiest manner. In proposing the health of the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, the W.M. said that H.R.H. would start for India on Monday, and that there was no doubt that his visit would do much to consolidate an Indian possessions, and help to cement a good feeling between us and the native princes, and be an additional bond of union between the two countries, and he thought it behoved us all to wish the Prince 'God Speed' in his journey, and a safe return. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and the band played "God bless the Prince of Wales." The W.M. then proposed "The Health of Bro. Halsey," whom he described as a man full of energy, full of youth, well pleased with the position he had attained in the province, receiving lustre from that position, and reflecting light on all connected with him. He always received them with kindness, and he (the W.M.) could certify that Bro. Halsey, not only readily consented to their changing their place of meeting, but stated that he thought they were greatly indebted to Bro. Mayo for the manner in which he had placed the hall at their disposal. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers past and present." There were present Bros. Gompertz, and F. F. Copestick, and last but not least, Bro. Mayo, Provincial G. Chaplain. He should couple Bro. Mayo's name with this toast. He was very proud that Bro. Mayo was a member of the Gresham Lodge, for that in honouring him with the office of P.G. Chaplain honour had also been conferred on the lodge. Bro. Mayo having returned thanks, the I.P.M., Joseph Copestick proposed "The Health of Bro. Wylie, the W.M.," of whom they had reason to be proud for his energy as a Mason and his amiable qualities as a man. Bro. Wylie, W.M., Brethren, I thank you for the very kind manner in which my health has been proposed and responded to. I think that Bro. Copestick has given too flattering an account of myself. I feel myself very imperfect. My absence from England has interrupted my attending to my Masonic duties; this you have kindly excused, and my place has been ably filled by Bro. Copestick. There is one matter I will call attention to, and that is the disadvantages under which Freemasons labour in Russia, as in that country no secret society is allowed to hold meetings, and I have thought the matter well over, and have come to the conclusion that in these days of advanced thinking it might not be out of place to memorialise the Russian government—on behalf of British residents—to allow them to hold their Masonic meetings. I know that it would be a great boon to our countrymen if the concession were made, and I think that the time has arrived when they should agitate for it. The W.M. proceeded to propose "The Health of the Initiates, Bros. Layton and Rignall," coupled with the name of Bro. Layton, who responded. "The Health of the P.M.'s," "The Visitors," "The Press," &c., which were all warmly responded to, but our space will not admit of our including these speeches in this report. The whole business of the lodge, and at the banquet table, was carried out in the ablest and most kindly manner, and we think we may safely say that there was not present a single brother who did not thoroughly enjoy the whole proceedings of the day.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LIVERPOOL.—SKELMERSDALE CONCLAVE (No. 77).—The regular meeting of this conclave, undoubtedly the most successful in this province, took place on Monday, 4th October, at the Masonic Temple, 22, Hope-street. The M.P.S., Em. Sir Knt. Cottrell, took his seat upon the throne at 6.30 p.m., and was supported by the following officers and about twenty Sir Knight Companions:—Em. Sir Knts. H. Jackson, Viceroy; J. T. Callow, P. Sov.; Nelson, P. Sov.; T. Ashmore, P. Sov. and Treas.; Sir Knts. Quayle, as High Prelate; Corbyn, Recorder; R. H. Evans, Prefect; Garrett, Orator; Burrows, Herald; and others. Both the Senior and Junior Generals were absent. The room presented a most brilliant appearance when filled with the Sir Knights wearing the beautiful insignia of this Order. After the usual routine business had been

transacted, the M.P.S., Em. Sir Knt. Cottrell, proceeded to install Bro. Richard Reader, of Lodge 292, as a Knight of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, and his installation was duly proclaimed by the Herald in the E. and W. The beautiful oration upon the watchwords of the Order was given by Em. Sir Knt. H. Jackson, V.E., in a manner truly eloquent and effective, and the historical oration was given by Sir Knt. Quayle, as H.P., with much impressiveness. On the motion of Sir Knt. H. Jackson, V.E., the sum of three guineas was voted from the funds of the conclave towards purchasing a Past Sovereign's jewel for Em. Sir Knt. J. T. Callow, as a slight recognition of his valuable services in connection with the conclave. After the muster roll had been called, the conclave was closed with due solemnity by the M.P.S. The Sir Knights subsequently sat down to a banquet, and when the cloth was removed, the M.P.S., Sir Knt. Cottrell, proceeded to give the usual loyal and chivalric toasts. In responding to the toast of "Our Chivalric Rulers, Supreme and Subordinate," Sir Knt. J. K. Smith, Ill. Dep. Int. Gen. W.L., said he was very pleased to see the great progress the Skelmersdale Conclave was making, and he was sure that the Ill. Int. General, Lord Skelmersdale, would learn with pleasure of the advancement that the Order was making in the province, and particularly in the conclave which bore his name, as he knew that his lordship took a great interest in the success of this chivalric and knightly Order. The "Newly Exalted," Sir Knt. Richard Reader, in responding to the toast of his health, expressed in well chosen terms the gratification he felt at being admitted a member of the Order, and also expressed himself as having been much pleased and impressed with the ceremony, and particularly with the oration which had been so ably given by the Viceroy, Sir Knt. Jackson. The harmony of the evening was much increased by the excellent songs of Sir Knts. Garrett, D. Smith, Nelson, Cottrell, Jackson, Quayle, and others.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 34).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this most flourishing lodge was held in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., presiding. There was a good attendance (as usual) on this occasion, upwards of seventy having signed the sderunt book, amongst whom were Bros. T. Fletcher, P.M.; J. McMillan, P.M.; D. M. Nelson, D.M.; J. B. Young, S.W.; D. Horn, J.W.; T. Dalzell, Treas.; John Dick, Sec.; Brownlie, S.D. After the minutes had been read and approved of, in accordance with a motion read at last meeting, Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., called upon Bro. Bickerton to give the brethren some information respecting his motion relating to the Scottish Benevolent Institution. Bro. Bickerton informed them that he had supplied Bros. Bell, R.W.M.; D. M. Nelson, D.M.; J. B. Young, S.W.; D. Horn, J.W.; and J. Dick, Sec., each with a copy of prospectus of Bro. Harriott's scheme for the said institution, and he had no doubt that at a future meeting these brethren would give their opinion, with a full explanation. The following candidates were then brought in, and received the F.C. Degree at the hands of Bro. T. B. Bell, the ceremony being gone through in a most efficient manner, Messrs. Robert McNab, H. Hamilton, and A. M. Morrison. Bro. D. Horn then brought forward his motion for raising the initiation fees from four to five guineas. In support of this motion Bro. Horne, in a most able manner, pointed out the many advantages and great effect this would lead to in raising the status of Freemasonry, combined with the strict examination and care of whom were admitted into the Order of Freemasonry; he said Freemasonry was for a noble purpose, and none but those that were noble minded and of a strict moral character could carry out the ancient landmarks of this our most ancient and honourable Order. After a few remarks from Bro. D. M. Nelson, and Bro. Mayberry, in support of the motion, it was carried unanimously. The brethren were then called to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, enlivened with a few most excellent songs. Among the toasts, Bro. D. M. Nelson, with his usual kindness, proposed "The Press," coupled with the names of Bro. Bickerton and Bro. Stuart. This, with the last toast, brought the evening to a close, everyone enjoying themselves most pleasantly.

GLASGOW.—LODGE DRAMATIC (571).—The regular meeting of this young and flourishing lodge, was held at 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Wednesday the 6th inst, at 3 p.m., Bro. W. E. Dobson, R.W.M., in the chair, Bro. H. W. Jackman, S.W.; Wm. Sivewright, J.W.; W. D. Vallane, D.M., and other officers. For the hour there was a good attendance. Among the visitors were Bros. G. W. Bainham, Lodge Athold 413; J. M. Oliver, S.W. Lodge 360 Commercial; W. Anderson, R.W.M. Paisley; Mitchell, R.W.M., Lodge St. Mark 102; D. Horn, J.W., Lodge St. John 34; Brownlie, S.D. Lodge St. John 34; Munro, J.W., Union and Crown 103, and others. On the minutes of last meeting being read, which were approved of, the following gentlemen were admitted and received the E.A. degree, viz., Messrs. Thomas Leslie and G. R. Weir, Bro. Dobson officiating in a very efficient manner. Bro. Dobson, R.W.M., among his very many kind actions for the benefit of the Lodge Dramatic and Freemasonry in general, then presented to the lodge two most handsome Warden's Columns, placing them in front of the Senior and Junior Wardens, which was received with acclamation. Bros. J. W. Lunn, of Lodge 116, Airdrie, and G. W. Bainham, Lodge Athole, 413, were then affiliated with this lodge, Bro. W. E. Dobson, R.W.M., officiating. The lodge was then raised to the degree of Fellow Craft, when Bro. Laurence Rankin Mitchell was passed to the F.C. Degree,

Bro. J. F. Mitchell, R.W.M., Lodge St. Mark, No. 102, officiating in his usual efficient manner. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

[Several reports of Glasgow lodges, unavoidably crowded out, will appear next week.]

Masonic and General Tidings.

PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.—The Provincial Grand Master having, during the last six weeks, been constantly moving about, trusts that the W.M.'s, Brethren and Secretaries in the Province will not think that he has intentionally neglected to answer their kind invitations, which he has lately received; but in some instances they were not forwarded and received until after the day appointed for the meeting.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—Mrs. John Bowler desires to return her grateful thanks to the numerous kind friends whose good offices secured the election of her little girl on the 9th inst.

Bro. Sir George Elliot, M.P., on Thursday, laid the foundation stone of St. Thomas Church, South Shields. He declared that the Church of England by its doctrine and teaching was now doing a greater work than it had done since the Reformation.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire will meet at the Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield, on Wednesday, the 20th, at 1 o'clock.

A PROVINCIAL Grand Lodge of North Wales and Salop will be held at Bangor, on the 22nd inst., by the R.W. Prov. G. Master, Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., at 2.45 p.m. Choral service in the Cathedral at 3.45 p.m.; the sermon by the Lord Bishop of Bangor.

Bro. Sir Edward Lee, on behalf of the directors of the Alexandra Palace Company, has offered to defray all the immediate expenses of the projected dinner to the survivors of the Balaklava charge.

ACCORDING to the "South African Mail," the Government at the Cape has been unable to withstand the demand of the colony to be represented at the Conference proposed by Lord Carnarvon, and an extraordinary session of Parliament has been convened for the 10th of November.

A MONUMENT has just been erected over the grave of the Rev. Thomas Binney, in Abney Park Cemetery. It is a small obelisk on three graduated plinths, in red granite, with the inscription—"In loving memory of Thos. Binney, born at Newcastle, 19th April, 1798; died in London, 24th Feb., 1874. 'I shall be satisfied when I awake in Thy likeness.'"

BRO. Ex-Sheriff Jones has been elected master, Bro. Sir Frederick Perkins M.P., upper warden; and Bro. Sir John Bennett, under warden of the Loriners' Company.

Bro. E. Towell, Churchwarden of St. Peters, Walworth, having the management of the Monday Evening Readings in that district, will thoroughly appreciate the kindness of any brother who will aid him with songs or readings.

The foundation stone of the Yarmouth Aquarium was held on Saturday by Bro. Lord Suffield. The aquarium will be 400 feet by 100, and will cost about £30,000.

United Mariners Lodge of Instruction, No. 30, held at the Coopers' Arms Tavern, Silver-street, Wood-street, City, under the preceptorship of Bro. Hames, P.M. The first meeting, after the recess, will take place on Monday evening next, at seven o'clock precisely, and is well worthy the attention of those brethren, desirous of instruction, who wish to be within easy distance of the various city termini. Bro. Hames is a worthy Master in the Craft, well skilled both to rule and teach.

The Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1558, was consecrated on Thursday last. A full report of the proceedings will appear in the next issue.

DEPARTURE OF OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER FOR INDIA.

On Saturday, pursuant to previous arrangements, a deputation from the Corporation of the City of London, headed by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, went in State from the Guildhall to Marlborough-house, to present an address from the Court of Common Council to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Besides the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, with their Under Sheriffs, the deputation included Mr. Russell Gurney, the Recorder; Sir Thomas Chambers, the Common Serjeant; Mr. William Lawley, chairman of the City Lands Committee, and in that capacity the mover of the address in the Court of Common Council; six members of the Court of Aldermen, the Chamberlain of London, the Remembrancer, the Controller, the Town Clerk, and a limited number of the Common Councilmen, all of whom wore their civic robes. The Lord Mayor was also escorted by the Sword and Mace Bearers.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales received the civic dignitaries with his habitual courtesy and consideration on their arrival.

The Right Hon. the Recorder, addressing the Prince, said,—“May it please your Royal Highness,—We the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled, desire to convey to your Royal Highness the expression of the deep interest we feel in the journey you are about to undertake to Her Majesty's Indian dominions.

“We know well the desire that has ever been manifested by your Royal Highness to become familiar with the habits and feelings of the people of this country, and we regard it as only consistent with that desire that you should seek to become personally acquainted with the country, the customs, and the sympathies of the millions of her Majesty's subjects in India over whom, if God so will, you are one day destined to rule.

“We earnestly trust, as we are glad to believe, that the visit of your Royal Highness will tend to bind together the hearts of all in a common feeling of loyalty to our Sovereign, and that a spirit of kindness and goodwill will be diffused among the various races forming her Majesty's subjects, whatever may be their creed or their colour.

“We pray that the blessing of health may be vouchsafed to your Royal Highness during your absence from England, and that a journey, auspiciously commenced, may in due season be accomplished in happiness and safety.

“Signed by order of the Court,

JOHN B. MONCKTON, Town Clerk.”

His Royal Highness, in reply, said,—My Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Members of the Court of Common Council, I thank you most cordially for this expression of the interest you take in the success of my journey to India. You state with truth that, with the desire I have ever entertained of becoming familiar with the habits and feelings of my countrymen, it is only consistent that I should endeavour to become better acquainted with the several classes of the population over which our Sovereign reigns in India. If the result of my visit shall conduce to unite the various races of Hindostan in a feeling of loyalty to the Queen, attachment to our country, and of goodwill towards each other, one great object will at least be gained. I thank you again, my Lord Mayor and gentlemen, for the wish that health may be vouchsafed to me during my absence from England. It will be one of my most pleasing reflections that I carry the good wishes of my country with me, as it will also be a moment of sincere gratification when I return to it.

At the conclusion of this reply, the Lord Mayor presented Mr. Lawley, the mover of the address in the Common Council, and six of the Aldermen, to His Royal Highness. With that the ceremony ended, and the civic dignitaries, escorted as before, returned to Guildhall.

H.R.H. the Prince left the Charing-cross Station at 8 o'clock on Monday evening, with the Princess, the Duke of Cambridge, and the Duke of Edinburgh. A large number of friends had assembled to bid him farewell; among them were the Duke and Duchess of Teck, the Princess Louise, the Duke of Connaught, the Russian

Ambassador, the German Ambassador, the Danish Minister and Madame Bulow, the Duchess of Wellington, the Duchess of Sutherland and Lady Florence Gower, Lord and Lady Sydney, Lord Hartington, Mr. and Mrs. Stonor, Lady Westmoreland, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Count Gleichen, Prince Teck and Princess Mary, the Duke of St. Albans, Lord Colville, Lord Barrington, Mr. Ward Hunt, Lord H. Lennox, Lord Hardwicke, Mr. Rothschild, M.P., Lord John Hay, Sir G. Arthur, Sir Percy Doyle, General Doyle, Mr. H. Petre, General J. Macdonald, Colonel Marshall, Colonel Sturt, Mr. H. Chaplin, Mr. G. Drummond, Mr. Cockerell, and Mr. Christopher Sykes.

The Royal party reached Dover at 9.33; there they were received by Captain Bruce, R.M., Lord and Lady Granville, and a large circle of officers. The mayor and corporation then presented a loyal address, to which H.R.H. replied, “I thank you, Mr. Mayor,” and at ten minutes past ten the “Castalia” steamed away for Calais. It reached Calais after a splendid passage at 12.10.

The Prince of Wales, who took leave of the Princess of Wales on board the “Castalia,” was driven from the Quai de Mairie to the station.

The train left at 2 o'clock, amid the loud cheers of those assembled, and reached Paris punctually at 7.20. Lord Lyons and Mons. Renault, Prefet de Police, received His Royal Highness, few persons being present at that early hour.

Shortly before the arrival of the train Marshal MacMahon drove up, with the Duc de la Rochefoucauld-Bisaccia, General d'Absac, Prince de la Treémouille, and other gentlemen, all in shooting attire, for they were on their way to Compiègne. The Prince, on descending from the train, shook hands heartily with the Marshal, Lord Lyons, and the Duc de Bisaccia. Immediately after he drove in Lord Lyons' carriage to the Hotel Bristol, where apartments had been prepared for him. In the afternoon he called upon the Grand Duchess Constantine of Russia. In the evening Lord Lyons entertained the Prince at dinner, and on Wednesday Marshal MacMahon received him at lunch at the Elysée.

The “Castalia” remained all night in Calais Harbour, and at 7 a.m. on Tuesday started for Dover, arriving alongside the Admiralty Pier a few minutes after 9 o'clock. The weather was again most favourable, and the passage involved no disagreeable incidents to the most squeamish traveller. Her Royal Highness, who breakfasted on board, was received on her arrival by the Duke of Cambridge and Lord Sydney, and in about half an hour came ashore, leaning on the arm of the Duke, and entered the same saloon carriage in which she had travelled from town on the previous evening. Miss Knollys, Lord Colville, General Sir William Knollys, and Colonel Teesdale were in attendance on the Princess. The Royal train started at five minutes to ten o'clock, the Duke of Cambridge remaining at Dover. Mr. Shaw, the manager and secretary of the South-Eastern Company, was in charge of the train, as on Monday evening, and the engine was again driven by Mr. Watkin, locomotive superintendent. No pause was made in the journey back to London, and Charing-cross was reached in excellent time at about 11.40 a.m. Carriages were in waiting upon the arrival of the Princess, and at once conveyed her Royal Highness to Marlborough-house.

Our Royal Grand Master left Paris on Wednesday evening for Turin and Brindisi. He lunched with Marshal MacMahon on Wednesday, having dined with Lord Lyons on Tuesday, but the weather during his stay has been most unpropitious—a regular downpour. He left the Lyons Station at a quarter to nine, amid cries of Bon Voyage—pleasant journey. He seemed well and in good spirits, and was dressed in an Ulster and felt hat, as the correspondent tells us. Some of his staff have already reached Brindisi.

The following prayer for the protection of our R.G. Master in India has been drawn up by the Bishop of Lichfield:—

“O God, whose never-failing Providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth, we beseech Thee to take into Thy gracious keeping

Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, on the distant journey he is about to undertake.

“Preserve him, we pray Thee, from all evil accidents by land or by water, from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and from the arrow that destroyeth in the noonday.

“May he prove a messenger of goodwill to our Indian fellow-subjects, binding them together in loyalty to our Sovereign and in peace among themselves.

“Restore him, we pray Thee, in health and safety to his own land, and in the remembrance of Thy manifold mercies may he live long to glorify Thy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

At a meeting of the General Committee of this institution on Wednesday last, W. Bro. Major Jno. Creaton, P.G.D., V. Patron, in the chair, the following were present:—Bros. Hy. G. Warren, James Brett, B. Head, A. H. Tattershall, S. Rawson, Jno. G. Stevens, Joseph Smith, Wm. Stephens, R. W. Little, Thos. W. White, H. Browse, H. M. Levy, R. W. Stewart, J. Hogg, Capt. Wordsworth, Chas. F. Hogard, and James Terry, Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and verified. The Secretary reported that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had fixed Wednesday, the 9th February, 1876, for the next festival to be held, and that Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M. and Prov. G. Master of West Lancashire, had consented to preside upon the occasion. The report of the Finance Committee was received and adopted, and cheques ordered to be drawn in payment of certain accounts. A discussion ensued as to the erection of a new fencing at the entrance of the building at Croydon, when it was resolved that an oaken one should be placed instead of a brick wall and iron railing. Five candidates were placed on the list for election in May next. Permission was granted to one of the annuitants to marry, some unimportant business having been transacted, the Committee adjourned.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A MASONIC CLUB IN GLASGOW.

An idea for some considerable time past entertained by some of the leading members of the Masonic fraternity in Glasgow has at length taken form in the establishment of “The Glasgow and West of Scotland Masonic Club and Freemasons' Hall Company, Glasgow (Limited).” The scheme originated from a consideration of the fact that Glasgow, as a large commercial centre, and the province occupying an important Masonic position in Scotland, was very much behind in the matter of accommodation for carrying on or carrying out the objects of the brotherhood. Every other country of any consequence in a Masonic connection can boast of magnificent buildings erected and suitable for the conduct of the business of the Craft, but in the West of Scotland nothing of the kind has hitherto existed.

With a view to remedy this, the association in question has been started, on the principle, as we have stated, of “limited liability.” It has been registered for a capital of £2000, distributed in 2000 shares of £1 each. Of these, about 800 are already taken up among 195 shareholders, holding from one to 100 shares each, there being several holding the latter number. The former portion of the scheme, as expressed in the title, has only as yet been taken up. For the use of the club one of the old self-contained houses in Windsor-place (No. 7) has been rented, and a start made. On the ground floor are a private parlour, a billiard room, and the club-master's department—fully equipped with all the requisites for club purposes. On the upper floor is another private parlour, a commodious dining room, a handsomely furnished smoking room, and ample lavatory accommodation.

The club is under the management of a directorate of 15 members, exclusive of treasurer and secretary, Bro. David Horn being president,

and Bro. James F. Mitchell vice-president. Shareholders in the scheme must be members of the Craft, but not necessarily members of the club. Admission to the latter is by ballot, a meeting being held on the second Thursday in each month for the purpose of balloting for new members. The entrance fee, at present, is one guinea, and the annual subscription the same sum. Hitherto the establishment has been under the able direction, as club master, of Bro. Robert Robb.

While the immediate intention of the association is to provide a place to which members of the Masonic fraternity can resort for the purpose of social intercourse and discussion on points affecting individual lodges and the well-being of the Craft generally, its ultimate aim is the erection of a commodious hall, adequate in every degree to the requirements of Freemasonry in Glasgow, and thus place it on a footing at least equal to what it holds in the sister counties of the kingdom, on the continent of Europe, in America, and other parts of the world.

MASONIC CEREMONY AT LARGS.

On Saturday, 22nd ult., the memorial stone of the new Drill-hall in Brisbane-road, Largs, was laid with Masonic honours, by Bro. Major James Stewart, of Garvocks. The members of the Craft turned out in large numbers on the occasion; the following lodges having sent representatives:—Mother Kilwinning, No. 0; St. John's, Glasgow, No. 3½; St. John's, Greenock, No. 12; St. Mungo, Glasgow, No. 27; St. Mirren's, Paisley, No. 129; St. John's, Rothesay, No. 292; Royal Arch, West Kilbride, No. 314; Royal Blue, Kilbirnie, No. 399; Kilburn, Millport, No. 459; Clydesdale, Glasgow, No. 556. The Masons assembled at the lodge-room, and from thence, headed by the Largs brass band, they marched down Main-street and along the front to the parish church, where they were joined by the members of the Artillery Company, in charge of Captain and Lieutenant Fraser, and accompanied by the Rev. John Kinross, chaplain of the company. Headed by the volunteers, and with flags flying, the procession marched through the principal streets of the town to the hall, where a large crowd awaited their coming. Here they halted, and the Masons and principals of the procession proceeded to the platform, where everything was in readiness for their advent. Captain Fraser came to the front, and presented Major Stewart with a handsome silver trowel, beautifully engraved, and bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Major James Stewart by the 3rd Ayrshire Artillery Volunteers on the occasion of laying the memorial stone of the new Drill-hall, Largs, Oct. 2, 1874." Major Stewart returned thanks. The Rev. John Kinross having offered up a prayer, Major Stewart went through the ceremony of laying the stone, with the usual Masonic honours, and afterwards addressed the meeting in appropriate terms. Beneath the stone was placed a bottle, carefully tinned and sealed, containing the following articles:—Copies of Largs Almanac, *Advertiser*, *Glasgow Herald*, *Citizen*, *Mail*, and *News*, coins of the realm, list of officers, subscribers, committee, honorary office-bearers, contractors, instructor, and Freemason office-bearers, also the name of the architect, Mr. Thos. Jamieson, Greenock. A large company of Masons, volunteers, and others met for dinner in the Victoria-hall in the afternoon. Mr. Roger Montgomerie, M.P., occupied the chair, and Major Eckford and Mr. Creech acted as croupiers. Major Stewart proposed "Both Houses of Parliament," to which the chairman replied.

LAYING FOUNDATION STONE OF THE BURGH SCHOOL AT ALLOA.

On Friday, the 8th inst., the foundation stone of the new Burgh School was laid with Masonic honours by the Right Hon. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Deputy Grand Master of Scotland, and chairman of the Alloa Burgh School Board, under the most favourable circumstances. The style of architecture of the building is national, and is estimated to cost £3600. On

the principal floor there are to be three classrooms of the following dimensions:—40ft. by 31ft. 6in., 32ft. by 26ft., and 28ft. 6in. by 27ft. 4in., all of which are to be well lighted. A separate room will be provided for the sewing department. The rooms are to be heated by open fireplaces, and will be ventilated through the ceiling. Lavatories and cloak-rooms for the children occupy the basement floor, while those for the teachers are on the principal floor, adjacent to the schoolrooms. The boys and girls enter at different sides of the building, which, when finished, will have accommodation for 400 scholars. Messrs. John Melvin & Son are the architects, the following being the contractors:—Mason work, George Cousin, Alloa; joiner work, Wm. McMillan, Alloa; plaster work, John Davy, Alloa; slater work, R. Ferguson, Alloa; plumber work, John Steel, Stirling; iron and smith work, Robert Melvin, Alloa; painter work, W. Cornelius, Edinburgh. A dinner took place in the afternoon in the Royal Oak Hotel.

FREEMASONRY IN TASMANIA.

Due honour was paid to St. John's Day (24th June) by the Masonic Lodges in Hobart Town, who on that day held their annual festival in their fine hall, Murray-street. There was a large attendance, including representatives from all the Hobart Town lodges, and from the lodges at Oatlands. The Worshipful Master, W. S. Hammond, occupied the chair, supported by W.M., W. H. Burgess, jun., and W.M., J. E. Addison. The vice-chairs were occupied by the Senior Wardens of the different lodges in Hobart Town. The usual patriotic toasts, including the health of his Excellency the Governor, were proposed by the chairman, and right loyally responded to. These were followed by the customary Masonic toasts, received in Masonic style, and duly acknowledged. The evening was spent in a jovial and pleasant manner. The proceedings were enlivened by several appropriate songs, well sung, and the festival was in every respect a success. Bro. Harris, of the Criterion Hotel, was the caterer.

Obituary.

BRO. ALDERMAN PATERSON.

Much regret was occasioned on Saturday last in the City by the intelligence of the death, on the previous evening, of Bro. Alderman Paterson. He had been ill since January last, and died at Brighton. He was 57 years of age, and was lineally descended from William Paterson, a Scotch merchant, who in 1694 projected the Bank of England to meet the difficulty experienced by William III, in raising the supplies for the war against France. The late alderman entered the Corporation in 1863 as a member of the Court of Common Council for the Ward of Aldersgate, and in 1869, in the Mayoralty of Mr. Alderman Besley, he served the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex, his colleague being the late Sir Joseph Causton. He also acted as chairman of some of the most important Corporation committees. In September, 1873, he succeeded the late Sir David Salomons, M.P., as alderman of the Civic Ward of Cordwainer. This year, moreover, he was chosen Master of the Bakers' Company. He was a merchant in Staining-lane. For the vacancy in the Court of Aldermen thus caused there will probably be three candidates—namely, Sir John Bennett (who contested the seat with Bro. Alderman Paterson, and to whom a requisition has been presented), Bro. David Evans (a merchant in Watling-street); and Mr. James Waddell, a public accountant. All three gentlemen are members of the Common Council.

DEATH OF THE GRAND PRIOR, ORDER OF MALTA.

Some few years ago the "Freemason" published an interesting account of all that remained of the once powerful Order of Knights of Malta, with a statement of the revenues of the same. In 1841, Ferdinand I., Emperor of Austria issued a decree restoring it to Italy, and en-

dowing it with a moderate revenue; but its power, wealth, and magnificence have passed away. The Knights were originally divided into eight languages, and on the extinction of that of England, that of Anglo-Bavaria was substituted. By cable telegram of August 16th, ult., we learn that the Grand Prior of the Order, Prince Charles Theodore, great uncle to the King of Bavaria, fell from his horse while out riding on that day, and was killed. He was born in Munich, July 7, 1795, and was much beloved. We doubt if a successor will be elected or appointed. The office, of late years, was merely nominal.—"The Square."

INDIA AND THE PRINCE OF WALES.—Under this universally attractive title the directors of the "Illustrated London News" have published what is really an important pictorial work, which fully justifies the interest awakened by its mere announcement. A map of the proposed route, not roughly, hastily, and indistinctly prepared, but, as befits the occasion, clear in detail and comprehensive in geographical information, accompanies this imperial quarto pamphlet, which can neither be called a book, nor a magazine, nor a newspaper; which outwardly resembles a piece of music in its prettily lithographed wrapper; and which, however it may be described, fairly merits categorical praise. The engraved designs are splendidly suited to their purpose, which is obviously two-fold—popular instruction at the present time concerning the Prince's Indian tour, and a worthy and permanent record of an event "which must speedily pass into the great history of the land, not to linger there in a pale and shadowy guise, but to form an integral and an important part of the chronicles of the Victorian era." These are the well-chosen words in which Bro. Sala, who has supplied the letterpress of this opportune publication, introduces his genial disquisitions on India, on Indian architecture, on the character and incidents of Indian travel and Indian life, on Indian Mahomedanism, and on all things concerned in a proper account of our wonderful Eastern empire. In addition to this most popular, suggestive, and vivacious author's chatty and none the less solid commentary, "the Old Shekarry" has contributed a few dashing hints and reminiscences of sport in India, which complete a work of welcome intelligence and lasting value.

THE NEW ALDERMAN.—Bro. Simeon Charles Hadley, the newly-elected Alderman for the Ward of Castle Baynard, is a member of an ancient Gloucestershire family. He was born at Cambridge, Gloucestershire, on November 3rd, 1831, and was educated at a private school at Dursley, in the same county. In partnership with his three brothers, he has carried on the great establishment known as "The City Flour Mills," in Thames-street, and is largely interested in other property in the ward which he represents. Bro. Hadley first entered the Common Council, as a representative of the Ward of Castle Baynard, in the year 1861, and he has at all times taken an interest in philanthropic and public matters. He is a member of the Bakers' Company. His residence is at Cranbrook-park, Ilford, Essex.

PRINCE LEOPOLD will, upon the invitation of the Corporation, formally take up the freedom of the City of London, to which he is entitled by patrimony, at a special meeting of the Court of Common Council, to be held in the Guild-hall on Monday, the 26th. After the ceremony the Prince will be entertained at a déjeuner.

THE Governors of Christ's Hospital draw attention to the fact that they are able to grant annuities of £10 yearly to nearly seven hundred blind persons, under certain conditions.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Nervous debility often occurs at this season of the year in persons otherwise healthy, but who, having overtaxed both mind and body in some one of the many ways, so common now-a-days, suffer in consequence, from an irritability of the whole nervous system, characterised more especially by sleeplessness, tremors, palpitation of the heart, and a general feeling of shakiness, and senses of unstrung fibre—more distressing even than actual pain—the muscular and vital energies in these cases seem almost as if they were utterly relaxed, and mental despondency sufficient to alarm anxious relatives and friends often accompanies this condition. No time should be lost, but immediate resource had to these powerfully tonic and restorative remedies.—ADVT.

LAYING THE MEMORIAL STONE OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL AT KILWINNING.

The memorial-stone of a large and handsome new school for the parish of Kilwinning was laid on Saturday 25th ult., by Bro. Col. Mure, M.P., with full Masonic honours. The school, with the erection of which considerable progress has been made, is situate at a point near the Dalry Road, in close proximity to Kilwinning. The building is commodious, and in every respect well adapted for an educational institution. The architect is Mr. John Armour, of Irving. The school will accommodate 700 pupils, and will cost about £7000. The ceremony of laying the memorial stone on Saturday proved an event of great interest to the people of the parish, as was evinced by the large number who assembled to witness the proceedings. Additional eclat was given to the ceremony by the part the Freemasons took in it, and by the demonstration they made in their procession to and from the Temperance Hall in Kilwinning, where the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire, of which Colonel Mure is R.W.G.M., was opened. At the site of the school a platform was erected for the accommodation of a large number of ladies and gentlemen. Among those present were the Earl of Eglinton, the Hon. Mr. Vernon, chairman of the School Board; the members of the board, and the clerk, Mr. Andrew Macrorie; also the following office-bearers of the Masonic body:—Colonel Mure of Caldwell, P.G.M.; Sir James Fergusson, Bart., of Kilkerran, P.P.G.M.; Roger Montgomerie, D.P.G.M.; W. Ralston Patrick, of Trearne, S.P.G.M.; R. W. Cochrane Patrick, Substitute P.G.M.; D. Murray Lyon, Proxy P.G.M. for West India Islands, P.S.G.W.; D. Campbell, Maybole, Acting P.J.G.W.; John Whinson, P.G. Treasurer; Robert Wylie, P.G. Secretary. The following were the lodges represented:—Mother Kilwinning, 0; Glasgow, 3 bis; Maybole, 11; St. John's, Kilmarnock, 22; Thistle and Rose, Glasgow, 73; St. Andrew, Kilmarnock, 126; Thistle, Stewarton, 127; St. James (Burn's Lodge), Tarbolton, 135; St. Andrew, Irvine, 149; St. John, Kilwinning, Beith, 157; Thistle and Rose, Stevenston, 169; Royal Arch, Maybole, 198; St. Clement, Riccarton, 202; St. John, Girvan, 237; St. Andrew, Glenbuck, 245; Blair Dalry, 290; Royal Arch, Ardrossan, 320; St. Peter, Galston, 331; Neptune, Ardrossan, 442; St. Matthew, Dreghorn, 549; St. James, Dailly Fergusson 596. The proceedings were commenced with prayer by the Chaplain, Mr. Inglis of Kilmaurs, after which the usual formalities were gone through. The Earl of Eglinton presented the trowel to Colonel Mure, who, having performed the ceremony, declared the stone duly laid. Three cheers were called for, and given with enthusiasm by the spectators.

Colonel Mure, M.P. (P.G.M.), then addressed the assemblage. He said it was a very long time ago now—he thought it was in the year 1814—since the Freemasons of Kilwinning were employed in a similar ceremony as that which had just been completed. On that occasion they laid the foundation of the kirk tower, which was familiar to them. He had no doubt a great many of them, and particularly the ladies, who, generally speaking, were supposed to be more curious than men, might wonder what the object of Freemasonry was. Well, the object of Freemasonry was, in itself, a most excellent one, as the Craft consisted of a vast number of men, throughout the whole world, banded together in order to promote that which is good. People might sometimes say to themselves, "Are Freemasons better than any other body?" All he knew was that if they were not they ought to be, because they bound themselves by solemn vows to be better than other people. With regard to education, he would say this for the Freemasons in Ayrshire, that, quite independent of the great educational movement which had been going on some years in this country, they had tried to do a little for education, because they had already collected a subscription among themselves by which they could afford to give £20 a-year to enable the son of a Freemason to leave the parish school with the prospect of securing a higher education, and do, as many Scotchmen had done before him, raise himself in condition and intellectual power. That was not a very great thing, but it was a step in the right direction. He quite admitted, however, when he knew what a vast organisation Freemasonry is, and when he looked at the enormous ramifications of Masonry throughout the world, that he would not grumble if they did a little more good than they had done. The gallant colonel then referred to the various emblems which had been used in the ceremony, and explained their meanings and applications. In the course of his remarks on these heads, he observed that when he took the sheaf of corn in his hand he could not help thinking that it formed in some parts of this island not only the emblem of prosperity, but in some sense it might be said to be not an unfit emblem of the ignorance that prevailed in certain parts of Her Majesty's dominions. He alluded to the wretched condition of the children employed in agriculture in the South of England, and in various counties in that country; and when he thought of that, and also remembered that it was not so very long ago that the standard of their education was lowered, in order to meet the blind folly of the farmers of England, he could not help congratulating himself that in Scotland, at least, our farmers had not come forward and said, "We cannot afford to collect the gift of a bountiful Providence unless our children are kept in ignorance." That in itself was to him a subject of sincere congratulation, and looking, as they ought to do, with a more extended eye, let them hope the day was not far distant when the compulsory powers we had in this happy part of Her Majesty's dominions might be welcomed by all classes and trades in the whole of this great and otherwise prosperous island. The hon. gentleman then commented on the harmony which had prevailed at the school board, con-

gratulating the gentlemen engaged on having set aside their religious differences in their desire that little children who were ignorant might be taught. He also congratulated the people of this country that while the leading men of other nations had to take up their time considering questions which stirred up the worst passions of their countrymen, or questions of peace or war, our great men devoted themselves to public education, and to efforts to improve the condition of the children of the country. By our future acts, by our reformatories, by our industrial schools, and by this great effort—this great educational scheme—he hoped, by the blessing of God, we would become before many years were passed a happier, better, and more Christian people.

The Hon. Mr. Vernon, on behalf of his colleagues, the members of the School Board of Kilwinning, thanked Colonel Mure and those who assisted him for their kindness. Referring to an observation which fell from Colonel Mure regarding the importance of unanimity, he remarked that the board had worked most harmoniously and unanimously.

Colonel Mure acknowledged the compliment. Three cheers were then given in succession for the Queen, for Colonel Mure, and for the members of the School Board. The Freemasons subsequently formed into procession and marched into town, followed by the people who had witnessed the proceedings at the ceremony.

In the evening a large number of gentlemen, including the members of the School Board and others who took part in the ceremony, met at dinner in the hall connected with the Eglinton Arms Hotel. The Hon. Mr. Vernon occupied the chair, and Mr. Roger Montgomerie, M.P., and Mr. Ralston Patrick officiated as croupiers. After dinner, the Chairman intimated the receipt of letters of apology for absence from Brcs. Lord Rosslyn, Past G.M.; Sir Wm. Cuninghame, M.P.; Dr. Taylor, secretary to the Education Board; Mr. Smollett, and other gentlemen. At the request of the Chairman, the company then drank the loyal toasts.

Sir James Fergusson, who was very warmly welcomed, proposed "Both Houses of Parliament." In doing so he said he could not refrain from noticing how large a portion of the time of parliament was at present occupied in considering and passing measures, having for their special object the improvement of the moral and material welfare of the people. He believed there was no respect in which parliament could better provide for the safety of the people and the good of the nation than by insisting on a good and satisfactory education for the people. He sincerely hoped, with his friend Colonel Mure, that it would not be long before every parent in the kingdom would not only have the means, but would have imposed upon him the duty of the education of his child. And he believed we might best look forward without apprehension to the future, and expect that not only would this country remain in the enjoyment of peace within its borders, but hold its own in the great competition with other producing nations if our people were well educated, and so be preserved from falling into those dangers of which ignorance was the fertile source. He was glad to see the liberal provision which the school boards were making for public education. He trusted that the work that district, in common with others, was engaged in would result in great benefits to this and to future generations. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. Montgomerie.

Mr. Montgomerie, M.P., congratulated the meeting on the re-appearance of Sir James Fergusson, and congratulated him on having had such an excellent opportunity for his re-appearance. Speaking to the toast which had been proposed, the hon. member said in no period of our history had the House of Lords occupied a more honourable position than at present. It was a remarkable thing that whilst our neighbours in countries on the continent were making new constitutions, they always stuck at the difficulty of creating a second house of legislation. There might be anomalies about the House of Lords which shocked the ordinary mind of the constitution monger, but it was an institution which had worked well ever since the country was governed as it is at present. It had never happened that the House of Lords had failed to supply men of first class talents, who were prepared to give up their time and energy and talents to the service of the country; and he trusted that it might never be the case that such a class of men should cease to exist. He was proud to return thanks on behalf of the House of Commons. There was not in the world another assembly like that house. He being a member, should not speak so highly of it, but it was undeniable that there was not another representative assembly in the world that maintained its dignity in the way the House of Commons did. The last session had been a laborious one; the Government and its supporters had done their work to the best of their ability, and he trusted they had done it with a certain amount of acceptance to the country. They had devoted themselves to measures which affected the real domestic happiness of the country; and he thought these measures when they came into operation would be found to work well. It was sometimes objected to some measures that they were permissive in their character; but surely it was proper when they proposed to tax people largely for improvements of which they did not perhaps see the immediate value, that they should carry the people along with them. Measures could not be forced down people's throats without raising up an opposition which really defeated the object they had in view. The hon. member then in eulogistic terms, proposed "The Health of Lord Stair, Lord-Lieutenant of the County." Mr Ralston Patrick gave "The Health of the Earl of Eglinton, Lord of the Manor," and Mr. Ferguson proposed, "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces," coupled with Captain M'Jannett, of the Irvine Artillery Volunteers, who replied.

"The Clergy of Scotland" was proposed by Mr. Halkett, Saltcoats, and Bro. Inglis responded. The Chairman then gave "The Grand Lodge of Ayrshire,"

coupled with the name of Colonel Mure.

Colonel Mure briefly replied, and afterwards spoke to the toast of the educational interests of Kilwinning and of the county. They had in Kilwinning, he said, a magnificent school and an earnest and active School Board. They had also, he was given to understand, a most able schoolmaster, and an active and efficient school officer; but now came the time that their real work would have to be done. They would be able, he had no doubt, to sweep the children into the school because they had got compulsory powers. They had been able to build a handsome school because Government had given them power to raise money, and they had been able to obtain the services of a good schoolmaster; but with all this done and secured they would only perhaps be able to teach these children to read and write. He had no hesitation in saying that they wanted something more than that. He did not believe in children being brought up to the lower standards we had in this country, and then being swept into the fields. After remarking on the necessity for the poor populations in our great cities being properly housed, Colonel Mure concluded by remarking that it would only be in a few years hence that they would get the real test of this education scheme. It would not do then for them, as they did now, to take the education reports and read admirable descriptions of the number of children swept into the school, and the numbers who had passed the standards, and to read eulogiums upon school boards. They would then read these reports not alone, but side by side with them the reports of the police, the criminal statistics, the pauper statistics, and then, if they found vice and pauperism decreasing, if these were found falling off, they would be able to say their educational efforts had been of real value. (Applause.)

A number of other toasts followed.

FREEMASONRY IN RUTHERGLEN

The following appeared in the correspondence of the "North British Daily Mail," 28th September, 1875.

Sir,—There are a good many Freemasons in Glasgow, who are probably not aware that the largest, and, indeed considerably the largest, hall in the West of Scotland is situated in the little burgh of Rutherglen. I was present the other evening at one of their meetings, and witnessed what is technically known as "working the three degrees." The ritual was literally perfect in its delivery, and at once stamped me with the impression—and that very forcibly too—that the St. John's Operative Lodge, No 347, had every reason to be proud of their R.W.M. and the several office-bearers, and equally proud of the finest Masonic Hall in the western district of North Britain. I have visited all the most important institutions of this kind in Glasgow, but Rutherglen so completely eclipses anything of the kind in this city that I sincerely trust the consecration of this new hall on the 12th of November next, by Colonel Campbell, the justly esteemed Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire East, may be numerously attended, so that every Freemason in Glasgow may personally satisfy himself that there is no exaggeration as regards its magnitude. The building, of course, is new, and just in its present condition may not be so tastefully decorated as what subsequent arrangements may suggest. The rough walls and absence of paint in new buildings do not contribute as a rule to the most favourable aspect of matters; but I still repeat that Rutherglen can boast of the best Masonic Hall in the west of Scotland. — I am, &c.,
A FREEMASON.

PRESENTATION TO A WORTHY BROTHER.—On Wednesday week, at the police station, Prescot, a presentation was made by the police of the Prescot division to Bro. J. W. J. Fowler, P.P.G.A.D.C., P.M. 86, who is retiring from the position of superintendent, upon the superannuation allowance, after about 40 years' service in the police force of the country, a large portion of that period having been spent at Prescot as superintendent. The testimonial consisted of a silver cup and a gold pencil case for Bro. Fowler and a gold brooch for Mrs. Fowler. On one side of the cup appears Bro. Fowler's crest, and on the other the following inscription:—"Presented by the officers and constables of the Prescot division, as a mark of respect, to Superintendent J. W. Fowler on his retirement from the service. September, 1875." The presentation was made, on behalf of the subscribers, by Inspector Binns. A testimonial to Bro. Fowler is also being raised by the inhabitants of Prescot and the immediate neighbourhood.

MUNIFICENCE OF DISTINGUISHED BROTHERS IN WEST LANCASHIRE.—The foundation stone of a new church, to be called St. Michael and All Angels, was laid at Dalton, near Wigan, on Wednesday week, by Lady Skelmersdale, of Lathom House. Owing to the want of church accommodation in the district, five years ago a barn was converted into a church, and this was endowed with £3000, which was raised mainly by the munificence of Bro. John Prescott, P.P.J.G.W. West Lancashire, of Dalton Grange. The district was made into a separate ecclesiastical parish, a resident minister was appointed, and a vicarage house shortly afterwards built by Bro. Prescott. In place of the present small building, Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of E., Prov. G.M., W. L., offered to build a new church, and on Wednesday week the first stone was laid. Although the weather was very inclement, there was a large number of spectators, amongst these being Lord and Lady Skelmersdale and family, the Hon. Mrs. Wilbraham, Lord Clarendon, the Hon. F. Villiers, and Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Loch (wife of the lieutenant-governor of the Isle of Man), and a large number of clergymen from the surrounding neighbourhood. A service was first held in the present church, and the ceremony was then performed by Lady Skelmersdale in the customary manner. Luncheon was afterwards provided, and the usual toasts were given and responded to. The new church is estimated to cost from £3000 to £4000, and will accommodate 250 people

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"Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec."

"Laying Memorial Stone at Falkirk."

Reports of Lodges: Hartington Lodge, 1085, Derby; Era Lodge, 1423, Hampton Court; United Industrious, 3, Canterbury; Lodge of Truth, 1458, Manchester; Francis Burdett, 1503, Twickenham; Etonian Lodge, 209, Windsor; Royal Edward Lodge, 892, Leominster; United Military Lodge, 1536, Plumstead.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCT. 16, 1875.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO INDIA.

By the time that these lines meet the eyes of our readers our Royal Grand Master will be on his route (D.V.) to Brindisi, to embark on board the *Serapis* on the 16th. He will leave Paris, we understand, by the 20 to 9 train from Paris on Wednesday evening, and, reaching Turin 20 minutes to 7 on Thursday evening, will proceed to Brindisi, where, as we have just said, he will find some of his suite and the *Serapis* waiting for him. The whole suite will then comprise the Duke of Sutherland, Lord Alfred Paget, Lord Aylesford, Lord Carington, Sir Bartle Frere, Lord Suffield, Major-General Probyn, Lord C. Berestord, Colonel A. Ellis, Mr. F. Knollys, Canon Duckworth, Mr. Albert Grey, Captain Williams, Dr. Fyrrer, and Dr. Russell. We also are informed that on leaving Brindisi our Grand Master will proceed to Athens, arriving there on the 18th of October. In the capital the Prince will be the guest of the King and Queen of Greece. Remaining at Athens till the 20th of October, the Prince will cross the Mediterranean to Port Said, and enter the Suez Canal. It is expected that the Prince will reach Cairo about the 24th of October. Aden will be the next stage, and thence the Prince will proceed to Bombay. The Prince himself may be expected to return to England about the close of March. The abstract from the "Times" in another page will give our brethren the full account of his departure from England, in itself a subject of great importance to all concerned. Our good wishes and earnest aspirations for his health and happiness go with him, and we trust that the result of his visit to India may answer all our national and patriotic expectations, and tend to the lasting happiness of a mighty Empire. And while we say this in all fervent sincerity, the sympathies and interest of the entire brotherhood will be concentrated, so to say, on that august lady, an that little family circle whom he leaves behind looking forward to his glad return, ere long to a home of affection, of happiness, and peace.

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

We are sure that all our readers will have shared with us the pleasure with which we perused the interesting communication forwarded to us by Bro. H. Jevon from Alexandria. It appears that a deceased brother of ours, an Italian of the name of Figari, a man of "great virtues," as the Greek Patriarch called him, and "who was greatly respected by all who knew him," was refused Christian burial because, and only because, he was a Freemason, by the Roman Catholic authorities. Thereupon, the Patriarch of the orthodox Greek Church, Sophronios, buried him with religious ceremonies. Three hundred Freemasons of all nationalities have presented an address to the Patriarch, of thanks and gratitude, which was kindly received and warmly responded to by that true minister of religion, and we feel sure that all English Freemasons will applaud alike his sentiments and admire his tolerant and kindly sympathies. Indeed, it might be a question whether our Grand Lodge, seeing the all but universal persecution and contumely that Freemasons are now enduring at the hands of the Roman Catholic authorities, should not officially thank the Patriarch Sophronios, in the name of our common Freemasonry, for his act of humanity and kindness. Pleasant as is the contemplation of the religious and brotherly spirit of the good Patriarch of the Greek Church, sad, we think, most sad, is this fresh proof of the high-handed and uncanonical intolerance of the Church of Rome. We believe that we are correct when we say that there is no power invested in the Pope, even straining to the utmost the dogma of personal infallibility, of excommunicating any one without process. If previous Popes have taken upon themselves to excommunicate people wholesale, it has really been an usurped authority, and no canon of the Roman Catholic Church can be produced which justifies any Roman Catholic authority, "mero motu," on his own "ipse dixit," to excommunicate any one without due citation and trial. We are aware that Roman Catholics base their persecution of Freemasons on the decrees of Clement and Gregory, of Pius VII., and of Pius IX., and on the faith of this the Archbishop of Malines excommunicated lately all Freemasons in Belgium "en bloc," and Father Cuffe refused to bury Armourer-Sergeant Johnson, and no doubt, on the same ground the Roman Catholic authorities in Egypt refused to bury poor Advocate Figari. But we challenge any Roman Catholic to shew us any authority for such a proceeding, according to Romish Canon Law, unless, indeed, he falls back on the Council of Avignon, the decree of which relating to this subject has recently been published "in extenso" by our Bro. Albert Mackey, and will shortly appear in the "Masonic Magazine," but which, instead of simplifying the subject, surrounds it with countless difficulties, alike historical and denominational. And, in addition to this technical view of the question, we object on moral grounds to any religious body holding itself up as the "fautor" of persecution, as the representative of intolerance. No more mistaken course has ever been taken by the Church of Rome than in her defiance of the guaranteed liberties of nations, and the humanitarian sympathies of the age, which she daily and hourly exhibits, in constant violation of every law of kindness, decency, and piety. To war with the living is bad enough; to set brother against brother, and nation against nation, is almost the acme of human wickedness, but to carry on the internecine contest with the dead, to make the very graveyard a scene of ruthless intolerance and unforgiving hatred, is enough to make the "angels weep." If the Church of Rome perseveres in her intolerant and untenable course in this respect, or in many others akin to it, she will assuredly end in alienating from herself some of her own best and most educated children, as in thus outraging every feeling of our common humanity she is making herself a sad spectacle, alike for the moralist and the student, the cultivated and the refined, her own honest supporters, and her many rejoicing opponents.

EXTENSION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The Quarterly Court of the 9th decided, and we think wisely, to refer, on Bro. Rucker's motion, the above question to the House Committee for consideration and report. Bro. Nunn's motion fell to the ground for want of a seconder, and Bro. R. Stewart withdrew his, as, after his statement, it was quite clear he had not fully realized the whole bearing of the Infirmary question. After the discussion of Saturday last, we are quite convinced that the course pursued was a right one, and we were glad to call attention to some interesting facts and figures contained in an able paper put out by Bro. Rucker, and which were printed last week. One thing is quite clear, that the Girls' School must be increased, and the only question is, how best to do it. If ground cannot be found in the immediate vicinity, it may be necessary to erect a preparatory school, in which all the girls admitted will pass a certain time before passing into the upper school. Indeed, we think that if such passing is made to depend on a test examination of proficiency, the cause of education in our Girls' School will be still further happily promoted! The one little objection we always felt against Bro. Nunn's motion was, whether in his estimate of £25,000 our worthy brother had fully gone into all the needful calculations; as it seemed to us, from some little experience in such matters, rather problematical whether the site could be furnished and accommodation secured for 350 children, on the modern scale of educational requirements, for £25,000. As, moreover, it was stated at the meeting that it was not certain that the ground would be wanted by the railways, it was equally clear that any movement to sell the land and remove the school was at present premature. We therefore, alike in the interests of the Fraternity and our poor orphans, feel it but right to express our entire approval of Bro. Rucker's motion, and to say, that we feel convinced the Craft at large may safely rely on the House Committee to elaborate a plan which shall do credit to the Craft, advance the interests of the School, and, above all, not overlook the most sacred cause of all, in the eyes of every faithful Freemason, the cause of the orphan and the friendless. It was with much regret that we missed the presence of our excellent Bro. R. W. Little at the Quarterly Court, but we hope, and in this we express the feelings of our brotherhood, that he will soon be restored to his normal condition of zeal, and energy, and efficiency, and health.

MASONIC IRREGULARITIES.

We called attention some time back to some very peculiar regulations proposed to be adopted in a lodge in the Province of South Wales, Eastern Division, with reference to the imposition of a fee on all visiting brethren, a proposal which we ventured to say was alike unprecedented and un-Masonic. We understood that such proposition was abandoned, and we had hoped to hear no more of it. We have, however, before us now the bye-laws of another lodge in the same province, sanctioned by the P.G.M., though we are inclined to hope and believe, not submitted to the Grand Secretary's Office. In them we read the following bye-law, XVIII., which we give in extenso for various reasons:—"XVIII.—No visitor shall be admitted into the lodge unless he is introduced and vouched for by a subscribing member present, nor until he shall have been properly examined, nor until he has written his name, with the name of the lodge of which he was or is a member, in the attendance book. He shall also produce his Grand Lodge certificate if required to do so. He shall conform when in lodge to its bye-laws, and shall on no account be permitted to address the lodge, except by request, or with the permission of the W.M. *The visiting fee shall be five guineas.* The member who introduces a visitor shall in all cases be held responsible for his introduction." Now, we venture to conceive that this is a most unparalleled and unconstitutional bye-law, and ought not to be found in any lodge regulations. It is averred, we understand, that other lodges have similar bye-laws—we should be glad to know of them, as we

should certainly avoid them, and that this bye-law relates to refreshment. Such an argument is clearly inadmissible and Jesuitical, the whole reference in the bye-law itself being to "in the lodge." We think that the continuance of such an irregularity in any lodge shows an imperfect appreciation of the constitutional rights of Freemasons. But other matters come before us from the same quarter. It is known to many of our readers that a complaint from certain brethren of that province has been "sub judice," with respect to a petition for a new lodge. We complained some time back that a very distinguished brother, the P.G.M., had, evidently inadvertently, departed from the "customs" of Masonry in "like cases," by practically expressing a public opinion on the very question about which the "gravamen" had arisen, and was made. In all such cases we held and hold that any opinion as to the matter of fact itself ought to be carefully avoided by both sides. Subsequently to that we have perused a speech, in which, with reference to another petition, the P.G.M. thus expresses himself, "The Worshipful Prov. G.M., in moving the adoption of the report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee, said a very large portion of that report was taken up with the consideration of charities. This was as it should be. For the rest, everything throughout the province was going on prosperously and well. Masonry was progressing. For the second time he had sent up a petition to the Grand Lodge for a warrant for a new lodge at Swansea. He had forwarded the petition, and he had no doubt the warrant would be granted, and that, before long, the Caradog Lodge would be in existence in Swansea in addition to the two already so flourishing there. He might also predict the same for Pontypridd, where, he had no doubt, there would soon be a new lodge opened. He then referred to the Masonic Charities, and hoped the votes of the province would be received for the candidate recommended by the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee—the orphan of the late Bro. Leyshon. The report was adopted." If by the words "second time" this distinguished brother alludes to the "Caradog petition" we have nothing to say, but if he alludes to the original "querela," it is somewhat amusing to remember, that the complaint lately under consideration is, that he never sent the petition up at all. Our attention has also been called to the report of a speech delivered at Aberdare, August 18th, but which for some reason was suppressed in our pages. It is as follows:—"The Worshipful Master gave the toast of 'The Provincial Grand Master, Theodore Mansel Talbot.' In doing so he expressed his regret at the absence of Bro. Talbot. He had indeed, sent an apology, which was a great disappointment to them all. He (the Worshipful Master) did not wish to speak in terms too strong, but he considered that the fact that the Provincial Grand Master had not, although he had been invited, visited them for five years, was one upon which it was impossible not to feel strongly. He had been formally communicated with, and had accepted the invitation with the utmost readiness. It was, therefore, a matter calculated to raise strong feelings that the excuse, he would not say apology, given was that there was a volunteer inspection going on. Considering the notice which had been given, and the Provincial Grand Master's position in Freemasonry, it was not too much to say that he might have kept his engagement with the St. David's Lodge. Although he had felt it necessary to speak severely of Bro. Talbot, he gave his health, with a hope that in the discharge of the duties incumbent on his position he would find time to visit the lodge in the future—and not leave them for five years unnoticed, in spite of repeated and respectful invitations." All these various matters show, we venture to think, a little "screw loose somewhere," and we feel it to be our duty, in the interests of our Order, to allude in a Masonic spirit to what we must deem to be Masonic irregularities.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

We notice a motion given in the agenda paper of the next P.G. Lodge of West Yorkshire by Bro. Cawthorn, P.M. 458, and Past Provincial Assistant Grand Pursuivant, which we have perused with the deepest regret. It is to this effect:

"That this Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire take into consideration the necessity of thoroughly investigating the management and expenditure of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to the end that a more economic system of collecting and dispensing the funds of the Institution may be arrived at, so that candidates who from time to time are excluded from its benefits by reason of the present system may, by a more judicious and less expensive management, be enabled to participate in the benefits of the Charity; and that this P.G. Lodge pray that the Grand Lodge of England would move a resolution for the appointment of a committee for the investigation of this matter." The province of West Yorkshire was famous in former years for its liberal support of the great Metropolitan Charities, and we deplore the retrograde tendencies of some few amongst our many excellent brethren in that good province—brethren, we make bold to add, who have no experience or knowledge of the subject with which they profess so hastily and so un-Masonically to deal. We venture to think that such a resolution is highly inexpedient and uncalled for, especially at the present time, will be very prejudicial to the interests of the Boys' School, will greatly interfere with its educational work, is most unfair to its official representatives, and we must say, after much consideration, not a little unconstitutional. For it is more than doubtful if the P.G. Lodge, or even G. Lodge itself, can legally pass such a resolution. The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is a purely voluntary institution, in no way under G. Lodge, except inasmuch and in as far as G. Lodge votes a small annual amount of £150. G. Lodge can inquire into the due appropriation of that amount, but legally we are inclined to think no further. The P.G. Lodge has got its quid pro quo, and has not the slightest right or warrant to pass such a resolution. It is altogether based on unacquaintance with constitutional Masonic Law, and indeed any law. It strikes our mind as ill-advised in the highest degree. We hope that the good sense of our practical West Yorkshire brethren will quash at once such a motion, and put a stop to such a movement, which are the result we feel bound to add, of personal feelings and very questionable proceedings, either in tact, taste, common sense, or Masonic fair play. As we said before, we deplore such an animus, and such a procedure, especially in West Yorkshire, very greatly indeed. We shall recur to the subject next week.

SEWING MACHINES.

In very many homes now-a-days are to be seen, set up as part of the household furniture, especially in the room where ladies "most do congregate," a sewing machine. We do not allude to the "domestic sewing machines," so termed by our irreverent youth, because we consider them very difficult creations to handle and to deal with, but to the real matter-of-fact sewing machine. This is a new "trouvaille," as the French say, even within the last few years practically, and is a distinct innovation on the good old samplers and worsted work of manual production, in that antiquated regime under which our mothers lived. We venture to doubt at the same time that we say this, whether the advance of scientific machinery has given us actually such "fine work" as the nimble fingers of past generations contrived to impress on the often all but living canvas. The modern sewing machine may be considered the symbol of our modern work, and on the whole we hold that it is a good institution. Some young men aver that it is a pleasant medium for flirtations; knowing nothing of that sort of thing ourselves, we take the fact on the faith of our fervid youth, who we think are not unlikely to be for once speaking truth, and prefer to treat the subject in a much more business-like way. Yet of those fair workers who use their sewing machines so diligently day by day, how many, we have often asked ourselves, know the history of that complex yet simple piece of machinery, so useful and so effective in its results, which they see before them hourly, and manipulate habitually? Our contemporary, "The Co-operative and Financial Review," in its

31st number, of Sept. 18, page 103, gives us a most interesting historical resumé of the patent question of the sewing machine, and, after careful perusal of it, we have been led to use much of it in our pages, to "point the moral and adorn the tale" for a large circle of sisters and brethren. It seems that the first machines invented for the purpose of lightening the labour of sewing were all intended to facilitate the execution of embroidery and other ornamentations rather than to assist in the drudgery of plain sewing. The first embroidery machine was patented June 25th, 1755, by Charles Weisenthal. Another improved one was granted to Henry Roche on behalf of Josué Heilmann, May 2, 1829. In 1804 John Duncan obtained his patent for "tambouring upon cloth," a near approach to the present sewing machine. So far the history of such machines has been rather of machines for embroidery than simple sewing, and though sewing machines existed, they had met so far with but little success. A sewing machine was patented to Leonard Borthwick in April, 1844, taken from an older idea, and an improved patent was granted to Arthur Walker in January, 1846. Since that time many sewing machines and patents have been at work, both in England, and the United States, and France, and other countries, including, among others, Howe's patent. And now the question comes on, who is the inventor of the sewing machine? As our contemporary well observes, "like many other important discoveries, it was made by two men at the same time, though they were widely separated from each other, and there is nothing to prove that they had access to the same books, drawings, or specifications of other patents. Most likely the same chain of circumstances produced the same idea in their minds, and as one was a tailor and the other the husband of a sempstress, they had every opportunity of observing the practical requirements of the case." We believe, like our contemporary, that "the earlier of these inventors—the man to whom the credit of introducing the sewing machine to the world is justly due—was a Frenchman named Barthelmy Thimmonnier. He was the son of a dyer, in anything but easy circumstances, and was born at Abreste in 1793. The first record that we have of his own position in life is as late as 1825, when he was a journeyman tailor at St. Etienne. Probably he was an expert workman, for from what we can learn of him he was in the habit of taking small contracts and employing men to work under him, occupying a position similar to that of a chamber-master in this country. It was through trying to increase his business that he first turned his attention to the subject of sewing machines, and as he spent much time and a good deal of money in experiments his neighbours began to believe that his reason was affected, and as a matter of course his business fell off, and in a short time he was reduced to absolute poverty. Nevertheless, he persevered, and after four years' patient labour he completed his machine and obtained a patent in 1830. The principle was that of the simple chain stitch. The needle employed was a curved one, which when it descended through the material had a loop of thread thrown round it by an apparatus termed a thread carrier. This loop was brought up through the material and the previous loop, thus crocheting the work in a similar manner to the old embroidering machine. In this machine no means were provided for regulating the length of the stitch, the work having to be carried forward by hand; but a sort of stop, through which the needle passed, held the work in its place during the sewing of each stitch. Unfortunately, Thimmonnier, like a great many other inventors, had neither the money nor the business aptitude for bringing his patent before the public; accordingly he sought the assistance of a Government engineer, a certain M. Beaunier, then living at St. Etienne. He was favourably impressed with the idea, and through his instrumentality the firm of Ferraud, Thimmonnier, Germain, Petit, and Co. was established for the purpose of working the patent. For a time the business prospered, and in 1841 eighty machines made of wood were at work in their factory in the Rue de Sèvres upon clothing for the army. But poor Thimmonnier was destined to suffer all the ills that inventors are heir

to, and just when his prospects were brightest, and there was every hope of his invention becoming known, a band of ignorant workmen in his own trade, enraged at his success, and too short-sighted to see its ultimate benefit to themselves, broke into his workshop and destroyed his machines. To add to his misfortunes, the engineer Beauvier, to whose business qualities the success of the company was in a great measure due, soon after died; the company, missing his assistance and advice, got into difficulties, and at last stopped altogether, and thus, after so nearly reaching the haven of his desires, Thimmonnier was once more cast penniless upon the world, with all his work to do over again. Like most inventors, bitter as his disappointment was, he was not discouraged. He started for Paris and tried once more to gain his living as a chamber-master. Once more he failed, and this time he turned his face towards his old home at Abreste, and alone and on foot almost begged his way. Just as Goldsmith once supported himself by playing the flute, so this intrepid inventor—who, had he lived in happier times, or had he found some experienced capitalist to take him by the hand, would no doubt have been looked upon as one of the greatest mechanics of the age—supported himself on his journey by exhibiting the model of his machine for the few sous the villagers sometimes gave him. However, he had seen during his short period of prosperity of what his invention was capable, and he bravely set himself to reconquer what he had lost. Once more he constructed a machine, which he was enabled to dispose of without difficulty, and for a time he subsisted entirely on the profits arising from this and subsequent sales. About this time fortune again seemed about to smile upon him. A friend of his—M. Magnin, of Villefranche—joined him, and the machines were now improved by the substitution of metal for wood; the rate of sewing was very much increased, and there seemed to be every prospect of the matter being taken up by manufacturers on a large scale. But he was once more doomed to disappointment. The revolution of 1848, in upsetting for the time the trade of the country, swept away, with many more important—or, at least, better known—institutions, poor Thimmonnier's factory, and the reputation he was acquiring. Ruined as he was, when the revolution had passed away he made one more effort. Though he had been forced to sell his patent in England, he sent a model of his machine to the Great Exhibition of 1851, which was to award justice to all the soldiers in the army of peace. Alas for poor Thimmonnier! it left him unmentioned. For a few years longer he struggled on, neglected and unknown, until in 1857 he died in absolute poverty, still believing in the merits of his invention, but unable to obtain for it the recognition he sought. Thus, doomed to privation and neglect, passed away the first inventor of the now popular sewing machine. Fortunately, the idea did not die with him; it was yet destined to be accepted as one of the most useful inventions of the age, and to reflect honour upon the humble grave of its ill-fated discoverer. Such is the history of the sewing machine, says our contemporary, such, we say is the way of the world. Time and busy life pass over the graves of many like humble benefactors of humanity—we reap the reward of their assiduity, acuteness, labours, sufferings, and yet practically we know nothing about them. When we are using some most useful discovering to-day, we are utterly ignorant often, through what privation and opposition, and even cruel neglect, that brilliant idea was worked out, of which we now can clearly see the inestimable value and reality. How often does it happen, when the inventor has died poor and penniless, the rich adventurer has made a still larger fortune by the once under-valued discovery of many a soldier in the great army of labour like Barthelmy Thimmonnier. Well it is "a queer world, my masters," and yet it is the way of the world, and nothing we believe can alter, nothing can alleviate either its injustice or its oblivion, in that, that being too prosperous, and too self-satisfied, it has no time often to remember its benefactors, and little inclination to remunerate those humble labourers, those poor inventors, who toil through good report and through evil

report to offer ease and readiness to labour, and to endow persevering and unending toil with the gracious elements of scientific accuracy and success.

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.]

AN OLD MASONIC APRON. To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Permit me to supplement the brief notice contained in your impression of last week by the following particulars. The Apron was bound with purple ribbon, and with purple strings attached. Upon it were engraven figures of Faith, Hope, and Charity, with different Masonic emblems. Appended was the certificate of the brother to whom it formerly belonged, from the "Grand Lodge of England according to the Old Institutions," more familiarly known as the "Ancients," showing that he was registered on Dec. 4th, 1800, and the certificate signed and sealed Nov. 5th, 1801, by Robt. Leslie, G. Sec., and Edward Harper, D.G. Sec. The name of the brother, "Jonathan Smith," was duly inscribed in the margin, and written underneath, "Lodge 258, Bear and Wheatheaf, Thames-street, London." This lodge, which did not then appear to have any distinctive name, but to have been known by its number and the house at which it assembled, as it occurs in the "Ahiman Rezon," or Book of Constitutions of the "Ancients," as "258, Northumberland Arms, Artillery Lane, London," and subsequently to that, at the "Hercules Tower, Threadneedle-street, London," as I learn from Bro. Hughan's interesting "Memorials of the Masonic Union of 1813," is now known as the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, meeting at the City Terminus Hotel, in Cannon-street. I felt therefore that so interesting a memento would be more appropriately in the possession of that lodge, and, as you have already intimated, have desired Bro. Kenning, as one of its P.M.'s, to make the presentation on my behalf.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
J. H. JUKES.

Oct. 5th, 1875.

"A QUOTATION."

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
You will not object, I daresay, to my informing Bro. William Bernard, in return for his kind instruction to "editors and leader writers generally, and yourself, I presume, in particular, that the passage in question contained in the article on Bro. Major Burgess (Sept. 4th), is strictly correct.

The writer of that article says:—"The old saying is true . . . 'A man convinced against his will, is of the same opinion still,'" and that same "old saying" has existed and been in use in that same identical form for many a long year.

As an "old saying," and not as a quotation from Butler, the writer used it.

Who is to say that Butler was the originator of that "old saying?" for we know how writers in all ages have quoted from one another, sometimes, it is true, word for word, but quite as frequently clothing the borrowed thought in their own diction.

Would it not be well for Bro. William Bernard to "be careful in matters of this kind" before starting to publicly educate you, "the public educator," &c.?

I put this question very impartially, as I was
NOT THAT "LEADER WRITER."

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I read with deep interest an account of the progress of Freemasonry in the Isle of Man in your last issue. Your intelligent correspondent has struck a nail which I think it would be well to "drive home." His suggestion relative to the formation of a Prov. Grand Lodge for the Isle of Man is an excellent one, and one worthy the attentive consideration of those in authority. Our Manx brethren have no Prov. Grand Lodge at present, and it would not be strange, in a position of such indirect responsibility, if irregularities were found among them; but we have the testimony of your excellent correspondent that such is not the case. Still they desire and should have some incentive to work by and up to our ancient landmarks. At present they are kept together by the truly Masonic feelings which pervade them, and by the frequent visits of "foreign" brethren. This, however, may not last always, and its place can only be supplied by the formation of a Prov. Grand Lodge. May we hope to hear from some of your able correspondents how this can be done.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours very faithfully and fraternally,

D. W. FINNEY, P.M., P.Z., &c.

7, St. Paul-street, Warrington.

LIST OF GRAND MASTERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
In the book I quoted last week is the following:—
A List of Provincial Grand Masters deputed by and under the protection of the Grand Master of England. Deputations for Provincial Grand Masters were granted, In 1726 by Lord Paisley; Grand Master, to Sir Edward Mansell, Bart., for South Wales; Hugh Warburton, Esq., for North Wales.
In 1728 by Lord Kingston, Grand Master, to George Pomfret, Esq., for Bengal, in the East Indies.

In 1729 by the Duke of Norfolk, Grand Master, to Captain Ralph Farwinter, for the East Indies; Monsieur Thunannas, for the Circle of Lower Saxony; Mr. Daniel Cox, for New Jersey, in America.

In 1731 by Lord Lovell, now Earl of Leicester, Grand Master, to Captain John Phillips, for all the Russians, &c., &c., &c.

Should you think the above list worth while copying for the "Freemason" I shall be happy to do so. The list goes as far as 1767, to Lord Blaney, Grand Master.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
ROBERT OWEN, R.W.O.
Union House, Bangor, 6th Oct., 1875.

MASONIC JEWELS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
The Masonic season in London, now commencing, will abound with installations and presentations of jewels to retiring W.M.'s, subscribed for by some brethren, and voted from lodge funds by others, and I should like to repeat and ventilate in your journal what I advocated in the "Masonic Mirror" years ago, viz., that instead of spending the money upon jewels of a given "carat" of gold, it should be given to the charity the brother shall select, and that our respected and worthy Secretaries of these several charities should institute a commemorative jewel in "silver gilt," recording the fact of its presentation by such and such a lodge. The numbers they would annually require would, I should fancy, enable them to get a very handsome jewel for about 30s. or 35s., and it would answer their purpose to give even a larger amount and secure the presentation amount of £5 5s., or, if more, the same could be recognized by "bars" on the ribbon. By this method our charities would be greatly enriched, and the money flow in the proper channel; and on a brother's decease his relatives would have the satisfaction of knowing that his jewels represented the good done to charity in the brother's lifetime, instead of finding that a number of very costly jewels are only realisable at "breaking up" price, which, in many instances, will not produce in shillings what has been spent in pounds, and thereby one of our "watchwords" grossly abused.

Yours truly,

P.M.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

By command of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master of England, the Provincial Grand Master, the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Division of the county of Lancashire, was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Guildhall, Preston, for the transaction of the annual business of the province. "Proud Preston" has never before witnessed a Masonic gathering of a like magnitude and importance, and, therefore, it caused no small interest and excitement in the place. The popularity and acceptance of the rule of Lord Skelmersdale were clearly established by the attendance of between 500 and 600 brethren from every part of the province, with one exception, there being sixty-nine lodges represented. The arrangements for the conduct of business were admirable, and the meeting place was well adapted for the purposes of the annual gathering.

The Craft Lodge was opened shortly after noon, Bro. Hunt, W.M. 113, officiating as W.M.; Bro. Bowes, W.M. 148, as S.W.; Bro. Johnston, W.M. 203, as J.W.; Bro. Hughes, W.M. 220, as S.D.; and Bro. Richard Brown, W.M. 241, as J.D.

After the usual preliminaries, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale; R.W.P.G.M., the following other brethren also officiating:—Bro. T. Wylie, P.P.G. Reg., acting as D.P.G.M.; Bros. A. Stoddart, S.G.W.; G. Remington, J.G.W.; the Rev. J. M. Morgan, P.G.C.; Reuben Pearson, P.G. Reg.; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; Robert Wilson, P.G.S.D.; W. J. Turley, P.G.J.D.; George Owen, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; J. R. Goepel, P.G.D.C.; Wm. Leather, P.G., Assistant D.C.; T. Archer Lowe, P.G.S.B.; Joseph Skeaf, P.G.O.; Watson Barker, P.G. Purst.; and Armstrong, P.G.T. Amongst the other P.G. Officers present were Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.P.G.C.; Gilbert Greenall, M.P., P.P.G.J.W.; Dr. J. T. Smith, P.G.S.; J. Lunt, P.G.S.; S. Johnson, P.G.S.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; Dr. Moore, P.P.G.S.B.; F. A. Binckes, G.S.; S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B. (Lincolnshire); N. W. Newell, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Doyle, P.P.J.G.D.

Amongst the principals from the Craft lodges were Bros. Thomas Shaw, W.M. 823; T. G. Bark, W.M. 1380; Richard Brown, W.M. 241; Henry Jackson, W.M. 1393; J. K. Digges, W.M. 673; Joseph Bell, W.M. 1356; F. W. N. Johnson, W.M. 1213; Edward Tale, W.M. 178; John Cockshott, W.M. 343; W. Jones, W.M. 1299; Robert Cross, W.M. 484; Thomas Ocklishaw, W.M. 667; William Archer, W.M. 1086; P. B. Forshaw, W.M. 1403; Harold Wyatt, W.M. 1473; H. P. Benton, W.M. 333; Thomas C. Preston, W.M. 703; Joseph Mackie, W.M. 1375; Hugh P. Price, W.M. 249; J. T. Callow, W.M. 1505; M. Fletcher, W.M. 986; G. Wightson, W.M. 113; Peter B. Gee, W.M. 1264; Thomas P. Griffiths, W.M. 613; T. J. Lloyd, W.M. 113; W. B. Caw, W.M. 786; R. Whiteside, W.M. 1256; H. Ashmore, W.M. 1325; H. S. Oppenheim, W.M. 1384; T. B. Myers, W.M. 1182; W. Harrington, W.M. 1094; J. Hughes, W.M. 220; H. Johns, W.M. 1476; E. Johnson, W.M. 203; E. B. Harding, W.M. 1496; J. Taylor, W.M. 1051; J. G. Dunn, W.M. 897; T. Delcock, W.M. 594; J. W. Ballard, W.M. 724; C.

W. Johnson, W.M. 1313; W. Karfoot, W.M. 730; J. C. Hunter, W.M. 1225; J. Heald, W.M. 1032; H. Nelson, P.M. 673 and 1505; H. Morris, S.W. 1505; W. Quayle, J.W. 1505; J. Hocken, P.M., Treas. 1505; J. Queen, 1505; T. Large, J.D. 1505; J. Dale, D.C. 1505; W. Harrison, I.P.M. 897; J. Jackson, P.M. 148; J. F. Roberts, P.M. 1313; T. Davies, Sec. 1182; J. A. Forrest, S.W. 1547; W. Roberts, S.W. 1264; A. Cotter, J.W. 1264; A. C. Wylie, Sec. 1264; J. Healing, P.M., Treas. 1264; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1264; W. C. Webb, S.S. 1264; J. Bushell, 1264; J. Hughes, 1264; C. Fothergill, 1264; J. W. Burgess, 1264; R. Ing, P.M. 594; W. Healing, S.W. 1094; A. Jarvis, J.W. 1094; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; F. Bell, S.W. 1398; J. Cottam, J.W. 986; J. Aspinwall, S.W. 580; G. Cornfield, P.M. 1225; J. Case, P.M. 995; R. Blake, Sec. 1398; R. Leason, I.G. 1393; T. A. Smith, P.M. 343; T. Green, 393; W. Blake, 1473; J. Goodman, S.D. 823; E. Cattrall, 203; J. Kenwright, 1356; T. Horne, S.W. 1356; W. H. Cooper, J.W. 1350; A. Samuels, P.M. 1350; T. A. Collinson, P.M. 1350; G. Dixon, J.W. 314; J. C. Lunt, P.M. 1086; Joseph Wood, Treas. 1094 ("Freemason"); Rev. Dr. Hyde, Chap. 1086; C. Haswell, 203; S. J. McGeorge, P.M. 241; J. Ball, 673; W. M. Chudley, P.M. 241; T. Salter, I.G. 241; G. Hutchin, S.W. 241; J. Kirwan, 241; T. H. Sheen, J.D. 241; T. Whitehead, 241; C. E. Hindley, I.G. 148; R. Collings, Sec. 249; W. Forrester, 1035; P. Ascroft, P.M. 986; H. E. Cullingworth, P.M. 613; J. Houlding, J.W. 823; J. S. Cuthbert, J.W. 823; J. Goodacre, P.M. 1086; T. Brown, S. 1393; C. Hunt, 1086; F. Chambers, 1086; H. Scott, P.M. 86; G. Morgan, P.M. 1035; W. J. Raverty, 241; C. J. Reilly, 241; G. Sculthorpe, P.M. 1035; J. Moss, 1086; S. Millikin, 823; J. Vaughan, J.W. 86; J. Whitfield, 594; T. Roberts, S.W. 673; H. Burrows, J.W. 673; J. Thornton, P.M. 673 and 1182; E. Kyle, P.M. 673; D. Jackson, S.D. 673; R. Hulsc, Org. 673; J. Seddon, S. 673; L. Herman, I.G. 673; R. Landless, I.P.M. 1476; A. Woolrich, 1356; W. G. Veale, Org. 594; T. Buxton, P.M. 1345; W. Baldwin, P.M. 1398; J. J. Rose, P.M. 249; F. W. A. Johnson, W.M. 1213; R. Williams, S.W. 1213; J. Frank, J.W. 203 and 1502; J. Jackson, S.W. 667; A. Bucknall, 667; H. Firth, S.D. 667; D. Stansfield, P.M. 730; J. B. Cardwell, Treas. 1032; W. J. Sly, 1051; G. Turner, P.M. 823; J. Hall, S.W. 1354; J. Beesley, P.M. 216; W. H. Holt, P.M. 786; R. Collinson, S.W. 1350; W. Wilson, S.W. 823; E. Airey, P.M. 281; J. Davison, P.M. 724; J. Hargreaves, J.D. 203; M. Williamson, 1393; H. Gooch, 613; J. Rowe, Treas. 1496; J. H. Caw, J.W. 1496; R. B. Preston, Sec. 333; C. Leedham, P.M. 220; T. Nevett, P.M. 113; H. W. Johnston, P.M. 113; W. H. Sharpe, I.G. 1086; T. B. Pye, P.M. 343; H. Pearson, P.M. 249; T. Roberts, S.W. 673; J. Jones, P.M. 594; J. McCarthy, S.W. 1393; J. C. Hunter, W.M. 1225; R. Braithwaite, S.W. 1476; A. Harvey, J.W. 1375; R. Martin, jun., S.W. 1182; T. Large, Sec. 1393; W. Heald, P.M. 1353; R. T. Martin, P.M. 1032; R. R. Martin, P.M. 1094; S. Tickle, J.W. 220; J. Winsor, S.W. 203; W. Troughton, S.W. 1013; J. Lecomber, J.W. 594; R. Turner, Chaplain 314; F. Cooper, 249; E. A. Wright, 249; W. P. Jennings, 249; J. Tewkesbury, S.D. 220; G. Beeken, J.W. 724; F. Marshall, 1086; R. H. Evans, P.M. 1393; T. Nickson, J.W. 1356; J. Hayes, P.M. 249; W. Brackenbury, J.D. 673; H. Hunt, P.M. 594; J. L. Houghton, Sec. 594; R. P. France, S.W. 594; C. Leighton, P.M. 1325; J. A. Edginton, P.M. 1182; J. Williams, J.W. 1182; J. W. C. Browne-Cave, Treas. 1547; R. Warriner, S.D. 1547; P. Macmurdrow, P.M. 1299; G. Aspinall, J.W. 1299; Henry Liversage, Treas. 1299; W. Sephton, P.M. 1086; J. Wells, P.M. 580; E. Carter, 667; and others.

The roll of the lodges of the province having been called over, it was reported that every lodge in the province was represented with the exception of the Chorlton Lodge, 1387, held at Chorlton-cum-Hardy, the usual fine being imposed in this case.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, were read, and on the motion of Bro. Goepel, P.G.D.C., seconded by Bro. Dr. Kellet Smith, P.G.S., P.M. 1094, they were confirmed.

Bro. T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas., submitted the annual accounts of the Provincial Grand Lodge, from which it appeared that there was a balance in favour of Provincial Grand Lodge fees amounting to £429 15s. 7d., to the Fund of Benevolence £1328 7s. 3d., making a total of £1758 2s. 10d.

On the motion of Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.D.G.C., seconded by Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.G.S., the accounts were adopted and passed.

On the motion of Bro. T. Wylie, P. Prov. G. Reg., seconded by Bro. Alpass, P.G. Sec., it was unanimously resolved to vote the sum of £40 from the funds, in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in London.

On the motion of Bro. Goepel, P.G.D.C., Bro. T. Armstrong was re-elected P.G. Treasurer by acclamation.

The R.W.P.G.M. then appointed the following as his officers for the year 1875-6:—

- Hon. F. A. Stanley Dep. Prov. G.M.
- Charles Fryer (Mayor of Preston)..... Prov. S.G.W.
- W. C. Deeley Prov. J.G.W.
- Rev. J. M. Morgan Prov. G. Chaplain.
- Dr. J. Kellet Smith Prov. G. Reg.
- H. S. Alpass (re-ap.)..... Prov. G. Sec.
- J. Gillman Prov. G.S.D.
- W. Leader Prov. G.J.D.
- H. Bagot Prov. G. S. of Wks.
- J. Lunt Prov. G.D.C.
- S. Johnson Prov. G.A.D.C.

- Bowden Prov. G.S.B.
- J. Skeaf (re-ap.)..... Prov. G.O.
- W. J. Sly Prov. G. Purst.
- G. Cornfield, J. Pemberton, P. Mackmuldrow, J. S. Roberts, H. Collinson, and J. Jackson Prov. G. Stewards.
- P. Ball Prov. G. Tyler.
- W. H. Ball..... Prov. G.A. Tyler.

The sum of £60 was voted from the Funds of Benevolence and P.G. Lodge in aid of the widows of deserving deceased Freemasons.

Bro. R. Wylie moved a resolution to the effect that for every brother initiated the sum of five shillings, and for every brother joining the sum of one shilling, be paid to a fund to be called a charity account, which should be devoted to the assistance of the London charities. The motion was seconded by Bro. Dr. Smith, P.G. Reg., and agreed to. Bro. R. Wylie also moved that the sum of £100 be voted to the Benevolent Fund of the Institution for aged Freemasons in London. Bro. Goepel seconded the motion, which was agreed to, Bro. Lord Skelmersdale stating that he would probably preside at the coming festival of that institution, and hoped that he would be well supported by the brethren from West Lancashire. (Loud cheers.) On the motion of Bro. R. Wylie, the sum of £20 was voted to the Hamer Benevolent Fund.

Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Secretary, read his report for the past year, which was of a very satisfactory character. It appeared that two new lodges had been added to the number in the province—the Lodge of Israel and the Liverpool Lodge.

It was also reported that the Craft continued to increase in numbers, although many lodges had increased their initiation fee, with the view of keeping the Order as select as possible. The new Masonic Hall at Liverpool was reported to be greatly approved of, though some money, it was said, was still needed to complete the building.

The second annual report of the Hamer Benevolent Fund, submitted by Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.S.G.D. Hon. Sec., which was taken as read, showed that the state of the funds now warranted the committee in receiving applications for assistance from deserving brethren. The progress made during the past year was a proof that many brethren were convinced that great benefit was likely to be derived from the fund. It appeared from the Treasurer's account that £230 were invested in connection with the fund and £132 12s. 10d. in the bank. The report and accounts were adopted and office-bearers appointed.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then constituted a Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

Bro. R. Brown, W.M. 241 (Merchants' Lodge), Honorary Secretary to the institution, has recently issued the following report, which indicates the present position of the charity:—

"Your committee, in once more presenting the annual statement of accounts for the year 1874, have again the pleasure to report the continued prosperity, progress, and usefulness of the institution; but, before referring to matters more immediately requiring notice in connection with the working of the charity, your committee desire to place on record their great and heartfelt regret at the loss the institution and the Masonic fraternity throughout the province have sustained through the death of Brother Andrew Cook Mott, who for eight years acted as honorary secretary, and to whose unexampled energy and exertions may be attributed much of the success of the institution during that period. Your committee cannot but feel that the result of Brother Mott's labours in this matter is a brilliant and lasting memorial to his great energy, perseverance, and Masonic zeal in the cause of charity. The statement annexed shows a gratifying increase in the progress of the institution, both financially and in the direction of extended usefulness. The income for the year from invested funds amounts to £481 12s. 11d., and the income from other sources, including donations and subscriptions, fees from lodges, the proceeds of the annual ball, &c., is £838 14s. 2d.; the result of the year's working being that, after making the necessary payments for the education and advancement of the children on the foundation of the institution, there has been added to the funds the sum of £969 6s. 7d., making the total amount to £11,815 1s. 4d. It is gratifying to note that this saving has been effected without in any way curtailing the excellent objects of the charity, the number of children receiving the benefits afforded by the institution having been increased from 44 to 48. This prosperous state of the funds warrants your committee in venturing to suggest that the time has arrived when they may fairly make such arrangements as will tend to enlarge the advantages of the charity, and to grant, in certain instances, in addition to the benefits of a liberal education, such clothing as will allow the children attending school to appear more respectable than some of them are at present enabled to do; and, with this object, such alterations in the rules as are necessary will be submitted for your approval at an early date. Your committee hope that the brethren throughout the province will endorse this desire to extend the benefits of the charity, by continued co-operation and support, and they have no doubt their exertions will be crowned by an abundant measure of success."

Bro. Brown read the minutes of the different meetings held during the year, and the office-bearers in connection with the institution were appointed.

When the Provincial Grand Lodge resumed, Bro. J. F. Goggin, P.P.G. Chaplain, said he did not see why the Masons of West Lancashire should be denied a privilege which was enjoyed by every other province in the kingdom, viz., that of attending church in connection with their annual meeting. It was satisfactory to find that charity prevailed, but charity without prayer was nothing, as prayer without charity was nothing. He hoped that in future the Craft would have the privilege of attending Di-

vine service in connection with their annual meetings. The P.G.M. concurred with Bro. Goggin in thinking they ought to attend church before proceeding with the Provincial Grand Lodge business, and promised that the matter would be considered.

The following letter was read from the Precentor of Chester Cathedral:—

Abbey Court, Chester, Oct. 5.

My Lord,—With every expression of apology for the liberty I am taking, I venture, on behalf of our Cathedral Restoration, to ask if you could give your kind assistance to the work by introducing to the notice of the Freemasons of Lancashire, at least as much of it as may be included in the diocese of Chester, the suggestion that a fund, similar to that raised by the lodges of Lord De Tabley's province in Cheshire, might possibly be generously subscribed to by members of lodges in West Lancashire.

A pulpit has been given by the Freemasons of Cheshire, at a cost of £450; and if any once special part of the work were to be undertaken by the Freemasons of West Lancashire it would be highly gratifying to the Dean and Chapter.

I venture to add three things which are much wanted:—The stone sedilia, £450; the pavement under central tower, £400; the corona, or means of lighting, £750.

With every apology for my bold intrusion, I am, my Lord, yours faithfully,

EDWD. L. Y. DEACLE,
Precentor of the Cathedral.

The P.G.M. thought such a contribution would be highly meritorious to the brethren, and he suggested that some of the brethren should take the matter in hand, and see what could be done—a suggestion which met with very general approval.

It was resolved that a vote of sympathy with Mrs. Brabner, widow of the late Bro. Brabner, so long identified with Masonry in the province, should be recorded on the minutes.

The Provincial Grand Officers then retired, and the Craft lodge was closed by Bro. Nevett, W.M. 113.

A large number of the brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet at the Temporary Corn Exchange, under the presidency of Lord Skelmersdale, but the catering was so insufficient and inefficient that a large number of the brethren left and sought for sustenance elsewhere at the hotels, which was much needed, as many had fasted since early morning. It is to be regretted that this unpleasant episode in an otherwise pleasant and satisfactory day's proceedings should have occurred, and it is to be hoped that in future years the same state of things may not arise. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts, it is said, were proposed during the evening, Bro. Alpass, P.G. Sec., proposing "The R.W.P.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale," who replied in a happy speech, giving good sound advice to Freemasons, and counselling a more liberal support of the London charities.

Bro. R. Brown, Hon. Sec., replied for the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution in a capital speech, which was enthusiastically received.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons, belonging to Cumberland and Westmorland, was held at Penrith on the 8th inst., under the banner of Lodge Unanimity, Sir Richard C. Musgrave, Bart., W.M.

It may be remembered that the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, some time ago announced his intention to hold the annual Grand Lodge this year at Kirkby Lonsdale, and afterwards to entertain the brethren to a banquet at his beautiful seat, Underley. Owing, however, to a painful domestic bereavement, this generous intention had to be abandoned. In this emergency the brethren of Lodge 339 were applied to, and they at once undertook to entertain the Grand Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the billiard-room at the New Crown Hotel, by Bro. Jos. Kirkbride, P.M., P.P.G.P. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Warden of England, presided, in the absence of the Earl of Bective.

After the minutes had been read, the Grand Treasurer's accounts were approved and adopted, as also the Charity Committee's report, in which it was recommended that the support of all lodges and individual subscribers in the province be accorded to the son of a deceased brother of Solway Lodge, Silloth, in order to insure his admission to the Freemasons' Boys' School in London.

The Treasurer's accounts showed a balance in favour of the Grand Lodge of £230 5s. 7½d. A notice of motion, signed by Bro. Thomas Dodgson, of Millom, was then taken into consideration, to the effect that it was desirable to form an institution in the province for the education and advancement in life of the children of deceased and distressed Freemasons. A committee was thereupon formed, to report to next meeting, amongst the members being Colonel Whitwell, M.P.; Lord Muncaster, M.P.; Sir R. C. Musgrave, Bart.; Rev. Dr. Simpson (Kirkby Stephen), Rev. E. Cockett (Upperby), &c. Bro. John Lemon, P.M., St. John's Lodge, Wigton, P.P.G.S.W., was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer; and Bro. J. Gardiner, P.M. 371, Maryport, was elected Provincial Grand Tyler for the ensuing year.

The officers for the year were invested by the R.W. Acting Grand Master as follows:—

- J. Porter, Prov. G.S.W.
- W. Dodd, Prov. G.J.W.
- Rev. W. Beeby Prov. G. Chap.
- Rev. C. H. Gem Prov. G. A. Chap.
- J. Lemon Prov. G. Treas.
- W. B. Gibson Prov. G. Sec.
- Sir R. C. Musgrave Prov. G. Reg.
- J. R. Bain Prov. G. S. Wks.
- C. J. Smith Prov. G.S.D.

J. Bain Prov. G.J.D.
 P. T. Freeman Prov. G. Org.
 T. B. Arvison Prov. G.D. of Cers.
 W. Armstrong Prov. G.A.D. Cers.
 Pratchitt Prov. G. Swd. B.
 James Cook Prov. G. Purst.
 Grand Stewards:—Bros. T. McMechan, Dr. Dinwoodie,
 J. J. Beattie, A. Hodgetts, W. F. Lamonby, J. W. Young.

After the officers were invested, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Whitwell, addressing the brethren, said they would all remember that at the recent installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Order, two brethren were appointed from this province to attend as Stewards. They were brethren highly esteemed amongst them, one from the south and the other from the west, and they had discharged their duties on that occasion—no doubt at considerable expense of time and money—in a highly satisfactory manner, and he would suggest that in commemoration of that great event, and as a mark of their appreciation of the services of the two brethren, that the Steward's jewel which they were entitled to wear should be presented to them by the Provincial Grand Lodge.

A motion embodying the suggestion having been proposed, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, with some highly complimentary remarks, referring to the long and valued services of Bro. Lemon, Provincial Grand Treasurer, and to the energy and zeal Bro. H. Rauthmell, Past Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, had displayed in Freemasonry, presented to each of them the jewel specially designed by Sir A. W. Woods, Garter G.D.C. of England, which was approved by His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and is to be worn suspended by a ribbon of the Swedish national colours by the Stewards who officiated at the installation of His Royal Highness, April 28th, 1875.

Bro. Lemon thanked the brethren in feeling terms, and said that the jewel they had just presented to him would be highly prized and valued, as a token of their regard, so long as he lived, and that it would be handed down as an heirloom to generations that would come after him.

Bro. Rautmell said, in thanking the Prov. Grand Lodge, that it did not need this additional proof to convince him of their kindly feelings towards him. He assured them that he felt it was a very great honour to have been appointed to represent as Steward so important a province as that of Cumberland and Westmorland on the occasion of the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master of their Order. Whenever he looked upon the jewel which they had just presented to him it would be with twofold gratification and pleasure; it would recall to his memory that brilliant scene he witnessed in the Albert Hall, in which he had the honour of taking a part; and secondly, but not less, he should value it for the kindly sentiments that had accompanied its presentation from the Provincial Grand Lodge.

A very sincere vote of sympathy was unanimously passed to the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, on his recent severe bereavement.

A vote of thanks was also given to the brethren of the Unanimity Lodge for their kind entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge at so short a notice.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren were marshalled in order of procession, and marched to the parish church, Bective Lodge heading the procession, where an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. F. W. Wicks, St. Nicholas', Whitehaven, Past Provincial Grand Chaplain, from the following text:—Ephesians, c. 2, v. 21—"In whom all the building fitly framed together, groweth into an holy temple in the Lord." Bro. Freeman, Provincial Grand Organist, presided at the organ.

Returning to the New Crown Hall, banquet was served, Colonel Whitwell, M.P., presiding, supported on the right by the Rev. S. J. Butler, Penrith; Rev. T. R. Holme, P.P.G. Chap.; Bro. J. Lemon, Grand Treasurer, and others; and on the left by the Rev. F. Wicks, Rev. W. Beeby, Bro. Porter, and others.

The Chairman proposed "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen." As Masons and Englishmen they loved their Queen, the mother of three sons who are Masons. (Cheers.)

The Chairman next gave "The Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family." The toast he applied to the Prince of Wales as heir to the throne, and he should have an opportunity later on of proposing His Royal Highness's health in another capacity. (Cheers.)

The Rev. F. W. Wicks, in an energetic speech, proposed "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces."

The Chairman next proposed "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese." The Rev. S. J. Butler responded.

The Chairman said the next toast was one of no slight importance to the company; it was "The Health of their Royal Grand Master." (Cheers.) Many of those present in the room had seen the Prince of Wales installed on the throne of English Masonry the other day. That was an assembly that filled not only England, but the whole of Europe, with admiration, and for the reason that a society, proscribed by some potentates, had chosen for their ruler a prince who would one day become Sovereign of the greatest realm in the world. (Cheers.)

The Chairman then proposed "The Healths of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England; Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master; and the rest of the Officers of the Grand Lodge."

The Chairman next proposed the health of one who was not present with them, their R.W. Provincial Grand Master. (Cheers.) They all knew the reason of the Earl of Bective's absence that day. He had a letter from his lordship, who said he had never been absent from an annual meeting since his election as Provincial Grand Master. He begged to convey his extreme regret at not being able to be present. Their Provincial Grand Master had been congratulated on the increase in their ranks, and he

(the chairman) should be glad to congratulate his lordship on the entire success of their meeting to-day. (Cheers.) He only hoped that on the occasion of their next meeting they would have his lordship amongst them again.

The Rev. F. W. Wicks proposed "The Health of the Chairman, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers." (Cheers.) He did not wonder at the outburst of enthusiasm which met the proposition, for he always heard the name of Colonel Whitwell spoken of by Freemasons with the heartiest respect and brotherly esteem. (Cheers.)

The Chairman, in returning thanks, said that when he came amongst Masons he found human nature in its truest form, and he felt that his feeble efforts were too much praised. Speaking of the progress of Freemasonry in Cumberland and Westmorland, he said it was a noble tree, whose branches were spreading out year after year.

Bros. Lemon and Gibson replied on behalf of the other Provincial Grand Officers.

Bro. Lemon proposed "The Health of the W. Masters of Lodges in the Province," each of whom present responded.

The remaining toasts were "The Visiting Brethren," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Tyler's Toast."

The company broke up about six o'clock. The arrangements of the meeting were admirably carried out under the experienced and energetic management of Bro. W. Kirkbride, P.M., Secretary of the Lodge of Unanimity. "Kendal Times," Oct. 9, 1875.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Sussex was held in the Music-room, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Thursday, 30th, ult. Bro. E. J. Furner, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G. M., presided, and there were about 130 members present. Two o'clock was the time fixed for the commencement of the proceedings, but it was nearly three before the meeting began. The first business on the agenda was to receive a letter from Lord Pelham, Prov. G. Master, requesting Bro. Furner, D.P.G.M., to transact the entire business of the province in his stead, and during his pleasure. The letter was read, and the Deputy Prov. G.M. explained that the Prov. G.M. was led to make this request in consequence of continued indisposition. The letter was ordered to be recorded in the minute-book. Bro. C. J. Smith, of Cliftonville, moved that the letter should be re-considered. He thought that the long-continued illness of the Prov. G.M. was one reason why he should resign the reins of office to the man upon whom its labours really devolved. His proposition was, however, ruled out of order. A letter respecting the funeral of the late Bro. Pocock having been read, the Acting Prov. G.M. proposed the following resolution:—"It is with feelings of deep regret that the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex record in their minute book the decease of Bro. Gavin Elliott Pocock, which took place on the first day of the present year. His untiring exertions during the twenty years of his Provincial Grand Secretaryship were duly acknowledged by a unanimous vote of thanks at the annual meeting, two years ago, and the high estimation in which he was held by his Masonic brethren was evinced by the testimonial which was presented to him last year; so that it is unnecessary now to dilate upon his worth. The melancholy duty, however, of formally declaring the loss Freemasonry has sustained by the removal from its ranks of so distinguished and so devoted a brother, still remains, and, therefore, the members of this Provincial Grand Lodge resolve to place on their minutes this record of their sorrow at the death of Bro. Pocock; and further, in order to perpetuate the recollection of the high regard in which he was held by them, and in recognition of the great services he rendered to Freemasonry, both as regards its ceremonies and its charities, they vote from the funds of this provincial Grand Lodge the sum of fifty guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be registered in the books of that institution as the 'Pocock Memorial,' the privileges of this donation to be exercised in perpetuity by the Provincial Grand Master for the time being." Bro. S. R. Ade proposed the word "Deputy" before the term "Prov. Grand Master," contained in the last clause of the resolution, but subsequently withdrew his proposition, and the resolution was agreed to in its original form. The report of the Finance Committee was presented, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. G. Tatham was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer; and the following Prov. Grand Officers were appointed and invested: Bro. E. J. Furner, Deputy Prov. G.M., acting as Prov. G.M.; Bro. J. Cunningham, as Dep. Prov. G.M.; W. H. Hallett, Prov. G.S.W.; L. J. Brigden, Prov. G.J.W.; C. A. Woolley, Prov. G. Reg.; J. H. Scott, Prov. Sec.; W. H. German, Prov. G.S.D.; J. Dorman, Prov. G.J.D.; J. O'Brien, Prov. G. Chaplain; J. Dixon, Prov. G.D. of C.; R. Pidcock, Prov. G.A.D. of C.; J. M. Reed, Prov. G. Sup. of W.; C. Walker, Prov. G. Swd.B.; Bostock, Prov. G. Purst.; and W. Smith, J. Eberall, Crouch, and W. Read, Prov. G. Stewards. Bro. Trollope, P. Prov. G.J. Warden, proposed the following motion, of which he had given notice:—"That Bro. John H. Scott and Bro. V. P. Freeman, the brethren appointed to act as Stewards for the Province of Sussex, on the occasion of the installation of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., be presented from the funds of this Prov. Grand Lodge with the jewel struck by order of Grand Lodge, to be worn only by those who acted as Stewards on that memorable day." The resolution was unanimously agreed to, the Prov. Grand Secretary following it up with a few appropriate remarks. There was no ordinary business to be transacted. The lodge was closed in proper form and with solemn prayer. It was followed by a banquet, served by Messrs. Mutton Brothers, King's Road, Brighton, in the banqueting-room, in their best style, about one hundred brethren partaking of it.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Thursday, September 30th, the annual gathering of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons belonging to the Province of Northumberland was held in the ancient town of Hexham, under the banner of the Northern Counties Lodge, 406. The brethren assembled in goodly numbers in the Town Hall, which was very beautifully decorated for the occasion by a rich assortment of green and hot house plants, ferns, &c., which were kindly lent by Mr. Ralph Robson, of Hexham, and the massive, elegant furniture of the new Albert Edward Lodge gave to the spacious hall an imposing and impressive appearance. The assembly was presided over by the Right Hon. Earl Percy, M.P., the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland. The S.W. chair was occupied by Bro. T. B. Winter, P.G.S.W.; and the J.W. chair by Bro. A. Potter, P.G.J.W. The minutes of the previous lodge having been read and received, the various reports for the past year were read and received, from which it transpired that the ancient Order was prospering within the province. The proceedings of the day were rendered highly interesting by the consecration of a new lodge in the town of Hexham called the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1557. The solemn and imposing ceremony was duly performed with all the accustomed rites and usages by the Provincial Grand Master and his officers. The lodge having been duly consecrated, Bro. George White, of Dilston Villa, was duly installed into the chair of K.S., as the first Worshipful Master of the Albert Edward Lodge. The business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served up in first rate style. The banqueting hall was also beautifully decorated. The chair was occupied by the Right Hon. Earl Percy, P.G.M., and the vice-chairs by Bro. B. J. Thompson and Bro. C. Jarvis, W.M. Tyne Lodge. Upwards of 200 brethren partook of a recherché repast.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of Governors, &c., of this Institution met on Saturday last in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Major Creton, Vice-patron, presiding.

Among the other brethren present were R. J. Spiers, Thomas Massa, F. Binckes, Joshua Nunn, Benjamin Head, J. Stohwasser, William Stephens, Edward Harris, F. Tyerman, J. G. Sturch, W. J. Mantle, H. Moore, George Bolton, H. Massey ("Freemason"), Robert Kenyon, Walter Wellsman, H. Browse, John A. Rucker, George Kelly, A. H. Tattershall, Henry G. Warren, Edward Clark, Alfred H. Diaper, Thomas Kett, Henry Smith, J. L. Hime, Raynham W. Stewart, James A. Birch, John Sutcliffe, W. J. Stracey, C. Swan, Donald King, Charles Jardine, H. Hacker, W. Downing, J. Vaughan, D.P.G.M. Somerset; S. Rawson, John Symonds, T. J. Sabine, J. Terry, Griffiths Smith, Peter de L. Long, L. Keough, H. A. Dubois, W. Lane, F. J. Cox, R. W. Townsend, R. Spencer, R. H. Whiteman, R. B. Webster, James Bellamy, J. Bodenham, A. H. Edwards, John Simpson, 910 W.Y.; W. Hickman, D.P.G.M. Hants; William Hale, W. A. Bowler, C. Koeste, C. F. Hogard, J. Thompson, C. Waters, R. H. Wand, J. Porter, E. J. McIntyre, Richard Cope, John Boyd, Henry Dubosc, Edward Cox, F. H. Ebsworth, Thomas Meekham, C. A. Coltebrune, W. Manger, W. F. C. Moutrie, W. Watson, James Stephens, W. Lane, H. Muggeridge, H. G. Buss, Dr. Hogg, J. Emmens, F. Davison, W. Swallow, and Bro. Cole (Aldershot).

Bro. Hedges acted for Bro. Little.

The Chairman in opening the proceedings said he was sorry to inform the brethren that Bro. Little, the secretary, was ill, and unable to be present. A certificate had been sent by his medical attendant that he (Bro. Little) was unable to leave his room, a circumstance which he (the chairman) was sure all would regret. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Hedges having read the different minutes, which were put and confirmed,

Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., rose to bring on the following motion, of which he had given notice:—

"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.

"In the event of my proposition being carried: That a Sub-Committee be formed out of the General Committee to carry out the details, and complete the same."

In doing so he said that the brethren had no doubt all read this motion, which had been advertised, and probably they might not all agree with him in his proposition to spend so large a sum as £25,000; but when he informed them that in the funds of the institution they had £40,000, perhaps they might think otherwise. An immense number of children were continuously knocking at their doors, and the time was

not far distant when, as it would be almost impossible for them to take any more girls in at the present building at Wandsworth, and they could not get sufficient additional land there to build further than they had already done, as they were hemmed in on every quarter, and the railways were drawing closer and closer, this Institution must go elsewhere. In asking the Court to favour a large vote, he had not done so without well considering what the necessities of the case were now, and what they would ultimately be. The proposition he had to make was that they should purchase land elsewhere, and build on it a certain school, which might be extended at some future time to meet the wants of any number of children if they were compelled to give up the premises they now held. He did not think they would be doing wrong in spending so much of their capital; the probability was that they would be doing a great deal more good than letting it lie idle at 3 per cent. by erecting a school which would be the nucleus of a larger one capable of holding from 300 to 500 children. He had not considered any particular site as desirable, but certainly not the present one, or near it; but he knew there were plenty of sites at a convenient distance from London. On the ground that it was a profitable investment of the money, without wishing to make a speech, he submitted his motion to the brethren, and would take the sense of the meeting upon it.

Bro. Nunn then read his motion.
A seconder being called for, no one answered, and the Chairman declared the motion dropped in consequence.
Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D., then brought his motion forward:—

"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."

He said he thought that in admitting from thirty to fifty more children they would be admitting as many as the funds of the Institution would allow of, large as they were. The children were boarded, educated, and clothed for a comparatively small sum; at the same time this was the nucleus of a larger school; and he thought that notwithstanding the great increase in the subscriptions, and the large sum the Girls' School had in the funds, the great increase in the numbers of the Craft rendered it unadvisable that this institution should do at the present moment more than his motion proposed.

Bro. H. G. Warren, P.G.S., seconded the motion. As it was a matter which was to be referred to a Committee he would defer his remarks on it till the Committee made its report. He would not have been willing that a large expenditure should be incurred without such an enquiry as was proposed, and he believed that it was always better to take that course, because it was not to be supposed that in the limited time during which these Quarterly Courts lasted due consideration could be given to these matters.

Bro. John Symonds, P.G.D., said he was quite prepared to vote for the motion as it stood, if it came to that. He presumed it was through Bro. Rucker's modesty, as a member of the House Committee, that he did not propose that the subject should be referred to the House Committee, who, it seemed to him, were best qualified to deal with it, as they knew all the requirements of the Institution. He hoped that Bro. Rucker, with Bro. Warren's consent, would refer it to the House Committee, who could report to the Quarterly Court. Bro. Symonds explained the many advantages which would arise from this plan, and the opportunities which would be given to a much larger number of experienced brethren having full information as to the proceedings than by a reference of the matter to a Special Committee.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., said there was a motion of his on the paper which would carry out to a great extent Bro. Rucker's proposition to give an education to a larger number of Freemasons' children than at present. They had plenty of funds to do so with. It was admitted that a great many children were knocking at their doors and anxious to be received into the Institution. Much money had been spent in erecting an infirmary, which to his mind ought to be utilised by accommodating at once all the approved candidates. It would cost very little to get a home elsewhere for an infirmary, and if the railway required the existing premises at a future time the brethren would have done a wise thing not to remove till they had notice that the present site was required. If that did occur, then he hoped they would be able to accommodate 300 children, if necessary. He was in favour of a junior school being established, into which children might go when first elected. They should have a superior school and an infant school. Money had already been laid out very freely, and within the last two or three years the brethren had gone to great expense in enlarging the building, in its dining hall and lavatories, and also in erecting an infirmary. Supposing any of the children should be taken ill, it would be a very rare occurrence if they were more than four or five in number; and surely it would be cheaper to provide another building for them, with nurses and staff to attend to them, than to have such a large infirmary as they had now. The brethren were now anxious to accommodate a larger number of the children of the Craft. The Craft had come forward and given plenty of money, and what ought to be done was to provide at once for the children of this generation, and let posterity take care of the future. When the land and buildings at Wandsworth were required by the railways it would be time enough to look out for other

land for the Masonic Girls' School, and then they would have plenty of funds. What was wanted was immediate accommodation. With this and no other view, he would be willing to consent to Bro. Rucker's motion being referred, to see how the scheme could be carried out, but he would ask the brethren honestly and sincerely to make the infirmary of some use by converting it into a portion of the school.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield suggested that if Bro. Rucker's motion was carried to the House Committee, they should also have power to consider Bro. Stewart's motion.

The Chairman said he understood that to be the intention of Bro. Stewart.

Bro. Stewart.—Yes.

Bro. Farnfield, in reference to the observation that the railway company would be wanting the land of the Masonic School, said that it had always been said that the railway was coming there. The railway had only just laid out a large sum of money at Clapham Junction on the other side of the school, and it would be a long time before they wanted that as well. The school building did not extend right up to the railway, and unless the railway company took some portion of the school building they could not be compelled to take the whole. He had grave doubts whether the railway might not enlarge the line, taking only a portion of the land. All these matters could be dealt with, however, under Bro. Rucker's motion.

Bro. Stewart said he was quite willing not to bring his motion forward that day, provided the matter was referred to the House Committee.

Bro. Hacker, P.M. 723, while agreeing with Bro. Rucker, would like to add a rider, that before anything was done every brother entitled should have notice of it.

Bro. Kenyon enquired whether the Committee would receive suggestions from a Governor.

The Chairman.—Yes.

Bro. Kenyon added that he mentioned the matter because he knew there were brethren who could render the Committee efficient service.

The Chairman had no doubt that the Committee would gladly receive any assistance that could be offered.

Bro. Rucker said that as far as the question of the infirmary was concerned, that building had been erected when 70 children were laid down with scarlet fever. Although the children who were sick were hermetically sealed from those who were whole, it was only by the blessing of Divine Providence that there was not a death. The infirmary truly had cost a great deal of money, but it had answered the purpose for which it was built. He would alter his first motion to suit Bro. Symonds' proposition, as follows:— "That in the opinion of this Court it is advisable that arrangements be made for the admission of an increased number of children to the benefits of the Institution, and that the question be referred to the House Committee to consider and report thereon." It would be quite open to any brother to write to the Secretary of the school, with any suggestions, and it would be the duty of the Secretary to lay such letter before the Committee.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

The brethren then proceeded with the election of six children, and at the declaration of the poll the following were declared successful:—

- 1 Taylor, Lucy Maria (West Yorkshire) ... 1431
- 2 Jones, Edwina Russell (Gloucestershire) ... 1395
- 3 Bowler, Mary Louisa (Suffolk) ... 1376
- 4 Cowley, Minnie Eliza (West Yorkshire) ... 1348
- 5 Saunders, Fanny Amelia W. (Norfolk) ... 1293
- 6 Kelley, Alice Elizabeth (Somerset) ... 1128

The following were unsuccessful:—

- 1 Daly, Eliza Edith ... 805
- 2 Milligan, Rosa ... 803
- 3 Bellamy, Sarah Lissie ... 720
- 4 Bridgeman, Emma Lizzie ... 716
- 5 Norrish, Susan Jane ... 675
- 6 Moore, Florence M. G. ... 599
- 7 Bryant, Ida Mary ... 585
- 8 Herlan, Josephine Amelia ... 488
- 9 Boyd, Alice ... 474
- 10 Wright, Clara Isabel ... 433
- 11 Escott, Edith Harry ... 433
- 12 Douglass, Isabella ... 414
- 13 Wilton, Lucretia Catherine A. ... 379
- 14 Morgan, Marian Aline ... 370
- 15 Strong, Ann Maria ... 366
- 16 Potts, Emma Mary ... 328
- 17 Potts, Edith Maude ... 327
- 18 Morris, Diana Gordon ... 201
- 19 Hollis, Ellen Elizabeth ... 138
- 20 Clasc, Ada Huyshe ... 85
- 21 Lindeman, Alice Evelyn ... 32
- 22 Lapington, Fanny Elizabeth ... 27
- 23 Perks, Blanche Jenny ... 24
- 24 Hellier, Catherine Louisa ... 17

Votes of thanks to the scrutineers and Chairman were afterwards passed, and the proceedings closed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers and Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday last, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John Symonds, Vice-Patron, presided. The other brethren present comprised Bros. Thomas Hill, J. Wordsworth, Henry Smith, J. L. Hime, Wm. Birch, Geo. Hutt, Major J. Creaton, Richd. Spencer, James Robins, H. Browne, W. West Smith, W. Downing, A. H. Tattershall, Robert B. Webster, Wm. Lane, Alfred Layton, H. Massey ("Freemason,") James A. Birch, Jas. Terry, J. Stohwasser, John Simpson, Hyde Pullen, Jesse Turner, A. H. Green, E. T. Budden, J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W., Cheshire; Raynham W. Stewart, Henry Dubosc, John Sampson Perrie, J. W. Oram, Allen C. Wyllie, J. Mason, F. B. Davage,

Charles Lee, P.M. 9; Aeneas J. McIntyre, G.C. G.R.; T. H. Pulsford, W. Watson, W. Hickman, D.P.G.M., Hants and Isle of Wight; A. D. Loewenstark, John Bodenham, F. A. Cole, George Wilson, J. N. Frost, Jos. Morrell, John Read, James Stevens, Edward Cox, A. Thellard, John G. Stevens, Edward Clark, Thos. J. Barnes, Thos. W. White, W. R. Marsh, John Constable, Alfred Avery, Peter de L. Long, R. J. Spiers, J. Finch, E. J. Harty, James Kindred and F. Binckes (Secretary).

At the conclusion of the formal business, the motion, of which notice had been given by Bro. Jesse Turner, "That the right to the presentation of a properly qualified boy, in perpetuity, for admission to this Institution, be secured to the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution, on payment to the funds of this institution of the sum of £1050," was then taken, but Bro. Turner not being present, Bro. Birch, on his behalf, brought the motion forward, and requested that "Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire" might be substituted for "Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution."

Major Creaton (the alteration having been agreed to) seconded the motion, which was then put and carried unanimously.

The Court then resolved to admit one boy by purchase on the 1st of January.

Bro. Alfred Layton, P.M. 181, suggested that the time had arrived when the building should be increased in size, so as to accommodate a still larger number of pupils than were at present in the school.

The Chairman said that the subject had not escaped the attention of the different committees of the Institution. Hitherto the school had been always in debt, and money had had to be borrowed from the bankers for various liabilities. The last festival, however, was so successful, that they would not be in the same position this year. The friends of the Institution would be very glad to see it enlarged, in order to receive more scholars, and as soon as they could see their way clear it would be done.

Bro. Layton added that at present the number of applicants was so enormous that unless a candidate had very strong friends he could not succeed.

Bro. Binckes said that, with reference to the question of enlargement, the size of the building had been extended the year before last, and again last year, and that at the present time the 176 boys in the school occupied every available space.

The election of ten boys out of an approved list of fifty-eight candidates was then proceeded with, and at the close of the day the following were declared elected:—

- 1 Price, Ernest Lavers ... 2157
- 2 Green, Alfred James ... 2081
- 3 Sutton, Herbert Henry ... 2008
- 4 Jones, John Llewellyn ... 1992
- 5 Barclay, James Archibald ... 1925
- 6 Tibbits, Elwood Blake ... 1893
- 7 Shipway, Henry Morrison ... 1858
- 8 James, Percy ... 1839
- 9 Duff, Robert ... 1802
- 10 Hunter, William Reginald ... 1675

The following were the unsuccessful candidates:—

- 11 Dawson, George Arthur ... 1661
- 12 Vivian, Alfred Greville ... 1658
- 13 Perren, Gilbert Palmer S. ... 1629
- 14 Cromwell, Charles Henry ... 1613
- 15 Lee, Vincent John ... 1470
- 16 Stansfield, William Ashton ... 1388
- 17 Gardner, Richard Thomas ... 1366
- 18 Wain, Leonard ... 1264
- 19 Cooke, William Astle ... 884
- 20 Rees, James Herbert ... 881
- 21 Austin, Charles Frederick ... 835
- 22 Quech, A. Christopher ... 668
- 23 Keddel, Robert Walter ... 500
- 24 Gingham, Percy Norman ... 470
- 25 Chandler, Robert Stanley ... 461
- 26 Leyshon, Herbert Henry ... 424
- 27 Hambley, D. S. Wharton ... 414
- 28 Bourne, Arthur Richard ... 381
- 29 Lemarchand, Arthur F. ... 320
- 30 Wimpey, George Augustus ... 317
- 31 Head, Richard George ... 248
- 32 Allison, George Randall ... 206
- 33 Gurney, John Henry ... 172
- 34 Pipe, George F. Wilgress ... 143
- 35 Day, Arthur Harris ... 138
- 36 Stock, Henry Walter ... 130
- 37 Williams, George Alfred ... 116
- 38 Cox, George Samuel ... 109
- 39 Barnet William Glen ... 106
- 40 Shury, Solomon Hiram ... 99
- 41 Service, Stanley Heppell ... 89
- 42 Slate, J. Thomas London ... 88
- 43 Ludlow, W. Christopher ... 73
- 44 Bryant, Wrightson Robert ... 70
- 45 Stanton, George William ... 45
- 46 Butterwith, John ... 45
- 47 Jackson, Charles Henry ... 37
- 48 Evans, John McMillan ... 15
- 49 Hughes, William W. Poole ... 15
- 50 Johnson, Arthur Edwin ... 10
- 51 Price, Alfred Hingham ... 9
- 52 Cade, Richard Henry ... 9
- 53 Gover, Joseph ... 7
- 54 Furze, William Ernest ... 6
- 55 England, Herbert ... 2
- 56 Jackson Joseph ... —
- 57 (Withdrawn) ... —
- 58 Morley, William Moore ... —

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Friday, October 22, 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 16.

Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green, N.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
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, Preceptors.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18.

Lodge 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishops-gate-st.
" 185, Tranquillity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
" 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 901, City of London.
" 907, Royal Alfred, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1201, Eclectic, 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.
Sydney Lodge of Instruction (829), White Hart Hotel, Church-road, Upper Norwood, at 7.30; Bro. H. E. Francis, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.
Lodge 30, United Mariners', Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
" 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
" 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, Preceptor.
Prince 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.
Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction (No. 1360), Prince's Head, York-road, Battersen, 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 20.

General Committee Grand Chapter, at 3.
Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
" 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich.
" 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
" 879, Southwark, Park Tavern, Southwark Park.
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Ho., Wandsworth.
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Glengall Road, Millwall Docks.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, Freemasons' Tavern.
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 21.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
" 55, Constitutional, London Tavern, Bishops-gate-st.
" 169, Temperance, White Swan High-st., Deptford.
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
" 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
" 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1339, Stockwell, Half Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.
" 1507, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-road.
" 1512, Hemming, Lion Hotel, Hampton.
Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, 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.
Ebony Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Buil and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.
Marquis of Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1489), Albion Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston; Bro. W. Stephens, Prec.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 569, Fitzroy, Head-quarters Hon. Art. Co., City-rd.
" 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bros. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
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, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, Preceptor.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, 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.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 23, 1875.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18.

Lodge 1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Masonic Hall Liverpool, at 5.
" 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
" 667, Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1276, Warren, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Ho., Barrow-in-Furness.
" 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), M. Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20.

Lodge 537, Zetland, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 5.
" 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.
Chap. 86, Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescott.
Mark Lodge 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Hyde, Cheshire.
Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 343, Concord, Queen's Arms, Church-st., Preston.
" 425, Cestrian, Mas. Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Ho., West Derby, at 5.
St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22.

Chap. 680, Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 23, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose-street.
St. Mungo Encampment, Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19.

Lodge 35, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 87, Thistle, 30, Hope-street.
" 437, Govandale, Portland Arms, Govan.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20.

Lodge 117, St. Mary's, Masonic Hall, Partick.
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 30, Hope-street.
" 571, Dramatic, St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, at 3.
Chap. 150, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21.

Lodge 22, St. John's Kilwinning, George H., Kilmarnock.
" 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 465, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Garngad Road.
" 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22.

Lodge 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hotel, Kilbirnie.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 23, 1875.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18.

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19.

Lodge 36, St. David, Ship Hotel, E., Register-street.

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20.

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21.

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

" 226, Portobello, Royal Hotel, Bath-street.

Chap. 152, Perseverance, 86, Constitution-street, Leith.

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